



Ngātiwai Rangatahi takes out gold at the Oceania weightlifting championships



Ngātiwai rangatahi Taiao Cordtz-Kawiti lifting.

Ngātiwai rangatahi and Whangarei Boys' High School NCEA Level 3 prefect Taiao Cordtz-Kawiti has returned from the Oceania Weightlifting Championships in New Caledonia (May 25-June 1) with a gold medal.

The 17-year-old took out the Youth 94kg-and-under division ahead of a Tuvaluan competitor with a lift of 120kgs in the clean and jerk; and 90kgs in the snatch for a winning total of 210kgs.

Sponsored by the Ngātiwai Trust Board, the Whangarei Boys' High prefect with support from whanau and Far North Crossfit, says the trip to New Caledonia with the New Zealand team was a "huge" learning experience for him.

"I gave up rugby and took up weightlifting while I was studying at Auckland Grammar just over a year ago before returning home to Whangarei to finish off my high school studies," he says.

"It was a pretty awesome week and I got to train and compete with the best weightlifters from NZ, Australia, Samoa, Tonga, Papua New Guinea and the rest of the Pacific region. I had to wait a whole week before lifting in my Youth 94kg weight class but it was worth it when I walked away with the gold medal.

"While he was pipped at the post in winning the sole Youth Olympics weightlifting spot by Auckland's Cameron McTaggart he has his sights firmly on taking out a top place at the North Island Championships later this month

in Wellington before the national championships.

"I'm pretty serious about my lifting, currently I train around six-days a week with coaches Rory Taylor and Jake Lawgun at the Northland Olympic Weightlifting Club. I'm looking at going to Massey University, Albany in 2015 so that I can train under New Zealand's top lifter and coach Richie Patterson," he says.

He aims to study journalism or psychology at Massey University which has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ngātiwai to provide educational opportunities for Iwi rangatahi.

"I am grateful for the fantastic support given to me by Ngātiwai and for helping me with the sponsorship funding," he says.

"I whakapapa to Ngatiwai through my great grandfather, Pita Remo Wetere of Ngaiotonga, and also through my great great grandmother Maarara Maihi Mahanga of Taiharuru and was proud to represent Ngātiwai and my country on the international stage."



Taiao Cordtz-Kawiti with mum Elisa.

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

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

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

*When Tūkaiāia calls
inland, Ngātiwai are inland*

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Ngātiwai and NorthTec sign Whakakotahi te Māramatanga (MoU)



Ngatiwai Education General Manager Philip Alexander-Crawford, Ngatiwai chairman Haydn Edmonds and NorthTec chief-executive Paul Binney.

The Ngātiwai Trust Board signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on behalf of its new education partnership with Northland's largest tertiary education provider NorthTec at the Ngaioitonga Marae, Whangaruru on Thursday 29 May.

The agreement is in line with the Ngātiwai larger vision to build a Centre for Education, Research and Innovation. To help achieve these objectives, strategic relationships with tertiary partners are important, says Ngātiwai Chairman Haydn Edmonds.

"In the past the learning was done by word of mouth, but we are now in the process of linking with institutions that can increase the amount of intelligence we as a people can gain," he said.

NorthTec Chief Executive Paul Binney congratulated Ngātiwai for taking the initiative to further the educational ambitions of the Iwi.

"Ngātiwai should be commended for taking the step forward and joining with NorthTec in this partnership," he said.

"Education is the key to achieving your ambitions and we are pleased to be working with a local Iwi in making those ambitions become reality."

The agreement outlines the purpose of the MoU as being the pursuit of excellence through a Tertiary Education Organisation/ Iwi partnership by providing Qualifications and Programmes relevant to the Iwi, Hapu,

Whanau, Marae and individual learners of Ngātiwai.

Partners agreed to fully utilise existing institutional accreditation status gained by NorthTec and the resources available within the Rohe of Ngatiwai and Te Tai Tokerau to enhance the prospects of the Iwi, Hapu, Whanau, Marae and individual learners of Ngātiwai.

The intention is to use existing assets, structures, skill sets and experience to optimise the use of revenue for quality tertiary training that will support the people of Ngātiwai.



Ngātiwai sign Memorandum of Understanding with Massey University



Head-girl Bream Bay College Tivaan Doak-Smith, Ngātiwai Education General Manager Phil Alexander-Crawford, Massey University Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr. Selwyn Katene and Ngātiwai Chairman Haydn Edmonds signing the Memorandum of Understanding at Takahiwai Marae, Ruakaka.

The Ngātiwai Trust Board signed its second Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on behalf of its Education Unit with Massey University at Takahiwai Marae, Ruakaka on Thursday 4 June 2014.

The partnership signed by Massey University Pro Vice-Chancellor Maori Dr. Selwyn Katene, Ngātiwai Trust Board chairman Haydn Edmonds and Ngātiwai Education General Manager Philip Alexander-Crawford will provide for Ngātiwai to have greater involvement in decisions around policy, strategy and design of Tertiary Education where that affects Ngātiwai Iwi.

"It makes sense for us to seek out higher learning and so to sign with Massey is a significant point for us to make because at a time when Maori are busy settling their differences with the Crown we have decided to focus on education," Mr. Edmonds said.

Dr. Katene spoke of the enormous changes in the world referring to the tearing down of the Berlin Wall, and the elections of Nelson Mandela and Barack Obama, two black men, as presidents of South Africa and the United States.

"Education is probably the most powerful weapon we have for change, and with the world changing our people can go out there confident that the knowledge they have gained is something they can offer the world," he said.

"By being here we're saying we are opening our doors to you in the spirit of creating a mutual relationship of respect and learning. We want to assist you in growing your capability and capacity for the benefit of Ngātiwai."

The agreement will allow both organisations to explore and focus on creating coherent approaches for the advancement of Ngātiwai education, social and economic development such as the participation of Ngātiwai members in Massey academic programmes and the engagement with Rangatahi to promote tertiary education.

Ngātiwai Education General Manager Phil Alexander-Crawford described the signing as a watershed moment for the Iwi.

"It is about Iwi entering into a meaningful partnership with a University that is also committed to change for the betterment of learners. Actions rather than words will be the legacy of this agreement.

"Massey wants to work with Iwi and we will work with them to advance the educational ambitions of Ngātiwai."

Bream Bay College head-girl Tivaan Doak-Smith also signed the accord on behalf of Ngātiwai.

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Ngātiwai Trust Board's Treaty Claims Mandate Process Update

Since the mandate voting results were publically notified in October 2013, the NTB has been working steadily to:

- Understand the nature and extent of submitters concerns with the NTB mandate proposal overall – the NTB commissioned an independent analysis of submissions received on the mandate proposal in October 2013,
- Request hui in October and November 2013 with hapu who raised concerns - to discuss their inclusion in the mandate to the extent that any of their claims related to Ngātiwai tupuna interests
- Revise specific aspects of the mandate including Wai claims and Hapu which have since been included or removed from the mandate strategy – NTB held an additional information hui at Tuparehuia in December 2013 to outline these changes
- Revise generic aspects of the mandate including a greater emphasis on the value of kaumatua in guiding the NTB particularly on matters of tikanga and an improved disputes procedure

- Clarify for the benefit of Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS) the founding and other key Ngātiwai tupuna in our claimant definition (i.e. description of who the crown will be settling with).

The OTS has advised it is satisfied it now has sufficient information to understand the Ngātiwai claimant definition particularly in relation to key tupuna with shared whakapapa to other Iwi and it is now ready to proceed.

The next steps towards achieving a Crown recognised Deed of Mandate (DoM) is for:

- NTB to provide documentation (i.e. a DoM) outlining how it achieved its mandate and how it intends to maintain the mandate through negotiations
- OTS will then evaluate the documentation in the DoM to ensure it contains all the information necessary to understand how the mandate was achieved and how substantive matters raised in submissions have been addressed.

- OTS will then publicly notify the DoM for a final round of submissions.

The Crown's formal submission process takes between four to six weeks. OTS will then carry out an analysis of the submissions, draft a report which will then be sent to the relevant Ministers to consider endorsing the NTB Deed of Mandate.

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Images from Massey University and NorthTec MoU signings and the Oceania Weightlifting Championships

