

Whangarei Rotary

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District 9910



Chronicle for October 2017

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Presidents Monthly Report

Received letters of thanks from the Cancer Society, The Blind Foundation, and blood pressure test for the Stroke Foundation.

Given \$500 to Vanuatu Rotary club for the Vanuatu volcano disaster fund.

A K Franks trust grants we will be working thru them this month. We have \$29,000 to issue

A big thanks to Andrew for organising the trailer raffle is nearly ready to go, and will hopefully selling ticket at the summer show 2nd December.

We are still working on ideas and support needed for the village fair project, which is looking around Feb 2019.

Loha from Victim Support spoke to us on how they support crime victims.

Will be working on Christmas Function/ thanks supporters soon.

Reminder anyone interested in attending the RLI Modules they will be held at Northcote, Auckland on the weekend of 18th & 19th November.

On The 29th October I attended the president's in Dargaville following are the main points.

Matters for Attention

Soul Food Funding request, Email from Shane Reti sent to local Whangarei Presidents, Zonta and Lions Presidents.

Grass Roots Rural Health visits to schools.

ERK Kits need supporting.

Anne Wilson spoke about the Camera Obscura, anyone interested in buying a plaque needs to action ASAP.

President

Maurice Schicker

Guest Speaker (11 October) – James Robinson – NZ Historic Places Trust

Seascapes in New Zealand Archaeology

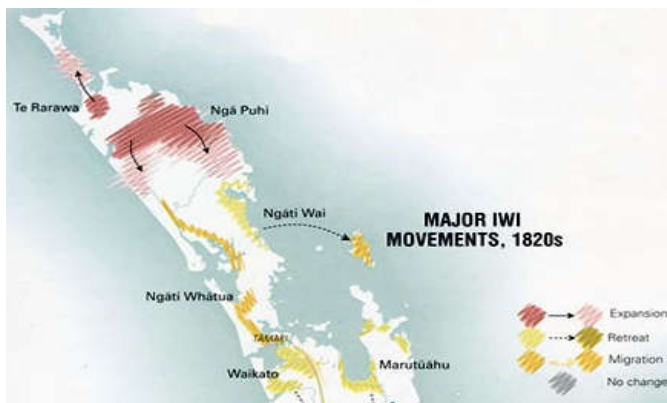
A holistic study of Maori settlement on Tawhiti Rahi: (Poor Knights Islands)

an off-shore island that is part of a coastal and island seascape located in northern New Zealand

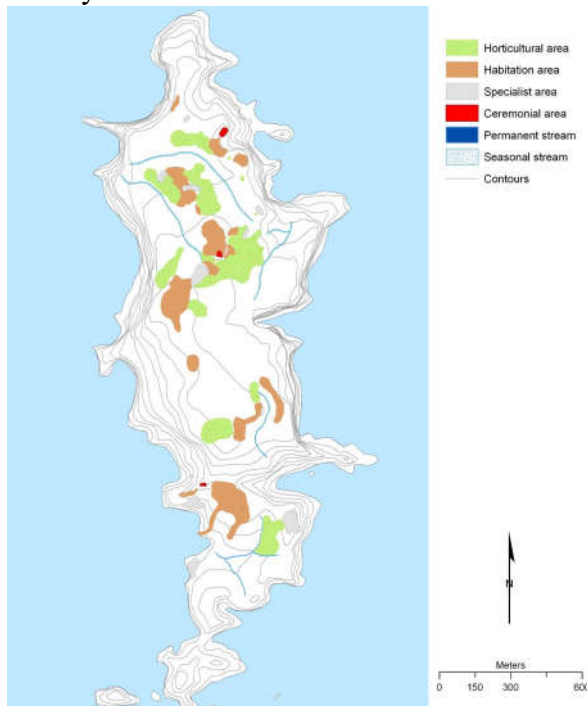
- Islands and coasts provide a maritime environment for human settlement that can be seen as a 'seascape' rather than a 'landscape'
- Circumscriptions, constraints and opportunities associated with islands can create presence and absence scenarios visible in the archaeology
- These scenarios are present in all landscape archaeology but, for archaeologists, they are more visible in seascapes

Ngati Wai History

- Descend from Ngati Manaia
- People of the **land and the sea**
- Traditionally Islands are named early and used for 'many generations'. However first chief to live on the island was Te Tātua in historic times
- A group connected by descent links extends along the Northland coast and out to Great Barrier Island
- Kin relations with southern alliance of Ngāpuhi and to Ngāti Whātua
- Ngāpuhi expansion in the 1700's
- Northern alliance Te Hikutu hapu raids Ngāti Wai settlements including offshore islands
- Movement of Ngātiwai groups to Aotea (Gt Barrier Is) by the 1820's following unsuccessful battles with Ngāpuhi



Survey sites on Northern Island

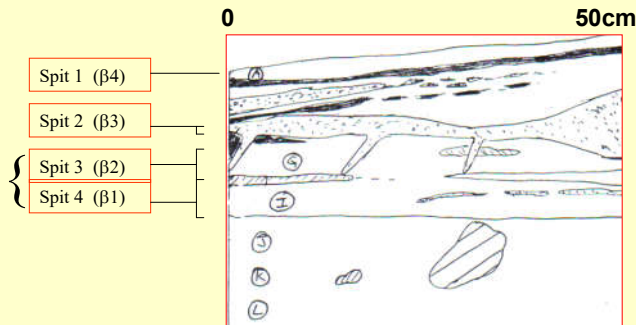


James has spent countless hours surveying and digging on the islands which has revealed valuable historic records of the Maori settlements. Poor Knights was mainly used for horticulture and was easy to defend with the high cliff surrounding it with only one place to gain access.

Several caves were discovered and extensive excavations were carried out to reveal more history.

Cave Excavation

- Undisturbed stratigraphic sequences reflect relative age
- Not all layers contain cultural material (intermittent use probable)
- Pig bones, woody fibre, twigs, and gourd seeds were recovered



Summary

- **WHO** Ngati Wai Iwi from the mainland but with connections out into the wider tribal territory
- **WHEN** Carbon dates from the pollen core suggest that human induced changes on the islands vegetation started at 1352 \pm 30 AD (calibrated) just at the time when Polynesian colonists were arriving in New Zealand and this change continued through to the historic period. Excavation dates confirm the presence of some cultigens by 1550AD but also show that the bulk of the archaeological material recovered was deposited either late in prehistory or early in proto-history. It is of interest that these dates that seem to 'book end' New Zealand's archaeological trajectory are also reflected in the islands traditional history. On one hand the specific island names of 'Tawhiti Rahi' and 'Aorangi' in the Poor Knights group must have been chosen early on since they were given because they reminded people of ancestral islands back in the Pacific. On the other hand the one and only chief reported to have occupied Tawhiti Rahi Island must have gone there late in prehistory since he was still alive in 1823.
- **WHY** These islands changed in use over time. Initially they were peripheral locations utilized as garden outliers for mainland populations. Later however they became independent horticultural based settlements at a time when inter-tribal conflict was becoming endemic. Maori presence on the islands continued into the historic era and the presence of European sourced pigs on the southern island suggested that they were engaging in the provisioning trade with the whaling fleets. Occupation only ceased after a competing tribe attacked and depopulated both islands in 1823.

Conclusion

- Seascape of 4 island groups off Northlands east coast and a research focus is on Tawhiti Rahi.
- History ambivalent about timing of occupation (both early and late) but clear that the island was used for gardening, mutton birding, fishing and defense.
- Earth Science as a proxy for anthropogenic activity dates island use back to the start of NZ prehistory through changes in vegetation and presence of burning.
- Archaeology shows complex pre-European Maori settlement with expected range of site types focused around gardens. Dating for this is circa 1550AD up to historic times.
- These islands changed in use over time.
 1. Early: peripheral locations utilized as garden outliers for mainland populations.
 2. Late: independent horticultural based settlements at a time when inter-tribal conflict was becoming endemic.
- 3. Historic: Maori presence on the islands continued into the historic era. Presence of European sourced pigs on the southern island suggested that they were engaging in the provisioning trade with the whaling fleets.
- 4. End: Occupation only ceased after a competing tribe attacked and depopulated both islands in 1823.
- It is argued here that these events reflect changing economic, social and ritual realities in mainland based Maori society.
 1. Poor Knights islands were always part of a tribal territory that was connected by sea.
 2. Actual usage of this territory however was contingent on what was happening on the mainland and so changed over time in archaeologically recognizable ways.

James used a power point presentation that extended for over an hour and I can't do it justice in this summary but his passion was evident and we were intrigued with his findings.

Clean water Project – Vanuatu

Dear Rufino,

You may remember in 2015 our club was one of 3 New Zealand District 9910 Rotary Club who donated monies via Rotary Foundation to go towards the Avunarani Clean Water Project in Vanuatu.

The subject came up recently at a Rotary meeting and we were wondering if there were any photos taken of the project at the time that you could send us please.

Alison Rossiter

Hi Alison

Sorry, I thought I sent pictures, some will be in facebook at my own page (public) and also on Santo Rotary Club facebook page. let me send you some I have in this PC files. The internet line is not very good so I will limit the size of the transfer.

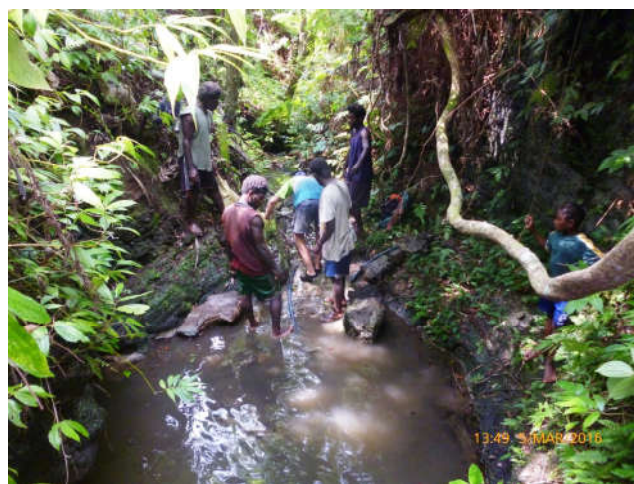
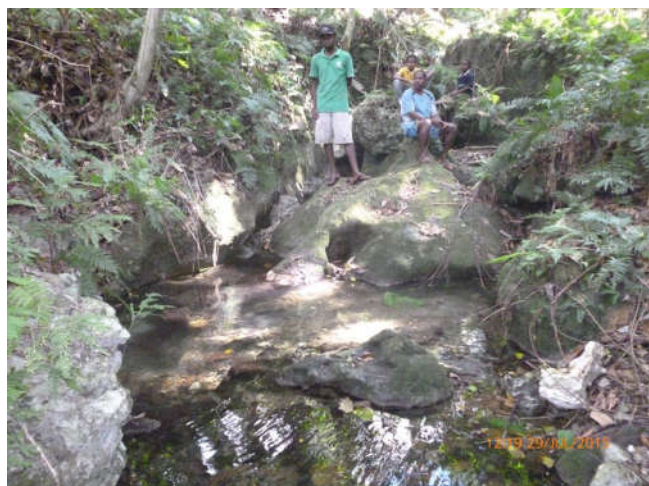
For your info, world vision and rural water supply are using our spring and water tank to provide water to others parts of the island. I believe they are going to use a larger pump. Our contact at Avunarani has asked me to assist the community to apply to Australian Aid to get an upgrade of the water system in order to have move flow and more pressure and to include more households. All that being possible thanks to the initiative we had to start the Avunarani project.

Thanks again to all members of your club for their support in this project.

Cheers

Rufino

PS More picture were taken by local people as my camera was not functioning at time of final installation but I never managed to retrieve them. I'll send you more picture but I don't know when I'll get back to Malo as what was reported as contribution from Santo Rotary Club was in fact mine and I have not yet been reimbursed by our club of others expenses I did on this project.



Good to see our \$2,500 donation matched by 2 other clubs (\$7,500) then doubled by matching grant (\$15,000) put into action !!!

Trailer raffle

Once again, this year Mitre10 Mega have agreed to help us with the trailer raffle. Get ready for the roster for our big fund raiser.

Every month when I put this Chronicle together I am amazed to report the projects and jobs our small club take on. This year we can give \$29,000 to organisations through AK Franks trust and a further \$5,000 plus through the McCoy Trust, and several thousand raised through the sergeants fund with you generous donations every week.

Keep up the great work.

Aug Duty Roster (a.m – 11:30 for Noon, p.m. – 5:30 for 6:00pm) KAMO club					
Lunch first, dinner second – 1 st Wed lunch 2 nd dinner etc					
Duties	4 Nov (am)	11 Nov (pm)	15 Nov (am)	22 Nov – (pm)	29 Nov 5 th Octagon Theatre
Speaker	Lunch forum	Rob Forlong WDC CEO	Lunch forum	John Barber Hundertwasser Update	None
Host	None	Rodger	Everyone	Frank J	
Thanks	None	Rodger	None	Frank J	
Reception	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	
Parting Thought	Andrew	Rodger	Andrew	Frank J	

Parting thought – From Andrew

