

# Tamati Kruger to give lecture

A LEADER of the Tuhoe people's drive for self-determination, Tamati Kruger, will give the 2017 Bruce Jesson Memorial Lecture on October 31.

The lecture, at the University of Auckland, will be a historic opportunity for Tuhoe to explain their philosophy of Mana Motuhake/Self-Determination to a national audience, and to report on how the approach is working out in practice since the iwi signed a settlement with the Crown in 2013.

The settlement transferred management of the Tuhoe homeland in the former Urewera National Park to a new entity Te Urewera, which Kruger chairs, run jointly by the Crown and Tuhoe.

It also agreed in principle that Tuhoe should run

its own social services, including healthcare and education, for its own people.

So far Tuhoe has opened a health clinic at Taneatua and plans two more. It runs youth and counselling services, offers educational scholarships, and is becoming involved in wider educational and social services.

Tamati Kruger was educated at Victoria University in Wellington, where he also tutored in te reo Maori and was involved in the early days of the Te Reo Maori Society in the 1970s.

He was the chief Tuhoe negotiator in the settlement process and also chairs the tribal body Tuhoe Te Uru Taumatua.