



February 2008

# Rangatahi Camp 08: One Band, One Sound Kotahitanga



From the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> of January rangatahi from across Te Tai Tokerau gathered at Ahikiwi Marae, in Northern Wairoa, for the annual Tai Tokerau Rangatahi Summer Camp. The weather was good, the hospitality was awesome and the whanaungatanga amongst the rangatahi was fantastic.

The theme for the camp was, One Band, One Sound, Kotahitanga and for 5 days approximately 90 rangatahi attended the camp and came together as one band. The camp was an opportunity for the rangatahi in different parts of Tai Tokerau to meet and network.

There were many fun activities the rangatahi participated in, from the trip to the Kumara Box to meet Ernie the Kumara man, and the riding the Big Foot Bus to the sand dunes, too inter – pastorate sports and swimming Kai iwi lakes. Education also played an important part in the camp, the rangatahi learnt about the local iwi, they also took part in

workshops learning about Bishops in the Haahi, on the first evening we were lucky to have Rev Bill Panapa talk to us about his father (Rt Rev Wiremu Netana Panapa). This was a great educational experience for the adults as well as the rangatahi.

Each pastorate chose young leaders to be responsible for managing their rangatahi group, which wasn't always easy, however the rangatahi leaders showed great leadership when working with their groups and over all the leaders were awesome.

I would like to conclude by thanking all the people who helped make this camp possible, to the hosts for their hospitality and the Te Tai Tokerau Youth Council for all the planning and work, especially Rev Pita and Rev Marina Naera. I would also like to thank the rangatahi leaders, Manu Karakia and the adult leaders for their help during the camp.



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# I'm Your Sheep, You're My Shepherd



Well it was nice and sunny in Dargaville at the beautiful marae of Ahikiwi the home of our second Pihopa o Aotearoa Pihopa Wiremu Netana Panapa, Tessa and myself led workshops based on a ministry of a Bishop and the different tohu the bishops wear. We also delivered a workshop about the history of the Pihopatanga and our journey within the Pihopatanga o Aotearoa. The rangatahi were

very focused on the workshops especially during the history of the Pihopatanga, it gave them a sense of identity and turangawaewae, one of the rangatahi from Manukau pastorate made sure to mention how proud she was to be part of the church. The fun part with the workshop was all the questions coming from the rangatahi some it just goes to show how interested they were in the church. The workshop was based on the theme of shepherd and what it means to be a shepherd. The theme for the camp was One Band, One Sound Kotahitanga and each morning during our karakia we had a focus on shepherd what its role and what a shepherd is called to do. A highlight from the workshop was participation and how no one found it boring to learn especially on a hot day at Ahikiwi marae. on Sunday Bishop Te Kitohi Pikaahu preached and celebrated at our karakia and it was the first time some of them have seen a real bishop and one of the rangatahi said to the bishop "you are my shepherd, I am your sheep".

## Upcoming Events

### Komiti Tumuaki

*Date:* 15-16 February

*Venue:* Whangarei

A golden opportunity to be part of the life of our church in Te Pihopatanaga O Te Tai Tokerau.

*Contact:*

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### Spiritual Formation & Discipleship

*Date:* 7 – 9 March

*Venue:* Opononi

An opportunity for rangatahi leaders to celebrate, learn and share around this kaupapa

*Contact:* Tapu or Tessa

## Resources

### Rauika

Rauika is our online resource library. Spread across several categories, Rauika has bible study resources, liturgical resources and even music to use and to Love.

## Manu Kōkiri

Please contact the Manu Kōkiri (Youth Enablers) to discuss your rangatahi ministry. *Manu Korero* is the monthly news from the Manu Kōkiri. If you have any questions, comments or content contact below:



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