

## Nga Taonga o NgaiTakoto

Pepi of the Month, Each issue we feature our babies of NgaiTakoto.

This month we welcome Te Maori Marsden



### Te Maori Natanahira Marsden

Born: 11/06/2015

Weight: 7lbz 3oz, 52cm

Parents: Wiremu Marsden & Marie Nathan

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## Whanau Support Pays Off

Currently on a Masters pathway towards becoming a Nurse Practitioner, Pirihiira Puata recently graduated at the University of Auckland receiving a Post-graduate Diploma in Health Science – Advance Nursing.

Pirihiira had been studying part-time over 2 years while working full-time as a Maori Registered nurse for Turuki Healthcare with their Rheumatic Fever team in the Mangere locality.

She says she wanted to study in this area to promote and strengthen her nursing skills on the importance of nursing knowledge, sound assessment skills, clinical assessment, diagnosis and treatment. To which all of this has given her a profound appreciation for strengthening and empowering whanau ora to Maori and their whanau.

*"I would like to acknowledge my grandparents, Asa & Katie Puata (pictured), and my whanau, especially Jillian & Declan Richardson for their continuous support and awhi, I would also like to give a big mihi to my dear friend Deidre Monga from Rotorua (Te Arawa) and would like to thank her for her dedication and perseverance to conquer this journey with me".*

When asked what future aspirations are ahead, Pirihiira explains "a PhD could be next, but for now I'm taking it one step at a time".

In all this, wish you all the success in your endeavors.



## NgaiTakoto Settlement Milestone Achieved (Te Hiku Omnibus Settlement Bill)

On the 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015, a NgaiTakoto contingent of approximately 60 people travelled to Wellington including representation from our Australian Whanau for the third and final reading of the Te Hiku Settlement Bill.

A component of the Bill was specific to NgaiTakoto and the passing of the Bill through Parliament has legislated the recognition and final settlement of the NgaiTakoto Land Claims (Wai45/Wai613).

The Muriwhenua land claims were first initiated in 1986, being recorded as the first in New Zealand. It was initiated by Matiu Rata (*Ngati Kuri*), Wiki Karena (*Te Aupouri*), Rev Maori Marsden (*NgaiTakoto*), Simon Snowden (*Te Rarawa*) and McCully Matiu (*Ngati Kahu*)

It has taken some 29 years to reach the completion stage, with substantial progress being made in the period 2009-2012 when the collective attempts of the Te Hiku Iwi to forming the Te Hiku Forum were achieved. The day was celebrated with the reading of the Bill followed by Waiata, Haka and a formal banquet that evening at Parliament.

The Settlement Bill effectively means that the assets and outcomes agreed to in the Deed of Settlement signed in Kaitaia in 2012 would legally be transferred back to NgaiTakoto over the next two and a half years, as the assets become available.

The transfer of the assets will be aligned to our strategic business plan goals (Te Ara Hapara) of developing the Post Settlement Governance entity (PSGE) which will be responsible for the management of those assets.



Following the final reading in Wellington, a delegation of Board members travelled to Australia in September (11 – 13<sup>th</sup>) to meet with Australian state delegates and to do an updated presentation of the NgaiTakoto land claims, similar to those presentations that were conducted here in New Zealand.

The meeting with delegates took place on Saturday with great discussions being had around potential projects to build the identity and Whanaungatanga for many of our people living all across Australia, so a big thank you to George Hooper, Cherie Smith, Mark Marino, Malcom Karipa and Diana Awarau for making the effort to meet and discuss what the future of settlement distribution's may look like for our people in Australia, and how we may be able to help maintain the identity links for the young NgaiTakoto growing up in Australia, and visa versa, for our NgaiTakoto people intending to move across the Tasman to Australia and how we could support them.

The morning of Saturday was spent meeting up with the Australian Maori Wardens group whom are well established in many of the Australian states and this highlights the long term commitment that our people have to remaining in Australia and establishing themselves there, in many cases, permanently.

It's with that reality in mind that we had developed our NgaiTakoto Australia committee.

Sunday followed with the usual church service at Te Wairua Tapu conducted by Malcom Karipa and where the korowai made by the Cook whanau was formally handed over to our NgaiTakoto Australia people. In attendance was approximately 60 people and a positive robust discussion was had around the "Framework for Change" document, with an agreement that the outcomes and changes sought in the document were necessary to ensure that the settlement assets being returned to the Iwi were protected, grown and managed appropriately. An update on the trip to parliament for the final settlement legislative reading was also presented.

A big mihi to Cyril Cook and Dion Hobson (Board Trustees) for their support to making it a beneficial and positive weekend.

Nga mihi,



Rangitane Marsden  
Te Runanga o NgaiTakoto (CEO)



## He Korowai: "E Tu Kotahi"

Presented to NgaiTakoto Australia delegates at a recent trip to Sydney by Rangitane Marsden, Dion Hobson and Cyril Cook, The name of the korowai being E Tu Kotahi (To Stand As One) is representative of the journey of NgaiTakoto in the claims process, with a focus on raising up the connection and identity of our NgaiTakoto people.

This beautiful Korowai handcrafted by Dixie Cook of Wharemaru, was gifted to NgaiTakoto members residing in Australia to use on special occasions or significant events, the purpose was to allow whanau to remain connected to their NgaiTakoto identity and to know that they are covered irrespective of where they may be.

When adorned and enclosed on a person, the korowai displays te manu kuaka sweeping over the right breast to greet te whetu matariki that shine on the left, their meeting over ones heart displays a journey. The korowai encompasses the He Iti Pioke and the aboriginal flag – this epitomises the relationship between our people at home and those living in Australia. The korowai is one of three gifted by the Cook whanau, one, which they retained, and the third being given by the whanau to Pat Sneddon (Chief Crown Negotiator for Te Hiku Claims)

We acknowledge the Cook whanau for the love and time put into this beautiful taonga a gift made on behalf of the Runanga, to those living abroad.

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