

Ruia brings Sydney Maori together

Maoris in Sydney have been brought together under the umbrella of the Sydney Maori Arohanui Fellowship. And this Fellowship now has its own church Te Wairua Tapu in Redfern, under the chaplain to the Maori community of Sydney, Archdeacon Kingi Ihaka.

In the first issue of a proposed bi-monthly newsletter, Ruia, Archdeacon Ihaka has signalled the direction of the Fellowship in gathering together the Maori of Sydney. He expands on his comments to Tu Tangata editor, Philip Whaanga in the August/September 1985 issue, regarding the manuhiri status of Maori in Australia and the preference therefore for a Maori centre rather than a marae.

He says the Maori migrants need to be sensitive to the tangata whenua status of the Australian Aboriginal and not be seen as imposing but rather fitting in with the Australian lifestyle and cultural values.

Ruia also contains a history of Rev Samuel Marsden's mission work between New Zealand and Australia in the 1880's, and points out that in 1819 there were 24 Maori in the Seminary he established at Parramatta, Sydney.

For Tu Tangata readers wanting to keep up with their whanaunga in Sydney, the address for Ruia is 32 One Avenue, Five Dock 2046, Sydney, Australia.



Too many chiefs

'Too many chiefs not knowing enough about their indians' could well be a pepeha that has relevance for us today. For staff of Maori Affairs on a one week management development course in Palmerston North, it was their opinion after getting an insight in management.

The course, run by Ngatata Love under the Business Studies of Massey University, has been undertaken by many Maori Affairs staff, and looks at better understanding and use of people. In varying degrees, those on the course felt they benefited from learning more about how to get the best use from management tools but felt their bosses needed to have these skills first before the indians could swing into action.

One course member Doxy Whaanga said his experience showed that management skills were just part of the job, the rest was luck with the staff you got.

