

Maspac grants for arts projects

The Council for Maori and South Pacific Arts has made a series of grants for projects coming under its umbrella. They include \$10000 to the Aotea Marae at Dannevirke.

The grant was made under the Council's Marae Decoration Projects Scheme and is to assist with the costs of approved materials for interior carvings of the Aotea Meeting House as well as tutors fees for carving tutor, Mr Calvin Kereama.

Restoration work on the exterior carvings has recently been completed and

the people are looking forward to finishing the interior carvings in three months.

When completed the house will have 27 carved poupou representing ancestors of the local people.

The Pahiatua Maori Committee have received a grant of \$600.

The grant is made under the Coun-

Maspac Weavers hui, Labour weekend, Pakirikiri marae Tokomaru.



Weaving group on beach.



Group on porch of the house, Hono-ki-Rarotonga.

cil's Traditional Maori Art Programme Special Art Projects Scheme and will assist with the costs of a wananga on Maoritanga.

Tutors at the wananga will include Mr Sonny Waru, Nuku Leatherby and Hanatia Palmer. Topics to be covered at the wananga will include marae kawa, whaikorero, history, whakapapa and legends.

The aim of the wananga is to bring together those people with knowledge of the history and whakapapa of the area to share that knowledge and provide a spiritual basis for the building of the marae.

The Council has approved a grant of \$600 for two projects being organised by the Morehu Social Services of Wellington.

Carvers are being trained at the Morehu Centre by Clarence Takirirangi Smith. In order to extend their knowledge of carving styles the group plan to travel through the East Coast area to learn Tairāwhiti and Whānau-a-Apanui carving styles. The group have been involved in a number of carving projects including the gateway for the proposed marae for the Whanganui a Tara Trust.

Another group at the Morehu Centre is planning to learn the art of piupiu making. The Council's grant will enable two tutors, Mrs E Rogers and Mr M Kemara to travel from Whakatane to Wellington to teach piupiu making to the group.

The Council has approved a grant of \$600 towards a project involving the teaching of art to adolescents in remand homes.

The project has been set up by artist, Tui Hamon Zanetich. Zanetich was one of the founder members of the NZ Maori Artists and Writers Society and her work has been exhibited on a number of occasions. Zanetich hopes to teach art based on indigenous Maori art forms expressed in a contemporary manner. The MASPAC grant will go towards the costs of materials for her students.

The Council has approved a grant of \$1200 to the Pacific Island Guides of Tokoroa. The grant is made under the Council's Cook Islands culture scheme and will assist with the costs of traditional costumes and traditional musical instruments for the group.

The Guides meet regularly to learn their own culture from tutors representing the various Pacific Island groups. The group has been honoured with selection by the Girl Guides National and International advisors to represent New Zealand at an International Music Festival in Tasmania.