

along the coast. At present there is a sewage outlet for the town of Waitara that goes over the Orapapa and Taioma reefs. Since its inception in 1978 it has never been a satisfactory means of disposal, in fact it has been broken since April of last year and attempts to repair it have been unsuccessful. A survey made of 185 families in the area shows that they are unwilling to gather shellfish from the reefs unless they are given assurances from health authorities that they are not contaminated. No such assurances have been given.

The Taranaki Clean Sea Action Group's primary aim is to stop the planned outfall, and it has met with some success. In June of last year the group obtained over 9,000 signatures opposing the granting of a loan to the city council for the long sea outfall. Not content merely to have their opposition felt they also put forward candidates for the local body elections. As a result Teddy Tamati is now on the Taranaki County Council and Alia Taylor and Ted Maha are on the Waitara Borough Council.

In July a deputation met with representatives of the Ombudsman to express their concern over the future of the reefs and the manner in which the whole issue had proceeded. The representatives seemed impressed with the submissions but said that much work would have to be done

on the whole issue and that they would look into it. The group is still waiting to hear from them.

The group was often criticised for not having an alternative to the long sea outfall but in September they presented two land-based treatment plants as a viable alternative. For a very small increase in the rate rise already planned for the long sea outlet, the people of New Plymouth would have their waste effectively dealt with while still preserving the coastline. Hopes are high for the acceptance of this proposal, especially with the change-around in the council.

Unfortunately the group's work does not end there as problems associated with the large petro-chemical industries planned for the Taranaki area have not even been considered. The plants will have an enormous effect on the lives and environment of the people and the group insists that the people must know what is going on and what the true effects will be to the environment.

The Taranaki Clean Sea Action Group view the sea as an integral part of the Maori heritage and like many other aspects of that heritage it is fast being eroded away. They call for the preservation of an essential element of life — clean water. They hope that the Treaty of Waitangi which guarantees the preservation of their natural resources, in this case their kawa, will be honoured.

TANEATUA

by Tamati Kruger

Ko tēnei tipuna a Tāneatua i ū mai i runga i te waka o Mataatua. E ki ana ētahi ō ngā kōroua, ko Tāneatua tonu te Tohunga ō tēnei waka, arā, hoki, ko ia te kaitiaki ō Rongomai, te atua ō te waka ō Mataatua. Otirā, nā Rongomai i kāpehu mai rātau ki Aotearoa.

He tino maha tonu ngā wāhi kei roto i te rohe nei ō Mataatua, na Tāneatua i tapa te ingoa, ā, koinei te whai atu i aua rārangi kōrero.

Kāore i roa e noho ana ki Whakatane, ka whakaaro ake a Tāneatua ki te hāere ki te rapu kāinga noho mōna, ināhoki, kua puta kē i ā Puihi te kōrero, i kī ra; “he tangata hāere huarahi tēnei tangata, a Tāneatua”. Kaati, ka whai te tipuna nei, a Tāneatua i te awa o Hinemataroa, e mōhiotia nei e tātau, ko Whakatāne i tenei ra, kā whai ia i te awa ki uta.

Kā tae ki tētahi wāhi, ka whakarērea iho e ia tētahi ō ana kauī, he tipua, ko tōna whakaatu inaianei, he hiwi, ko *Otarahioi* te ingoa; a, ko te wāhi, i tapaia tonutia ko *Tāneatua*. He tāone tēnei wāhi inaianei, kāore i tawhiti mai i Whakatāne. Kā whai te tipuna nei i te awa o Ōwhakatoro, hoatu hāere ana i ngā ingoa mō tēna, mō tēna wāhi, arā, ko te *Karoro* ō *Tāneatua*, he Maire tēra, ko te *Tāpapatanga* ō *Tāneatua*, ko *Ngā tamaahine* ā *Tāneatua*, he pōhatu katoa ēnei, kei roto o te awa o Ōwhakatoro.

Ko te pūkaki ō taua awa, nānā i tapa ko, *Te wai pōtiki* ā *Tāneatua*. Kei kōnei anō hoki tētahi hiwi ko *Ō Tāneatua* te ingoa; ā, kei runga te rākau nānā i whakatapu, ko *Kākahu Tāniko* tēra. Mai i Ōwhakatoro, ka hoake atu ia ki te awa anō ō Whakatāne; i tētahi wāhi, ka whakarērea iho e ia ana tamariki, he māhanga; koinei rā ngā awawa e kiia nei, ko *Kānihi* rāua ko *Ōhoro*, ā, ko *Ngā Māhanga* tonu te ingoa o te

wāhi. Ki te pae-maunga ō Te Purenga, kei roto i tētahi repo, e huna ana tana kurī, a Mariko, a, kei te awa o Ōrihi, ko tētahi atu ano o ana kurī ko Te Pāhou te ingoa; he tipua tahi ngā kurī nei.

Kā tae a Tāneatua ki te Kōhuru, he hiwi tenei kei muri i te marae-kāinga o Ohāua-te-Rangi. I reira ka whakatā ia i raro i tētahi Hīnau, i ā ia e whakatoro atu ana ki te tiki hua mai i taua rākau, ka kōrero iho taua hua ra ki ā ia, kā kī; “Kaua ahau e kainga, ko te iho au ō Kātaka!” I tēnei tonu, ka whakatapuhia e Tāneatua taua rākau, ka kii ia; “Ka whakairihia ahau, ka whakatō tamariki ahau”.

Ka tapaia taua Hīnau rā, ko *Te iho* ō *Kātaka*, ā, mai i taua wa, ki tēnei, i runga i taua kōrero āna hāere ai te wahine huatae ki Te iho ō Kātaka, kia mai kore, ka whaiuri rātau.

I te wāhi ō Pūrakau, ka hangaia e Tāneatua tōna kāinga, ko *Whareariki* te ingoa, a i konei, ka waiho e ia te puhi, nānā rā i mau mai i te waka ō Mataatua. Kei roto i te awa ō Whakatāne, he pōhatu nā Tāneatua i tapa, ko *Takuahu-te-kā*, e ai ki ngā kōrero, he “uruuru-whena”, arā, he wāhi karakia, whakamāhaki i te rangi mō ngā tira hāere. Kāre i tawhiti atu i konei, he pōhatu tipua anō, ko te *Kōmata-ote-rangi* te ingoa, e kiia ana, mēna ka whakatata atu he waewae-tapu, kāore i roa, ka ua te rangi.

I tae rawa a Tāneatua ki te pae-maunga ō Huiarau, ā, ki roto hoki o te mārua o Ruatāhuna, ā, kei reira hoki ētahi atu wāhi, nānā i whakaingoa.

Mai i tēnei haere āna, ka hoki ia ki te tai-moana, arā ki Otarahioi, ā, oti atu ki roto ō te riu ō Tauranga, e mōhiotia nei, ko Waimana, ināianei. I Mohaenui, ka hīona pewa i te āhua o te whenua, ka kiia tēra wāhi ko *Matahi*, nā te hīnga ō ngā pewa ō Tāneatua.

Kā tae te Tipuna nei ki Tahora, ka whakatū i tōna puni, kā tahu ia i tētahi ahi-kōpae mōna, ēngari, i wera tonu atu i tana ahi, tētahi wāhi whenua; kaati ka tapaia tonu taua wāhi ko *Te wera* ā *Tāneatua*.

I hoki mai a Tāneatua ki Otarahioi noho ai, e ai ki ngā kōrero a ētahi koroua ō Tūhoe, ā, kā, tika hoki kia mau pūmau i tēnei wāhi tōna ingoa.

Otirā, koinei ētahi ō ngā kōrero ā ngā koroua mō tēnei Tipuna, mō Tāneatua; te Tohunga ō te waka nei ō Mataatua, te Tangata i kiia nei, he hāere huarahi, te Tipuna ō ngā uri whakaheke ō Mataatua whānui tonu.