

## HE MIHI MAIOHA

*Te wananga tu te ihi  
Te wananga tu te wehi  
Ka puta mai ko  
te Wananga Atua  
Ko to Atuatanga  
ko to Maoritanga  
Putikitia ki te aroha  
te hono mauroa  
Te whariki tapu*

E kore e mutu te tangi mō rātou kua hoki wairua atu ki te tīmatatanga o ngā mea katoa. E ngā mate haere, haere, haere! Koutou ki a koutou, tātou te hunga ora ki a tātou, tēnā tātou katoa.

E te whānau whānui o Te Kāhui Tāwharautanga mō Ngā Rongoā tēnei te mihi atu ki a koutou katoa. Tēnā hoki koutou e whaioranga, e whairongoā mō o tātou whānau, hapū, o tātou iwi i tēnā takiwa i tēnā takiwa o tātou. Tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa.

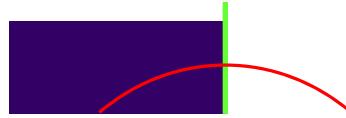
Before I update us all on the treaty claim I just want to remind us of the whakaaro within our logo.

*The green koru represents Te Ao Wairua. It emerges from the dark, descends and becomes lighter. This is symbolic of the concept of creation, potential and growth, Along the tahuu are 12 ridges which represent the 12 elements essential for wellbeing.*

*The white koru represents Te Ao Marama. The koru stands upright and ascends.*

*These two koru stand together as one and can not exist without the other.*

The point of reminding us is to refocus on what is essential for the total well being of our whanau, hapū and iwi. As proponents of Rongoā Māori we must never lose sight of the knowledge and wisdom of those that have gone before us. We say it continually in our karakia and whaikōrero and now we need to FIGHT for it.



# TE KĀHUI RONGOĀ PĀNUI



Issue # 3

## UPDATE TREATY CLAIM

And so .... I was going to leave this until after our next hui with Dame Tariana Turia but thought I would update you now and get all the thoughts and reports out of my head and on to paper:)

At our meeting with Annette Sykes and Angeline Greensill in May we were advised to seek other legal support and were given a list of names. I have contacted Leo Watson who comes highly recommended but unfortunately Leo's father passed away recently and he has only just returned to work. *E te Papa hoki wairua atu ra ki to Tīmatatanga. Okioki ai!* I will be contacting Leo again soon. If he is unable to help then I will contact the next one on the list. I am sure there will be some legal team out there that is willing and able to support us.

One of the suggestions from the meeting was to call a

national hui here in Whanganui with some of our prominent Maori voices to get a mandate from the people to fight for Rongoā.

**Great** idea but we have to remember that in 2011 when we accepted the trusteeship we also accepted the responsibility to be the mandated voice for Rongoā in Aotearoa. There is no doubt we need a lot of support in this BUT we need to stand up and do what we were elected to do!! The reality is also that we can not run two national hui this year and the Rongoā Expo organised for October is about **celebrating** Rongoā and the main reason we chose this was to give our hands on kaimahi the opportunity to showcase their respective modalities. The national hui Annette recommended is about the political side of Rongoā which is **very** important but believe me the majority of our prac-

tioners and whānau would rather NOT be involved at this level.

Heoi ano, we had a very positive meeting last month with Tariana to discuss this matter and as a result of this she is contacting other leaders to see what can be done. She was very supportive of the Rongoā Symposium and Expo for the reasons I pointed out and recommended a small core group of prominent voices to advocate for Rongoā on the political level. We have a follow up meeting next week .

And so ... while Te Āo Wairua waits patiently for us to catch up Te Āo Marama gives us yet another opportunity to get it right. Undoubtedly both are inextricably connected and it is simply for us to listen.

The Rongoā Symposium and Expo will go ahead in October.

## RONGOĀ SYMPOSIUM AND EXPO

**YES** we have given our Hui Taumata a fancy name but for a very good reason. In order for us to attract the funding to run this Expo we need to open one day of the hui to the public. Our hui will start on Friday 2nd Oct with Powhiri and time for us to catch up on the gossip puta noa i nga rohe :), to setup displays and sort out our sleeping arrangements. The Saturday will be devoted

to the Symposium and Expo. Guest speakers have been invited to give an explanation of Rongoā from their perspective and each rohe is invited to set up their respective displays/clinics so that those attending can experience first hand the benefits of Rongoā Māori.

Fantastic line up and once the programme has been finalised we will post it on the website.

Just so that you know there will be a charge for the public BUT Te Kāhui Rongoā members and all kaumātua will be free.

On Sunday we will hold our AGM and **celebrate** our new trustees. You now have only two months to hold your elections. Please don't leave it too late to advertise. Contact the trustees in your rohe for more info.