



A First For Ngātiwai

The first ever Ngātiwai recipient of a three-year Massey University scholarship to study for Bachelor of Natural Sciences degree (BNatSc), Ramon Curtis, says he is comfortable to be a role model for future generations – but it comes with a qualifier.

"I'm more than happy to step up and be a role model for Ngātiwai youth coming through the secondary school system who want to go to university or get a tertiary qualification," the 25-year-old says.

"But we have to keep this in perspective, it is all well and good to say you're happy to be a role model, but first you've got to deliver and my priority is to make sure that I concentrate and maintain the standards required for the courses on this degree programme."

Originally from the picturesque Matapouri Bay, Ramon moved with his family to Auckland and attended Primary school, before carrying out his secondary education on the North Shore. Since then he has completed a diploma in Science and Technology at Massey University and says he then thought about what he wanted to do next.



Massey University's Head of NZ Institute of Natural and Mathematical Sciences Professor Gaven Martin welcomes Ngātiwai scholarship winner Ramon Curtis into the Bachelor of Natural Sciences degree course

"I saw the degree was being advertised on the university website and I liked what it offered so I enrolled and I was accepted, and at that stage I hadn't even thought about applying for the scholarship," he says.

"Then the scholarship opportunity came up and I was encouraged to apply for it by Ngātiwai Trust Board Resource Management unit manager Clive Stone."

Mr Stone says Ramon fitted the criteria required to secure the scholarship which was first offered in 2013.

"We have a good working relationship with Massey but we wanted a commitment from them and they came up with this offer for our aspiring Rangatahi," Mr Stone says.

"Massey University's, Head of NZ Institute of Natural and Mathematical Sciences, Distinguished Professor Gaven Martin, says the university has a vested interest in working with Ngātiwai.

"This isn't a one-way street, Massey wants a lot of the secondary school graduates from Northland to come to our university because we have a lot to offer and it allows

Iwi like Ngātiwai to build the required capability they want and need within their own people," Professor Martin says.

"We want Ramon to succeed, we want him to enjoy his time learning with us and we want him to go on to use that knowledge and qualifications in service for his Iwi in the long term."

Ramon says he understands that he is at university to play the long game.

"One day I want to go back to Ngātiwai and give something back to our people by working with the Resource and Environment team," he says.

"But I've got to learn to walk before I start thinking about running. My only priority for the next three years is to keep my head and nose buried in my studies."

Ramon's scholarship, worth around \$6,000-a-year, will cover his tuition fees and course materials through the degree programme.

Professor Martin says scholarships such as these will continue to be available for good students into the future.

*Kia Tūpato!
Ka tangi a Tūkaiaia kei
te moana, Ko Ngātiwai
kei te moana e haere ana;*

*Ka tangi a Tūkaiaia
Kei tuawhenua, ko Ngātiwai kei
tuawhenua e haere ana*

*Beware!
When Tūkaiaia calls at sea,
Ngātiwai are at sea;*

*When Tūkaiaia calls
inland, Ngātiwai are inland*

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Ngātiwai Book Launch

Ngātiwai Trust Board launched its new book - 'Nga Korero o Ngātiwai' - at the Takahiwai Marae at One Tree Point in Ruakaka on Friday 21 February.

"This book is a collection or kohikohinga of stories and poems based on memories of Ngātiwai Kaumatua and Kuia as a way to strengthen our reo and tikanga," says Ngātiwai Education's Erica Wellington.

"It gives us the means to imbue our tamariki and rangatahi with enthusiasm and aroha for who they are and to support them in their learning and help them grow and reach their potential."

The 93-page, A4-size, glossy soft-cover book contains traditional narratives, anecdotal tales and legends of 22 Kaumatua and Kuia, all of which is designed to bring a sense of pride and learning to the people of Ngātiwai.



In conjunction with this book Ngātiwai Trust Board has also produced a 20-page children's version of the book.

"Both books give us another form of passing on traditional knowledge and understanding from one generation to another and we believe this gives us a powerful tool for inspiring Ngātiwai students to explore their heritage and tikanga," say education team members.

"It also helps us offer our Ngātiwai stories for teachers to use with students, and we encourage all Ngātiwai schools to access, through their Ngātiwai students, the many resources available in our whanau, hapu and marae."

The book also acknowledges Tūkaiaia the principal Kaitiaki or guardian of the Ngātiwai. Maori tradition says the cry of Tūkaiaia would always herald the arrival of the people of Ngātiwai.

The whakatauki comes from an era when Ngātiwai identity was strong in te reo o Ngātiwai and tikanga Ngātiwai.

Ngātiwai want once again to be heard with confidence upon the land and upon the sea; and by doing that strengthen the voice of Tūkaiaia that is synonymous with the Ngātiwai voice.

"To help achieve this, we are working to include Ngātiwai matauranga in schools and learning centres. It has been our privilege to hear the many childhood memories of our people and to be entrusted with the work of writing and publishing these stories."

To order copies of the book please contact the Ngātiwai Trust Board at www.ngatiwai.iwi.nz or ewellington@ngatiwai.iwi.nz

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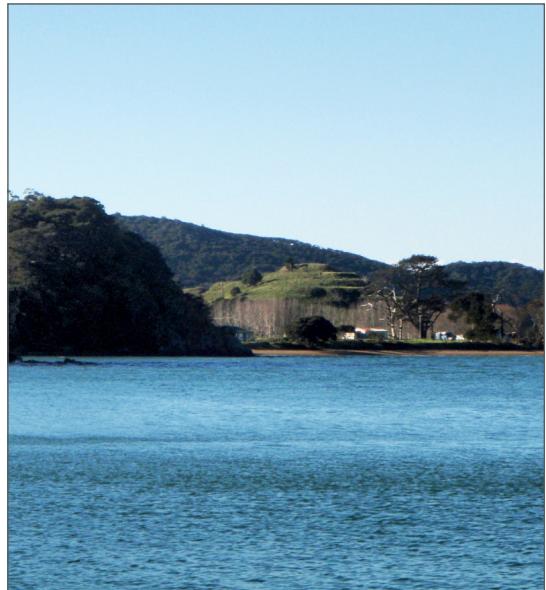
Haydn Edmonds and Merepeka Henley re-elected as chair and deputy chair.

Incumbent Ngātiwai Trust Board chair Haydn Edmonds (Punaruku Marae) and deputy chair Merepeka Henley (Ngaiotonga Marae) were re-elected to their positions at the first Trustees' board meeting today.

"We greatly appreciate that the people and board have seen fit to re-elect us to our positions," Mr Edmonds said.

"It is a reflection of the confidence placed in us in what will be a busy year in 2014 and it allows us to press on the mahi we have already started and it gives Ngātiwai stability in its leadership."

Ngātiwai Trust Board's key project this year is work on its Treaty Settlement with the Crown.



Whakaturia Pa, Tuparehuia

Pataua Election

Under the Ngātiwai Trust Deed, and as there were no nominations received for Pataua Marae at the recent election of trustees for the Ngātiwai Trust Board, notice is hereby given that on Thursday 8 May 2014 a by-election will be held for one (1) Pataua Marae trustee.

BY-ELECTION TIMETABLE

Public Notice of Election - Calling for Nominations	Saturday 8 March 2014
Nominations Open	Friday 14 March 2014
Close of Nominations (5pm) - Member Data Provided	Friday 4 April 2014
Public Notice of Day of Election	Wednesday 9 April 2014
Issuing of Voting Packs	Monday 14 April 2014
Closing of voting period (5pm)	Thursday 8 May 2014

Ngātiwai Wananga Whakapapa

He Karanga tēnei na te Poari o Ngātiwai ki ngā hapū katoa o Ngātiwai me ngā tāngata kua whai pānga ki a Ngātiwai.

"Calling all Ngātiwai hapū, persons with Ngātiwai affiliations and all Ngātiwai Marae"

When: Friday 4 - Saturday 5th April 2014

Where: Whakapaumahara Marae,
Whananaki North Road, Whananaki

Pōwhiri: 5pm, 4th April 2014
Conclude with Hākari at 5.30pm, 5th April 2014

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Ngātiwai Digital Resources – Ngātiwai Stories

Ngātiwai Trust Board launched three specially developed digital resources by showcasing them to Kaumātua on Friday 28 March at the Terenga Paraoa Marae on Porowini Avenue, Whangarei. The three interactive digital applications tell Ngātiwai stories. Ngātiwai Education's Joeann Waata who has been involved since its inception says it was pleasing to see Ngātiwai high school students getting involved in the creation of the resources. "The best part about these resources is that they reflect the effort and work of three students from Kamo High and one from Tikipunga High who are of Ngātiwai descent with the guidance of our esteemed Kaumātua George Tokowhati Martin," Joeann Waata said. "We put a high value on education at Ngātiwai and it is wonderful that we can make these resources available to students so quickly after the book we launched last month- 'Ngā Kōrero o Ngātiwai'."

Trustee Meeting

A meeting of the Ngātiwai Trust Board Trustees was held on Friday 28th March 2014, commencing 10am at Ngātiwai Trust Board, 129 Port Road, Whangarei. There is another meeting scheduled for 2nd May 2014. Details to be confirmed.

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Important Dates

WHAT?	WHERE?	WHEN?
Ngātiwai Digital Resource Launch	Te Rerenga Paraoa Marae	28th March 5pm
Ngātiwai Wananga Whakapapa	Whakapaumahara Marae	4th/5th April 5pm
Pataua Elections Nominations Close		9th April 5pm
Pataua Elections Voting Close		8th May 5pm
Kaumatua Ball	Toll Stadium	16th May

HE TANGATA

Images from the book launch of 'Nga Korero o Ngātiwai'.

