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Unity Week 2011 the best so far



Walkers gather at the start of the Unity Walk 2011. Picture supplied by *The Napier Mail*.

Many have said it was the best yet. Unity Week 2011 certainly had a diverse range of events from the familiar favorites such as the Unity Walk, Robson Lecture, Pilot City Awards, Unity dinner to some others not tried for some time or for the first time.... concerts, seminars, talks, kite making, community dancing and workshops. In addition what made it special were the increase in first timers joining in and its sense of positivity and celebration.

Thanks must go to the organising committee namely Pat, Kerry, Caroline, Martin and Will. In addition sincere thanks must go to Louise Ludlow, Odilia Balas and Pat Vuetic for their respective roles. Thanks too to the sponsors: The Lion Foundation, Napier RSA Gaming Machine Trust, Ngatarawa Wines, Springhill Trust and the Napier Mail Community newspaper. We couldn't have done it without you.

For a personal viewpoint by the Trust Chairman reflecting on many of the weeks highlights, see overleaf. Also brief bios of our Pilot City Award recipients can be found starting on page 3. Photos of all Unity Week activities and video highlights of some of the talks will be added to the website (www.napierpilotcity.org.nz) progressively over the next few weeks. Details on the 2012 event will be released in the New Year - see you there!

What's Pat been up to?

The Napier Pilot City Trust wouldn't exist without the determination and tenacity of Pat Magill. Pat has always had an important role in the Trust and nothing has changed. His networker role sees him working in the community bringing people together, connecting people with organisations, developing ideas, creating solutions right through to offering a friendly ear over a cuppa. I asked him a few questions about what he has been doing over the last few months:

I hear you recently went to Wellington to meet Judge Peggy Hora who was instrumental in introducing Drug Courts?

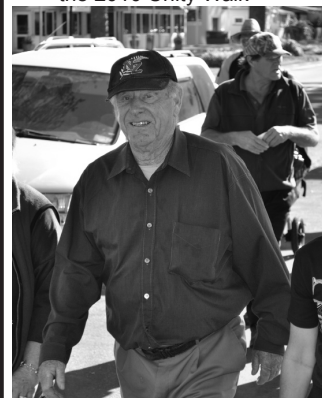
"Yes she came to NZ after 22 years as a Judge in California where she instigated the Drug Courts. She brought strong statistical evidence that they reduce recidivism and can successfully treat people with these addictions. She spoke to some pretty important people and all agree that we need to do the same thing. I have invited her to Napier to come and share her experiences sometime next year."

What did you think of Unity Week? "It was great to see more people buying into it. Others are now picking it up which is gratifying. It really is a Napier city celebration. We need to keep growing the numbers coming along. Overall I thought it was the best yet!"

You have arranged for Ann Abraham (CEO of Arohata Women's Prison) to visit Napier? "We have 15 Napier ladies in Arohata Prison. I recently met some of them and we are trying to do what we can to support them. Ann was very pleased when we showed some concern and has agreed to come and talk to us. I firmly believe community support can make a real difference."

Below: Pat striding along on the 2010 Unity Walk

You are invited to hear Ann Abraham (CEO Arohata Women's Prison) speak on Tuesday 14th June, 5.30pm at the Pukemokimoki Marae. Bring a plate for a shared meal & a koha. All welcome.



Martins Williams reflects on Unity Week 2011...

What a week it was. Some heard to say one of the best Unity weeks ever.



Martin addresses the crowd at the start of the Unity Walk (Pic. supplied by *The Napier Mail*)

We got off to a bit of a damp start with the Unity walk but as Pat McGill was quoted as saying in the Hawke's Bay Today – that by no means dampened our spirits. The

walk was reasonably well attended and we were treated to an account of the history of the Waitangi (William Colenso) Reserve as we scooped a well deserved sausage sheltering under a tree and umbrellas from the rain. Much was learned – the significance of the Reserve historically not well understood and no, it is not where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in Hawke's Bay.

The Unity dinner was very well attended; Dennis O'Reilly applying his usual charm as MC, with speeches and songs and even poetry as well as dancing from around the globe, adding a smorgasbord of entertainment to the food.

A real highlight for me though was the Robson lecture presented by Justice Joe Williams. I consider he bestowed real mana on the kaupapa of the Trust in terms of seeking to better understand our history, getting to the root causes of social malaise and indeed crime, and improving connections within the community to better address those issues. Applying Maori concepts of whanaungatanga, utu (balance or reciprocity) and mana in practical ways were solutions he put forward to resolving what he described and as witnessed on the High Court bench as a "slow, screeching train wreck".

Why indeed is New Zealand's incarceration rate the fourth highest in the world – right here in "Godzone"? How is it that the descendents of Kupe, who performed what leading anthropologist Jared Diamond described as the single most remarkable feat in human history (more difficult than landing on the moon) in sailing on the fastest sea going vessel in the world at the time, and which is still the fastest design (the catamaran), comprise some 53% of our inmate population yet only 15% of the general population.

Earlier on the Monday those attending enjoyed a splendid and diverse concert event with items ranging from Indonesian dance, Cook Islands dance and song, a clarinet and organ recital and more modern music performed by musicians at William Colenso High School.

And on Tuesday lunchtime, we were further treated to a historical account of the quite devastating history of Maori in Hawke's Bay between 1800 and 1840 by renowned local historian Pat Parsons (who had also spoken at the reserve on the Saturday). On Wednesday evening I attended a stimulating discussion / workshop around what Anzac Day means in 2011 led by former military (and Iona College) chaplain Sande Ramage, now 97 years after World War I commenced. The general consensus reached was that it must remain, as originally intended, a time to stress the need for peaceful solutions rather than military responses to conflict situations.

I did not make Mereana Pitman's lecture on Thursday (recounting the experience of her life as an activist) but I understand it generated a high level of interest as well. I am told that Mereana shared from her heart what led her to become an activist, the key influences and people in her life and what motivates her to keep going on that path.

I need to give a sincere vote of thanks to Will Jenkins for all of the work he did in coordinating the Unity Week programme and to those trustees and other volunteers that worked so hard behind the scenes.

The challenge in the years ahead is to ensure that the events are better attended, not just by traditional supporters of the Trust (good folk such as yourselves in reading this newsletter) but the broader and general public. The message shared by Justice Williams needs to become part of mainstream dialogue, including that increasingly severe legislative responses to criminality are in essence futile if the reasons for the behaviour are not themselves understood and tackled head on.

We will now continue to work hard on the various projects that the Trust is progressing. All this work within the concept that the community needs to be better enabled to take responsibility for its own needs in enhancing the wellbeing of the people within it. Put it this way, the Community know best how to look after its own, and must be empowered to do so!

A final tribute then to our award recipients – one of the most uplifting experiences I have had in recent times was to hear the citations of those given awards this year. People from across the full spectrum of our Napier communities, Pakeha and Maori, for work with families, with war veterans, with youth, supporting communities to grow their own food, and working with inmates to prepare them for integration on release. Unity within the community indeed, and they deserve our fullest support and the highest of accolades.

Every year we ask you to make a donation towards the work of the Trust. This goes towards paying for the cost of printing and posting this newsletter, events such as Unity Week and our various community programmes such as our court support initiatives. Please find enclosed a yellow slip and reply addressed envelope for this purpose (we ask that you place a stamp on the envelope as this helps reduce our costs). Thanks so much for your support.

Martin Williams Trust Chairperson.



2011 NPCT Award recipient profiles: The Trust says well done...

Ngareipa Hawaikirangi (Ngati Kahungunu)

Has worked tirelessly for the Ratana church over many years. Began the Waiohiki Morehu Youth Club in the 1960's; from this he formed the Hamuera Junior Choir and the Waiohiki Marae Haka Group. A large number of sports teams were started from the youth club and Ngareipa coached many of these as well as senior women's teams in the early 1990's.

He played the trombone in the Hamuera Church band for nearly 40 years and in addition he led a dance band which performed throughout the district. He was also a member of the Savage club, has been the paramount spokesman for the Waiohiki Marae, has chaired the Marae committee and was directly involved in the establishment of the Waiuhiki Marae Te Kohanga Reo. Is still the Choirmaster for the Takutaimoana Choir and is a member of the Bay Harmony Barber-shop Singers. Ngareipa also remains a strong advocate for the Ratana Church.



2011 Pilot City Award recipients (L - R): Whetu Tipiwai, Kathy Egan, Ngareipa Hawaikirangi, Justice Joe Williams (Robson Lecture speaker), Rosscoe Brown, (Kaumatua Heitia Hiha), Peter Grant, Peter Gibson and Rev Bill Chapman. Picture supplied by Maxine Boag.

Whetu Tipiwai (Te Whanau Apanui)

Began his working life for the NZ Forest Service; he later trained as a teacher and taught at the William Colenso High School. Twelve years ago he began working as the Pou Taiao for the Department of Conservation, which sees him managing Iwi issues and conservation ethics across the region and at times nationally.

Whetu has represented Ngati Kahungunu as a committee member on the Napier, Hastings and HB Regional Councils. He has been an honorary community officer for the Maori Affairs Department and represents his people as Chairman of the Ngati Hineuru Treaty Claim with the Waitangi Tribunal. He has been extensively involved with rugby as Chairman of the Te Mata Maori Rugby Club and was the central region rep on the NZ Rugby Union and a Board member of the Hawke's Bay Rugby Union. He is Kaumatua for the Maori All Blacks.

He has qualifications in bi-lingual teaching and management; currently he is studying for a Masters in Te Reo at Massey University. He is married to Heneriata; together they have two adult children, an adopted child, 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Rosscoe Brown (Ngati Porou)

Spent his early years working on sheep and cattle stations before spending a couple of years working for the railways in Gisborne.

This was followed by extensive travel throughout Australia, India and Nepal. On returning home he settled in Hawke's Bay and now days drives for Baywide Taxis. He has served the community in many ways over the years. During 2010 he was supervisor of the Community Max sponsored Maara Kai programme based at the Pukemokimoki Marae in Maraenui. Has also been instrumental in setting up the Kapai Te Kai programme and is a Trustee of the Maraenui Community Council Trust. Is currently a Trustee of the Napier Pilot City Trust, the Te Whakaritorito Trust and Chairs the Mareanui and District Maori Committee. Is Chairman of the Tangata Whenua caucus of the Community Sector Taskforce and was recently appointed as a Maata Waka representative of the Te Taiwhenua O Whanganui A Orotu.

Rosscoe is related to Pem Bird, President of the Maori Party and a

descendent of Joseph McRae who was the Proprietor of the Rotohama Hotel, which was destroyed in the Tarawera Eruption. Joseph was credited with saving many people including Sophia Rangi the renowned guide to the Pink and White Terraces. Rosscoe has two children and is now a grandad.

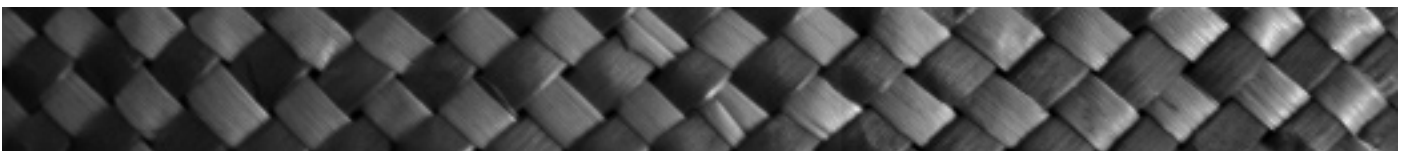
Rev William Chapman

Bill (as he prefers to be known) served in the Royal New Zealand Navy from 1961 to 1970. His years of church involvement began in the early 70's when he was appointed to a committee setting up a co-operating Parish in Tamatea. This led to the formation of the Tamatea Community Church; in addition he was also instrumental in setting up a youth club in the suburb, the Tamatea teen scene.

His church later recommended him for training as a non stipendiary Priest; he was initially ordained Deacon and later Priest. In the early 1980's he transferred to the Saint Augustines Anglican Parish. Shortly after he was appointed Chaplain to the Ex-Royal Navalmen's Association and the Mission to Seamen. In 1994 he was appointed Resident Chaplain of the Napier RSA and in addition serves as Chaplain to the Ex-Royal Navalmen's Association, The Merchant Navy Association, The Kings Empire Veterans, The City of Napier Cadet Unit and the Royal New Zealand Naval Association. He is known as the Veterans Padre and is the only Priest in NZ licensed to the RSA as a Parish.

In recognition of his work in 2006 he was awarded Life Membership of the Merchant Navy Association and the Napier RSA Inc. He is married to Mavis and they have two adult children and three grandchildren.

Profiles continue overleaf



Kathy Egan

Has worked at the Napier Family Centre for the last 27 years which she says has “supported, nurtured and encouraged her work with youth, families, couples, individuals and groups in the community over that time.” In addition to her vast counselling experience she has done much to serve her community and church. A key moment came when Sister Mary Rose, the then Principal of Sacred Heart Girls College encouraged her to become Chair of the school’s Board of Trustees. Over that 5 year period she developed many leadership and organisational skills that were to prove useful in other roles. These included membership of the Pastoral Area Council of the Hawke’s Bay Catholic Deanery, the Parish Council of St. Mary’s Catholic Church Taradale, Chairperson of the NZ Association of Councillors, HB Branch, the DOVE HB Executive Committee and the seeding committee of the HB Domestic Violence Project. There are many others, too numerous to mention here.

Her children are also an ongoing source of pleasure, pride and inspiration to her - all are doing well. Kathy sums up her motivation noting “over all the mentors, supporters and encouragers is my Faith, the reason for my being. I have been guided by my God who is always with me giving me compassion, perseverance, acceptance and always hope for myself and those I meet.”

Peter Grant

Peter joined the NZ Army as soon as he left school. He attended Officer Training in Australia and was commissioned as an Officer in 1968. He went on to serve for the next 26 years as an Infantry Officer; this included active service in Vietnam and the Middle East as well as numerous leadership and training appointments both at home and overseas.

On leaving the Army Peter was appointed as the Civil Defence Manager for the Napier City Council and later as General Manager of the then Mangaroa Prison (now known as the HB Regional Prison). In his various Prison roles, Peter became known for leading innovations in managing both staff and prisoners and for introducing initiatives aimed at reducing re-offending. He is particularly proud of the innovations he introduced in relation to Maori; he worked very closely with Sir Norman Perry to introduce intensive Tikanga Maori based programmes - these later saw the establishment of the first Maori Focus Unit in a NZ prison.

Since retiring from prison management, Peter again worked for the Council before becoming semi-retired. He has since served as a rep on the HB PHO and as Chairman of the HB Addictions

Centre Trust which runs the Springhill Residential Addictions Treatment Centre. He is also the local Welfare Officer for those who served in Vietnam and the coach of two Taradale softball teams. He and his wife Jackie have 6 children and 14 grandchildren. They spend as much time as they can with them.

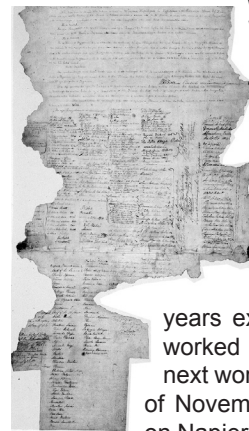
Peter Gibson

His involvement with St Johns ambulance began 52 years ago when he joined up as a cadet. He soon rose up through the ranks to become superintendent of cadets; in addition he was cadet superintendent over in Havelock North. He also started the Tamatea senior division in the 1980’s. He joined the ambulance service of St Johns in 1964 and drove ambulances answering every conceivable call out for the next 36 years as a full time paramedic and 6 years as a part time paramedic.

He has also done much to serve his community. He has been President and Chairman of the HB Paraplegic and Physically Disabled Society. He was Rotary District Chairman of DARE and a member of the HB DARE Committee. He has served on 3 Boards and is a long term member of the Greenmeadows Rotary Club; he was President in 1997. He also served on the HB Hospital Board for 14 years, has been a JP for 20 years and a Judicial JP for 15 years. For 12 years now he has been a Marriage Celebrant. He is married to Lynne and together they have one adult daughter. He has 3 boys from a first marriage and 8 grandchildren so far.

Treaty of Waitangi workshops

In early May the Trust ran another highly successful Treaty of Waitangi workshop in conjunction with Waitangi Associates. The workshops are designed to provide an environment in which people can explore the Treaty and its implications in a safe, non-confrontational participatory process. The workshops canvass what led up to and followed the Treaty’s signing, as well as covering the contemporary issues and today’s debates. The workshop leader, Robert Consedine has had over 20 years experience as a Treaty educator and has worked in over 150 different organisations. The next workshop will take place on the 11th and 12th of November 2011. To find out more phone Kerry on Napier (06) 844 6840 or (021) 130 9789 or email kkitione@xtra.co.nz. All welcome.



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