

Maori Culture Clubs

Australia

Te Rangatahi Maori Club (Inc)

Contact: Wairangi Paki, 47 Hilarion Road, Duncraig, Perth, Western Australia 6023. Tel: 09 448-7252. Founded by Wairangi and Marie Paki in 1981. Members: 14 to 20 all age groups. Once a month the club performs at a local Maori Restaurant "The Haere Mai". They average about three bookings a month entertaining in the Perth metropolitan area. The club also does a few charity shows, some such as Telethon and Appealathon. They also recently performed their first cabaret which proved to be very successful. At present the club is fundraising to enable them to visit New Zealand in about August-September this year on an educational as well as a social trip.

Whirinkai Branch (Perth) of the MWWL (NZ) Inc.

Contact: Mrs Shalima Hinemoa Fryda, 1/1327 Hay Street, West Perth, W. Australia 6005. Telephone: 321-2947 Bus. 367-1498 Res. Members: 39 financial members. Ages range between 22 to 55 years — plus children and infants at family events. Founded by Mrs S.H. Fryda in 1979.

Activities:

- As per Aims and Objects of the MWWL.
- Regular production and distribution of a detailed newsletter within Perth and WA, and to Adelaide, Melbourne, Gladstone (Queensland) and New Zealand.
- Co-producing Radio 6NR Maori Programme (30 mins. each Monday evening).
- Fostering and understanding of Maori values, providing learning situations regarding traditional Maori ceremonies.
- Liaising with Aborigine groups and other ethnic groups.
- Contact for NZ Consulate, Federal & State Govt. Department, etc...

Other Maori groups in Perth provide valuable services as performing groups — both for charities and commercially. Whirinaki was formed due to a perceived need for a group, able to have recourse to the experience and resources of a NZ-based Maori organisation, to foster and encourage an awareness of other possibly more important aspects of Maori identity in a foreign land, and to further extend the MWWL's proven record in matters concerning Aborigine people women's issues and the wider community.



Winners of four out of six individual trophies, namely: entrance, waiata, haka and exit at the 1982 Waitangi Day Cultural Competitions held in Perth.

Back row left to right: Judy Wharekura, Janean Paki, Marie Paki, Odette Ramsay, Noti Paki, Faye Tamati, Wilhelmena Berryman, Christine Stephens, Lorina Manahi. Front row left to right: Brent Berryman, Percy Tamati, Wairangi Paki (tutor), Wayne Thompson, Dennis Pihama, Mike Waaka, Pip Te Aho, (absent Andy Rolton).

Taranaki

Wahapaka Maori Club

Contact: Sally Lim-sun, or Alison Teepa; c/o Wahapaka Trust Rural Development Scheme, PO Box 77, Waitara, New Plymouth.

Performed at St Josephs School, Waitara during Maori Language Week, at Hato Petera Boys High School, at a concert at Manukorihi Marae Waitara and entertained for half an hour during a live-in marae programme.

Ohinemutu Cultural Group

Contact: Leola Hayes (manager) or Mary Murray (Assistant), PO Box 1105, Rotorua. Tel: L Hayes 86-456; M Murray 82-269.

Founded by P Kara in 1973. The group has a membership of 40 ranging between the ages of 12 to 60.

Activities include community service, sports and overseas cultural exchange trips.

The group has been travelling overseas on promotional tours since 1974 and have visited the following places: 1974 Fiji, 1980 Brisbane, Surfers, Sydney, 1975 Rarotonga, 1981 USA (all States), Canada, 1976 Sydney, Perth, Adelaide, 1982 North & South America, Mexico, Bahamas, 1978 Singapore, 1983 UK & Europe, 1979 NZ Tour (both islands), 1984 (October) UK & Europe.

Waiariki

New Zealand Heritage Park Tu Taua Group

Contact: Howard Morrison, Korokai Street, Ohinemutu, Rotorua. Tel: 85-735. Founded by Howard Morrison in 1984. Membership of 40 between the

ages of 17 to 40.

Activities include Maori culture, and crafts, Japanese communication skills, tourist client servicing.

The group has performed throughout the North Island at Auckland, Palmerston North, Hastings, Wairoa, Wanganui, Tauranga, Kawerau, Rotorua and Dannevirke. They also had a two week North Island tour in conjunction with Atlantic & Pacific Travel Agency.

The club personnel are trained in Rotorua between February and November on a Labour Department YPTP Scheme. They will be finally based in Auckland working at the New Zealand Heritage Park in "Culture World" depicting Maori arts and crafts.

Putahi Club, Wellington

Contact: Roy Hoerara, c/o Department of Maori Affairs, ph 720-588.

Founded in 1981 by several ex-pupils of some of the Maori boarding schools around the country. There are 30 members aged between 10 and 50 years.

The club has been continually involved in the Wellington District Cultural Competitions. The most recent success has been its 3rd place over-all in the local cultural competitions behind the likes of Ngati Poneke and Maraeroa in 1984.

The club has performed at many social occasions and also engages itself in sporting activities such as basketball and softball.

Cultural activities include action songs, haka, choral, karanga and whaikorero.