

ITALY TRIP 2010

NGATI POROU ON THE ROAD

Kaupapa

On behalf of *Te Taurahere o Ngati Porou Ki Tamaki* and it's kapa haka team *Porou Ariki*, we invite registrations to join a tour to Italy October 2010.

A number of high profile tours to commemorate our dead in military cemeteries in Europe and North Africa have taken place over the years. Of note was the 1975 series of tours by Maori in general and the very successful 1999 C Company tour to Italy.

Smaller groups have toured in the intervening years and strong relationships have developed, particularly with the northern Italian city of Faenza. The frequency of exchange and visits between Faenza and Ngati Porou is increasing.

Today we have a third generation of youth connecting. What started as Kawe-Mate journeys by the children and grand-children of C Company veterans have now grown into full friendships among the youngest generations. Many Ngati Porou families carry the names of Italian towns in their whakapapa... Faenza, Forli, Orsogna, Florence, commemorating the places where their men were killed or buried.

While the commemorative element remains important, the celebration of the new relationships is our focus. Today a young child in Faenza carries the name *Chiara Marama* as a living link by her family to Ngati Porou friends. A young woman in the same town wears a Ngati Porou *tuhonohono* (tattooed armband). In 2005, a Ngati Porou couple were married in the palace attended by the Mayor of Faenza. In 2006, a young Ngati Porou woman (Ngatai from Te Araroa) went to live in Italy and became a whangai in Faenza.



In December 2006, the daughter of the author Enzo Casadio presented a copy of her father's book "*La Battaglia di Faenza*" (The Battle of Faenza) to Meng Foon, Mayor of Gisborne. The Maori Battalion features strongly in their book. It is our intention to reciprocate this by presenting a copy of *Nga Tamatoa* (the widely acclaimed history of C Company, 28 Maori Battalion) to the Mayors of Faenza, Firenze, Roma and Cassino. The latter city has requested a sister-city relationship with Gisborne and we will celebrate this on our tour.

This project is managed by the *Italy Fund-Raising Committee* and reports to *Te Taurahere o Ngati Porou ki Tamaki*.

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Itinerary



Actual departure dates will depend on the cost of flights, however at this stage we have the following target dates;

Departure: Saturday 9th October 2010

Return: Monday 25th October 2010

The dates will not differ too far from above, however confirmed dates will be advised by 31st December 2009.

We will be arriving and departing via Rome, Italy.

At this stage we will travel via Asia to Rome and back via America.

Places of Interest

There are four key areas for the tour in terms of cemeteries (see the map for location);

Map Label: Place-name:

B Cassino

D Sangro

F Faenza

H Firenze/Florence

Other areas of high tourist value and have significance for C Company are:

Map Label: Place-name:

I Roma/Rome

C Napoli

E Camerino

G Venezia/Venice

Payment Schedule

The flights and accommodation component of this trip is estimated at \$5,000 per person.

Please note this does not include spending money.

To register for this trip, you must make two up front payments before 31st December and then regular contributions.

All contributions will be made to a separate

travel account under *Te Taurahere o Ngati Porou Ki Tamaki - Italy*.

Bank account details;

tba ASB St Lukes Branch

Please ensure your full name is in the reference field.

Details of payments;

1. Up front payments

Fri 20th November \$250

Fri 11th December \$250

2. Regular Contributions

Two options;

Option A

9 payments on the 20th of each month, starting January 20th 2010 of \$390.00.

Option B

Starting 6th November 2009 weekly automatic payments of \$75.00.

Rules on contributions are below.



The currency used is 'Euro'

At printing the exchange rate was NZ \$1.00 = E \$0.49

View over Firenze (Florence), Maori first to cross the river Arno liberating the city in 1944



Fundraising

In these difficult times, we recognise that not all our whanau can afford such trip. For many it will be the trip of a lifetime, especially with the special celebrations, activities and relationships awaiting us in Italy.

Therefore, we are determined to assist with fund-raising. Any pro-

ceeds of these activities will be accumulated in a separate account. To be distributed in whole across all those who register payments in full and assist with the various fund-raising activities locally.

The Italy Fund-Raising Committee will determine all eligibility issues for these proceeds.

Rules

Invitation

The invitation is open to Porou Ariki, Porou Ariki whanau & friends and Ngati Porou whanui.

Under 18

Children are welcome but **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. There are no concessions for children.

Cancellation

Cancellations must be advised in writing.

1. Cancelling up to and before 31st August 2010;

- All personal contributions will be returned

1. Cancelling between 1st September 2010

and date of travel;

- All contributions will be returned less any charges/penalties imposed by the travel agent.

NOTE:

Fundraising putea and interest income will remain in the groups pooled funds.

Trip

The trip goes ahead regardless of numbers.

Fundraising

By registering you agree to actively participate in the fundraising efforts or pay full price.

REGISTRATION

The travel committee was formed under the *Taurahere o Ngati Porou ki Tamaki* and *Porou Ariki Kapa Haka* to organise the itinerary and fundraising efforts of the Italy travel group.

We are passionate about taking Ngati Porou to Italy.

Itinerary/fundraising feedback, help, contributions, and comments are all welcomed!

Please send an email to jacks@taneassociates.co.nz to find out when we next meet in Tamaki.

Website:
www.ngatiporouauckland.co.nz
E-mail:
info@ngatiporouauckland.co.nz

We will endeavour to keep you up to date via the website www.ngatiporouauckland.co.nz and bi-monthly emails.

To register, please complete the online form at:

<http://www.ngatiporouauckland.co.nz/register.php>



The Cemetery in Forlì where a number of Ngati Porou boys rest...

Porou Ariki Christmas Break Up



MICHAEL JACKSON NIGHT

Okahu Bowls Club
40 Reihana Street
Orakei
5th December 2009
\$10 per ticket
6pm to 12pm

Come dressed in your best MJ outfit and learn the *Bus Stop!*

To kick off the night we have a friendly Ngati Porou trivia challenge between the different **Ngati Porou hapu!**

Trivia 7 to 8pm.
Light supper to be provided
Reasonable drink prices
DJ to play 8 to 12pm

Kiri will distribute tickets, please help us by selling 4 tickets each. All welcome!

Ticket money handed to Kiri or Liz by **20th November**.
Contact details;

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lotane@hotmail.com