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This newsletter is enthusiastically packed with info on work skills schemes, employment networks, youth centres, business courses for co-ops etc. It's issued quarterly and is available on subscription.

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now goes to about 300.

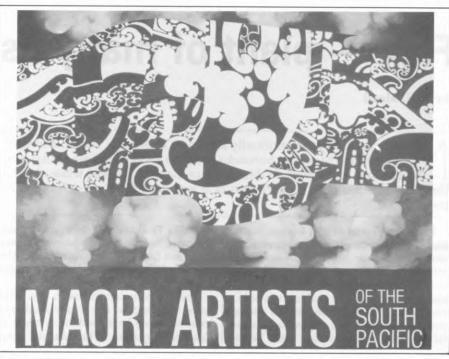
The latest December issue of Nga Rongo Korero has many good articles, some reprinted from local newspapers, and others contributed by people working in the co-ops and trusts.

The Tai Tokerau comes in for some flak following a regional hui held there last year. Most of the criticism is directed at the Labour Department for not being sensitive to the needs of the locals, that is setting up 'pakeha trusts' when the properly constituted Maori ones are already doing the job.

And the progress of the Tautoko Trust, Gisborne is looked at to encourage other cities to get behind cooperative ventures aimed at community

support.

What could have been a story with a bad ending is also told in Nga Rongo Korero. It's about Te Whanau Youth Centre at Flaxmere, Hastings and the damage caused there by young vandals. However the community is rallying behind the centre and many young people speak of the worth of having a place to come to learn how to garden. Nga Rongo Korero is a vital contact between the increasing number of co-ops and trusts sprouting across the country.



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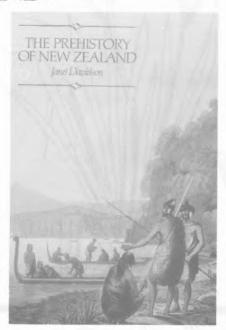
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