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Whai Rawa NGĀI TAHU

# Nā te Kaiwhakahaere



**E kā mauka whakahī e tū nei,  
e kā awa kōpikopiko e rere ana i te nuku o te whenua,  
Nāia te reo māioha e toro atu nei ki a koutou katoa.  
E whakamiha ana ki a koutou i ruka i kā āhuataka  
o te wā,  
E mihi hoki ana ki a tātau e oke tou ana i ā tātau  
tini kaupapa puta noa i tō tātau takiwā.**

Tēnā tātau katoa,

We are moving through an election year where major reforms are being advanced at pace. At the same time, many of our people and communities are still feeling the pressure of a tight economy, and the national debate about the place of iwi Māori in public life has sharpened again.

None of that is unfamiliar. Kāi Tahu has lived through political pressure before. We have had to argue for our place, and protect what was hard won.

What feels different now is the way these pressures are converging. Conservation reform, local government reform, resource management reform, electoral politics, economic constraint, and our own internal transformation are all moving at once. Taken together, they go directly to questions of rangatiratanga, settlement durability, and the long-term strength of our iwi.

One place those pressures have been especially clear is conservation. When I spoke at the Environmental Defence Society conference in Auckland at the end of June, I reminded people why the conservation estate matters so deeply to Kāi Tahu.

Our takiwā covers close to 14 million hectares. More than 6.2 million hectares of that area is conservation estate. That means around 70 percent of the national conservation estate sits within the Takiwā.

Much of what is now called the conservation estate sits across whenua that was wrested from Kāi Tahu through

the nineteenth century deeds. Our people were left without adequate reserves, without proper protection for mahika kai, and, too often, without practical access to the places and practices that had sustained us for generations.

That history cannot simply be tidied away because “times have changed”. For Kāi Tahu, conservation is tied to whakapapa, mahika kai, identity, access, and the promises made through our settlement.

That is why the conservation redress in our settlement was so hard fought. It was not symbolic. It was intended to change how decisions were made across our takiwā, including through statutory seats on the New Zealand Conservation Authority and Conservation Boards, and a commitment from the Crown to a new age of cooperation.

Last year, Te Rūnanga took legal action against the Crown over conservation reform. We did not do that lightly. Litigation is never our first preference. But when settlement rights are put at risk, we have a responsibility to act.

The Government has since stepped back from one of the most troubling parts of the Conservation Amendment Bill: the proposed disposal and exchange provisions. But we should not mistake one retreat for a full answer.

The Bill still raises serious issues for Kāi Tahu. It still amends the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 without our agreement. It still creates a Crown-controlled process for reworking settlement arrangements. It still shifts decision-making power away from the New Zealand Conservation Authority and Conservation Boards towards the Minister.

These are not minor technical changes. They go to the balance struck at settlement. If the Bill proceeds in a form that diminishes our redress or overrides commitments made, Te Rūnanga may need to relaunch litigation.

Conservation is not the only reform moving quickly. Local government is also now firmly in front of us.

In May, the Government opened its Head Start pathway and gave councils until 9 August to put forward outline proposals for new unitary arrangements.

Local government is one of the main ways decisions are made about land use, freshwater, infrastructure, transport, biodiversity, natural hazards, and the local settings that shape life across Te Waipounamu. These decisions affect our people, Papatipu Rūnaka, our taoka, and our ability to exercise rakatirataka in our takiwā.

For Kāi Tahu, the question is not simply whether councils can be rearranged into larger entities. Bigger is not automatically better. Nor is amalgamation a substitute for good governance.

Over the past few months, the Office has been engaging with Papatipu Rūnaka on what a takiwā-wide position for local government reform in Te Waipounamu could look like.

A consistent theme has been that the Kāi Tahu takiwā is a natural and enduring contour for governance in Te Waipounamu. That view is grounded in Te Tiriti, our Deed of Settlement, and the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act, all of which recognise the relationship between Kāi Tahu rakatirataka and our takiwā.

Within the takiwā, river catchments provide a practical basis for future unitary boundaries, allowing issues such as freshwater, land use, infrastructure, and environmental management to be considered from source to sea.

Some functions may need to be delivered at takiwā scale, through shared services or specialist capability, so greater scale and efficiency can be achieved without leaving smaller communities behind.

Most importantly, genuine cooperation with Papatipu Rūnaka must be built into the system from the beginning. It cannot be added at the end as a process step or consultation obligation. Papatipu Rūnaka are integral to local government across the Takiwā.

These principles have formed the basis of our engagement with councils and central government as the process has unfolded.

Alongside these external reforms, Te Rūnanga Group is continuing to move at pace to operationalise *Mō Kā Uri – Kāi Tahu 2050*.

In May, Te Rūnanga approved *Kai te Haere 2026–2030* as the four-year strategic direction for Te Rūnanga Group. In June, we approved the Office Uruuruwhenua and associated budget. *Kai te Haere* translates *Mō Kā Uri* into clear direction for the next four years. Uruuruwhenua turns that direction into choices about structure, capability, priorities, and delivery.

The reality is that big changes are on the horizon for Te Rūnanga Group. Those changes will affect how tribal members and Papatipu Rūnaka interact with, and receive support from, Te Rūnanga Group. This should not come as a surprise. From the beginning of my time as Kaiwhakahaere, I have been clear that we need a strong centre, strong rūnanga, and a Te Rūnanga Group that is fit for the world our people are living in now, and the world our mokopuna will inherit.

That means being disciplined about value for investment and financial sustainability. It means supporting the aspirations and development of Papatipu Rūnaka. It means ensuring Kāi Tahutaka sits at the heart of how we move forward and how we show up and deliver as Tahu. And it means honouring and defending our collective inheritance. If we are serious about our responsibilities to Ngāi Tahu Whānui and to those who come after us, then we have to be prepared to evolve and change.

Nāku noa, nā.

**Justin Tipa**

Kaiwhakahaere, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu

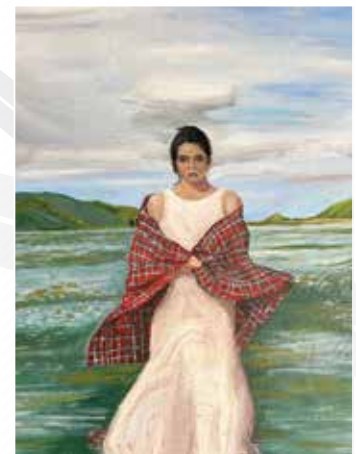
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### Rarau/Roots

nā Isobelle Masters (Kāi Tahu, Albannach [Scottish])  
Ko ōku marae: Ōnuku, Wairewa, Murihiku,  
me Te Takutai o te Tītī

This painting depicts my friend Mikayla standing in the water at the Otago Peninsula near Ōtākou, where my grandparents live. She is standing in the wai, still and unwavering. The shawl wrapped around her is a nod to my Scottish heritage. I wanted to convey the aroha I have for our people, who I am, my whakapapa, and showcase that, no matter what happens, we will always be rooted to our whenua and to our tīpuna

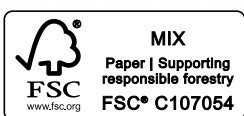


# Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura

We were grateful to see the sun return last week after an extreme weather event that brought a month's worth of rain in a single day. The impacts were felt right across our community, with evacuations, homes cut off from town, and one of our whānau members seriously injured in a bridge washout.

In times like these, it is heartening to see our community and the many agencies involved come together to keep people safe and ensure support reaches those who need it most. We are especially proud of Takahanga Marae, which once again provided a safe haven for those needing shelter, food, and support.

As we move into recovery, the importance of our key kaupapa in strengthening community resilience, restoring infrastructure, and caring for te taiao has never been clearer. Over the coming weeks and months, we will continue working alongside our community to support recovery and improve the health of our awa, helping ensure we are better prepared for future events.



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# Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae

A big mihi to everyone celebrating their birthdays in the months below! If your birthday isn't listed, we wish you a wonderful birthday! Please reach out to the office, and we'll make sure to add you to the list.

## Hōngongoi

Lucy Tonihi, Fayne Robinson, James Panapa, Rawiti Weepu, Jonlee Weepu, Kerra Weepu, Tailor Weepu, Bill Weepu, Bailey Weepu, Aston Weepu, Shanice Meihana, Shanita Meihana, Danielle Tainui, Sefton Mason, Maria Huhu, Che Weepu, Brooke Parke, Adrienne Tainui, Anaru Tainui Simon, Tamara Liu, Maria Huhu, Melody Huhu, Crystal Mason, Demelza Stuart, Marley Mason, Tamara Dickson, Grace Downs, Novah Condon, Te Whetu Marama Mason, Mason McLaughlin.

## Hereturikōkā

Tyrone Tainui, Pippa Tainui, Adam Tainui, Amber Blacktopp, Jake Meihana-Beckett, Danealla Mason, Jamie Ferguson, Barbara Vaea, Andre Mehrtens, Tamati Tainui, Andrea Reed, Kathleen Scott, George Campbell, Kristyn Lang Ani Mason, Georgea Wiritanga-Tainui, Candee Meihana, Irai Tuhuru Weepu, Antony Coakley, Makaire Tainui-Simon, Michael Culling, Joanne Beckett, Buddy Wereta Tainui, Michelle Lee, Kristyn Wilson, Waitaiki Rauhihi, Raureka Rauhihi, Shane McLaughlin, Iris Te Māori Raukawa Āio.

## He Aitua

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of **Tahi Iriapa Te Rangatikei "Charlie" Hutana**, who passed away peacefully on Monday 22 June at Burwood Hospital, with his tamariki by his side and country music playing.

Charlie leaves behind his children Maarie and Gavin, their partners, Tony and Lynn, his wife Vitu, and his treasured moko, Isabella and Max. Charlie took comfort in his sister June, who was by his side every day, and in visits from whānau.



Although he lived away from the pā for much of his adult life, Charlie always felt a strong calling to home, whether that was Arahura or Rāpaki. His connection to whakapapa and whānau remained a constant throughout his life.

He had a long and distinguished career with the New Zealand Air Force and was proud to serve as the Senior Warrant Officer at the closing of Wigram Air Base. In retirement, he found great joy in researching whānau lines and sharing that knowledge with whānau.

Charlie was kind, generous with his time, and shared his sense of humour with us all.

*Moe mai rā e te pāpā, te matua.  
Haere, haere, haere atu rā.*

## Te Whare Pū Rakau o Matamata Wānaka

Te Whare Pū Rākau o Matamata has continues to grow through our Poutini Kāi Tahu whānau wānaka held at Arahura Marae. This kaupapa was created to strengthen and reconnect our whānau through kaupapa Māori learning environments grounded in whanaukataka, mātauraka Māori and intergenerational learning.

The Arahura wānaka have focused heavily on creating accessible and welcoming spaces for whānau of all ages to come together to learn, reconnect and grow within te ao Māori. Through kaupapa such as mau rākau, reo Māori, whakapapa, karakia, raranga and pūrākau, we have seen increasing numbers of tamariki, rakatahi, pakeke and kaumātua all learning side-by-side throughout the year. One of the best outcomes has been watching whānau grow in confidence within these spaces, whether reconnecting to culture for the first time, strengthening identity, or building stronger relationships with one another through shared experiences.

While each marae naturally carries its own unique focus and identity, this kaupapa has always been designed to



strengthen connections across Poutini Kāi Tahu as a whole, creating opportunities for both Kāti Waewae and Kāti Māhaki whānau to learn together while remaining grounded within their own hapū spaces. At Arahura, there has been a strong focus on building sustainable foundations for long-term whānau engagement and normalising kaupapa Māori within everyday whānau life here on Te Tai o Poutini.

What began as a small grassroots kaupapa has continued to grow steadily throughout the year, reinforcing the need for culturally grounded, whānau-led spaces on the Coast. As we continue to strengthen the kaupapa, our focus remains on supporting our local whānau first, while building towards establishing these wānaka as an ongoing annual kaupapa for future generations of Poutini Kāi Tahu.

Nā Māia Tonihi



## Fusion Holiday Programme

Another fantastic week of the Fusion Holiday Programme has come to an end! This time, we welcomed just under 40 tamariki for a week full of fun. Throughout the programme, our tamariki explored their whakapapa, learnt their pepeha and how to mihi, practised mau rākau, learnt some OG Waewae kapa haka waiata, Matariki, fire and emergency response, and more.

To wrap up the week, our tamariki performed for their kaumātua and whānau, showcasing everything they had learnt throughout the programme. We were also excited to share a fantastic new activity book developed by Ariana, Reo Māori Mai, and our Kōmiti Mātauranga. Packed with engaging activities, the resource encourages tamariki and whānau to learn more about the history, stories, and identity of Ngāti Waewae in a fun and interactive way.



## He Kupenga Mātauranga Opening in Māwhera

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae was proud to conduct the blessing and opening of He Kupenga Mātauranga, the new Richmond Quay library and community space in Māwhera, Greymouth.

The name He Kupenga Mātauranga speaks to the deep connection between this place, the awa, moana, our histories, and the knowledge carried through generations.

As shared by Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae Chairman, Francois Tumahai, the name acknowledges Māwhera as a place shaped by old and new traditions, from the pounamu trails and early occupation of Te Tai o Poutini, through to the goldrush, mining communities and whānau who continue to call this place home.

He Kupenga Mātauranga is a place where our narratives can be safely held for our tamariki and mokopuna, where the kōrero of Tūterakiwhānoa and the making of the Māwhera Awa can continue to be shared, and where whānau and community can gather, learn and return.

*Mō tātou, ā, mō kā uri ā muri ake nei.  
For us all, and for the future generations to follow.*

The new space opened to the public on Friday 3 July with an official ceremonial opening held on Monday 6 July.

Located as part of the Richmond Quay development, He Kupenga Mātauranga will include a range of spaces and services for whānau and the wider community, including bookable meeting and study rooms, an indoor children's playground, a parents' room, a café on the upper floor overlooking the awa and moana, and the local Unichem pharmacy.

We acknowledge Grey District Council, Development West Coast, Kānoa, Blaketown School, and all those involved in bringing this kaupapa to life for Māwhera and Te Tai o Poutini.



## Matariki ki Te Tai o Poutini

There were a few different spaces in Te Tai o Poutini where we had celebrated Matariki. First, Ngāti Waewae hosted a hāutapu at Arahura Awa followed by hāngī, then our Pounamu Pathway building teamed up with Tū Kaha events to host a Matariki market. Westland Industrial Heritage Park and Hokitika illuminated a creative light show alongside kapa haka performances called 'Midwinter Magic' to bring the community together to celebrate the magic of midwinter in Hokitika.

All events were open to the whānau, friends and the wider community to celebrate Matariki.



## Rūnanga business

Our next rūnanga hui will be held on the 13 September. Whānau are warmly invited to join for kai at 12:00pm, with the hui to follow at 12:30pm. We strongly encourage all whānau to come along and be part of the kōrero.

**Please RSVP by emailing the rūnanga office or contacting 027 755 6451.**

If you have any rūnanga business queries including whakapapa registration forms, please contact our rūnanga administrator Aleigha: [Aleigha.Ngaamo@ngaitahu.iwi.nz](mailto:Aleigha.Ngaamo@ngaitahu.iwi.nz) or 027 755 6451.

If you have any marae bookings or queries, please contact our marae manager Miriama: [Events@ngatiwaewae.org.nz](mailto:Events@ngatiwaewae.org.nz) or 027 755 6451.

## Keep in the loop

You can keep in the loop with our upcoming wānanga and events by:

- Joining the Poutini Ngāi Tahu and Arahura Rūnanga pages on Facebook
- Registering at: [www.ngatiwaewae.org.nz](http://www.ngatiwaewae.org.nz) for access to our whānau portal with resources, updates and upcoming events.
- Providing your email address and/or phone number to Aleigha for Rūnanga Comms.

# Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio

## Bishop Susan Wallace

Ngāti Pohowera and Poutini Ngāi Tahu were incredibly proud and privileged to attend the ordination of Pihopa Susan Hinemoa Wallace as the third Bishop of Te Waipounamu for Te Hui Amorangi, at the Anglican Transitional Cathedral in Christchurch on 13 June.

Māhaki are doubly proud that Pihopa Susan follows in the footsteps of her late father and our Upokorūnanga, Pihopa Richard Wallace.

*Right: Four generations together, Mere, Susan, Kareia, and Pohowera.*





*Susan and some of the Makaawhio whānau who travelled to share the experience with her.*

Susan has been our representative on Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu since 2015 and is well respected at the table for her reasoned and considered views, always through the lens of her strong Ngāi Tahu tanga.

Earlier in her career, Susan spent 16 years as the tumuaki for Makaawhio, leading the rūnanga office in Hokitika until 2017, when she transferred to Ōtautahi to serve the church as Pihopa Richard's secretary, or Manahautū and Education Director. After Pihopa Richard's sudden death in January 2024, she stepped up as Commissary to keep the diocese going.

Her journey to serve God was fostered by a lifetime in the Mihinare, with her father as Archdeacon and then Bishop, and her mother, Mere Wallace, also an Archdeacon. Susan was ordained as a kaikarakia in 2013, commissioned by the first Bishop of Te Waipounamu,

the late John Gray. Two months after Bishop Richard's passing, she was ordained a deacon and then in September 2024 a priest, with an ordination in the little wharekarakia at Te Pa Mihinare o Te Waipounamu, once the site of Te Waipounamu Girls' College, where Susan went to school.

Dignitaries and manuhiri from all over Aotearoa me Te Waipounamu, including a delegation from the Kīngitanga, gathered on 13 June to witness Susan's elevation as the first wahine Bishop of Te Waipounamu, in an inclusive service led by the Pihopa o Aotearoa, Dr Don Tamihere, in a packed cathedral.

This was followed by a pōwhiri and hākari back at Te Pā Mihinare to conclude a historic moment in the Māori church, and a memorable day for Ngāi Tahu and particularly Ngāti Māhaki.

## Kai Puku Volunteers

A huge thank you to Julie and Owen Zwies for the incredible support they give to our Kai Puku programme. From collecting and transporting the kai to our storage area, to carefully packing parcels and delivering them to whānau, they generously give many hours of their time to ensure this important kaupapa runs smoothly.

Julie and Owen also volunteer for other community groups, all while helping care for their mokopuna and eagerly awaiting the arrival of their newest pēpi. Your dedication, kindness, and commitment to our community are truly appreciated. Thank you both for everything you do. Your mahi makes a real difference.



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## Achievements

Congratulations to Maarie Apanui-Barr on graduating with a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Theatre Studies and minoring in Dance.

Maarie has returned to the University of Waikato to undertake Te Tohu Paetahi, an intensive te reo Māori immersion programme.

Later this year, she will be touring the South Island with Taki Rua Productions, performing a te reo Māori play for tamariki.

Maarie was also fortunate to complete a summer internship with Ngāi Tahu Glacier Guides in Waiau, an experience she thoroughly enjoyed. The internship provided her with a wonderful opportunity to live and work in our rohe, for which she was very grateful.

Congratulations, Maarie, on your outstanding achievements. We wish you all the very best for the exciting opportunities ahead.



Congratulations to Maddison Rose Fraser-Golding, great-granddaughter of Mary Te Koeti, on graduating with a Bachelor of Teaching and Learning, endorsed in Mātauranga Māori. This is a significant milestone, for Maddison and her whānau, who have supported and walked alongside her throughout this journey.



From growing up on the West Coast to securing a permanent teaching position at Te Pā o Rākaihautū in Christchurch, Maddison's journey reflects dedication, resilience, and a deep commitment to her people, language, and culture.

We know your nana, Dorothy Fraser, would be incredibly proud of the strength, knowledge, and aroha you carry forward into your teaching. You are an inspiration to your whānau and our wider community.

Congratulations, Maddison. This achievement is just the beginning of the positive impact you will have on future generations. We wish you every success as you embark on this exciting new chapter.

Kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui.

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## Pēpi hou

A very special congratulations to Karera Wallace and Teatorangi Poutai on the arrival of their beautiful pēpi, Pohowera Tuariki Te Rama o Te Raki Wallace-Poutai, who was born in April. We extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes to the whānau as they celebrate this precious new addition.

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## Te Tauraka Waka a Māui Marae

Although winter has arrived, Te Tauraka Waka a Māui Marae has continued to welcome groups over the past two months. One of these was Whiria Te Tai o Poutini, a leadership development kaupapa for rangatahi. Participants found the experience both meaningful and inspiring, with Jeff and Maya Mahuika generously sharing their knowledge, experience, and guidance throughout the programme.

The marae will now enjoy a quieter few weeks, providing an opportunity for spring cleaning and maintenance before preparing to welcome more groups as the weather warms and road conditions improve.



# Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga

## Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga Representatives

It was a proud day for Tuahiwi as Nicole Manawatu-Brennan and Jadah Pitama-Wicksteed were appointed as Ngāi Tūāhuriri Representatives for Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu. These aren't just appointments they reflect the strength of whakapapa, succession, and the enduring relationships that bind our people together.

Both Nicole and Jadah are true pā kids, raised amongst the people and places that shaped them. Together, their whakapapa spans many of the whānau lines of the pā.

### Nicole

- Manawatu
- Pitama
- Solomon
- Tau

### Jadah

- Pitama
- Reuben
- Piki
- Solomon

As they took up these roles, they were formally welcomed through their whakatau, supported by our Ūpoko and whānau through the waiata Pou, a waiata tawhito preserved within the Pitama manuscripts. It was a fitting reminder that while we make appointments for today, we do so stand firmly on the shoulders of those who came before us.

May you both carry the voices of our people with integrity, humility and courage. We have every confidence that you will serve Tuahiwi well.

Kia Atawhai i Te Iwi



Jadah Pitama-Wicksteed (Ngāi Tūāhuriri Alternate Representative) and Nicole Manawatu-Brennan (Ngāi Tūāhuriri Representative).

Below: Ngāi Tūāhuriri Representative Mihi Whakatau.



## Ngāi Tūāhuriri Marae Operations Manager

Nau mai, haere mai, we are delighted to announce the appointment of Jasmine “Jazz” Burgman as our new operations manager for Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri marae.

Over the past 53 years, Jazz has dedicated her life to the marae, growing up in and around it and contributing across every aspect of its operations. From working in the kitchen to serving our people and everything in between, she brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, and commitment.

Her lifetime of service has given her a deep understanding of our marae, its people, and its values. We are confident that her leadership, passion, and expertise will help guide us into an exciting new chapter.

Please join us in warmly welcoming Jazz to her new role and congratulating her on this well-deserved appointment. We look forward to the positive impact she will continue to have on our marae and our people.



*Ngāi Tūāhuriri Operations Manager – Jasmine Burgman.*

*Below: Ngāi Tūāhuriri Operations Manager Mihi Whakataua.*



## Tuahiwi Kapa Haka

Our June wānanga was a wonderful success. We would like to sincerely thank Timua and David Brennan for joining us to share the story behind the poi written by their father, and for giving us permission to perform it at Te Atakura this year.

We were also delighted to have our Ngāi Tahu Taikura join us as they prepared for their Matariki kaupapa at Te Papa in Wellington.

It was a special day of whānau coming together sharing stories, waiata, kai, and laughter. Moments like these remind us of the strength of our connections and the joy of being together.



*Timua Brennan, David Brennan, Ranui Ngarimu.*

*Below, left: Yozanna Topia Peneha, Maia Tirikatene, Maaka Tau; below, right: Timua Brennan, Liz Crofts, David Brennan.*





### Arowhenua visit to Tuahiwi Marae

Tuesday 23 June was a very special day for our Tuahiwi kaumātua as we welcomed our Arowhenua kaumātua cousins for a visit.

As we get older, opportunities to connect and reconnect with one another become even more meaningful. The day was filled with wonderful stories, beautiful waiata from our Tuahiwi kura tamariki, delicious kai, and fantastic entertainment from our very own Charlie Williams and his Strumming Ukulele Angels.

It was a day of laughter, friendship, and shared memories. We were truly blessed to spend this special time together.

## Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke

### Te Kapa Haka o Ngāti Wheke

Tuia tahaku taura here takata,  
 Tuia tahaku taura here whenua,  
 Ko Pokohārua te pō ki roto ko Rakinui ki waho,

e rere ana te waka o Aoraki  
 Ko tau a Te Kapa Haka o Ngāti Wheke ki te papa  
 tūwaewae o Waitaha.



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Over the preceding 12 weeks Te Kapa Haka o Ngāti Wheke practiced hard to support Waitaha Matatū, Kapa Haka Regional Competition on 23 May.

Our kaupapa was: Ngāti Wheke -Mahaka tī, Mahaka Whītau! Hold fast to the traditions and knowledge systems of our tīpuna. They are the compass that steers us toward a prosperous future, giving us the courage to weather any storm.

Much more than kapa haka, this kaupapa is a call to the descendants of Wheke to return home, drawn by te reo Māori, by our tikaka, and by the gatherings that nourish us, all centered upon the life of the marae.

Huge acknowledgements go out to whānau who have come to tautoko through kai, sewing, childcare and cups of tea. For many in this kapa haka it was their first time standing and we look forward to what comes afterwards!

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### **Tamariki Day at the Kāika, 31 May**

**We had another wonderful Tamariki Day filled with creativity and auahataka.**



It was a crafts day where tamariki of all ages had the opportunity to create something they enjoyed. Activities included jar painting, kōhatu painting, clay creations, and, for the brave ones, trying to create some uku tangi and more. Everyone was encouraged to express their imagination and take home something special.

We also enjoyed a hīkoi down to our tātahi, gathering plants and natural taoka along the way to decorate our hand drawn cardboard takata. A calm, cloudy and warm day called for some well-deserved comfort kai: pumpkin soup, paraoa pārai, chicken nibbles, and a delicious apple cinnamon crumble with custard and cream to finish.

No marae day would be complete without outdoor shenanigans. Luckily, we had our drone specialist from Ngāi Tahu, Rory Clifford, come over the hills to show our tamariki the tech of the century.

This Tamariki Day looked a bit different. We had our Pātaka podcast crew at the marae recording pakeke interviews about education and how we as Kāi Tahu fit and work in that space.

The data collected from these interviews will inform the direction of future episodes, ensuring the podcast reflects the real questions, concerns and aspirations of our whānau. Key themes included access to educational

resources, pathways into university, trades and employment, support with funding, and the importance of reo and identity within education. The interviews highlighted the need to “unlock the pātaka” by making knowledge, resources and opportunities easier for whānau to access.

Another amazing day at our marae, bringing together our tamariki and whānau for some fun and crafts.

Hei ā tōna wā,  
Nā Lani, Materia, Taua Lynette and Eli.

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### **Ngāti Wheke Mokopuna Shine on the Ngā Manu Kōrero Stage**

We are proud to celebrate the outstanding achievement of two of our Ngāti Wheke mokopuna.

#### **Eden Konia**

Eden who recently excelled at the regional Ngā Manu Kōrero speech competition.

Competing in the Junior Māori section, Eden delivered a powerful and confident performance, earning first place and the title of Junior Māori Champion.

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Eden Konia.

This achievement reflects both dedication and a strong commitment to te reo Māori and the art of whaikōrero.

Ngā Manu Kōrero is widely recognised as one of the most significant events on the Māori education calendar, providing a platform for rangatahi to express their whakaaro and stand strong in their identity and reo.

Following this success, Eden will go on to represent her kura, Ngāti Wheke, and the wider community at the national Ngā Manu Kōrero competition, to be held in Kaikohe from 22-24 September.

We acknowledge the whānau, kaiako, and community who have supported her along this journey. We look forward to seeing her carry our kōrero with strength and mana on the national stage.

E rere ana te reo o Ngāti Wheke i runga i ōna parirau – ka nui te whakahī.



Kelly Tikao, Maio Taratoo-Bannister and Rihari Taratoo-Bannister.

#### Maio Taratoo-Bannister

Maio won the Korimako Senior English Prepared and was awarded the Dr Irihapeti Ramsden trophy.

He also won the Senior English Impromptu Speech and received the Joe Karetai trophy for overall Senior English winner.

His school, Ngā Tama o Ōruapaeroa (Shirley Boys) picked up the Te Paepae Kākā Trophy for the top-scoring school, with Maio's peers placing second and third in the junior sections, and second in Senior Māori.

## Couch Whanau in Canada

Kalan Couch recently graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and Finance from the University of Toronto, Canada. Of the world's more than 4,000 universities, the University of Toronto is consistently ranked among the best.



(L-R): Poua Donald Couch, Graduate Kalan, mother Katherine and youngest sister Kirianne.

Just two days later and 3,000 kilometres to the west of Toronto in Cranbrook, British Columbia, Kalan's sister Kara graduated from College of the Rockies as a qualified Dental Assistant.

Two days after that in Nelson, British Columbia, Kalan's youngest sister, Kirianne, received the academic award for Grade 8 at her school for achieving Extending Proficiency 'A' grades in all her courses.

Donald and Dorothy Couch annually visit Canada to be with their whānau and, especially to recognise and support the achievements of their mokopuna.



Kara Couch receiving her Graduation Diploma from the President of the College of the Rockies.

# Te Taumutu Rūnanga

## Rangatahi Social Basketball Tournament a Slam Dunk for Community Connection

Te Taumutu Rūnanga teamed up with Hurahia Limited to secure support from Ihi Aotearoa, Sport New Zealand to deliver a fun and inclusive rangatahi sports event to encourage participation, connection, and wellbeing.

With basketball continuing to grow in popularity among young people across Aotearoa, it was the perfect way to get rangatahi active. The idea was to create a social basketball tournament that welcomed all ages, whether they were seasoned players or had never stepped onto a court before. Rangatahi from around the Selwyn District and surrounds were invited to register and take part.

Held at Selwyn Sports Centre in Rolleston, with four full-sized indoor courts, and plenty of space for whānau and supporters, it provided the ideal setting for a fun-filled evening.

The event exceeded expectations, with around 120 participants and whānau attending.

Each registered player received a goodie bag, while the Selwyn Youth Council helped create an awesome atmosphere with a live DJ and a mobile barbecue that kept everyone well fed. Spot prizes and player awards added to the fun, celebrating participation, teamwork, and individual achievement.

This successful kaupapa would not have been possible without the support of Pak'NSave Rolleston, Hurahia Limited, Ihi Aotearoa, Sport New Zealand, the Selwyn Youth Council, our dedicated kaimahi, and the wider sporting community. Together, an opportunity was created for young people to get active, make new connections, and build their confidence.



## Busy Weekend for Taumutu Whānau Down South | McKelvie & Coker Whānau Success

A huge mihi to the McKelvie whānau, with Ellie, Madden, and Elliott all achieving outstanding results across their passions of music, dance, and motocross during King's Birthday weekend.

Ellie McKelvie competed in her third Gore Guitars competition, earning a 'Highly Commended' award in the Intermediate Country Rock section. Ellie's love of performing began at a young age and has continued to flourish through her involvement with the Gore Theatre since 2018.

Ellie also competed at the Velocity Dance Competition in Invercargill with her troupe, helping secure 1st place in the Hip Hop Troupe section. Ellie has developed a strong passion for dance and now regularly competes at events across the motu.

Younger sister Madden McKelvie also took to the stage at the Velocity Dance Competition. Now in her third year of competing, Madden achieved an outstanding first place in the Solo Hip Hop section, first place in the Duo section, and second place in the Troupe section.



Rounding out the weekend, Elliott Coker took to the motocross track. In his very first season and only his second race meeting, Elliott rode exceptionally well to claim second place in the Mini C class.

Congratulations to Ellie, Madden, and Elliott on

their outstanding achievements. Your hard mahi, dedication, and passion are shining through. We wish you all the very best for your future competitions and events. Ka mau te wehi!



*Elliott with his mum, Kimberlee and Jacqui Lighthart.*



*Ellie with her Mum Nikoia and Jacqui Lighthart.*

*Below: Madden with her Mum Nikoia and Jacqui Lighthart.*

*Photos: Perry Lighthart.*



E pānui is circulated bi monthly, and other important communications are sent to whānau via our whānau emailing list. If you would like to be added to the list, please email us at: [Taumutu@ngaitahu.iwi.nz](mailto:Taumutu@ngaitahu.iwi.nz)

## Whakaora Te Muriwai o Whata

In June, Te Taumutu Rūnanga hosted a pest control wānanga, bringing together 10 neighbouring landowners who are actively involved and/or interested in pest control mahi. Other participants included Pest Free Banks Peninsula staff, Taumutu whānau and kaimahi who support and facilitate pest control activities across the rohe.

The day included a series of informative presentations. Taumutu kaimahi opened by sharing the importance of pest and predator control from a rūnanga perspective, including the connection to the cultural landscape of Te Waihora, restoration efforts, mahinga kai, Muriwai o Whata, and the ongoing commitment to protecting and restoring the environment.

The wānanga provided valuable opportunities for pātai, knowledge sharing, networking, and strengthening connections between those involved in all things pest control.

With the completion of the Whakaora Te Waikēkēwai project, kaimahi will now focus on shifting to Whakaora Te Muriwai o Whata. Over the past few years, the Muriwai o Whata Kōmiti has led the development of both a restoration plan and a plant and animal pest management plan, establishing a comprehensive five-year programme of mahi with the aim of supporting long-term restoration and protection through a coordinated approach to ecosystem recovery.

The first year of the project will focus on controlling mammal pests, including rats, possums, and mustelids. Reducing these pest populations is a critical first step towards restoring the area and creating the conditions needed for successful native plant regeneration and long-term restoration.



*Jess Leptinella is hard at mahi in the field. The pest control programme is showing encouraging results already!*

## Tamariki and Kaumātua Day spent at Ōnuku Marae

Our tamariki and kaumātua shared a day at Ōnuku Marae and the newly developed Takapūneke Reserve. The haerenga began with a bus trip from our town office. On arrival all were warmly welcomed before learning about the pūrākau and significance of the pou and tukutuku panels, taonga which reflect our shared whakapapa.

The day was filled with learning, laughter, and connection, allowing our tamariki and kaumātua to explore the whenua, hear the stories of Takapūneke, and share in the knowledge and experiences of one another across generations.



*Annette Taefu and whānau.*

The timing of our visit was especially meaningful, coming soon after Matariki celebrations, marking the next stage of the Takapūneke Reserve development.

Despite the demands of a big week before our arrival, the manaakitanga of Ōnuku whānau was evident throughout the day. We are extremely grateful for their hospitality.

E kore e mutu ngā mihi, tēnā rawa atu koutou.



*Taumutu Whānau at Ōnuku Marae.*



*Taumutu whānau at Takapūneke Reserve.*

# Te Rūnanga o Koukourarata

On 22 May, members of the Koukourarata group met with Kaiwhakahaere Justin Tipa and COO Kendall Flutey of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu to discuss the Mō Kā Uri strategy, the future direction of the iwi, and opportunities and aspirations for Koukourarata within that journey.

E mihi ana mātou ki a Justin rāua ko Kendall mō ā rāua mahi tahi i runga i te ngākau māhaki me te pono.



Left to right: Kendall Flutey, Nicole Manawatu, Sharn Robinson, Justin Tipa, Adie Gray, Elishia Manihera, Henare Te Aika-Puanaki

## Kāhui Pakeke

We are pleased to share an update on Kāhui Pakeke, an initiative focused on strengthening the capability, wellbeing, and connection of our pakeke across and within our hapū.

Key kaupapa areas:

As part of the next phase of Kāhui Pakeke, we are preparing to roll out kaupapa that reflect a balance of cultural revitalisation, wellbeing, and practical life skills. Kāhui Pakeke is about creating space for our pakeke to come together, kōrero, share whakaaro, and help shape the direction of these kaupapa moving forward. Strong governance, clear reporting, and whānau participation will ensure this kaupapa continues in a way that is accountable and transparent to our hapū.

What you can do now

- Ensure your contact details are up-to-date with the rūnanga office.
- Join the Koukourarata Kāhui Pakeke Facebook group to receive pānui and updates
- Be ready to engage in upcoming wānanga and kaupapa as details are shared

Further information, including dates and ways to participate will be shared soon. We encourage all pakeke and whānau to be part of this kaupapa as we collectively invest in the wellbeing and future of our people.

Nā mātou, nā  
Kāhui Pakeke

Ka tahi tī

Ka rua tī

Ka haere mai te pātītore

Ka rauna

Ka rauna

Ka noho kiwi kiwi

He pō, he waitakitaki

Nō Koukourarata Nō Ngāi Tūāhuriri Aue Aue

Mai i te tihi o Te Ahu Pātiki ki te tihi o Maukatere e hongī ana.

Mai i ngā wai o Koukourarata ki ngā ia o Rakahuri e rere ngātahi ana.

Mai i te whare o Tūtehuarewa ki te whare o Māhānui II e whāriki tonu ana te ara mō kā uri whakatipu.

Ko te whakapapa te taura here e kore e motu.

Mai i a Tieke rāua ko Ripeka Horomona, ka puta ko Nicole Manawatu-Brennan

Mai ia Tuatini, mai ia Tuatara, mai ia Hohepa Tamipora, mai ia Ria Paina, mai ia Matana Piki ka puta ko Jadah Pitama-Wicksteed

Te Rūnanga o Koukourarata proudly acknowledges the appointment of Nicole Manawatu-Brennan and Jadah Pitama-Wicksteed as Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Ngāi Tūāhuriri representatives.

While these appointments have been made by Ngāi Tūāhuriri, they are also a source of immense pride for #KātiHuikai and #Kātilakehu. Through whakapapa, we celebrate not only the appointments themselves, but the enduring bonds between our two hapū.



*Jadah Pitama-Wicksteed and Nicole Manawatu-Brennan.*

Nicole has served our hapū with distinction as former treasurer of Te Rūnanga o Kōkourarata, Director of Kōkourarata Development Company, and our representative on Koia Te Mātauraka. Her appointment reflects years of dedicated service to our people.

Jadah represents the strength of the generations rising behind us. Her appointment is a reminder that succession is not simply about tomorrow, it is about carrying forward the hopes, values and aspirations entrusted to us by our tūpuna.

Today we celebrate not only two wāhine of great capability, but also the whakapapa they carry and the people they represent.

Ka tū te pou ki te whenua.  
Koia tāua e.

## Kaumātua Healthy Day at the Pā

What an awesome day at our Kaumātua Healthy Day at the Pā on 1 July!

A huge thank you to everyone who came along and helped make the day such a success. We were thrilled to welcome close to, if not more than, 100 attendees for a day focused on hauora and whanaungatanga.

This event was proudly delivered through a collaboration between Taurite Tū ki Rāpaki and Te Rūnanga o Kōkourarata, bringing together services, activities, and opportunities that support the wellbeing of our kaumātua.



Ngā mihi to all of our partners, volunteers, and everyone who contributed their time, energy, and expertise. Most importantly, thank you to our whānau who showed up, got involved, and made the day so special.



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## Koukourarata Kapa Haka

Come along to our Koukourarata kapa haka practices. These are for whānau of all ages and experience levels.

When: Every Monday and Thursday, 5:30pm to 7pm (winter hours)

Where: Te Pā o Rākaihautū, 7 McLean Street, Linwood.

Our tutors are: Mairehe Tankersley, Karuna Thurlow and Jodi Cameron.

See you there!

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## Te Rūnanga o Koukourarata Grants

Did you know we have grants available for whānau who are registered members of Te Rūnanga o Koukourarata? The following grants are available and applications are reviewed each month by our grants committee.

- Education Grant – to support whānau with school/ study fees, school uniforms and stationery items.
- Sports Grant – to provide support to whānau who are representing a sport at a regional or national level.
- Health Grant – to provide support to whānau with health-related expenses.

For more information, please send us an email at: [koukourarata@ngaitahu.iwi.nz](mailto:koukourarata@ngaitahu.iwi.nz).



## Upcoming Hui

**Annual and general rūnanga hui – September**  
Sunday 27 September, 10am – Tūtehuarewa Marae

# Wairewa Rūnanga

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## A milestone years in the making

Our new on-site Wastewater Management System is now live and operational, marking the successful completion of a project that has involved years of research, planning and collaboration. Whānau, project partners, and supporters gathered at the marae on 29 June to acknowledge the many people who contributed to bringing the kaupapa to life.

The new system is an important investment in the long-term resilience and sustainability of the marae.

It was delivered through the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) Endeavour Funded Research Programme, alongside the commitment and expertise of Wairewa, University of Canterbury, NIWA and other project partners.



The completion and handover provided an opportunity to reflect on the journey, celebrate the collective effort behind the project, and recognise what this milestone means for future generations of Wairewa whānau.

## Protecting customary fisheries for future generations

Wairewa Rūnanga has continued progressing proposals for the establishment of the Māhērua Mātaitai and an extension to the existing Te Kaio Mātaitai. The applications are intended to strengthen kaitiakitanga, protect customary fishing areas and support the ongoing care of our moana and mahika kai.

Community engagement hui were held at Te Mata Hāpuku/Birdlings Flat and Little River in June, giving local residents and whānau the opportunity to hear directly from Wairewa and Fisheries New Zealand, ask questions, and share their whakaaro. Information was also distributed through our digital channels to help explain what a mātaitai reserve is, what the proposed boundaries cover, and how people could make a submission.

The focus of the engagement process has been on ensuring people have clear, practical information and understand that the kaupapa is about protecting important customary fisheries while continuing to involve the wider community in future decision-making.

## Whānau reconnect through whakapapa and kapa haka

Whānau connection has been a strong theme across Wairewa this winter. A whakapapa wānanga was held in June following interest raised at our December rūnanga hui. The wānanga created space for whānau with connections to Wairewa to share whakaaro, listen to different perspectives, and consider how whakapapa can be respected, protected and reflected in future membership discussions.

Kapa haka practices have also restarted as preparations begin for Hui-ā-Iwi later this year. It has been encouraging to see both familiar faces and new members joining the kaupapa. Practices are providing a place for whānau to learn together, strengthen confidence in waiata and reconnect through reo, tikanga, and whakawhanaungatanga.



Whānau at the Wairewa tari for first kapa haka practice for 2026.

## Whakarauroa Te Waiotemapua planting day

Wairewa kaimahi joined whānau and partners at Kaitorete for a planting day supporting Whakarauroa Te Waiotemapua. The kaupapa is part of the wider work to restore and care for the whenua surrounding Te Waihora and Te Waiotemapua; bringing people together through practical environmental action.

The day was filled with good kōrero, teamwork, and a shared commitment to the future of the whenua. Planting days like this are a reminder that restoration is built through many hands and many small actions over time. They also provide an opportunity for whānau to connect with the landscape, learn more about the wider kaupapa and contribute directly to intergenerational environmental outcomes.



Nicky Head with her moko Leo Andrews.

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## Supporting Kaumātua wellbeing and connection

Kaumātua ora activities have continued through winter, with a programme focused on hauora, future planning and whakawhanaungatanga. Recent kaupapa have included a session on power of attorney and writing wills, heart health clinics, and an overnight trip to Akaroa.

These regular opportunities support kaumātua to stay connected, access useful health information, and spend time together in relaxed and welcoming settings. The programme continues to grow through the support of those who attend, contributing ideas, and helping create a strong sense of whanaungatanga.



*Frances Creamer, Ellen Taylor, Wiki Martin, Gwen Rolleston, SJ Terekia and Meri Robinson and their floral creations with Nuku Manaakitanga and Floral Design.*

*Below: Rangi Nicholson, Aroha Timoti-Coxon, Gwen Rolleston, Fiona Butler, Tini Tainui, Patty-anne Oberst, Linda Rangipunga, Choc Wakefield out for dinner.*



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## Learning from the whenua – foraging with Peter Langlands

Wairewa whānau have been getting outdoors and building practical knowledge through a series of foraging workshops led by renowned foraging expert Peter Langlands. The first workshop focused on mushrooms and gave participants the chance to explore local environments, learn safe identification practices, and discover the diversity of edible and non-edible species growing around us.

More than 20 species were identified during the morning, creating plenty of opportunities for questions, shared learning and hands-on experience. The workshop was the first in a three-part series organised through Mana whenua Mana moana, with further sessions focused on wild greens, coastal foraging, seaweeds, and line casting. Spaces were deliberately kept small to support practical learning, and to give more whānau the confidence to safely gather kai from the natural environment.



*One of the many mushrooms we found at the botanic gardens.*

# Ōnuku Rūnanga

The first hautapu ceremony in nearly two centuries was held at Takapūneke Reserve on 10 July, to acknowledge Matariki, participate in karakia and unveil new elements of the development. It was attended by whānau of Ōnuku Marae, representatives from Christchurch City Council and other partners and members of the community. The recent installation of a main pou, named Puaka Tātai Rau o Irakehu, and nine Matariki pou markers, all designed by master carver Fayne Robinson, are the centrepiece of the third stage of the Takapūneke Reserve redevelopment.

It was a special day for the hapū and community with around 150 people gathering at dawn to celebrate.





## Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua

### Matariki Mackenzie

Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua marked Matariki with a hautapu at the marae, bringing whānau together to welcome the New Year. The celebrations continued in Takapō with Matariki Mackenzie, where a significant snowfall in the days leading up to the festival created a memorable setting for the weekend.

Visitors explored the Tirama Mai light installations in Takapō, took part in workshops, and embraced the opportunity to celebrate Matariki in the unique setting of the Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve. Matariki Mackenzie was proudly supported by Genesis Energy as principal partner.

A highlight of the festival was the Matariki Mackenzie rangatahi media crew, who captured the weekend through photography and videography, documenting the event while developing their skills in storytelling and digital media.





# Te Rūnanga o Waihao

Tēnā tātou e te whānau.

## Our newest whare arrives in Waimate



*Our builders carefully prepare the house before moving it into position.*

An exciting development for Waihao has been the arrival of the new relocatable house on its John St site. The team is continuing to work through the remaining steps to ensure everything is fully completed and ready to be rented out.

You can see the house being located here. Once this house is all ticked off by the Council, a pānui will be sent to whānau outlining the expressions of interest process through the property manager.

This is another example of how the rūnanga is continuing to grow both local residential and commercial investments, strengthening our long-term presence and commitment in the takiwā.

Nā Sam MacDonald



*Slowly the whare moves through the gap, "He kāinga hou".*

## Te Whare Tawhito, The old house on Māori Road – “Tuia i te muka tangata” (weave the threads of humanity)

Pukurakau, sister of Tieke Pukurakau, master mōkihi builder and navigator on the Waitaki Awa. Hohepa then married Makareta Chaseland, daughter of Pakawhatu and Tom Chaseland, a successful whaler and raconteur of repute, and legendary figure in and around the Taiari Mouth, Bluff, and Ruapuke region.



*This was the home of Hohepa Taipo Peneamine, who was married first to Hariata.*

*Right: Hohepa Taipo Peneamine (Joe Benson) pāhau mā, stands on the left, his brother-in-law, Tieke Pukurakau seated with Waihao Whānau pre-WW1. Tini whetū ki te rangi, ko Peneamine ki te whenua.*



One by one, the old homesteads from the 1900s return to Papatuanuku. This house can be seen from the mahau of Waihao Marae, when you face east.

Hohepa Peneamine was the brother of Pere Kapu, who married James Saunders “Jimmy the Needle” Saunders-Louder, an English whaler.

Hohepa was a kaumātua of Waihao and seer, (hence his middle name Taipo), and the last tohunga of Kura Mātakitaki. Their sister, Te Maima Penemaine married Te Urukaeo Huruhuru, only surviving son of Te Huruhuru.

Their mother, Romia Peneamine was sister to Pakinui, Mere Titope Harpur.



*He kokonga whare ka kitea, he kokonga ngākau e kore e kitea.*



*Kairikato, Nicole Solomon (Paemanu), in front of Waihao Whare, with Aunty Sissy and Karyn.*

## Paemanu exhibition at the Forrester Gallery, Oamaru. Mahika Kai Mahika Toi



“Echoing the waterways of Te Waipounamu, this collaborative exhibition by Paemanu: Ngāi Tahu Contemporary Visual Arts emerged from a journey along te awa Waitaki...”

It was an enjoyable evening, mingling with Waitaki District Council kaimahi, whānau, friends of the Forrester, and our artists. The visual taonga

were created by Poua Ross, present a te ao Māori wairua, representing intergenerational knowledge, whakapapa, pūrākau and mātauraka.

*“He toi whakairo, he mana tangata.”*

*“Where there is artistic excellence, there is human dignity.”*



*Karyn Reid, stands with Aunty Sissy, and Tohunga mahi toi, Poua Ross Hemara, in front of one of his early taonga.*

We were enthralled by the wonderful extension to the Forrester Gallery, which was originally built as the Bank of New South Wales for the Oamaru takiwā. The connecting atrium from the original 1884 neo-classical bank to the modernist cubic two-storey clad in the iconic Oamaru stone now has the feel of a capital city art gallery!

Live entertainment was provided by Rōrepo, and kaiwaiata, Ramonda Te Maiharoa, in the vestibule of the gallery extension.

He mihi tēnei kia Chole Searle, Arts, Culture and Libraries Manager for the Waitaki District Council, for the kind invitation to Te Rūnanga o Waihao to support this important event.

*All roads lead to Waihao!*



## Whānau Hui at Waihao 2026 dates and Kaupapa

- 18 October – AGM: Annual report, elections, statutory reporting.
- 6 December – Whānau Christmas hui celebration, whānau engagement, optional hui if required.

# Te Rūnanga o Moeraki

Ko Puaka tērā me tōna hoa a Matariki i rewa ake i te Tai o Araiteuru inā tata nei. Nā rāua te karaka kia waihapa mai te tini kerohero o Moeraki, kia matatū atu ai ki te pae o mahara, o wawata, o kotahitaka. I raro i te whākanataka o kā hākui a Kare Tipa rāua ko Tiana Mīhaere i pokohiwitahi ai te tū o tēnā uri o tēnā uri ki te whakamānawa i te tau hou Māori. Inā te ātaahua o te kākau tapatahi, o kā rika rau hoki ki te whakarite umu ki te kai anō i te kai a te rakatira. He wā anō hoki kia whai whakaaroaro ki kā rau maharataka o tēnā whānau o tēnā whānau, ki te watua tou kā tini tūmanakotaka ki a Hiwaiteraki. Me whēnei te kōrero, i whērikoriko te raki i ruka i whērikoriko hoki i raro ki te pā o Moeraki!



## Building Resilience Together – NZ Survivor Visits Moeraki

Nā Mauriri McGlinchey

Ricky Mark and Suzy Lynch from NZ Survivor recently visited Moeraki to run a wānanga on strengthening emergency preparedness and resilience for our whānau, marae, and local businesses. This was an opportunity to share ideas around workplace and community emergency preparedness. Ricky and Suzy demonstrated a range of emergency preparedness kits and explained how simple planning and having the right equipment can make a real difference when disaster strikes.

In return, I showed them the work we have been doing through MERG (Marae Emergency Resilience Group), including our emergency response structure and the EPOD (Emergency Pod) at Moeraki Marae. It was a great opportunity to share how we are building resilience across our marae, whānau, and wider community.

As we continue to experience more frequent and severe weather events associated with our changing climate, preparedness has never been more important. Thinking of the many whānau and hapū who have already faced more than their fair share of floods, storms, and other emergencies over recent years, I send my aroha to you all. By preparing today, we can help protect our whānau, and strengthen the resilience of our communities for tomorrow.

The first five whānau to send me an email with an emergency survival tip will receive an emergency radio and torch, compliments of NZ Survivor.



Mauriri McGlinchey (centre) with Ricky Mark (left) and Suzy Lynch (right) from NZ Survivor (<https://www.nzsurvivor.co.nz>) during their visit to Te Rūnanga o Moeraki.

### Special Tribal Offer:

Use this exclusive code **SafeWithSuzy** at the New Zealand Survivor online shop checkout: [nzsurvivor.co.nz](https://www.nzsurvivor.co.nz) to receive a FREE Car Escape Tool (valued at \$18.95) with your order. This small but powerful tool is designed to cut seatbelts and break windows when seconds decide outcomes.

## Haereka ki Rakiura

From 29 May to 1 June, Moeraki whānau travelled south to Murihiku, Awarua, and Rakiura, learning more about our whakapapa to the area, and spending meaningful time with our whānauka at Te Rau Aroha Marae, Murihiku Marae and Takutai o Te Titi Marae. It was a special opportunity to reconnect with our southern whānauka and to strengthen our relationships with one another along the way.

We stayed at Te Rau Aroha Marae and were generously cared for by the manaaki of Awarua whānau. Each day, we also visited whānau at Murihiku Marae and Takutai o Te Titi Marae where we were warmly welcomed by the ahi kā, shared beautiful kai, and were gifted precious kōrero and whakapapa so openly and generously.

It was with great excitement that whānau crossed over to Rakiura, exploring the whenua, urupā and significant sites that tie us to this beautiful whenua. A huge mihi to our Upoko David Higgins and our other whānau guides Trevor McGlinchey and Gerard O'Regan, for sharing your knowledge and enthusiasm, and for connecting Moeraki whānau back to our whakapapa in Murihiku and Rakiura.

There were plenty of laughs along the way too, from our rakatahi affirming that our future is in good hands through demonstrating such grace and respect for one another, helping at every marae we visited, and composing waiata (and, as a side note, rumour has it they also revived ding dong ditch Bluff styles, and a cousin is still seeking accountability lol), to the solid mission of climbing hill after hill in search of 'that place' – Up the Wāā's!!

Bring on more haereka, connecting to place, connecting with our whānauka holding it down at our other marae. What an absolute honour it was.



## Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki

### Pipiri te ao! Pipiri te whenua! Pipiri te tangata!

Nau mai haere mai ki tō mātou taoka matahiapo, Waitaiki o Te Kura Mātaiata TŪTERANGIWHIUTAINUI. I puta mai ai ki te whei ao i te 7.44am o te mātaiata o te 4 o Pipiri 2026, ki Kirikiriroa ki ōna mātua, arā, ki a Amohia rāua ko Pāora. E 7lbs 8oz te taumaha. He mokopuna tuarua ki a Stan rāua ko Mere (kua mate) GILMORE.

E aumihi matakuihui ana ki te whānau whānui katoa!



Maisie June Wallace was born in Otepoti April 22, 2026, weighing 8lb15. Proud parents, Hannah Wallace, nee Kerr (Puketeraki, Ngāti Wheke) and Ash Wallace (Tūhoe, Ngāti Porou). First moko for Greg & Viv Kerr.



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## Confirmation of Upoko

At hapū hui held on 28 June at Puketeraki Marae, rūnaka members confirmed Matapura Ellison as Upoko. This decision was led by our kaumātua, with endorsement sought from those gathered, reflecting both tikanga and the collective support of the hui.

*Huriawa Karamaea,  
Huriawa Kōkōwai,*

*He kura huna ko karo.  
Kāhore ia, Kāhore ia, hi!*

*The clay from Huriawa preserves  
our ancestral house. Will our  
knowledge be lost? Never! Never!*

*"I am deeply honoured by the mantle of Upoko of Puketeraki Marae being bestowed on me. I am mindful that our former Upoko David Ellison left big shoes to fill. It is a privilege to be asked to serve our hapū as Upoko."*

Nā Matapura Ellison



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## A Hīkoi to Whenua Hou/Codfish Island

Nā Sue Smith

Earlier this month I travelled to Whenua Hou as a volunteer with the DOC Kākāpō Recovery Programme. I enrolled as soon as I heard about the opportunity to visit an island so deeply connected to our whānau whakapapa. Our tīpuna, Morere Wharu and John Rodden Thompson, lived there in the late 1820s, and Whenua Hou is recognised as one of the first planned Māori European settlements in Aotearoa.

Once on the island, the kākāpō quickly became my true purpose. The bird itself, and the story of its near loss and recovery, was profoundly moving. By the mid 1900s the species was considered lost, with only a few birds surviving in remote parts of the country.

A turning point came in the 1980s when several birds were found on Rakiura. Over the next 15 years they were moved to predator free islands, including Whenua Hou, but numbers still declined due to rats and weka. By 1995 only 51 birds remained.

Today, in 2026, there are 235 adult kākāpō, and after a major rimu mast, 95 chicks have hatched and survived this year. This success is largely due to the intensive management by the DOC Kākāpō team. Every bird is microchipped and tracked, nests are checked and each chick receives an extraordinary level of care and monitoring.



*Sue Smith holding Pounamu's chick.*

## Mana Pounamu Awards – Whānau Success Acknowledged

This year brought special pride for our rūnaka, with members of the Wyeth/Stevens whānau, Myra Tipa's mokopuna, Jennifer Thomas's mokopuna Sienna, and Macey Crossan all receiving well deserved recognition.

Their achievements reflect not only personal dedication, but also the guidance, support, and aroha of their whānau and wider community.

Ka nui te whakahī. We acknowledge and congratulate them all.

## Celebrating the Achievements of Sienna Forgie 2026

Nā Jennifer Thomas

We are delighted to acknowledge Sienna Forgie, who continues to exemplify excellence, leadership, and cultural pride both within Taieri College and across the wider region.

Sienna was recently awarded the Mana Pounamu Young Achievers' Award, following her nomination from Taieri College. This prestigious recognition celebrates rangatahi Māori who demonstrate outstanding commitment to their culture, learning, and communities. Sienna embodies all of these qualities with grace and determination.



*Standing proudly with her on this special occasion were members of her whānau, her mother Beth on her left, aunty Helen on her right, with her grandmother Jennifer Thomas, also on her right.*

Sienna is the great granddaughter of David Thomas of Mosgiel, and her whānau are immensely proud of her achievements and the strong values she carries forward.

As Deputy Head Girl and Cultural Prefect at Taieri College, Sienna plays a key role in supporting cultural initiatives, representing her peers, and modelling leadership within the school. She hopes to continue her journey next year at Training College, following the completion of her secondary school studies.

Sienna also excels in sport at the highest level. She has represented New Zealand in Australia and Samoa and won two gold medals this year at the Oceania Wrestling Championships.

Her dedication, humility, and strength of character shine through in all she does. Our community celebrates Sienna's achievements and looks forward to seeing her continue to thrive as she steps into the next chapter of her education and leadership journey.

## Regional Ōtākou/Murihiku Ngā Manu Kōrero Competition



*Kura-mātakitaki and Te Haeatanui Stevens (no kā whānau Ellison, Parata, Taiaoroa).*

The Ōtākou/Murihiku regional Ngā Manu Kōrero secondary school speech competition for 2026 was held in Waihopai, Invercargill, over two inspiring days, 16 and 17 June. The event brought together talented students from across Otago and Southland to compete in Senior Māori, Senior English, Junior Māori, Junior English, and Senior Impromptu categories.

Kura-mātakitaki and Te Haeatanui Stevens (no kā whānau Ellison, Parata, Taiaoroa) competed in the Korimako (Senior English) and Te Rāwhiti Ihaka (Junior Māori) sections, respectively. Te Haeatanui placed second in her section, after a close tie-break in scoring, an amazing result for her first time competing. Kura-mātakitaki placed third in his prepared speech and second in the impromptu section, placing him first overall in his section.

Kura-mātakitaki and his whānau will now travel to the National Ngā Manu Kōrero competition being held in Kaikohe in September. All of their hard work and the dedication of those supporting them truly paid off. Ka mau te wehi!

### Karitāne School Jubilee

Tickets are limited and available via the Karitāne School website: <https://www.karitaneschool.co.nz/jubilee>

Or phone Amy Parata at the rūnaka office: 03 465 7300.

Tickets include a complimentary drink on arrival, canapés, and a two-course meal.

Register now before tickets run out.

## Matariki mā Puaka at the Pā

Nā Kiri Parata

What a beautiful way to welcome Matariki mā Puaka together. Before dawn we gathered in the stillness to offer our karakia and our thoughts to the whetū, honouring those who have passed, giving thanks for the present, and sharing our hopes and dreams for the year ahead.

It was heartwarming to see so many new faces keen to embrace such a special occasion, reminding us that Matariki is about connection, reflection, and coming together.

We finished the morning by sharing a beautiful parakuihi together. Gathering around the table was the perfect way to continue the kōrero and strengthen our relationships while creating new ones.

Kā mihi nunui to everyone who helped organise our Matariki at te pā.

Mauri ora!



# Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou

## Matariki ma Puaka Wānaka

Reflection from Pania Pennicott-Sciascia and whānau

This wānaka was a truly special and unforgettable experience for myself and my whānau. We arrived as a small whānau of six, but we left feeling embraced as part of something much bigger, connected to the wider whānau, hapū, and iwi through shared experiences, kōrero, and whakawhanaukataka.

Staying in the wharenuī – Tamatea, allowed us to fully immerse ourselves in the kaupapa, tikaka, and wairua of the wānaka. One of my greatest privileges was being given the opportunity to be a kaikarakia for Te Whetū Pōhutukawa. Standing together before dawn, surrounded by an amazing star-filled sky as we welcomed the Māori New Year, was a powerful moment of connection to our tīpuna, whenua, whakapapa and rakatira.

The mahi toi with kōkōwai was an incredible opportunity for our whole whānau to learn, create, and experience traditional practices together. Seeing my pōtiki Ripeka fully immersed in the mahi, even having a few seconds of fame on One News, was a beautiful reminder of why it is so important for our tamariki to be surrounded by mātauraka Māori.

Working with whitau brought us together through teamwork, connection, and learning. Turning harakeke into fibre while sharing and gaining ancestral knowledge, reminded us of the importance of protecting these skills so they are not lost or forgotten.

The biggest highlight was seeing our tamariki laughing, playing, exploring the whenua, and building new friendships. Watching both adults and



Mahi toi with Aroha Novak.



children create new relationships showed the true meaning of whakawhanaukataka.

We came as a whānau of six and left feeling like we belonged as part of the iwi. This wānaka gifted us knowledge, memories, and connections that we will carry forward with pride and gratitude.

Kā mihi maioha.

Pania Pennicott-Sciascia and whānau



### Ōtākou Rakatahi Wānaka Puaka/Matariki

Rakatahi and kaiako from te hapū Kāi Te Ruahikihiki ki Ōtākou participated in a four day wānaka in a lead up to our Matariki hautapu. The focus of the kaupapa was on gathering kai from te taiao in association with kā whetu, Waitī, Waitā, Tupuānuku and Tupuāraki. Rakatahi also constructed their pou Matariki and whata. Awesome wānaka learning waiata, karakia and kemu around Matariki. A great turn out for this wānaka, giving rakatahi a better understanding on what Puaka and Matariki mean to us as in te ao Māori.



Tamariki getting a briefing from Connor Ropata before heading out to collect tuaki.

### Te Au Roa o Te Rakihouia Launch

Ōtākou Marae proudly hosted the formal launch of Te Au Roa o Te Rakihouia, the new marine reserve network for the Otago and South Canterbury coastline.



Kitty and Alice at launch.

The event brought together about 100 people, including Kāi Tahu whānui, iwi leadership, Department of Conservation (DOC) representatives, and Conservation Minister, Tama Potaka. This special gathering celebrated the culmination of over a decade of community effort, iwi leadership, and collaborative advocacy to safeguard our marine environment.

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## Ōtākou Hapū Values Wānaka

After the June rūnaka general hui, Upoko Edward Ellison and Megan Pōtiki facilitated a wānaka on hapū values as part of a wider programme of mahi working towards the development of hapū priorities. The next wānaka in this series will be on whakapapa and will be held after the August rūnaka general hui. Watch out for future pānui from the office with further information.



Whānau at the Values Wānaka.



## Acknowledging a true taoka – Edward Ellison

A huge mihi to our Upoko, Edward Ellison as he concludes his seven-year term as chair of the New Zealand Conservation Authority (NZCA).

Deeply connected to Ōtākou, Edward's decades of iwi and environmental leadership include serving as the first Deputy Kaiwhakahaere of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and working on the Ngāi Tahu Treaty negotiation teams. His immense service was recognised in 2015 with an ONZM.

We are incredibly proud of Edward and how he has represented our hapū. E kore e mutu kā mihi ki a koe e te rakatira.

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## Te Pātaka Kōrero



Rachel Wesley reads from *Te Au Roa o Te Rakihouia* cultural narrative with whānau.

Below: Kitty helps Vera and Ruby.



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## Whānau and Hapū pānui

We welcome whānau and personal pānui from our Ōtākou hapū members, for inclusion in Te Pānui Rūnaka, or the Ōtākou e-pānui.

Please send your pepi hou, kā mate or memorials, achievements in sports, education or other activities that build on the traditions or customary practices of your whānau or the hapū.

Attach your photos to [office@tro.org.nz](mailto:office@tro.org.nz).

Please include a caption and name people in each photo.

Kā mihi

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## Ōtākou Marae website | Contact information

Feel free to browse our Facebook page and our Ōtākou Rūnaka website. Information on how to register as a hapū member, or to book the marae for functions can be done online. Bookings are subject to any health and safety restrictions in place at the time. Tangi take precedence over all booked hui.

<http://www.otakourunaka.co.nz/#home-image>

or email [office@tro.org.nz](mailto:office@tro.org.nz) or phone 03 478 0352.

Kā mihi o te wā o Makariri ki a koutou katoa.

Nā, Kahana.

# Hokonui Rūnanga

## Celebrating Amber Bridgman on the International Stage

Hokonui Rūnanga proudly celebrates the success of Amber Bridgman, whose stunning fashion collection was recently showcased at Fiji Fashion Week, placing Māori design and culture on the international stage.

Amber (Ngāi Tahu, Kāti Māmoe, Waitaha, Rapuvai and Aboriginal descent) is the founder of Kahuwai, a Māori fashion and traditional arts label that draws inspiration from identity, whakapapa, and the rich traditions of te ao Māori. Through her work, she weaves together cultural storytelling, contemporary design, and traditional Māori art forms to create garments that honour both heritage and innovation.

Her latest 20-piece collection, inspired by the vibrant colours and iridescence of the pāua shell, was featured in the prestigious Resort Luxe showcase at Fiji Fashion Week. The collection celebrated Pacific excellence in couture and evening wear, and marked Amber's first international presentation of new work in more than three years.

With more than two decades of experience in the fashion industry, Amber is also a contracting lecturer in the Bachelor of Design (Fashion) programme at Otago Polytechnic, where she continues to inspire the next generation of designers. Her work has earned national and international recognition, reflecting her dedication to celebrating Māori culture through fashion and creative expression.

Amber's achievement is an inspiring reminder of the strength, creativity, and resilience of Māori artists. We extend our heartfelt congratulations on this outstanding accomplishment and wish her every success as she continues to share the beauty of our culture with audiences around the world.



## Murihiku Comes Together to Shape the Future

There was a real sense of optimism and collaboration as people from across Murihiku gathered for the Murihiku Regeneration – Energy, Infrastructure and Opportunities Wānanga 2026. Over two days, iwi, government agencies, industry leaders, businesses, educators and community organisations came together with a shared purpose to explore the opportunities ahead and how we can work collectively to build a thriving future for our region.

The wānanga sparked meaningful conversations around renewable energy, infrastructure, innovation, workforce development, and environmental stewardship. More importantly, it reinforced that the future of Murihiku will be shaped through strong partnerships, shared knowledge and a commitment to creating lasting benefits for our people and our environment.

The conversations didn't end when the event closed. Through livestreams and social media, the wānanga reached thousands of people across New Zealand and beyond, allowing many more to be part of the journey and the vision for the future of Murihiku.

A sincere thank you to our keynote speakers, presenters, sponsors, volunteers and everyone who attended. Your passion, expertise and support made this event a success and demonstrated what is possible when we come together with a shared vision.

Together, we are regenerating Murihiku, creating opportunities that will benefit our communities for generations to come.

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## Honouring Terry Nicholas

Hokonui Rūnanga is incredibly proud to celebrate Terry Nicholas (Ngāi Tahu, Tainui), who was appointed a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) in the 2026 King's Birthday Honours for his outstanding services to Māori and governance.

For more than 30 years, Terry has been dedicated to serving whānau, iwi and the wider Murihiku community. As Upoko of Hokonui Rūnanga, and a long-serving representative on Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, his leadership has been guided by a strong commitment to collaboration, cultural leadership, and creating opportunities that benefit current and future generations.

Terry has also been instrumental in leading initiatives such as Murihiku Regeneration, bringing together iwi, government, businesses, and communities to help shape a thriving and sustainable future for our region. His vision, integrity, and unwavering dedication continue to inspire those around him.

This well-deserved honour recognises Terry's lifelong contribution to Māori development, governance, and community leadership. On behalf of everyone at Hokonui Rūnanga, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Terry on this outstanding achievement and thank him for his continued service to our people and our region.

Ngā mihi nui Terry – such well-deserved recognition.



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## NZ Marine Sciences Society Conference

The NZ Marine Sciences Society Conference is an annual gathering that celebrates and showcases mahi related to marine conservation, development, and science. This year's conference theme was "Wild South, Blue Economies and Beyond." The many presentations highlighted the ongoing effort to conserve, research, and restore marine ecosystems both in New Zealand and abroad.

The Taonga Research team attended the three-day conference held in Invercargill. It was a brilliant opportunity for the team to network and share their mahi with the wider marine sciences community. In partnership with Otago University, the team presented on their kanakana research mahi, focusing on kanakana parasites and the insights they can give us into the kanakana lifecycle.

As part of the Emerging Aquatic Diseases (EAD) programme Hokonui in partnership with the Cawthron Institute, and Otago University are investigating Lamprey reddening syndrome (LRS). During this mahi kanakana were screened for parasites, which led to the discovery of marine cestode in the gut of the kanakana. The lifecycle of these parasites is closely linked to various shark species and provides insight into the marine stage of the kanakana lifecycle and their interaction with marine environments.



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## Welcoming our New Whānau Resilience Navigators

Hokonui Rūnanga is delighted to welcome Arrow Walker and Paige McGrath to our Whānau Resilience team.

Arrow Walker (*right*) joins Hokonui Rūnanga as Whānau Resilience Navigator for the Central Otago area. Bringing a background in community-focused work, Arrow is passionate about supporting people and building meaningful connections. Outside of work, Arrow enjoys supporting their children's sporting activities and exploring Aotearoa through van life. Arrow is looking forward to getting to know whānau and working alongside communities across Central Otago.



Paige McGrath (*right*) joins the team as Te Ao Māori Youth and Whānau Resilience Navigator, supporting whānau, tamariki, and rangatahi across the Gore and Mātaura area. After three years with Oranga Tamariki, Paige witnessed the positive impact Hokonui Rūnanga is having on local whānau and is excited to continue that kaupapa. Outside of work, Paige enjoys walking and training her dog, spending time with friends, travelling, and tackling landscaping projects around home. She looks forward to building strong relationships and supporting whānau across the community.



We warmly welcome Arrow and Paige to Hokonui Rūnanga and wish them every success in their new roles as they support and strengthen whānau across our communities.

## Mānawatia a Matariki: A Time to Remember, Reflect and Celebrate

At our fortnightly Kaumātua Health Day on Wednesday 8 July, our kaumātua and kaimahi came together to celebrate Matariki, taking time to reflect, connect, and look ahead.

Together, we honoured those who have passed, celebrated the present, and shared our hopes for the future.

Images of whānau who had passed away over the past year were displayed as we remembered them with aroha and respect. We shared kai inspired by the whetū of Matariki, celebrating the gifts of the season and the importance of coming together.



Our kaumātua also wrote their hopes and aspirations for the year ahead on paper whetū, which were hung on a tree, symbolising new beginnings and the opportunities that lie ahead.

Through karakia, waiata, storytelling, videos, and shared laughter, we embraced the spirit of Matariki, remembering the past, giving thanks for the present, and looking forward to the future.

Mānawatia a Matariki!



# Waihōpai Rūnanga

## Te Pōhā Mātauraka o Murihiku - Y1 Kaiako Professional Learning Development Day #1

### A New Chapter Begins: Welcoming Our New Year 1 Kura at Murihiku Marae

On Thursday 21 March, we were honoured to welcome a fresh cohort of nine kura embarking on their Year 1 Te Pōhā kaupapa. Altogether, 27 new kaiako and tumuaki joined us, supported by the tuakana energy of eight kaiako from our Year 2 kura, who, although attending PLD for the first time, had been undertaking the Te Pōhā programme within their kura in 2025.

The day was defined by a deep sense of connection. Our kaiako were moved by the beautiful manaakitaka of the Waihōpai Rūnaka whānau, who created a safe and inspiring space for us to learn. A massive heartfelt mihi goes to the Murihiku Marae whānau in the kauta. The beautiful kai and care provided throughout the day cared for us ā tinana and ā wairua.

A clear highlight was the passionate kōrero from Matua Joe. He captivated the room with the history of the marae and the mātauraka within the whakairo, tukutuku and kowhaiwhai that carry the many stories and values of mana whenua. This left everyone feeling inspired and with a greater appreciation of the depth of knowledge held in wharenui.

Our sincere gratitude to Joe Wakefield and Evelyn Cook from Waihōpai Rūnaka. Your expert guidance and heartfelt delivery turned this introductory day into a powerful, impactful experience. What a spectacular way for our new kura to begin their journey!

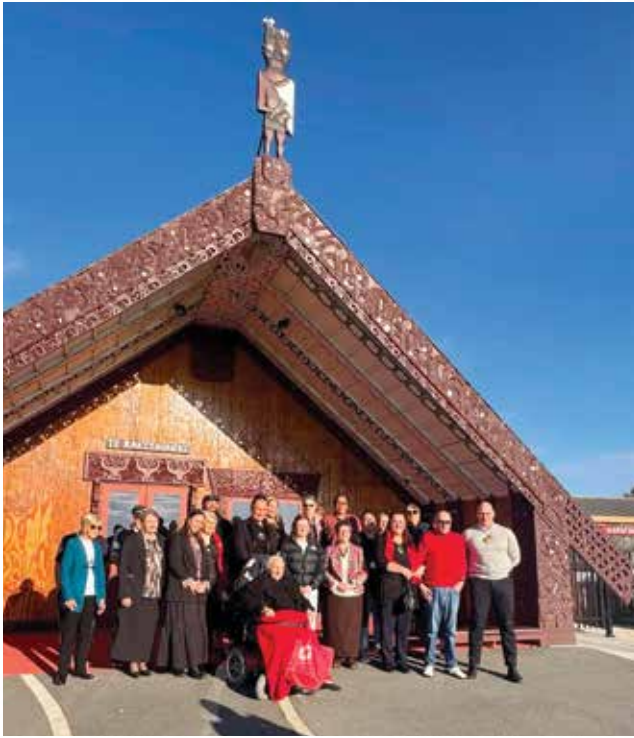


## Kaumātua Cycling session

Our Waihōpai Marae kaumātua recently took part in a cycling session at the Velodrome after being invited along to give it a try. The experience was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, providing a fun and supportive way to stay active while spending time together.

The session was such a success that it will now become a regular activity for our kaumātua, offering an ongoing opportunity to promote health, wellbeing, and connection.





## Labour visits Murihiku Marae

On 3 June, we had the opportunity to meet and kōrero with Carmel Sepuloni, Mananui Ramsden, Ingrid Leary, who also serves as Invercargill's Buddy MP, and Janice Lee from the New Zealand Labour Party. It was a valuable opportunity to discuss matters of importance to our community, share whakaaro, and strengthen relationships through meaningful kōrero.



## Waverly Park School x Kaumātua coffee Club

On 1 July, we welcomed students from Waverly Park School to spend time with our kaumātua at Waihōpai Marae.

The students thoughtfully prepared and shared kai, creating a wonderful opportunity for everyone to connect over a meal.



They also enjoyed a meaningful kōrero with the kaumātua, learning more about the marae and sharing stories across generations. To conclude their visit, the students performed a selection of beautiful waiata, bringing joy to our kaumātua and making the day a memorable celebration of connection, learning, and whakawhanaungatanga.





## Matariki

As the first light of the day broke across Murihiku Marae, whānau and community gathered together to mark the rising of Matariki and Puaka through a meaningful hautapu, presentation, and breakfast.

The morning provided an opportunity to pause and reflect on the significance of this special time of year – a time to remember those who have passed, honour the wisdom and guidance of our tīpuna, celebrate the present, and look forward to the year ahead with renewed hope and purpose.

The hautapu ceremony was a powerful reminder of the connections that bind us together: our connection to our ancestors, our relationship with te taiao, and the importance of maintaining strong bonds with one another. Through karakia, reflection, and coming together as whānau, the morning created space for remembrance, gratitude, and new beginnings.

Following the hautapu, everyone gathered for a presentation and a kai, strengthening the spirit of whakawhanaungatanga and manaakitanga that sits at the heart of our community. The warmth and generosity shown by those who attended, along with the dedication of those who helped prepare, organise, and serve the breakfast, contributed to a truly special occasion.



We extend our heartfelt thanks to all whānau and community members who joined us to celebrate this significant moment in the maramataka Māori. Your presence and support helped create a memorable morning filled with connection, reflection, and shared kōrero.



As we enter this new year, we look forward with optimism and gratitude, wishing everyone good health, abundance, and many more opportunities to gather together as whānau.

Mānawatia a Matariki



Alys Edwards celebrated her 101st birthday in June with her whānau and friends. Born in Invercargill and later living in Christchurch, she continues to enjoy life surrounded by loved ones.

# Ōraka-Aparima Rūnaka

Kia ora koutou,

My name is Ron Bull (AKA Young Ronnie), and on 22 June 2026, I was humbled to be acknowledged as the new Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive at Ōraka-Aparima Rūnaka.



My whānau have deep connections with Ōraka-Aparima takiwā, and our whānau marae is on our tūrakawaewae which once held the old Murihiku Hall. This was where many tīti whānau, ours included, would depart for the islands.

My many careers have taken me into the hospitality industry, tertiary education, and more recently into the electricity sector, where I managed the tangata whenua relationships team at Contact Energy through numerous developments and mitigation negotiations, including the Pawakataka Slopedown Wind Farm project.

I am privileged to carry on the legacy of my late taua and pōua, Freda and Jim Bull, and my mother “Nan”, while working alongside my Uncle Stewart and other whānau members, all of whom have given tirelessly to our Ōraka-Aparima whānauka and our wider takiwā.

I acknowledge the Ōraka-Aparima Kāhui Kaumātua and the hau-kāika who hold our ahi kā, and I am proud to have been given this opportunity to serve our whānau and so happy to have moved “home”.

## Fiordland Carbon Project: connection whānau, science and place

The Fiordland Carbon Project is a significant kaupapa for Ōraka-Aparima Rūnaka this year, creating opportunities for whānau to engage with both western science and mātauraka Māori while exploring how Fiordland’s unique ecosystems store and cycle carbon.

Through the project, whānau have had several opportunities to get involved and learn more about this internationally significant research, which aims to support future climate resilience and environmental restoration initiatives.

Recently, Ōraka-Aparima Rūnaka whānau and staff attended an open day at the University of Otago, including tours of the Geology Department and ORCA (Otago Repository for Core Analysis), providing a behind-the-scenes look at the science supporting the project.

Rūnaka Kaitiaki Taiao Kasmira Peterson also presented alongside Jane Kitson at the 2026 New Zealand Marine Sciences Society Conference in Waihōpai, sharing how the project is supporting meaningful iwi participation, strengthening whānau connections to place, and creating space for mātauraka Māori to inform blue carbon research.

In July, the University of Otago team brought science directly to Takutai o te Titi Marae through two successful Science at the Marae events. The first day welcomed local primary and secondary school students, who participated in hands-on activities and learned about the connections between Fiordland’s environment and global climate systems. The following day, whānau had the opportunity to engage with scientists and researchers through a series of interactive stations, creating space for learning, discussion, and connection.

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From left Tane Tamati, Jessica McCallum and Dr Jane Kitson.

These events highlighted the strength of the partnership between Ōraka-Aparima Rūnaka and the University of Otago while making science accessible and relevant to our communities.

Still to come is a whānau trip to Pātea in October, which will provide an opportunity to reconnect with place and support the recording and sharing of Ngāi Tahu histories and narratives connected to the project kaupapa.

As the Fiordland Carbon Project continues, further opportunities for whānau engagement, learning, and participation are planned, strengthening the links between science, mātauraka Māori, and our enduring connection to te taiao.



From left: Corey Bragg, Tane Tamati and Rangimaria Suddaby.

### **Rūnaka member competes at HYROX World Championships**

Rūnaka member Alana McDonald proudly represented New Zealand at the HYROX World Championships in Stockholm earlier this year, achieving a personal best performance and placing 32nd out of 109 women in her age group (45-49).

Alana received support through the Rūnaka Sporting and Cultural Grant, which helped her travel to and compete at the international event.

HYROX is a global fitness race that combines endurance and functional strength, testing both physical fitness and mental resilience. Alana qualified for the World Championships at a race in Sydney, a goal she had worked towards while balancing the demands of full-time work and family life.

Reflecting on the experience, Alana said she was overwhelmed with gratitude when she arrived at the event.

“As a full-time working mum, qualifying for the World Championships was a pretty big goal. I don’t have endless hours to train. It’s early mornings, fitting sessions in around work and family, and making the most of every opportunity I get.”





She described competing on the world stage as one of the most incredible experiences of her life.

“To qualify was one of the most amazing feelings, but nothing could have prepared me for the feeling of racing at Worlds. To line up amongst the best in my age group was such a proud moment. Then to have the race of my life, finish with a PB, and walk away knowing I gave everything I had, was the icing on the cake.”

Alana said she embraced every moment of the competition and was proud to represent both New Zealand and her whānau.

“I had so much fun out on that floor. I soaked up every moment, embraced the atmosphere, and felt so grateful to be there doing something I love. It’s a memory I’ll never forget.”

The rūnaka congratulates Alana on her achievement and is proud to have supported her journey to the HYROX World Championships.

*Rūnaka Sporting and Cultural Grants remain available to support whānau pursuing opportunities in these fields. For more information or to apply, visit the Opportunities page on our website: [orakaaparimarunaka.co.nz](https://orakaaparimarunaka.co.nz)*

## Awarua Rūnanga

**There is a lot happening across Awarua as we continue to strengthen the way we communicate, recognise the mahi of our whānau, and share the positive work taking place across our takiwā.**

This pānui provides a snapshot of some of the achievements, events, and initiatives happening across our rūnaka, reflecting the ongoing mahi, partnerships, and connections that continue to shape Awarua.

## Mō te Tangata, Mō te Kapa, Mō te Iwi

Awarua believes it is important to acknowledge those who carry the values of our takiwā with humility, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to our people. It is in that spirit that we proudly acknowledge our own Thomas Aerepo-Morgan, following the outstanding success of Te Ahikaaroa at the Waitaha Kapa Haka Regionals in May.

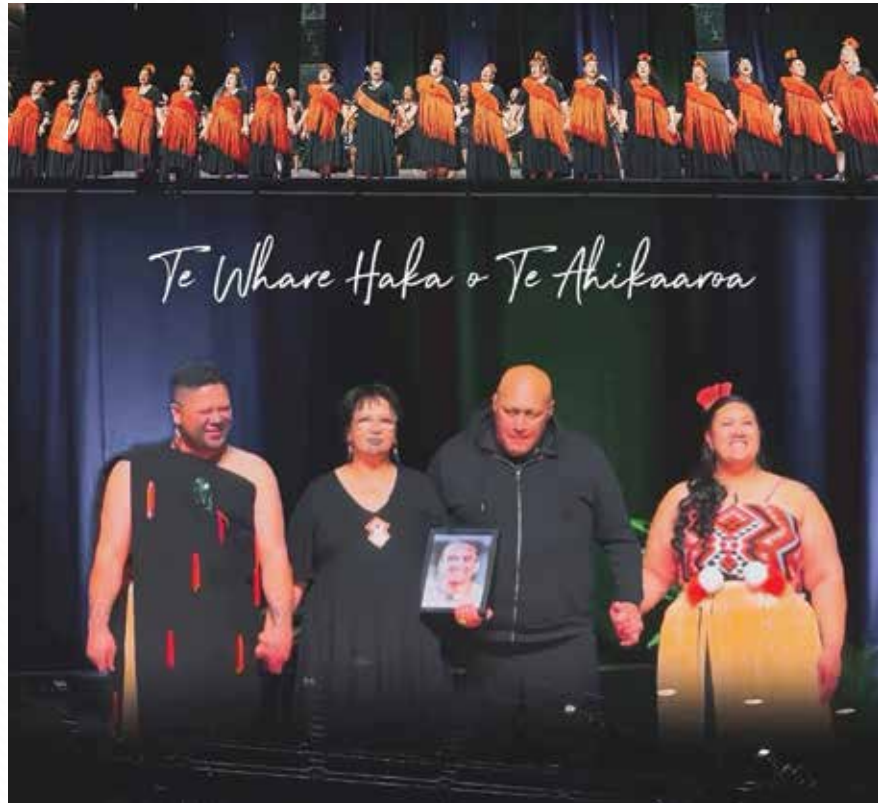
As Kaihautū and tutor, Tom has dedicated years to nurturing our people through kapa haka. His commitment extends far beyond competition, strengthening te reo Māori, upholding our tikanga, fostering a deep sense of belonging, and creating opportunities for others to grow in confidence, identity, and culture. His leadership is not measured by personal recognition, but by the way he inspires others, serves with humility, and empowers those around him to succeed.

The remarkable achievements of Te Ahikaaroa are testament to the collective dedication, discipline, and commitment of every member of the kapa, together with the many whānau and supporters who have walked alongside them. While these successes belong to the collective, they also provide an opportunity to acknowledge the quiet, steadfast leadership that has helped cultivate an environment where excellence continues to flourish.

Tom, kā mihi nui for the example you continue to set through your generosity, humility and unwavering dedication to the kaupapa. Your leadership reflects the very best of who we are as Māori, and your commitment to uplifting others will continue to leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.

To every member of Te Ahikaaroa, ka nui te mihi ki a koutou katoa. As you prepare to represent our people on the national stage at Te Matatini, know that the aroha, pride, and unwavering tautoko of your Awarua whānau stand firmly behind you. We wish you every success as you continue to honour your tūpuna, your whānau, your iwi, and all those who walk this journey alongside you.

Haere whakamua e te rangatira.  
Kia ū, kia kaha, kia manawanui.  
Mā te Atua koutou katoa e manaaki,  
e tiaki i ngā rā e tū mai nei.  
Mauri ora!



## Honouring Gail Thompson

The recent recognition of Gail Thompson MNZM in the New Year Honours is a fitting acknowledgement of her outstanding service to Māori and conservation. Her appointment as a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit recognises decades of dedication, leadership, and advocacy.

As the former Manager of Awarua Rūnaka, Gail devoted many years to supporting the marae, advancing the aspirations of whānau, and

*Right: Gail Thompson with Governor General of NZ, Dame Cindy Kiro.*



strengthening the role of mana whenua in fisheries management, environmental stewardship, and conservation. Her unwavering commitment to protecting and restoring our natural resources has left a lasting impact.

Her commitment to conservation and kaitiakitanga was demonstrated through her service on the Southland Conservation Board and Kaitiaki Rōpū, as well as her contributions to numerous conservation and environmental restoration projects throughout Murihiku. She was a founding member of Guardians of Fiordland Fisheries and a key contributor to the restoration of the Waituna Lagoon and surrounding wetlands.

Throughout her career, Gail was Te Rūnanga o Awarua Representative on Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu for a number of years. She has also shared her knowledge and passion through supporting korowai wānanga at Te Rau Aroha Marae.

This appointment is a fitting recognition of the respect and admiration she has earned through her tireless service to her people, her community, and the wellbeing of our whenua and taiao. Gail's achievements reflect her deep commitment to the values of manaakitanga, whanaungatanga, and kaitiakitanga.

Her whānau are immensely proud of all that she has achieved, and the legacy she continues to build. Her leadership, knowledge, and dedication remain an inspiration to all who have had the privilege of working alongside her.

Arohanui,  
The Fowler whānau



*From left: Haali Wallace, Rhys Ferguson, Saird Ferguson, Gail Thompson, Tawhiri Thompson, Skye Thompson, Gina Ryan, Leah Adams.*

## He Mihi ki te Pou Whakarae

There are moments when someone receives an honour that reflects far more than an individual achievement, it recognises a lifetime spent serving others. Terry's appointment as a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) is one of those moments.



As one of our own, born and raised within the Awarua takiwā, Terry has always carried his whakapapa, his people and his community with him. While his leadership has reached far beyond Murihiku, he has never lost sight of where home is or the importance of lifting others alongside him.

Over many years, Terry has created opportunities for our people, supporting our rangatahi to dream bigger, encouraging our pākeke into leadership, standing alongside our kaumātua, and helping strengthen the future of our whānau and iwi. He has done so with humility, generosity, and a quiet determination that has earned the respect of so many.

This recognition is richly deserved, not because it celebrates titles or positions, but because it honours a lifetime of service, commitment, and genuine care for people.

Kā mihi nui ki a koe e Terry. E tū whakahī ana tō kāinga, tō whānau me tō iwi ki muri i a koe.  
Kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui.

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## Ngā Manu Kōrero!

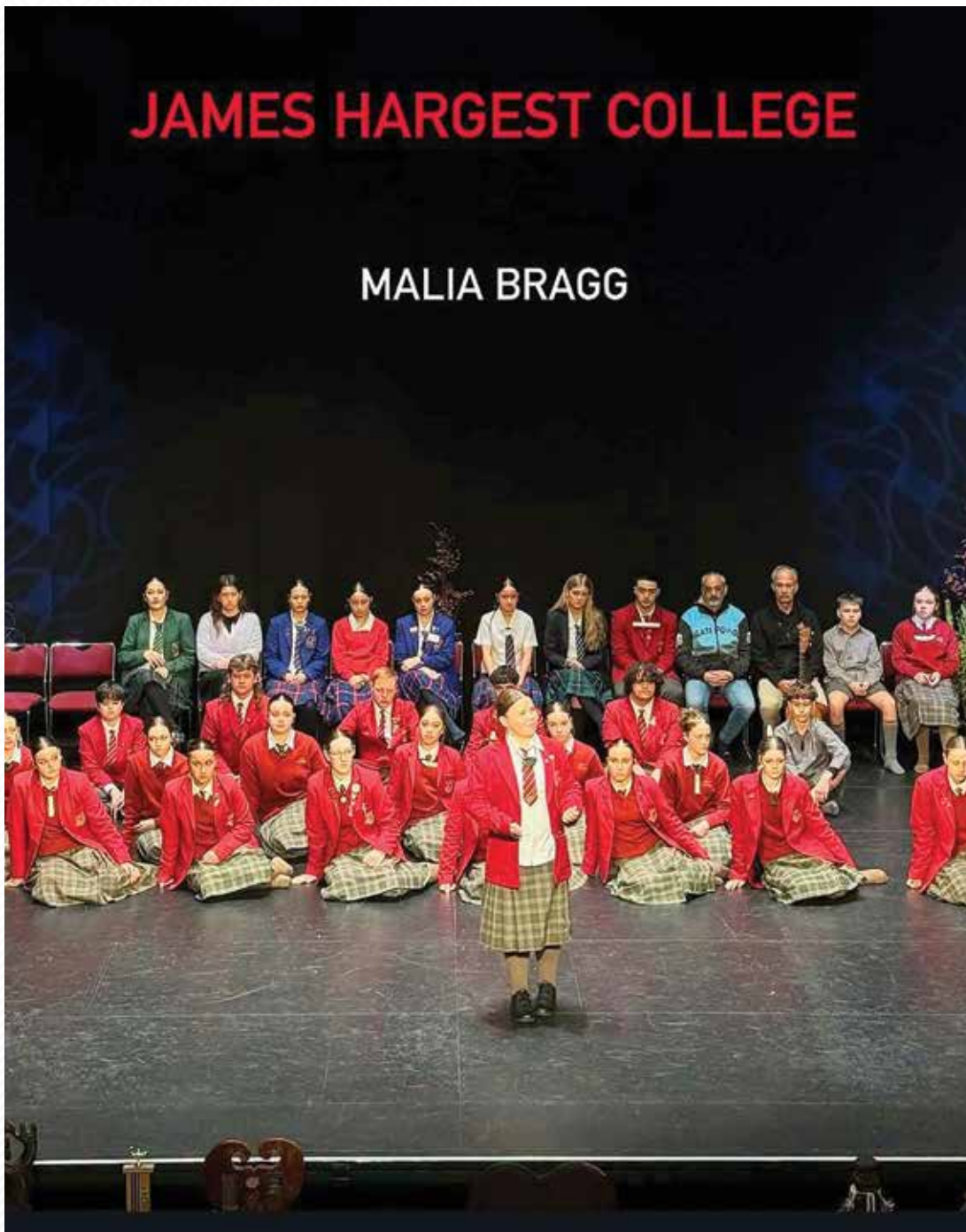
The Murihiku-Ōtākou Ngā Manu Kōrero competitions were held in Invercargill 17-18 June, bringing together rangatahi from across the rohe to share their kōrero and perspectives.

We are proud to acknowledge our Awarua taiohi who represented their schools and shared their voices at this year's competition: Malia Bragg of James Hargest College, Kura Stevens of John McGlashan College, and Atanui Stevens of St Hilda's Collegiate School (nō te whānau Metzger).

### Celebrating Rangatahi Voices

Malia Bragg spoke on the kaupapa "Generation Kotahitanga: Māori Youth Leading Unity," delivering a thoughtful kōrero that reflected the perspectives and aspirations of rangatahi. Her confidence, preparation, and willingness to share her voice on such an important kaupapa is to be commended.

Awarua is proud to acknowledge Malia for representing both her kura and our takiwā with pride.





Malia and Ariana Bragg.



Kura Stevens (Year 12, John McGlashan College) competed in the Senior English section against 16 others with his speech, “Home: The Place Your Soul Bookmarks.” Drawing on his connection to the Awarua landscape, Kura explored the significance of home and the ongoing challenges surrounding Māori home ownership. His outstanding performance saw him place third for his prepared speech, second for his impromptu speech, and first overall, earning him a place at the National Ngā Manu Kōrero Competition in Kaikohe this September.

Atanui Stevens (Year 10, St Hilda’s Collegiate School) competed in the Junior Te Reo section with her speech, “E kore tōku pūweru e māku i te pata ua!” Through her kōrero, Atanui reflected on the strength that cultural knowledge provides as a young wāhine Māori. She delivered an impressive performance, placing second in the prepared speech section following a tiebreak after finishing first equal on aggregate points.

This was a proud moment for the Metzger/Stevens whānau, who braved the elements to watch Kura and Atanui take the stage at the Civic Theatre, supported by their school kapa haka.



Te Rūnaka o Awarua extends our heartfelt congratulations to Malia, Kura, and Atanui. We are incredibly proud of the way each of you represented your kura, your whānau, and our takiwā. We wish Kura every success as he goes on to represent Murihiku-Ōtākou at the National Ngā Manu Kōrero Competition and acknowledge all of our whānau who took part in this inspiring kaupapa.

Kā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.

*Top: Kura Stevens.*

*Above: Atanui Stevens.*

*Left: Kura and Atanui.*

# Taurahere Groups

## Ngāi Tahu ki Tauranga Moana

### AGM

At our AGM hui, we took some time to farewell Ross and Julie Hemera, who are shifting to the Wairarapa as well as Anna Were (Secretary) and Nicki James (Committee member).

We acknowledged and celebrated the contributions they have made, including Ross's involvement in many significant art mahi. A video was shared showcasing some of Ross's incredible work, including Te Tutaki o Ngā Waka, (the coming together of two waka), reflecting the importance of connection, collaboration, and whakapapa.

As a token of our appreciation, Ross was presented with a farewell gift, a special art piece created by Cliff Whiting. We also recognised Julie who has been Ross's biggest supporter throughout this journey, and Anna for her role as secretary and Nicki for the mahi she has contributed.

We are grateful for their dedication, support, and the many ways they have strengthened our kaupapa, and we wish them all the best for their next chapter.

We warmly welcomed Derrin Richards and Rhys James to the committee and look forward to the contributions they will make in their new roles.



## Matariki at the Mount

As dawn broke over Hopukioire (Mount Drury), hundreds of people gathered for a beautiful Matariki Maumaharatanga. Members of Ngāi Tahu ki Tauranga Moana were honoured to be invited to sit with mana whenua, the three iwi of Tauranga Moana, with the Paretao Pounamu at Hopukioire.

It was deeply moving to hear the names of those who had passed over the past year called into the dawn, beginning with those who lost their lives on Mauao in January. It was a powerful reminder that although they are no longer with us, kua whetūrangitia rātou, they have become stars that continue to watch over us.



Ross and Julie Hemera.

Below: Top Left – Harriet Lenihan, Moira Lomas, Nichola Edwards, Joe Morris, Shona Morris, Rhys James, Kim Rahiri, Vaughn Irvine, Nicki James, Anna Were, Carol Martin-Page.  
Bottom Left – Debbie Thyne, Felicity Turner, Ross Hemera, Julie Hemera, Ollie Irving and Cilla Douglas.



Paretao Pounamu – Awhina, Aurere and Jack Thatcher with Moira Lomas and Derrin Richards. Photo credit: Rhian Smith (Ngāi Te Rangi, Ngāti Ranginui, Ngāti Porou, Ngāpuhi).

Above right: Paretao Pounamu at Hopukioire (Mount Drury, Mount Maunganui).



# The Office

## Ngāi Tahu Whakapapa

### Hazel Te Koeti

Whakapapa Ngāi Tahu has been blessed with the support of Hazel Te Koeti in our team over the past two years. While we welcomed pēpi in our team, Hazel has been there to carry the mahi. Her contribution gave those of us in the team the chance to adapt to life as new māmā, while also ensuring the continuity and enhancement of our workstreams.

Anyone in our wider Kāi Tahu whānau who has met Hazel will know what an incredible mind she has, matched by her empathy, kindness, and work ethic. Hazel has covered research, writing, administration, registration, project and advisory mahi, while also offering incredible support to whānau through engagement. All while working on a master's degree.

Having recently finished her parental leave cover for Whakapapa Ngāi Tahu, we want to acknowledge Hazel and wish her well on her bright future.

Nāia te mihi maioha ki a koe e Hazel.  
Kai ruka noa atu koe!

### 1848 Kaumātua Biographies

Whakapapa researcher/writer Sian Smith is currently reviewing, editing and revising draft biographies for 1848 kaumātua with living descendants. Each draft biography comprises research from Ngāi Tahu Census Committee minutes, Māori Land Court minute books, census notes, church records, newspapers and a variety of other sources. Where possible, the biographies also include tātai whakapapa showing whānau connections to hapū ancestors.

These biographies have been written especially for Ngāi Tahu whānau, as a taoka kōrero and rauemi to support you in your own whakapapa research. As the biographies of kaumātua are completed, Whakapapa Ngāi Tahu will update whānau via Te Pānui Rūnaka. You will then be able to access the ones written about your own kaumātua, initially by contacting Ngāi Tahu Whakapapa. In the future, our goal is to make them accessible to you directly via a secure online portal.



## Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

E heke mai ana te wiki o te reo Māori, and preparations have already begun to celebrate our reo across the motu. This year te wiki o te reo Māori will run from 14 to 20 September.

Under the theme *Ake, Ake, Ake – A Forever Language*, the week will be a celebration of the communities who have kept te reo Māori alive, and an invitation for all of Aotearoa to help it flourish into the future. It is all about boosting te reo Māori, so it is heard, seen and lived during Te Wiki and beyond.

In Ōtautahi there will be a number of kaupapa running, with te reo champion Tarryn Ryan and her kaupapa *Kōrero ki Ōtautahi* partnering with Christchurch City Council to support and promote a range of activities, creating opportunities for people to hear, speak, and celebrate te reo Māori across the city.

Some events that will take place are the *Hikoī for te reo Māori* on Friday 18 September and the *Mātaki Mai Film Festival* running across the whole week.

Make sure you stay up to date with events by visiting the website [www.kko.nz](http://www.kko.nz) and signing up to the newsletter for updates. Also keep a look out for a timetable that will be released by the Christchurch City Council closer to the time.

Whether you are taking your first steps on your reo journey or already using te reo every day, Te Wiki o te Reo Māori is an opportunity for all of us to celebrate and strengthen our reo. Get involved, support the kaupapa happening in your hapori, and help ensure te reo Māori continues to thrive. Kia kaha te reo Māori.

## Aoraki Matatū: Ki tua o matatau

*Kia turuturu taku ao Kāi Tahu tūturu te noho, tūturu te hono, tūturu ake nei. Mō tātau, ā, mō kā uri ā muri ake nei.*

On 3–5 Hūrae, the first wānaka of our new kaupapa was held at Ōtākou.

**Aoraki Matatū: Ki tua o matatau** is an extension of the kaupapa Aoraki Matatū. These wānaka are an opportunity for reo Māori pou throughout Kāi Tahu to deepen their understanding of our reo Kāi Tahu, our tikaka, our pūrākau, and our hītori. This kaupapa also seeks to add to the body of work already undertaken over the many years by iwi experts and exponents of te reo including the late Tahu Pōtiki, Dr Hana O'Regan and others – the development of a Papakupu Kāi Tahu – Kāi Tahu Dictionary. As a collective of manukura, we will be working through kupu Kāi Tahu, dialectual features, idiom, whakataukī to examine, discuss and collaborate on progressing an accessible papakupu.

Twenty-five dedicated kaiuru from around Te Waipounamu came together at Ōtākou Marae to focus on our Kāi Tahu reo. Led by Tākuta Hana O'Regan, we delved into manuscripts, revisited our hītori and kā taoka tuku iho, discussed tikaka, and learned mōteatea.

We were honoured to be joined by Professor Rāwinia Higgins, who shared her mātauraka around reo revitalisation and her wheako o mua, as well as Charisma Rangipunga, who lent her expertise and experience to the wānaka. Papaki kau ana kā tai o mihi ki ēnei mātaka reo i te kaha tautoko mai i a mātau.

E mihi hoki ana ki kā kaiuru i tae atu me te kākau tauutuutu kia whakawhānui i tō koutou matatau, kia tiaki i te hatete o tō tātau reo.

This was the first of a series of six wānaka that will be held over the coming months. Together, we will continue to build our knowledge of Kāi Tahu hītori, tikaka, and reo ki tua o te matatau, kia toitū te reo o Kāi Tahu mō kā whakatipuraka e heke mai nei.



*Kāi Tahu reo exponents gather outside Tamatea Whare, Te Marae o Ōtākou.*

# Pānui

## Omaui MR Campbellton 100 V11 Lot 5A, Lot 5B and 6 2026 Bi-Annual general meeting

**When:** 14 November 2026

**Time:** 10am to 2pm

**Where:** Federated Farmers building,  
70 Forth Street, Invercargill

### Agenda:

1. Welcome and introduction –  
Appointment of new trustees
2. Apologies
3. Presentation from Weora – Hardie  
Pacific – Update on CO2 sequestration
4. Confirmation of the previous AGM  
dated 04/11/2023
5. Chairpersons report – Omaui Block  
Lot 5A, Lot 5B and 6
6. Financial reports
7. Amalgamation of trust order
8. Pounamu Mere update
9. Wind farm
10. Predator free 2050
11. Nominations and voting for the  
replacement of one trustee (please  
email your nominations to the  
below email address, nomination  
can also be taken on the 14/11/26)
12. Proxy for voting, will be accepted  
by email up until 4pm on the  
13/11/26 or accepted at the meeting  
on the day.
13. General business
14. Closing

Light refreshment provided.

Zoom will be available on the day.

Meeting ID and passcode will be available  
closer to the time. Please request these  
by email at

[omauihuwhenuatrust@gmail.com](mailto:omauihuwhenuatrust@gmail.com)

If you are a shareholder in our blocks,  
please contact the secretary by email to  
update your records. We need your name,  
address, email, and phone number.

Contact our secretary on

Email: [omauihuwhenuatrust@gmail.com](mailto:omauihuwhenuatrust@gmail.com)



## Te Kōawa Tūroa o Takitimu – Mahika Kai Cultural Park and accommodation

Escape to Te Kōawa Tūroa o Takitimu, a 445-hectare mahika kai  
cultural park beneath the Takitimu Mauka in Murihiku.

Stay in Te Kōawa Lodge (sleeps 24) with its large lounge, log burner,  
commercial-style kitchen and bunkrooms, or Te Kārearea Apartment, a  
comfortable self-contained two-bedroom apartment sleeping up to five.

Perfect for whānau gatherings, hui, wānanga or a relaxing getaway.  
Enjoy walking, fishing and exploring the surrounding area.  
Only 20 minutes to Manapouri and 35 minutes to Te Anau.

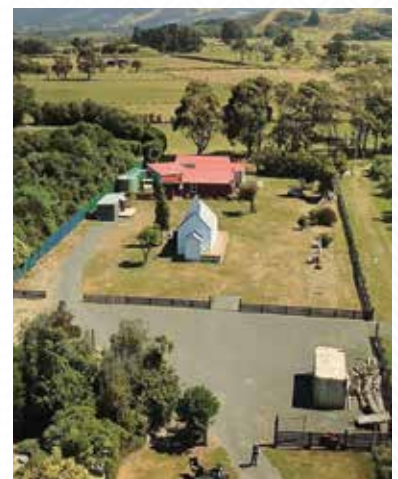
Special accommodation rates available for Ngāi Tahu whānui.  
More information at: [www.tewaiaumahikakaitrust.co.nz](http://www.tewaiaumahikakaitrust.co.nz).

## Mangamaunu Reservation Land Trust (MRLT)

### Notification

The trustees are pleased to  
announce details about the two  
major essential repair, installation,  
and renovation projects  
starting on Te Hau Nui Marae,  
Mangamaunu.

Ahi kā kaumātua Doug Poharama  
ko ia te kaiārahi mō te Karakia  
Kawa to protect the buildings  
and all who are involved in the  
projects.



When our contractors are ready, the trustees will seek the awahi o  
Mangamaunu whānau to help paint the interior of the buildings, paint  
the fences, and undertake other tasks to improve the appearance and  
functionality of the marae.

All works are intended to be completed by 30 September 2026.

For more information, please email [johnropata@gmail.com](mailto:johnropata@gmail.com).

Whakamoemiti ki ngā whānau e awahi, e manaaki ngā mahi nei.

# Ngāi Tahu Fund Round 40

Opening 1 July – Closing 30 September

## Small Projects Up to \$5,000

- To support smaller local initiatives
- No legal entity required
- Individuals may apply

## Medium Projects \$5,000 to \$30,000

- To support local, regional, and national initiatives
- Legal entity required
- Individuals cannot apply
- Multiple year funding considered

## Large Projects \$30,000 and over

- To support local, regional, and national initiatives
- Legal entity required
- Individuals cannot apply
- Multiple year funding considered
- An expression of interest required

### Apply on Te Kopa Ora and remember:

- Save your application as draft until you have everything you need to submit!
- If you're an organisation who hasn't logged in before, reach out to us and we'll get you sorted!
  - If you're unsure if your project meets the criteria, talk to us – we're here to help.

Visit the webpage for more details or scan the QR code below  
[ngaitahufund.com](http://ngaitahufund.com)

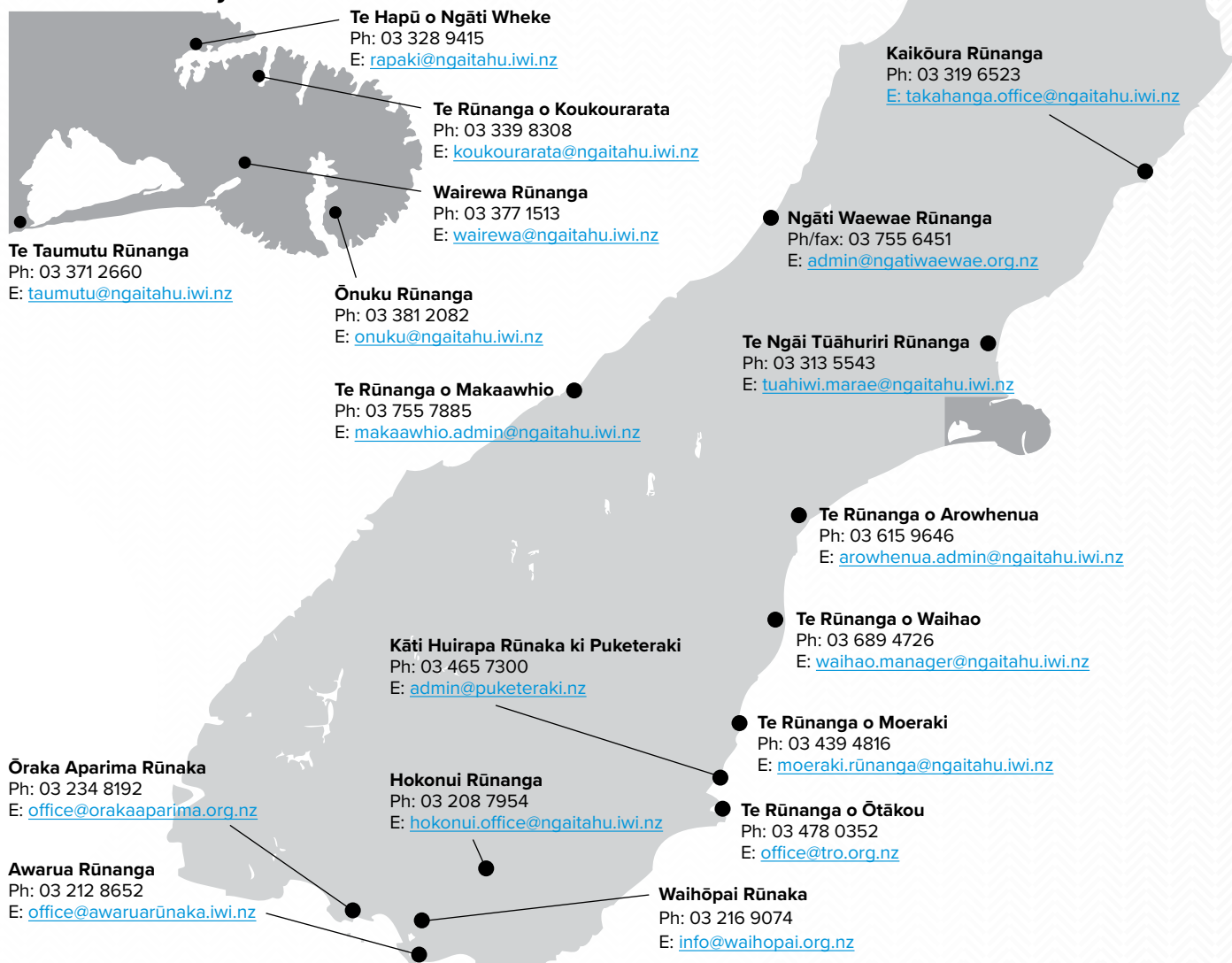
If you have any questions on eligibility, contact our team for a kōrero at  
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