

Kura Beale, closely associated with Maori Womens Welfare League in so many offices over the years, has another hook on her line. She is one of New Zealand's leading anglers — and the top lady angler. At 73 years old she is still reeling in world beating shark, marlin, and yellowtail.

Kura Beale's activities as a fisherwoman represent the other side of a lifetime of community service. She was a member of the Waiapu Hospital Board for 23 years. She is a former divisional president of the Maori Womens Welfare League and a former patron. On the sporting side, she has been Captain of the Tokomaru Bay Tennis Club and president of the Ruatoria Gun Club. She has also headed a Hawkes Bay golf club.

But now, at 73 years, Kura Beale is determined to continue her activities in big game fishing which began when she was six years old. Her list of national and international records is impressive. They include a blue marlin which weighed 484lbs and was about 12 feet long.

Her many fishing trophies and medals stand alongside an array of other sporting momentoes — including one for dropping a hole-in-one at the Te Puia Springs golf



Kura Beale and companion at the Bay of Islands.

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In 1979 she was awarded the "Old Man of the Sea Trophy" by the Bay of Island Swordfish Club. She still holds the world record for an 81 lb yellowtail kingfish caught in 1960.

Everything about Kura Beale is slightly larger than life. Even her home. After spending most of her life in Hawkes Bay she moved to the 10 acre Parahai Point in the Bay of Islands. It is one of the region's most important fortified pa's. When she has a few moments to herself, Kura tends the huge acreage, most by herself.

In between times Kura hosts people from around the world, including several international botany specialists who are intrigued by the diversity of growth in Kura's garden. One of her more celebrated guests is Kiri te Kanawa, a family friend, who enjoys the protected isolation of Kura's fortified point with its large cool house.

A life member of the Plunket Society, Kura Beale is a major figure in the Te Rawhiti district of the Bay of Islands where she has a reputation for hitching up her skirts and getting down to what she clearly likes best of all — the action.



MRS IWINGARO NGAWERA PITMAN of Otaika Valley Whangarei with her daughter FREDa ROKA WEBBER of Mangere and grand-daughter BEVERLEY PARSONS of Onerahi and great grand-daughter SANDRA LYE of Kara, Whangarei and great great grandson JASON LYE.

IWINGARO and the late HARRY PITMAN are also the parents of the present National President of the Maori Women's Welfare League **Mrs VIOLET POU**. Now in her 89th year Mrs Pitman continued to look after their drystock farm after her husband's death in 1975. She only gave up farming last year after family pressure was put on her. She enjoys excellent health and still hears, sees and walks without any helping aids.