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Newsletter of Te Runanga o Nga Kaimahi Maori o Aotearoa
NZ Council of Trade Unions Te Kauae Kaimahi

Mihimihi

Kia ora koutou te iwi o te motu.

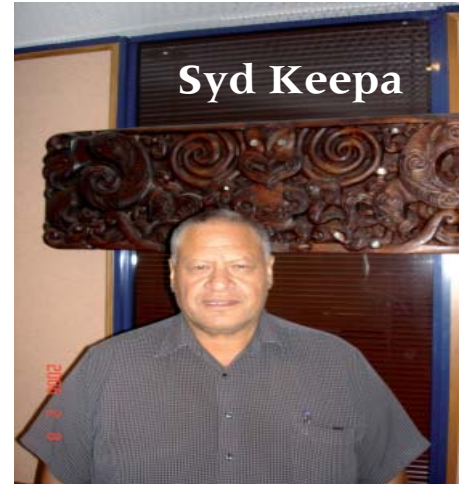
Welcome to the first newsletter of Te Runanga of Nga Kaimahi Maori o Aotearoa.

We've had a full on year, and its good to cap it off now with our first ever newsletter, and we wanted to do it today to mark the 171st anniversary tomorrow of the Deceleration of Independence, adopted at Waitangi on the 28th of October 1835. Read about its

history on page 2.

Our newsletter will be monthly, and in future issues we want to profile the work that union Runanga are doing throughout the motu, and keep up to date with what's happening that Maori workers can get involved in. Sharon is also speaking regularly on Vapi's show on Radio Waatea so listen in to that for updates on our mahi too.

Please feel free to contact me about anything to do with the



Syd Keepa

Runanga.

No reira, tena koutou katoa.
- Syd Keepa, Runanga Convenor.

Sharon Clair



Mihi atu ki a koutou: tenei panui whakahirahira, ki a puta atu:

Tēnā koe I ō tātou mate tārūrū nui kua poto atu nei ki te kāpunipunitanga o ngā wairua I Paerau.

Heoi rā, ki ngā mate, waiho I runga I te kōrero rā, ko te hunga mate ki te hunga mate, kō tātou ngā kanohi ora o rātou ki a tātou, tihēi Mauri ora!

Ko Tainui te waka,
Ko Maungatautari te maunga

Ko Waikato te awa
Ko Ngati Raukawa tōku Iwi
Tuatahi, arā kua hono kē āu ki roto I ngā iwi ā Ngati Ranginui.
Ko ōku nei hapū kō Ngāti Te Korehe ratou ko te Apuinga ko Hangarau

Ko ōku marae ko Te Ruapeka me Paparamu me Ūkaipo me Hangarau, e takoto ana ki Hangarau ki roto I a Peterehāma.

Greetings to you all reading this our first newsletter from Te Runanga o Nga Kaimahi Maori o Aotearoa.

In remembrance of all who have departed from this life to the spirit world we leave you there and return to the new world and seize the breath of life.

The canoe is Tainui
The mountain is Maungatautari
The river is the Waikato
Ngati Raukawa is my principle tribe, I also connect to Ngati Ranginui

Ngati Tu Korehe, Te Apuinga and Hangarau are my sub tribes
Te Ruapeka, Paparamu, Ukaipo, Tapapa and Hangarau in Bethlehem are my marae.
I am from South Waikato
Tena koutou katoa
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa nga kaimahi

Welcome to our very first Newsletter I hope that you will enjoy the reading and provide us with feedback on our editions. We have had a very productive year celebrating many successes.

The signing off of our historical agreement with the National Affiliates Council Te Ture Whakawhanaungatanga, the MAKE LOW WAGES HISTORY campaign, the collective action determined to see the failure of National's Wayne Mapp's 90 Day probationary period bill, our raising awareness on Maori unionists through media and

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stalls, and of course supporting the Progressive Enterprise workers in their struggle to achieve pay parity.

We all know that Māori campaigners must have the capability to monitor the social and political environment continuously; whilst also analysing the developing socio-political conditions and act on the basis of this analysis all from a Māori perspective, for Māori

development to successfully occur.

In a time of political unease we have before us the opportunity to work together to ensure that all workers can feel confident knowing that no matter what happens the CTU remains a strong and vital organisation that will continue to uphold worker rights and speak out against social injustices.

I am confident that we will continue to promote respectful relationships within the CTU

and our communities through the exercise of abundant goodwill and solidarity in our work. We are strong, we are activists, we are unionists we are Maori and because of this we will grow.

Noreira

Kia tau te rangimarie nga kaimahi o Aotearoa

Sharon Clair
Vice President Maori
Te Kauae Kaimahi

Runanga Update

Tena koutou katoa
Tenei te mihi atu ki a koe

We hope this finds you well and enjoying this beautiful spring weather.

We wanted to let you know that in August at the National Affiliates Council meeting our Te Ture Whakawhanaungatanga was signed off by affiliates and Runanga. It was a wonderful day and we are so thankful to you for all of your assistance, and your continued availability to us in our times of need. We have no doubt that your assistance has made this very very important document a real pillar in building our leadership and independence within the Council of Trade Unions. We all

have confidence thanks to you in our purpose and vision, we all have certainty in our resolve and we trust that we and the affiliates will honor this agreement because of the peaceful and co operative wairua that has been upon us since developing this document. Thank you so much for being there with us on this journey.

We had Bill Hamilton speak to Runanga and affiliates on different days about a Treaty relationship and both groups were impressed. Bill himself was thrilled for the trade union movement and relayed some of the historical attempts that you, him and the many others like Syd Jackson had done since Runanga was born. You all have

helped us to get to this place. From all of our members we wish you and your whanau good health, peace and prosperity.

Whilst we celebrated we remained very clear that it is up to us to protect and live to our responsibilities in this agreement ensuring that the future for the Runanga remains strong, focused, united and always working to end the struggle and in doing this the trade union movement in Aotearoa will remain in solidarity.

Noreira

Kia tau te rangimarie ki a koutou me te whanau hoki
Sharon Clair

The Declaration of Independence 1835

This declaration was adopted at Waitangi on October 28, 1835. Thirty-five ariki and rangatira representing iwi and hapu from the far north to the Hauraki Gulf signed the declaration at that hui. Later, other notable leaders added

their signatures; those from outside the Tai Tokerau included Te Hapuku of Ngati Kahungunu and Potatau Te Wherowhero of Tainui. The English translation was sent to the Under Secretary of State at the Colonial Office in London by

James Busby, British Resident in New Zealand, on 2nd November, 1835.

Source: Tino Rangatiratanga site:
<http://aotearoa.wellington.net.nz>

Events

Te Arahanga Ō Ngā Iwi

2006 National Māori Business Expo

In November 2006, the Otaki Māori Racecourse will throw open its gates to a targeted audience of more than 3000 visitors attending the second Te Arahanga Ō Ngā Iwi National Māori Business Expo.

Visitors will be treated to 110+ Māori businesses as they exhibit their products, services and latest innovations.

This year's key focus areas include Art & Design, Fashion & Apparel, Education and Tourism.

Expo activities will include Wearable Arts and fashion shows, Māori kai, performing arts, a tamariki programme and much, much more.

Demand for exhibitor space is high – don't miss out on the opportunity to promote your business to a captive audience.

Registrations are now open at www.taoni.maori.nz

Any queries please contact Ngatokorua Miratana on 06-364-8598



The 2nd Parihaka International Peace Festival runs January 5th 6th 7th 2007. You are invited to buy ticket/s to the next festival

directly off us through the festival's website e-ticket facility. The offer runs from now through to 4th November 2006. The special price before November 4 is \$99 per adult, after which it will be \$135 for the remainder of the year. All children up to 15yrs and adults over 60yrs are \$10 at all times. Tickets at the discounted price can be purchased from www.parihaka.com. The CTU will be having a stall at the event, more information about this soon.

What's In a Name?

The Runanga wants YOU to help us come up with a name! Send us your suggestions for the name of the Runanga's monthly newsletter, and any other feedback, to Naomi (contacts below). And don't forget to check out the Runanga's home page at

www.union.org.nz/runanga

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Eye on Parliament



This section keeps you up to date on submission closing dates and other government consultation, with details of Bill and current status. Bills that are still open for submission will be listed first. Otherwise, the date listed is when a report back is due.

Minimum Wage and Remuneration Amendment Bill. Bill addresses Minimum wage provision for contractors **Submissions closed on 12 Oct.**

Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi Deletion Bill. NZ First sponsored bill. **Submissions closed on 20 Oct.**

Easter Sunday Shop Trading Amendment Bill. **Report due 16 Nov.**

Shop Trading Hours Act Repeal (Easter Trading) Amendment Bill. **Report due 13 December 2006.**

Employment Relations (Flexible Working Hours) Amendment Bill. Green party bill. **Still before select committee.**

Employment Relations (Probationary Employment) Amendment Bill. The '90 days bill'. **Report due 16 November 2006.**

Maori Purposes Bill. **Report due 21 November 2006.**

Minimum Wage (Abolition of Age Discrimination) Amendment Bill. The bill scrapping youth rates. **Report due 11 March 2007.**

New Bills Introduced:

These three bills are all members bills - that is they are sponsored by an individual member of parliament. They have just been drawn and none have had their first reading in Parliament yet. When they do, MPs will vote on whether or not to support the bill through to the select committee, or to throw it out then.

Local Electoral (Repeal of Race-Based Representation) Amendment Bill. This bill is from National's Tony Ryall.

Treaty of Waitangi (Removal of Conflict of Interest) Amendment Bill. This bill is from NZ First's Pita Paraone

Foreshore and Seabed Act (Repeal) Bill. This bill is from the Maori Party's Tariana Turia.