

## Te Arawa Waka Fisheries Directors report positive results at AGM



### Snorkelling to Success



Te Arawa Fisheries have recently awarded scholarships to 30 recipients under the Te Arawa 500 Tertiary Scholarship Programme. Each recipient receives \$1000 per annum, mentoring while on the Programme, as well as assistance with job placement at the end of their tertiary studies.

David Aguirre-Davies is one of our successful scholarship recipients. David is an outstanding example of what motivation and dedication can achieve. He is in his second year of a PhD in Marine Science at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, having already obtained a Masters of Science with first class honours from Victoria University of Wellington. For his PhD he is examining how genetic differences among individual organisms affect the productivity of populations. His research will have useful application to aquaculture development and the decisions organisations such as Te Arawa Fisheries make about commercial investment, and research and development in specific marine species.

David's iwi are Te Ure o Uenuku Kopako and Ngāti Whakauae, and he spent his early years growing up in Mexico City before moving back to Te Puke when he was 11 years old.

His passion for the marine environment was first triggered on a snorkelling trip when he was 5 years old, and his resolve to pursue marine science as a career was strengthened on a school camp at Mayor Island when he 14 years old.

His goal is to pursue a career in academic research so he can make a contribution to our general understanding about the marine environment. "The best thing about a post-graduate degree is that you are no longer sitting in a classroom being told what is important and why you should remember it. You have the freedom to follow the ideas that you are passionate about", David says. His interests in the marine environment also go beyond academic research. He is a SCUBA dive instructor and has been involved in a number of community marine science education programmes.

When asked what he attributes his success to, David says "The most important thing determining success in education is motivation. If there is something you are passionate about, don't let people challenge your motivation. Work hard, keep your options open, and good things will happen." Te Arawa Fisheries applauds David's philosophy for success and welcomes him onto the Te Arawa 500 Tertiary Scholarship Programme.

Issue 2, April 2009

#### In this issue:

- [Our Directors](#)
- [New Iwi Partnership Programme launched](#)
- [Annual Report Highlights](#)
- [Te Arawa 500 Tertiary Scholarship Recipient](#)

Our Company Directors -

From L-R: Shane Heremaia (General Manager), Whaimutu Dewes, Glenn Hawkins. Seated: Ron Roberts (Chairman), Ngaroma Tahana.

#### Register to receive your benefits

Register now and ensure all your family (who are Te Arawa descendants) have registered too.

**Registration forms are now available from our office:**

**Address** P.O.Box 1896, 1192 Haupapa Street, Rotorua  
**Phone** (07) 349 3227  
**Email** [info@arawafish.org.nz](mailto:info@arawafish.org.nz)

#### Kaimoana for Tangihanga

Did you know we supply fish for all tangihanga held on Te Arawa marae?

We think that it is important for our iwi to support our whānau in times of loss. For that reason, we provide kaimoana for all tangihanga held on Te Arawa Marae.

In the event of a tangihanga, contact Pare Hakaraia at our office on (07) 349 3227 to arrange the kaimoana.

#### Archives

If you would like to view our past issues please click on the Archives link above.

#### Unsubscribe

Not interested in this ePanui? [Email us](#) or call our office (07) 349 3227.

#### Forward

Know someone who might be interested in this ePanui? Forward it on and include us in [the email](#) so we can add them to our database.

#### Feedback

David will be joining our other scholarship recipients on 8-10 May 2009 at a wānanga at Tunohopu Marae aimed at developing and maintaining connections to their Te Arawa iwi, language and culture.



Te Arawa 500 Tertiary Scholarship recipient David Aguirre-Davies undertaking surveys for the new marine reserve in Wellington.

We welcome your feedback on any issues raised in this newsletter. Or there may be something you would like to read about in the next issue. [Email us](#) or call our office (07) 349 3227.

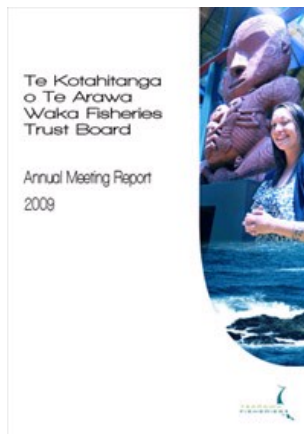
### Launch of Te Arawa Fisheries Iwi Partnership Programme

Te Arawa Fisheries Iwi Partnership Programme ("Iwi Partnership Programme") is a new initiative launched by Te Arawa Fisheries. While we know that there are benefits in utilising our fisheries assets on a collective basis, it is also important to support each of our iwi to assist their own people directly. The Programme seeks to establish partnerships between Te Arawa Fisheries and Representative Iwi Organisations that will deliver community projects that provide direct social benefits to our iwi. Representative Iwi Organisations will be invited on an annual basis to propose and agree with us a suitable project which they will implement with a financial contribution from Te Arawa Fisheries. The amount available for this financial year is \$10,000 for each Representative Iwi Organisation. Te Arawa Fisheries looks forward to establishing partnerships that will provide positive outcomes for Te Arawa.

### Over 10 percent return on assets!

On 18 February 2009 at Ohinemutu, Te Arawa Fisheries held its Annual Meeting for 2009, at which the [Annual Report](#) was presented. The highlights of the Annual Report include:

- \$34,000 of kaimoana was provided to tangihanga on Te Arawa Marae which benefited 85 whānau.
- Financial assistance was provided to the Maketu Taiapure Trust to support work on customary fisheries around Maketu.
- A 25% increase in beneficiary register enrolments over 2007 and 2008.
- An increase in total asset value of \$1,198,223 in 2008.
- An average gross return on income-generating assets of 10.4 percent over 2007 and 2008.



The Annual Report also set out Te Arawa Fisheries' work plan for 2009 which is focussed on continued success through initiatives that include:

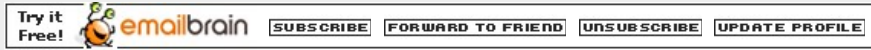
- Te Arawa 500 Tertiary Scholarship Programme worth \$30,000 for Te Arawa descendants.
- Te Arawa Fisheries Iwi Partnership Programme worth \$110,000 aimed at delivering community initiatives of direct benefit to our iwi.

- A new website.
- Wānanga for Te Arawa 500 Tertiary Scholarship recipients to maintain the connection with their Te Arawa iwi, language and culture.

**Te Arawa Fisheries**

PO Box 1896, 1192 Haupapa Street, Rotorua  
(07) 349 3227 - [info@arawafish.org.nz](mailto:info@arawafish.org.nz)

To **UNSUBSCRIBE**, send an email to [info@arawafish.org.nz](mailto:info@arawafish.org.nz)



This mailing system may only be used for sending permission based email.

If you did not give permission to receive emails from this sender, please notify us.

This email was sent to [shane@arawafish.org.nz](mailto:shane@arawafish.org.nz) by [nikolasa@tangatawhenua.com](mailto:nikolasa@tangatawhenua.com) | [Print / PDF version](#) | [Read our Privacy Policy](#).  
TangataWhenua.com Ltd - Rotorua, Bay of Plenty, Aotearoa, New Zealand