

The Hon Dr Pita Sharples Minister for Maori Affairs

and

The Hon. Georgina Te Heuheu Minister for Courts,

Invite

You, Partners and Staff

To

The 7th Annual Waitangi Rua Rautau Lecture

“Tu Tangata – Standing Tall”

Delivered by

Dr Ihakara Puketapu,

At

Arohanui ki te Tangata Marae, Waiwhetū

10.15 am Sunday 31st January 2010

(Programme and Particulars are attached)

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Seventh Annual Waitangi Rua Rautau Lecture

The Rua Rautau lecture is given annually by prominent New Zealanders on past and present Maori and Pakeha relationships and prospective developments. The lectures are broadcast on national radio, and will be published in 2040, the 200th year of the Treaty of Waitangi.

This year's lecture, by **Dr Ihakara (Kara) Puketapu**, will be given from his marae, Arohanui ki te Tangata, at Waiwhetu, Sunday 31 January.

It will cover Kara's personal experiences from the first centenary of the Treaty as a youngster immersed in both Maori and Pakeha worlds, and later as a senior public servant, administrator and business person. His primary focus is on the future, on the need for some structure for the consensual development of Maori policy in a way that reflects the bicultural partnership in the Treaty of Waitangi, and his proposals for a Waitangi Congress, of Maori and Pakeha leaders, as a forum for policy development.

A presentation on Whanau Connect will follow. Developed under Kara, this new programme uses modern technology to connect whanau members to each other and to their marae, traditions, and individual and collective development initiatives.

The programme

10.15 [Assemble Waiwhetu marae](#)

10:30 [Marae Welcome](#)

11:00 [Address](#)

12:30 [Hakari Lunch](#)

Dr Ihakara (Kara) Porutu Puketapu is a former head prefect of Wellington Technical College and a graduate of Wellington, Chicago and New Mexico universities. He has an honorary doctorate in laws from Victoria. He also held a number of academic awards and positions in New Zealand and United States and has served as a consultant, director, council member or advisor for a number of government and educational bodies and businesses in New Zealand and overseas.

He is perhaps best known as a former diplomat in the NZ High Commission, London, Assistant Commissioner State Services Commission, Secretary of Maori Affairs (1977 – 1983), Wellington rugby representative, Maori All Black, and national rugby league coach. He is now Director Te Maori Cultural Centre Ltd, member of the Te Atiawa Treaty negotiators, tribal authority CEO and manager of the Hauora a Iwi Trust.

Kara is a gifted academic, cultural authority, administrator, businessman and sportsman. He was perhaps the most innovative Secretary for Maori Affairs establishing the Tu Tangata programmes and Kohanga Reo movements, and leading the Te Maori art exhibition which toured the pre-eminent museums of USA. His experience has him perfectly placed to discuss the way forward to 2040. In proposing this present address, Kara envisages Maori and Pakeha both as having personal 'whakapapa' which now lie deep in our land, rivers and seashores. He seeks to build upon the inherent strength of that vision.