

# Maori Culture Clubs

## Waikato

### Te Whare Wananga O Waikato

Contact: Timoti Karetu, University of Waikato, Private Bag, Hamilton. Tel: 62-889. Members: 80 to 100 consisting of university and training college students and the ages range between 18 to 50. Founded by Timoti Karetu in 1977. The club concentrates on traditional waiata and conventions of haka, waiata etc. The medium of instruction is Maori as the emphasis here is that without the language there is no culture.

1979 Waikato-Maniapoto representatives at NZ Polynesian Festival in Wellington.

1980 Toured Tahiti, USA and Hawaii.

1981 Performed as area reps at NZ Polynesian Festival, Auckland.

1982 Guest performers at Sydney Maori Festival.

1984 Tour of Hawaii in December.

## Hamilton

### Nga Tama A Rangi

Contact: Annette Winitana, (secretary), 1/36 Willoughby Street, Hamilton. Tel: 436-343. Founded by Mr and Mrs T Winitana ex pupils of Fraser High School in 1979. Members: 55 ranging from new borns to 35 years. Culturally Nga Tama a Rangi has performed in a diversity of areas including weddings, tangis, entertainment, fund-raising ventures, competitions etc. Some of their more memorable performances have included a Royal performance for HRH Prince Charles at the official Maori welcome extended to him at Waihi Village, Lake Taupo in 1981, followed by welcomes to the Asian refugees upon attaining their citizenship to this country. The club has performed at the Hauraki competitions in Thames and Paeroa, since 1979, being placed second in the senior competition from 1979-83 and in 1984 they were first overall in the senior competition. In the same competition they have also won best female leader and best haka overall.

The club performed at the NZ Polynesian Festival at Hastings in 1983 being one of two teams representing Waikato. Future ventures include the opening of their own Kohanga Reo and the opening of Kirikiriroa Marae in Hamilton. They will also be carrying

out more fund-raising campaigns towards an eventual trip either to the South Island or overseas.

### Kokiri Te Rangimarie Maori Culture Group

Contact: Maria Rangiawha, 34 Mount View Road, Hamilton. Tel: Home 434-984, work 82-828 ext 78. Members: 40 between 16 and 50 years (ave. 30s). Founded by Napi Waaka in 1984. Carry out community performances and other activities such as tukutuku work and carving in some instances as fund raising, and host visiting groups to Hamilton. The group anticipates practicing their Maori culture with an aim of representing the Maori people and New Zealand in general in overseas tours, not only as a group but as part of any group that may visit other countries. Three members have already visited America as part of the "Te Maori" group. They are hoping to visit the South Island some time in the future and would like very much to represent the Waikato in the 1986 Polynesian Festival.

## Paeroa

### Hinerangi — Tangata Marae

Contact: A J Douglas, Douglas Road, Okauia, Rd 1, Matamata — Tel: 6011. Members number around 16 locally, but reaches about 40 when other members come home. Ages of members range between 10 to 40. Founded by A J Douglas and after a break recommenced in 1978. Activities include action songs, haka, wananga re whakapapa and marae kawa, sports activities, karanga, whaikorero and overall marae involvement.

### Nghautoitoi Cultural and Sports Club

Contact: Nellie Teremoana, Te Moananui Flats, Paeroa. Tel: 6357. The 73 members range between 5 to 45 years of age. Founded by Nellie Teremoana in 1982. The club at present performs for charity organisations and last November gave items at the Patetonga School Jubilee. Sports activities very much to the fore and this also gives younger club members a chance to meet others of their age both in and out of Paeroa. Fundraising is gained from

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raffles and discos etc. Plan to get a member of the Arts and Crafts Institute to teach culture skills to the younger members.

### Waihi Maori Culture Club

Contact: Mr D Marsh, Beach Road, Rd 1, Waihi. Tel: 7538. 30 members (10 boys and 20 girls) aged between 12 to 17 years. Founded by Mr Parish, Mrs Whatarau, Mrs Ainslie, Diane Wijohn in April 1984. Performed at the Rotorua Festival and the Hauraki Festival at Paeroa. Since April last year, entertained Rotary, School assemblies, Senior citizens — Lion Club World Service Day, School PTA and at the school prize-going and welcomed the Australian Ladies Basketball Team to Waihi, Mrs Maniapoto at the "school honours" award evening and a visiting group from Matamata.

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