



E te whānau whānui o Ngāti Rārua me Te Ātiawa ki Motueka, tēnā koutou katoa.



Parklands School Whānau classmates
enjoying their new laptops

E-learning for tamariki

Improving learning opportunities for all our whānau - and particularly our tamariki - is a high priority in our Te Whanake programme. In line with that commitment, NRAIT has donated funds to Parkland School's Whānau classes for the purchase of a set of MacBook laptops.

The initiative was led by Koro Brian Bailey with a generous personal donation and a challenge to iwi organisations in the region to match his contribution. NRAIT was pleased to step up to the challenge and we're delighted to know that for students and their kaiako the laptops are now a highly valued and very popular learning tool in use in the classroom every day.



Are you doing something for our community? We could help. Apply for a grant through our website.

Art goes under the hammer

Te Awhina Marae played host to a highly successful Matariki Degustation Dinner & Art Auction fund raiser on Saturday 29 June, showcasing and auctioning a selection of outstanding works from some of the Nelson region's most renowned artists, sculptors and carvers, as well as some known nationally. The event raised an estimated \$24,000 for the marae, a feat that could not have been achieved without the help and support of volunteers, sponsors, the artists, the whānau and the community.

Each of the 29 successive auctions was as exciting as the last with the high point being an exceptional piece by Rangī Kipa. His whale bone patu fundraised \$3,800. All the pieces were very generously donated by the artists.



Rangī Kipa's whale bone patu.

Ann Martin, Tumuaki at Te Awhina Marae, said that as well as being a very successful fund raiser for the marae, the auction was a great way to bring the community together. "It was great to see everyone having such a good time together, mixing and mingling and generally having a lovely evening."

Special thanks go to head chef James Tait for his tireless effort.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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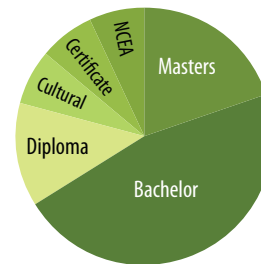
To support the educational achievement of our people, NRAIT offers all owners the opportunity to apply for an NRAIT scholarship or grant. Read about our recent award winners in this and future issues of Eke Panuku. The aim of the programme is to help young people achieve their potential by supporting them to accomplish their educational aspirations, and to encourage them in turn to contribute their skills to the wellbeing and advancement of NRAIT's people.

\$309,000

The amount distributed in scholarships and grants to date.

Changes are being made to the current funding programme to make it more accessible and effective, and NRAIT scholarship and grant manager Sacha Macdonald wants to see more students going for it. "I encourage you all to have a go: work out what would help you get ahead with

your education, then put your best foot forward and apply for funding. The Board allocates educational funding every year for this purpose and they'd like to see more of you seizing the opportunity."



2013 allocation of scholarships

Applications for 2014 open in January and close on 30 April. For more information or to download an application visit our website www.nrait.co.nz.

Check this out

Gingerbread Kids, a Kiwi company, has launched their new app - the Math Machine. Built for ages 5 - 11 this iPad app will help tamariki with their basic numeracy and allows the option to brush up on their Te Reo while they're at it. Download the app at Gingerbreadkids.com



We're going digital

To allow us to connect with you more effectively, we are starting to move our communications online. You may have seen in our previous *Eke Panuku* an insert to send us your email address. Thank you to those who have already sent in their email addresses.

Communicating with you via email not only helps us use less paper and save on postage, it will also help us keep you up to the minute with

events, opportunities and special offers for NRAIT owners. We'll also be making more use of our website and Facebook page to interact with owners and keep us all in touch, and we welcome your comments and discussion via these platforms. Our 20th anniversary celebration (28 September) will mark the day we switch over to communicating online.

We do realise, however, that you don't all have access to the internet so we'll keep sending your *Eke Panuku* via the post if that's your preference.



MEMBER NOTICES

Upcoming Events



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JULY

Seminar for Superannuitants

12.15pm at the St Thomas Church auditorium. Open to anyone who has questions relating to the topic of "Wills and Trusts". Guest speaker is Peter Riley from Nelson Bays Community Law.



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JULY

Vision Motueka monthly meeting

7.00pm at the Community House. Anyone keen to contribute to Vision Motueka's community projects is welcome to attend. Ivan Tava will be attending on NRAIT's behalf. Please send any comments and suggestions to be put forward to ekapanuku@nrait.co.nz.



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20th Anniversary, NRAIT

Te Awhina Marae. A lot of exciting announcements to come. Visit our website for updates.

For more information on events visit www.nrait.co.nz

New on our website

- [Understanding NCEA](#)
- [Waitangi tribunal update notice](#)
- [Our uri: meet Aneika Young](#)
- [Stories: E-learning and art auction](#)
- [More information on events](#)

Win an iPad

If you've sent us your email address you're in the draw to win an iPad. To get in the draw all you need to do is send your email address to ekapanuku@nrait.co.nz



Our Uri

Aneika Young, Masters student

Aneika Young of Ngāti Rārua, descendent of Riwai Ngapaki, is a recent science graduate from Victoria University. Pursuing her interest in conservation, local government and Maori politics, Aneika has decided to further her study by completing a Masters thesis titled 'Ngāti Rārua Te Ātiawa Mana Moana Valuation of Ecosystem Services of Te Tai ō Aorere: A Te Tau Ihu ō te Waka a Māui perspective.



Aneika with her whanau on graduation day

NRAIT are excited about her work and have recently awarded Aneika with an education scholarship towards her postgraduate study. "The scholarship has helped me build a strong relationship with NRAIT and it is empowering to have the support, confidence and faith of NRAIT behind me."

Aneika's field of study will allow her to move between the Maori culture of her homelands as well as the world of science. "I love that the work is localised. I get to work with my people at my home – it's really special as my culture is really important to me."

"I'm really grateful for my whanau and all of my connections in Motueka. In particular, my grandmother Emanui Aranga Morgan who has been hugely influential for me and my family"

Waitangi Tribunal Update

On 15 May the Presiding Judge of the Waitangi Tribunal released an unfavourable decision with respect to an application made in December last year on behalf of mana whenua ki Motueka.

The application concerned the protection of your rights as an NRAIT land owner and the alienation of your interests in Crown Forest Lands as proposed in certain impending Treaty settlements. The unfavourable decision was not unexpected and confirms the Crown's overall strategy to mitigate their risk regarding liability for compensation for the use of Crown Forest Lands over time.

We are now considering our legal position with regard to the decision, and are also exploring other mechanisms to represent our concerns with the proposed individual Iwi Treaty Settlement Bills pertaining to your lands. The full decision can be downloaded or viewed at www.nrait.co.nz/political.

We remain firm on our position and do not agree that the proposed settlement provides adequate redress for the historical aspect of our claims, or that forestry lands can be included in the settlements without the agreement of the resident iwi/mana whenua ki Motueka. We will keep you updated on this matter.

Spotlight - Understanding NCEA

Do you have whanau currently working towards an NCEA qualification? With the second half of the school year starting soon, now is a good time to assess whether they're on track to achieve the credits they need to be awarded their NCEA certificate. If your child or children are aiming to attend university after finishing school, it's also a good time to check that they're taking the appropriate NZQA approved subjects and are on track to obtaining enough of the required credits.

- NZQA offer workshops to increase the understanding of NCEA. Check out 'NCEA and the Whanau' on their website.
- Did you know that university entrance requirements are changing next year as well as the approved subject list? Stay informed by checking the changes online at www.nzqa.govt.nz
- Not sure what subjects to take in 2014? We've got an NCEA subject selection tool focused on Maori learners and whanau. For more information on these tools email ekapanuku@nrait.co.nz

22% increase

in Maori school leavers attaining NCEA level 2 or above from 2009 - 2011



NCEA & the Whanau



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