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The initial results from last year's Census have been released, providing data on our population size, ages, ethnicities, and locations. The Māori population continues to grow with nearly one in five New Zealanders indicating they whakapapa Māori. Almost half of the Māori population are under 25, underscoring the importance of involving rangatahi in shaping our future strategic direction and priorities.

I enjoyed travelling around the takiwā with Te Here representatives and interim CEO Ben Bateman to discuss Au ahi Au ora with Papatipu Rūnanga. The foundations of this work can be traced back to the Papatipu Rūnanga Aspirations Group of 2010. Au ahi Au ora represents our ongoing commitment to keeping the aspirations of Papatipu Rūnanga at the forefront of our decision making. It is fundamentally important that actions taken by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and Ngāi Tahu Holdings align with regional expectations and priorities.



Kaiwhakahaere Justin Tipa and Deputy Kaiwhakahaere Tania Wati at Awarua with the Board of Te Ohu Kaimoana.

On 21 May, Deputy Kaiwhakahaere Tania Wati and I travelled to Bluff to attend a dinner with the Board of Te Ohu Kaimoana. Former Awarua Rūnanga representative, Gail Thomson, was appointed a director on the board in 2023 and it is great to see that she has already brought the Te Ohu board into the takiwā. We also enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with Awarua whānau, and it was evident to us that the Te Ohu Kaimoana Board were humbled and deeply appreciative of the manaaki shown to them by Gail and Awarua Rūnanga.

Kā manaakitaka,

Justin Tipa

Kaiwhakahaere



Kia kakama, kei mahue koe!

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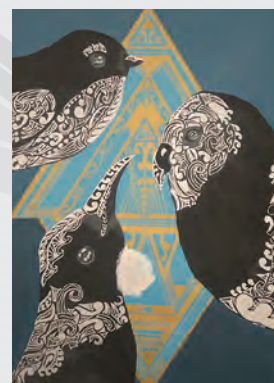
He Matengi o Ngā Manu (a trio of birds)

by Bailey Nutira-Gilmour (Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Mamoe, Waitaha, Ngāpuhi and Tainui)

My name is Bailey Nutira-Gilmour, I am 16-years-old and currently a Year 12 student at Hornby High School. I am thinking about studying architecture at Victoria University and have also been considering studying Interior Design at ARA. Art is something I am very passionate about.

Ko Nuku Mania te maunga
Ko Orakaia te awa
Ko Te Waihora te hāpua
Ko Te Taumutu te whenua
Ko Ngāi te Ruahikihiki te hapū
Ko Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Mamoe, Waitaha,
Ngāpuhi, Tainui ngā iwi
Ko Te Pā o Moki te marae

Kei Ōtautahi ahau e noho ana
Ko Ben Nutira tōku tīpuna
Ko Rose Nutira tōku taua
Ko Tamra Nutira rāua ko James Gilmour
ōku matua
Ko Kendall tōku teina
Ko Lincoln tōku tungāne
Ko Bailey Nutira-Gilmour tōku ingoa



Kaikōura Rūnanga

Birthdays

May

Wikitoria Te Wani, Pixie-Rose Te Wani.

July

Te Atarangi Te Wani-Revell.

Congratulations

Congratulations to John Te Wani who held his first exhibition at Christchurch Art Gallery in the month of June.

John would like to show his appreciation and thanks to his mentor Uncle Luke (Clayton) and to his parents and siblings for their ongoing support.



Jacqui Te Wani, John Te Wani, Miriama Watson.

Te Ora Haumanu (TOH) Ecological Contracting

Planting season is underway and keeping things busy. Teams have been operating out of the Hurunui/ Waiau area for most of this week. We currently have five sites with ECAN, one site with Ngāi Tahu Farming and one completed Wetland site with Amuri Irrigation in the area. Our remote team (Justin, Tamati and Nikora), had their first tester near Forbes Hut in April. They set up camp for three days to complete weed control for ECAN, right near the outback of the Waiau Toa. A cool experience for them, with some entertaining stories.

Our team leads in planning, prepping and daily operations have been making pleasing progress each week. We have had three field team members step into their new 'tuarua' roles, aka. 2IC's (ka pai tō mahi Googs, Tamati and Rex). As at the end of May, we have planted a total of 3,000 native plants in our takiwā this year. We look forward to seeing that number increase significantly over the planting season!



Te Tau Wairehu o Marokura (TWOM) Predator Control Project

And that is a wrap! A 120km coastal trapline, 1,200 active traps on our stunning beaches in the space of two years four months and over 2,000 unwanted species caught in our Ngāti Kuri takiwā, all in the efforts of protecting our local taonga species.

We are so proud of how far we have come as a company, operation, and the growth of our kaimahi. This project has initiated many unthinkable opportunities, pathways and connections which have placed us where we are today. We will continue working in the background to have our traps deployed once again on the whenua of our takiwā under Te Ora Haumanu. For now, it is mā te wā.



Te Ara Pūkenga (TAP)

The first round of Te Ara Pūkenga has come to an end but it is only the beginning of things to come for our tauira. We hope they are incredibly proud of the progress they have made both professionally and personally. The goal was to grow the capability and capacity of our rangatahi and whānau in the Kaikōura community, and from the feedback received this was achieved. Some of our tauira have not been successful with study in the past, but with the way that our process is set up, they have been supported through obstacles to complete their certificates.

Highlights were recounted on our last day, with many saying how much they appreciate knowing their pepeha, mihimihi and hearing the pūrākau of our takiwā. A big thank you to all those who have been with us the whole way in supporting this kaupapa. We will have a short break before embarking on another round with more tauira and business partners coming on board.



Mauri Ora!

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae

Rā whānau

A big mihi to everyone who has celebrated birthdays in the months below. If you celebrated your birthday but you are not on the list below, aroha mai and happy birthday to you! Please contact the office and we will add your birthday to the list.

June

Mowena Mason
Javana Watts
Ian Kearns
Zion Meihana-Whittle
Hemi Mason
Danielle Tainui
Selina Tainui
Lisa Tumahai
Jah-vana Lilley
Selina Tainui
Jack Delamare
Toby Tainui
Mahara Tainui

Sylvia Corcoran
Amanda Downs
Tonga Mason
Dwayne Mason
Ricky Popham
Tamati Mason
Martini Miller
Tania Wallace
Arahia Small

July

Lucy Tonihi
Kori Hutana
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 Parker
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

Congratulations

Congratulations to Tayla Nelson-Tuhuru for graduating from Lincoln University earlier this month with a Bachelor of Environmental Management majoring in Water Management. Tayla now works for both Poutini Environmental and Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke in the Environmental Planning team. She looks forward to a future of serving her people and the environment which serves us.

Fusion Rangatahi Programme

Another successful school holidays welcoming all our tamariki for a week of fun! Elly, Lanah and Hamiria planned a week of games, challenges and activities for our tamariki (pā wars style!) and watched them embrace skills of leadership and determination. We look forward to next school holidays when we will do it all again.



Punangairi Opening

On 6 May, Ngāti Waewae officially opened its new visitors experience building Punangairi in Punakaiki. The retail space is now open to the public, with the experience and café to be completed and opened at the end of this year.



Kōmiti Mātauranga

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau.

We have had a busy few weeks with a variety of kaupapa to support whānau, hapū, iwi and community. It has been awesome to see some new and familiar faces joining in.

Building Awesome Whānau

It was great to have whānau join us at Arahura to share kōrero created as part of the Building Awesome Whānau kaupapa. We know that these conversations will make such a huge difference for our tamariki and our mokopuna.

He Hīkoi Manaaki

We have had several wānanga for He Hīkoi Manaaki over the last few months, all aimed at strengthening whānau connection with te ao Māori. Whānau went canoeing at Kaniere and Moana, spent a weekend making rongoā and kai which we shared with the community, and finished with a hīkoi up the Arahura river during the setting of Matariki.

He Ruru Mātauranga

The kōmiti have been working with schools and early childhood centres throughout Te Tai Poutini, sharing pūrākau, te reo Māori, and some important conversations on kaupapa like colonisation, racism and allyship. Trainings are available for whānau to attend, so if you are interested, please get in touch with Liv@reomaorimai.co.nz

Kaumātua Events

Remember that kaumātua days are on the last Tuesday of every month. Our latest events have been an outing to the movies, a two-day trip to Ōtautahi, and a Matariki celebration.

Transport from home is available if required. To join, please contact Catherine Messenger-Weepu on 027 360 5915 or catherine@reomaorimai.co.nz

Te Reo Māori Lessons

We have got a range of different events and resources to support our whānau learning te reo Māori, including free online reo lessons. Check out the Poutini Ngāi Tahu

Facebook group or the Ngāti Waewae website for more details.

Kura Reo ki Arahura 2024

Kura Reo at Arahura Marae is happening from 7-10 July, with four days of te reo Māori, waiata, pūkenga and more. It is open to all learners of te reo, from beginners through to confident speakers. We are lucky to have kaiako Hona Black, Paiheretia Aperehama and Ariana Stevens, as well as pūkenga Missy Campbell, Maurice Manawatu, Vicci Sword and Te Kahureremoa Taumata!

We want this kura reo to be as accessible as possible, so we have included a Hōtaka Tamariki programme. Please note that Poutini Ngāi Tahu will be prioritised for places. If you are keen to register, contact kurareo@reomaorimai.co.nz

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

- Joining the Poutini Ngāi Tahu group on Facebook
- Registering at: www.ngatiwaewae.org.nz for access to our whānau portal with resources, updates and upcoming events
- Making sure Elly has your email address and phone number for rūnanga communications
- Emailing the kōmiti at: matauranga@ngatiwaewae.org.nz if you have any questions, concerns or comments about our mahi as a kōmiti

Nā te Kōmiti Mātauranga

Ariana Stevens, Hamiria Hutana, Davida Simpson, Andrea Read, Aroha Blacktopp, Teena Henderson, Joe Mason and Shan Robinson

If you have any rūnanga business queries, please contact our office administrator Elly at Arahura Marae.

Email: Elly.Mulholland@ngaitahu.iwi.nz or Phone 037556451.

For any marae bookings or queries please contact Miriama at Arahura Marae.

Email: events@ngatiwaewae.org.nz or Phone: 037556451.



Punangairi.

Ngāti Waewae Rūnanga hui are held bi-monthly on the second Sunday.

We welcome contributions from Ngāti Waewae whānau for *Te Pānui Rūnaka*, so please share by sending any news and photos to Elly.

Whakapapa registration forms can be collected from Arahura Marae. If you are unsure which Papatipu Rūnanga you belong to the Ngāi Tahu Whakapapa Unit are always very helpful, for this please call 0800 KAITAHU(524824).

Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio

ANZAC Day

Another successful ANZAC commemoration service was held at Te Tauraka Waka A Maui this year with a great turnout of whānau and the local community. The ceremony was well supported by the armed forces who came all the way from Ōtautahi, and this was greatly appreciated. The kai was beautiful and plentiful as all responded to the tono to bring a plate.

The day was made extra special with a kawē mate for Pihopa Richard Wallace as his whānau made the pilgrimage to bring his mauri home in the form of a photo that is mounted in the whareniui alongside his beloved daughter Angela.

There was a large contingent of local and regional police including the regional commander, who took the opportunity to return some repatriated Tahutahi pounamu at the same time.



Amethyst Track Opening

On 12 April, an opening event was held for two new walks in Harihari, Māhanga a Tāne (twins of Tāne of the forest) and Te Manawanui (the largest which endures), which is the shared rohe of Ngāti Waewae and Ngāti Māhaki.

Kahurangi Wilson-Mahuika offered karakia and mihi, supported by his whānau and local resident and cousin, Robert Wilson.

Marae

After three years, our marae upgrade is almost completed with the installation of heat pumps in the wharekai. The solar is now fully installed and we are just waiting on the final sign-off and then we will be harnessing the sun's energy. We are enjoying a steady flow of manuhiri, and we are grateful to our pool of whānau who give up their time to host and fulfil our cultural roles on the marae.



Ka Whawhai Tonu

We are very excited and proud that our very own Paku Fernandez (son of Jacinta Fernandez and Aaron Tainui, mokopuna of Linda Fernandez and Selina Tainui) is starring in this wonderful New Zealand film which is due for release on Matariki weekend. The film is based on an historical event at Ōrākau.

Congratulations to Paku, who has whakapapa to both Tai Poutini hapū and Ngāti Apa. We encourage all whānau to head in and check out this epic story.

Hui-ā-Tau Rūnanga AGM

Members of Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio Inc. are advised that our Rūnanga Hui-ā-Tau (AGM) is to be held on Saturday 19 October commencing at 9.45am with a mihi whakatau at Te Tauraka Waka a Māui Marae, Mahitahi.

The business of the AGM will commence at 10.00am and will be in accordance with Section 7 of the Rules of Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio Society Inc. (28/11/15).

All whānau are welcome and encouraged to attend. Only those registered and over 18-years-old will be eligible to vote.



Māhaki Ki Taiao

As part of the role of our kaitiaki rangers, Kahurangi recently went to Taumaka me Popotai – one of our mana whenua owned islands, to monitor some of our taonga species. Several years ago, the Māhaki crew had placed lizard houses designed to provide refuge from the predatory and introduced weka. The houses are working and the number of lizards and gecko endemic to these islands have increased – He pai rawa!



Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga

Award for Courage and Humanity

Senior Sergeant Alexander York (Ngāi Tūāhuriri), mokopuna of Raheara (auntie Lala) and the late Richard Takiroa Grennell, daughter of Diane Highman (Grennell), has recently been awarded a bronze medal from the Royal Humane Society of New Zealand Inc. The medal was awarded for courage and humanity displayed when responding to a missing person report. Sergeant York spotted the missing person 30 metres from shore, removed her police gear, and swam out to bring the person safely to shore where two other police colleagues (who had just arrived) helped the person out of the water.



Senior Sergeant Alexander York and District Commander, Superintendent Tracey Thompson.

Celebration Day

Celebration Day was held at the marae on 2 March and was a great success. The intention of the day was to celebrate all the great things that have happened in the past year. People from pēpi to kaumātua showed up to enjoy the sunny day. There were ice-lolly machines, a bouncy castle, racing cars for the 'adult kids,' great kai and lots of laughter.

There was also the book launch of the Tuahiwi pūrākau project which was a joint venture between Tuahiwi Kura and the University of Canterbury. This showcased five published books of stories in both Māori and English from members of the hapū. These include learning tools, mahinga kai, history, kapa haka and what it is like to grow up in Tuahiwi. Thank you to all of those who helped put together such a great day.

Torpedo Road Pā, Papakāinga

While it has taken a few years to get this off the ground, our six houses at Torpedo Road have become quite the community. Four of the whare were built to help renting families saving for a deposit to buy their own home. Alongside these are two homes for kaumātua.

Tukutuku panels that came from the old marae now have pride of place on the back lawns. I can imagine in years to come how they will look once there are plants surrounding them. Ruahine Crofts started the idea of these panels as a training platform for the children of the pā in Tuahiwi back in the early 1980s. Once complete the panels were showcased on the front of the stage at the old marae. Now they look out for whānau who come and go from the Papakāinga.

What is impressive is that everyone has so much pride in their whare. Plants and trees and gardens are being planted and it's starting to feel established.



Safety on the Road of Tuahiwi

Unfortunately, during the time that Tuahiwi Road has been used as a thoroughfare for traffic, the high speed of passing cars and heavy-hauling vehicles on the road has been a major concern for residents. The footpaths and speed bumps that now run through Tuahiwi on both sides of the main road are a major improvement for the safety of pā residents and children at kura. As we all know, the wheels on the bus can go round and round slowly before reaching a destination. There is now a big wooden block seat outside the kura which is a memorial to Uncle Jono Crofts and Whaea Denise Hamilton, acknowledging their efforts to make the pā safe. This was a campaign that took them several years to bring to fruition.



Shout out to Simone Pitama

Thank you, Simone for all of your mahi.

Acknowledgements

Congratulations to Tania Wati on your appointment as the Deputy Kaiwhakahaere.

Take care everyone. I look forward to bringing more Tuahiwi Times pānui soon.
Kathy Casey.

Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke

Te Reo Whānau Day at Rāpaki Marae – 4 May



The word 'strategy' can sometimes put our whānau off. Sometimes we forget to think about the skillset range that our tipuna required for navigation, in warfare, in migration and in mahika kai. We come from a long line of strategic thinkers.

Collecting kōrero from the whānau to inform a reo strategy for Ngāti Wheke continued in a one-day hui at Rāpaki in May. While the numbers weren't high, the spirits were. As whānau came together to play games, participate in challenges, buy taoka from whānau stalls, and to offer their thoughts on how to learn our skills, and what overall concept should underpin a uniquely 'Ngāti Wheke' strategy.



*He huinga whānau
He hiringa mahara*

It was wonderful to see many age groups represented to play with te reo Māori in a relaxed way, far from a classroom environment. It was also great to get some feedback on the draft strategy concepts. At the end of the day, if we want a strategy that fits with who we are and our aspirations, it must be built on what is important to Ngāti Wheke people, in the past, now, and into the future.

Spot-prizes were won, games were played, with sessions on Māori movement, waiata and traditional Māori games. There were even VR headsets as well as kōrero on the whare. Ka nui te mihi ki te hunga tautoko, ki a Whaea Lynette, ki a Matera koutou ko Lani ko Eli, ki a Kerepeti kōrua ko Savannah anō.

E kore e mimiti te puna o mihi.

Hinemoana Visit

On Saturday 20 April many whānau were able to enjoy time on the waka hourua Hinemoana. The following day Hinemoana came to Rāpaki accompanied by Kōtukumairangi and crews were welcomed with a pōwhiri and hākari. While she was in Whakaraupō, Hinemoana hosted over 700 Māori and Pasifika students, as well as many others.



Habitat Restoration, Pest Control, and Mahinga Kai

Following on from the ending of our Kaimahi for Nature we have retained a team of four to continue the planting and maintenance of the ngahere, along with continuing the pest management work. Alongside this work we undertake other pest management work culling deer and pigs. We have been working with Te Papa Atawhai

over the past two years to reduce the damage deer are doing to the acres of native planting on Ōtamahua, with our tangata tiaki utilising *Kaiwaka1* to bring the deer back to Rāpaki for kai.



ANZAC Day

Around 80 whānau and friends attended our annual ANZAC Day commemorations with many travelling on to Lyttleton for the annual commemorations there. Ngā mihi nui e te whānau i tō koutou tautoko, thanks to everyone for supporting this annual event.

Rāpaki School Restoration

The restoration continues to make good progress and at the time of writing the new red roof had just been put on. The project is due for completion in July. We look forward to being able to welcome whānau once it is completed.



Untouched World Foundation Rangatahi Noho

In early May, in partnership with 'Untouched World Foundation,' and the Whaka Ora Whakaraupō partnership, we hosted a group of rangatahi from around the country at Rāpaki Marae for a taiao focused week. This provided an opportunity to encourage inter-generational conversation, open discussion, and to connect and engage. Over the course of the week, the students heard from various speakers and participated in hands-on mahi including building penguin nesting boxes. We look forward to this rōpū of change-making rangatahi taking up the wero of continuing to improve the taiao.



Summer Cadet and Rangatahi Noho Programmes

We have secured funding for these programmes for next summer for our Ngāti Wheke whānau. The rangatahi noho is for 12–16-year-olds and is planned for 20–24 January 2025. The summer cadet programme provides funding for us to take on rangatahi aged 16+ over part of the summer period. We will provide more information as we get closer to the date but in the interim any expressions of interest are welcome.

Te Taumutu Rūnanga

Congratulations to our Chairperson Dr Liz Brown

We are pleased to share with you this article about the achievements of our Chairperson Dr Liz Brown which was published on the University of Canterbury website:

A seven-year journey ends with a doctorate for the University of Canterbury's new Kaihautū Matua | Executive Director Office of Treaty Partnerships, Dr Elizabeth Brown.

Weaving life into study, Dr Brown balanced full-time work at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury (UC), her role as chair of the rūnaka and various governance roles with her commitment to completing her Doctor of Education (EdD) from UC.

"It is not a journey that's easy to do on your own, I couldn't have done it without support. I felt well supported by the University and by my partner who took over all day-to-day chores, especially in these last years when I had to say no to everything to get my thesis across the line.

"Even moral support was important from people around me. Those who told me I could do it, particularly my supervisors."

The reality of doctoral study was a combination of challenges and successes.

"It can be a grind of tedious edits and rewrites, but you can see your way through if you have passion for the research.

"When I was hearing interviewee stories about their own journey in becoming more culturally competent and the personal and professional challenges of doing so, I felt privileged. They would share their passions and their challenges so openly with me, there were times when interviewees cried; what they were sharing was so real for them," says Dr Brown.

Navigating hurdles such as the ethics process presented its own set of challenges.

"Getting through the ethics process was challenging. Because I was an insider, there was a potential for conflict of interest.

"This can happen to a lot of people – it is a process of being patient and responding to questions politely and positively even though you may think the question is misguided. Ultimately you need to be focused on the end game," says Dr Brown.

A specialised doctorate for education professionals with a rigorous, structured and supportive approach to doctoral study, the UC Faculty of Education's EdD is designed so candidates can continue to work in their specific field, and study part-time.

"It is more structured than a PhD – I had assignments that helped form chapters of my thesis which worked well for me.

"You are also part of a cohort for the first two years where you come together on a quarterly basis. We saw each other around campus, and we had that whakawhanaungatanga going on where you can connect with peers and share your journey, which is a great support mechanism."

Dr Brown's research topic Intertwining Leadership and Change to Embed Te Tiriti o Waitangi within a University, supported her role at UC, highlighting the practical relevance of her doctoral studies.

"Establishing the Office of Treaty Partnerships came with signing the Ngāi Tūāhuriri partnership agreement in 2019 and is a significant pou of the University.

"Our work involves building the Office of Treaty Partnerships as we go, so my study and findings have been particularly relevant to my mahi. It's helped to inform my role and the direction with which I can assist the Office of Treaty Partnerships."

Dr Brown says a key learning from her academic and professional journey is that leadership is important throughout the whole organisation. "It is important to work with leaders at every level within an organisation to move in the right direction."

Having submitted her thesis, Dr Brown has found herself after seven years finally able to say yes to whānau engagements and a well-earned rest in Gore Bay.

Dr Brown attended a UC graduation celebration where she played a ceremonial role as an academic staff member.

To view the original article, see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/news-and-events/news/2024/routine--passion-and-support--a-recipe-for-doctoral-degree>



Congratulations to Tyson Collins

Tyson Collins graduated from Ara Institute of Canterbury with a Bachelor of Design majoring in Photography. Tyson is the mokopuna of Bomber Mehlhopt (Teihoka whānau) and Joy Mehlhopt.



Left to right: Bomber Mehlhopt, Tyson Collins and Joy Mehlhopt. Tyson is using his photography skills in a career where he combines this with his other passion, cars.

Welcome to the whānau, Marley



Left to right: Bomber Mehlhopt, son Paul, grandson Aaron and great grandson Marley.

In October 2023, the Teihoka Mehlhopt whānau welcomed its first great-grandchild. Pictured in the photo are four generations: Bomber Teihoka Mehlhopt, his son Paul Teihoka Mehlhopt, grandson Aaron Teihoka Mehlhopt and great-grandson Marley Teihoka Mehlhopt. Welcome to the whānau, Marley!

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We also send out a bi-monthly e-pānui and other important communications to our whānau via our whānau emailing list. If you would like to be added to the list, please email us at Taumutu@ngaitahu.iwi.nz

Te Rūnanga o Koukourarata

Welcoming our new kaimahi to the team

Koukourarata, maraka maraka!
Ko tēnei te pānui e karaka mai ana ki te ao!
Tihei Mauri Ora!

Right: Koukourarata Kaimahi: Carl Crofts (Projects Manager), Nani-Pera Moka (Whānau Ora Navigator), Te Aroha Daken (Cook & Cleaner), Te Kerei Moka (Whānau Ora Navigator), Gina-Lee Duncan (General Manager), Mananui Ramsden (Chair).



Welcoming our new kaimahi to the team *continued*

Following an extensive and thorough selection process, it brings me great pleasure to announce the appointment of Gina-Lee Duncan as our new General Manager for the Koukourarata group.

Gina-Lee's journey brings her full circle, returning home to Koukourarata with a wealth of experience and a deep connection to our community. Her roots run deep within our marae, where she has served in various capacities over the years – from humble beginnings as a whānau member and cleaner, to dedicated service on the board. Having left her mark on legacy projects in Kawatiri, Westport, and beyond, Gina-Lee now stands ready to lead us into the future, guided by her unwavering commitment to our whenua and its people.

Her return to Koukourarata is not just a homecoming but a testament to the opportunities that exist within our community. From her childhood days spent tending to the whare and the urupā alongside her whānau, to her achievements in executive roles and leadership positions. Gina-Lee's journey exemplifies the endless possibilities for growth and development within our rūnaka.

Gina-Lee officially assumed her duties on 17th April. We eagerly anticipate the contributions she will make as we work together towards the shared aspirations of Te Mahi Tamariki, dedicated to shaping a brighter future for generations to come.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Gina-Lee as she takes on this important role within our community. Together, let us embark on this journey of collective growth and prosperity.

We are also thrilled to announce that Te Kerei Moka has accepted the esteemed position of our second Whānau Ora Navigator, joining his sister Nani-Pera Moka in this vital role.

It fills us with immense pride and joy to welcome him back into our fold. Te Kerei brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience, infused with the mauri of Huikaitaka, enhancing our team's capabilities and enriching our community's well-being.

His dedication and passion for serving our whānau is truly inspiring, and we are excited to witness the positive impact he will undoubtedly make.

Let us embrace this momentous occasion with open hearts and minds as we continue our journey together towards collective empowerment and resilience.

Upcoming hui

10am, Sunday 28 July – Hui Rūnaka

Wairewa Rūnanga

Congratulations

Congratulations to Boudine Simôn Brown and Cougan Joseph Brown, who both graduated from the University of Otago in December 2023. Boudine and Cougan are the tamariki of Justine Simôn and Roger Brown, and the eldest mokopuna of Brian and Mary Simôn.

Boudine graduated with a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery and Cougan with a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Politics. The week was made special as ngā tipuna were able to travel down from Paraparaumu to attend both ceremonies of their mokopuna.

Ki te moemoeā ahau, ko au tonu,
Ki te moemoeā tatou, ka taea e tātau.



Boudine Brown.



Mary Simôn, Cougan Brown and Brian Simôn.

Day Skipper Course

On Friday 5 April we welcomed Rob Hewitt (Ngāti Kahungunu) to Wairewa where whānau had the opportunity to complete their Day Skipper and Water Survival Courses. These were introductory courses to ensure we can be safe on the water and in a boat. The courses were supported by Water Safety NZ.

Rob is not just a tutor but an inspirational speaker who survived 75 hours in the open ocean, has 20 years' experience in the navy as a diver and as a skipper on the South Pacific voyage of traditional waka. Those who attended were in good hands and learnt a lot.

We plan to build on this work via the Mana Whenua Mana Moana Pou to ensure whānau are safe on the water.



Left to right: Makarini Rupene, Tristan Wilson-Robinson, Roman Piwari, Jaleesa Panirau, Rob Hewitt, Zoe Panirau, Matiu Prebble, Rob McInnes, Eden Skipper, and Sidney Head.

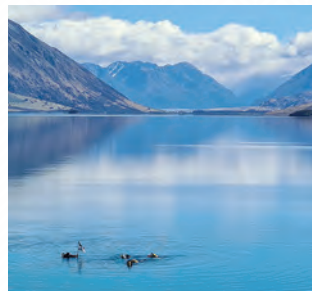
Takaroa Project – Mana Whenua Mana Moana

We are happy to share that we now have nine qualified open water divers who completed their training through the Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI). Our divers will now be under the guidance of Raniera Bartlett who will be planning dives to gain more experience in the water. This will enable our whānau to protect our moana and enhance harvesting rights and sustainability.



Above: Stevie Hadfield, Tristan Wilson-Robinson, Sidney Head, Irai Weepu and Jesse Daniels waiting to sign their certification.

Below: Julian Phillips, Ana Verdult and Mileena Griffith-Allan at Lake Coleridge; below right: Zoe Panirau.



Kaumātua ki Kaikōura

On Tuesday 9 April, a group of our kaumātua headed to Kaikōura for the first kaumātua haerenga. First stop was the Kaikōura office for a whakatau where we were fortunate enough to have Rawiri Manawatu share all the amazing mahi they have been undertaking. We then enjoyed a kai and waiata by the haukīanga. Following our time at the office, we headed to Whale Watch where we awaited the bus to take us to the boat. Despite rough seas, we were lucky enough to spot sperm whales, humpback whales and pilot whales. We also had dusky dolphins putting on a show for us. After the exhilarating boat ride, we headed to our accommodation for a rest, then dinner and whanaungatanga.

The following morning, we were up and ready early for our day with Maurice and Heather Manawatu. We started our journey by visiting a beautiful lookout, then ventured north, gradually making our way back to Kaikōura. Along the way, we stopped at various significant sites where Maurice shared kōrero about the rich history and the meaning of each of the pou. After a wander through the township, we were lucky enough to be invited to Takahanga Marae for a kai and tour of their beautiful marae.

Our journey continued south, where we stopped at more historical landmarks, including Peketā Pā. This haerenga was not just a trip, it was an experience for learning, whanaungatanga and appreciation. We are immensely grateful for the hospitality and stories shared.



Maurice Manawatu and Wairewa kaumātua with the Ngāti Kuri Chief, Tuteurutira.

Kaumātua ki Kaikōura *continued*



Above: At Peketā Pā.

Left: Kaumātua at Whale Watch, left to right: Trevor Carroll, Aroha Timoti-Coxon, Helen Day, Linda Rangipunga, Fiona Butler, Elvina Falgar, Tini Tainui, Mark Creamer, Anita Panirau, Frances Creamer, Patty-Anne Oberst and Wiki Martin.

Wairewa Emergency Preparedness Community Day

Sunday 21 April marked a significant event for Wairewa as we gathered at the marae for our Emergency Preparedness Community Day. It was a day filled with invaluable resources, engaging activities and most importantly, a strong sense of kotahitanga among the Wairewa whānau and hapori.

The event saw the participation of several essential services, including Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ), NZ Police, Civil Defence, and Neighbourhood Support. Each department set up stalls filled with resources and knowledge, ready to address any questions or concerns we had about emergency preparedness.

One of the highlights of the day was the impressive turnout from Wairewa whānau and the Wairewa community. It was awesome to see so many individuals actively engaged in learning and preparing for potential emergencies.

There was no shortage of fun activities to keep the tamariki

entertained and educated. From colouring-in and facepainting, to quizzes and jumping competitions. There was something for everyone –and the chance to win prizes only added to the excitement!

A special thank you goes out to the Wairewa Emergency Response Komiti who meticulously planned every aspect of the event, ensuring its success. Additionally, gratitude is extended to all the agencies and individuals who lent their time and support to make the day informative and enjoyable for everyone involved.

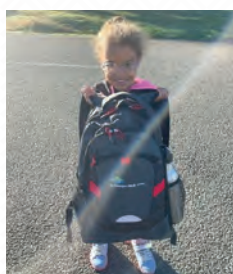


Above: The Emergency suppliers prize winners; above right: Keela Atkinson-Cranwell looking after the prizes.



Emergency Go-Bag

Tara-Lee George sent in this beautiful photo of her four-year-old daughter, Emmie George and the Emergency Go-Bag they received for sending in their whānau emergency plan. Awesome to see whānau getting better prepared for emergencies.



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Ōnuku Rūnanga

Kaihautū

Kia ora, I thought I would take the opportunity to introduce myself as the new Kaihautū. My name is Jo McLean, my whakapapa is to Waihao where I have spent much of the last 20 odd years involved in whānau events, sitting on the Executive Committee and as the Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Representative for the past nine years.

I am māmā to five children – three boys who all live in Melbourne and two girls: Hana, who lives in Christchurch and Diamond who is in high school. I come from a strong employment background and have a BA, MA and LLB. My interests have and remain strongly connected to our papatipu rūnanga, management and governance.

I feel incredibly humbled to have been given the opportunity to work for the amazing Ōnuku Rūnanga and to support them in their aspirations for their whānau.



Tertiary Awards

Congratulations to Ōnuku whānau on receiving their awards at the University of Canterbury's Autumn graduation ceremony. We would like to congratulate: Kirsty Ameriks (Tikao whānau), mokopuna of George Waitai Tikao for graduating with a Bachelor of Arts, double major in Psychology and Philosophy. Kirsty dedicated 10 years to completing her degree part-time while working full time and raising her now 6-year-old tama.



Sam Tikao, mokopuna of Arthur (Boy) Tikao completed his Post Graduate Teaching degree (with distinction), in Secondary Education. Sam will be embarking on his hīkoi as a kaiako at Te Aratai College, teaching health and physical education to the rangatahi in his community. This has been the fulfilment of a long journey which began for Sam as a meat worker five years ago, when he decided to follow his dreams and passions of being a positive influence on the next generation.



Congratulations to Madison Meriana Teresa Tainui, daughter of Donna Tainui and mokopuna of Wi and Kyra Tainui, who graduated from the University of Canterbury in April. Maddy was awarded a Bachelor of Health Science, with a double major in Public Health and Health Education. Maddy is currently working for Te Whatu Ora in Christchurch, as part of their Sparklers group which provides health resources for teachers. The korowai Maddy is wearing belonged to our cousin, Pere Tainui, and has been worn by whānau on many other special occasions. Her whānau are all incredibly proud of her achievement.

Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua

Arowhenua Marae fundraising – Noa blanket raffle results

Thank you to everyone who supported us by purchasing raffle tickets. All funds raised are going towards our cultural haerenga “Across the Generations” to Awarua, Murihiku, and Rakiura in October.

The lucky winners were all surprised and overjoyed to receive our phone call informing them that they were one of three recipients of a Noa blanket. There were three designs to choose from and the great thing was the winners all chose a different blanket which had a unique story attached to that design.

The raffle was drawn under police supervision by Constable R. Chapman at the Temuka Police Station.

The winners were:

- Wendy Spencer, Christchurch
- Jean Bennett, Tauranga
- Dennis Te Tuhi, Dargaville

Jean Bennett, who gifted her win to her daughter, says: “My daughter is delighted to be gifted the Noa blanket with the tātai hono pattern and its meaning.



She’s worked hard for the past three years to gain a degree in Counselling and will enjoy relaxing with the gorgeous blanket over the cooler months. It will be treasured.”

Dennis Te Tuhi, winner of the Uhi Tai blanket says:



“This is such a beautiful taonga, and I have been very surprised by how the quality and artistry have highlighted the authentic Māori product. Exceptional craft by Noa Blanket Co.”

Wendy Spencer, winner of the Te Kura Nui blanket says:

“This beautifully packaged Noa blanket will be treasured and well looked after. I’m a very happy winner.”

Our appreciation goes out to those whānau members, community, and businesses that continue to support our kaupapa and fundraising efforts. We have had many obstacles to overcome in our journey but through perseverance and resilience, we are very close to reaching our goal.

Arowhenua Kaumātua Puketeraki Day Trip

On Wednesday 8 May, Arowhenua kaumātua departed the marae by bus, destination Puketeraki Marae. Our first stop was to call into the Moeraki Boulders Restaurant for morning tea. Manager Vicky Waaka took very good care of us, and it was good to know we were also supporting Moeraki Rūnanga since the company has bought the business. The weather was lovely at Moeraki, and the view was fantastic. Some of the kaumātua had a walk to the boulders while others browsed through the gift shop, drank coffee, or enjoyed the sunshine outside.



Above: Aroha Sheed and Gray Taipana at Moeraki; above centre: Wayne and Linda Reuben; above right: Fran Spencer, Suzy Waaka, Lisa Donaldson.

By the time we were nearing Puketeraki, the weather had turned grey and wet. For a lot of kaumātua they either had not been to Puketeraki or it had been many years ago. We were welcomed onto the marae. The hospitality shown



Above: Riki Russell, Khyla Russell, Tim Russell, Rana Crabtree.

to us was beyond generous. The kaumātua sat down to an entrée of mutton birds, whitebait, and pāua patties. Christmas had come all at once!

The kaumātua met with whānau (some of whom they had not seen for some time) and mingled with Puketeraki kaumātua and staff. On leaving, we took a drive up the Coast Road. The view from the top of the road was fantastic and Mokai Reihana gave us a history talk. It was such a shame that the weather was against us. The consensus was that we would all like to visit again, for either a personal or organised trip when the weather is better.

To Puketeraki, thank you to everyone who made our day very special.

Solomon Horomona Rehe Whānau Reunion 2024

The Solomon whānau reunion was held over three days at Arowhenua Marae during Easter. Their first reunion 40 years ago was held at the Citizens Hall in Temuka. The reunion had been over 12 months in the planning with a committee of seven all playing a part to bring it together. There were around 200 registrations came in at around 200 and whānau made their way from all around Te Waipounamu, Te Ika a Māui, Rēkohu (Chatham Islands) and Australia to attend.

During the reunion there was plenty of time for whakawhanaungatanga and we also held sessions on our Kaahu whānau whakapapa, waiata, raranga with Sally Reihana, and had a guided bus trip with Karl Russell to Waiteruati with plenty of kōrero on our Kāti Huirapa history. A highlight was supporting two of our whānau as they received their moko kauae by Christine Harvey.



Above: Solomon Whānau Reunion 2024; bottom right: Tamariki having loads of fun, (left to right) Julius, Noah, Xavier, Carter and Renee; bottom far right: Committee members busy at the registration table, (left to right) Keri Solomon, Karla Gamble and Tara Brown; left: Hinemata Solomon, committee member Erin King and Cassidy Solomon.



Above (left to right): Committee Treasurer Aaron Donaldson, Committee Chair Tane Solomon and Kaumatua Aunty Suzy Waaka; above right: Kaumatua Charles Solomon-Rehe taking whānau through the Kaahu whānau whakapapa.

Below (left to right): Committee member Tara Brown, Hana-Maraea Solomon, Xavier Uri, Ezrin Brown and Patricia Solomon; Chef Jason Russell (right) with his Kaimahi team from left, Rana Russell, Corey Dix and George Russell.



Congratulations on your recent graduation – Ruby Kihapane Vidgen

Ruby recently graduated with a degree in Screen Arts from Massey University, Te Whanganui-a-Tara. Ruby is the mokopuna of Martin and Joan McColgan, and great grand-daughter of Mercia Mei Henry (née Rehu) of Arowhenua.

Ruby was head girl at Nayland College in Whakatū, where she won a scholarship for her achievements in media production. Her natural leadership was picked up on and noted by her Kaiako and tutors early on.

During her study related internship, Ruby worked at One News in Tāmaki Makaurau, and Avalon Studios in Pōneke.

Ruby currently resides in Pōneke. She is a student representative of Te Tira Ahu Pae and is employed at Massey in the role of Kaiwhakahaere o Kōkiri Ngātahi to ensure the voice of students is heard. Ruby has staunch views on social justice, and in her role, she strives to foster and create opportunities for tauira Māori to connect with one another and their Māoritanga.



Ruby with her certificate, and Ruby on her graduation.

He matatū, he hakune ia i roto i ana mahi. He tino manawanui ia i roto ana kaupapa.

Ruby's whānau is extremely proud of her dedication, hard work and patience to see her goals through to success. She is planning to do some haerenga back in Te Waipounamu, to immerse in her Tahutaka at Moeraki, Puketeraki and Arowhenua, strengthening whanaukataka ties.

Te Rūnanga o Waihao

Whānau Acknowledgements

Congratulations Nicole Solomon! Nicole was awarded a Masters in Māori and Indigenous Leadership with Distinction from the University of Canterbury (UC) and attended both the UC graduation ceremony and Eke Tangaroa (UC Māori) ceremony.

"Eke Tangaroa was particularly special and personal, and I sincerely appreciate everyone who attended to tautoko and help me celebrate.

"It was a wild two years of researching into leadership in education with an indigenous lens. I was pursuing knowledge to improve our teacher education, teacher professional development and school curriculum to provide better education for our rakatahi. The wānaka style of learning was something that set apart this experience for me.

"This Masters was a valuable learning experience that I can recommend. If you're interested in knowing more about it and have any questions, pātai mai," says Nicole.



Winnemem Wintu



We had a massive few days' hosting Winnemem Wintu – thank you to all of our whānau who turned up to manaaki our manuhiri, and who filled our whare with warmth and love.

A massive mihi to Trudy, Karen and Kāhu who delivered the most exceptional manaaki and kai. Special mention to our Upoko Te Wera and Kaikaranga Wendy, for supporting the Winnemem Wintu, giving their time, knowledge, and expertise to uphold the mana of our hapū.

Chief Caleen Sisk of Winnemem Wintu provided their blessings to Aoraki – a truly powerful and moving ceremony to witness and be a part of.



Te Manahuna Pou Whenua Strategy

Over several years, we have been working with our cousins from Arowhenua and Moeraki, and the Mackenzie District Council to create pou that tell our stories across the district. We spent time visiting the sites that are going to be hosting our pou.



Upcoming Events:

With a variety of fantastic festivals and events being held around the motu, we hope that you and your whānau can take part in one near you.

The Waimate Matariki Celebration is on 6 July and we will be joining with Waimate District Council this year to co-host the first Matariki celebration for the district.

The Matariki McKenzie event is highly recommended. This was a wonderful event last year and enjoyed by many whānau.

Remember to send your whānau celebrations to our office so we can include in our pānui.

Upcoming Whānau Hui Dates:

18 August, 2024.

AGM 20 October, 2024.

Te Rūnanga o Moeraki

Kia ora e te whānau,



Te Rūnanga o Moeraki wishes to acknowledge the passing of Rua McCallum (née Hampstead).

Rua was a Moeraki Marae trustee and an integral part of our marae and community. She will be missed by many whānau around the pā and wider hapū. E te Hākui, moe mai rā i te kōpū o Papatūānuku.

Mana Rakatahi ki Moeraki – Raumati Wānaka

Nā Tiana Mihaere Rauora

Mana Rakatahi ki Moeraki aspires to foster a generation of young people who feel strongly connected to their whenua, marae and hapū. The Raumati Wānaka, brought together over 50 Moeraki whānau members, including 30 rakatahi aged 12-19 years. This was an

opportunity to engage in whakawhanaukataka, mahika kai, mahi toi, waka ama, pūrākau and waiata, all while having fun and creating cherished memories.

Mana Rakatahi ki Moeraki was established in 2020 through the charitable trust Te Pahī o Āio Nuku by Tiana Mihaere and Jessy Rauora. Over the past three years we have focused on growing a rōpū of tuākana (20–30-year-olds) to better support this kaupapa, ensuring that our young people are shown manaaki and feel safe. We continue to identify areas where we can grow and develop our cultural and leadership capacity as a generation. Many thanks to our tuākana; Te Moana Nui A Kiwa Ryan, Rāhiri Mākuini, Amber Hammond, Charlotte Parry, Josh Harden, Ana Fa'au, Kera Sherwood-O'Regan, Ruiha Johnson, Reuben Mihaere, and Nick Tipa.

E kā rakatira, to all the pakeke who helped to teach our rakatahi, e mihi nunui ki a koutou, and, to the Ngāi Tahu Fund, thank you for the pūtea tautoko. The next rakatahi wānaka will be held in Raumati 2025 (Jan/Feb). There will be several tuākana wānaka held prior to this. If you are interested in becoming a tuākana or kaimahi in the future, please contact Tiana via email, kaitiaki@aionuku.nz



Above, left to right: Hākoru Justin Tipa, sharing pūrākau about the whenua to Moeraki rakatahi; Mana Rakatahi ki Moeraki participants, in front of Uenuku whare, Moeraki; Rakatahi learning waka ama from Karitāne Māori Tour Guides, Karitāne; Hākoru Mani Malloy, supervising the digging of the hākī pit at Moeraki marae.



Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki

Tangi ki Ngā Mate

Takiauē te ao

Takiauē te pō

Takiauē taku ate, e
Rua!

Moe mai e te
Manu Kātua ki te
takotoraka o kā
mātua tīpuna ki
Tawhiroko.

Whakaroko ki
kā ākika tai o
Āraiteuru me he
taki apakura mōhou
ko riro atu ki te Rua
o Puaka.

Nā, waiho mai
mātou hai waha mō
Uenuku, hai rīkarika
waewae mō Wairutuātai, hai kanohi ora mōhou.

Nō reira, hanatu haere e te Tau Kahuraki ki Hawaiki nui,
ki Hawaiki roa, ki Hawaiki Pāmamao okioki atu ai.



Above: Foreground: Hamiora Korako Smith, Te Rau Huia Parata-Taiapa, Rākaia Parata-Taiapa, background: Pipiriki Raukawa Smith.

Below: Hauteruruku members ready for anchor watch aboard Hinemoana, L-R Elizabeth Vanderburg, Ewan Duff, and Jacinta Beckwith.



Hauteruruku Waka Club

In early April, Hauteruruku Waka Club facilitated a hīkoi north to Te Tau Ihu o Te Waka a Māui, Te Tai o Aorere, to attend the bi-annual Te Hau Kōmaru waka festival. Eighteen club members attended the event, seven of them being Puketeraki whānau. Also travelling were waka Hauteruruku and Hiwaiterangi along with two rā / sails, currently being woven.

Hauteruruku waka club whānau embraced the many opportunities, including attending workshops on navigation, rigging, star compass, visiting the ancient waka artefact Anaweka and doing night-time anchor watch onboard waka. A week of haka and waiata led us to personally and collectively perfect our own new haka. Watching waka hourua participating in day sails (booked out VIP events) and taking our waka out on a different moana, we realised the need to keep up-skilling ourselves. Alongside our weaving space, a waka was being finished ready for launch at the festival. Weaving the rā and sharing the mātauraka with local weavers exemplified the connection to waka. The launch of Karanga te Weka as the festival ended energised us in the mahi of finishing our own waka here at home. As a result of attending Te Hau Kōmaru waka festival at Kaiteriteri, our whānau came home inspired and invigorated.

Following the festival, three of the voyaging waka returned home to Te Tai Tokerau, Te Tai Rāwhiti and Tauranga Moana while Hinemoana sailed south and berthed at Rāpaki. It had been 10 years to the day that Haunui arrived at the same place. Onboard were two of our members Jacinta and Xjana who were able to experience waka life 24/7 with 14 other kaumoana and a skipper. June will see Hinemoana travel further south, so we look forward to hosting her here in our Āraiteuru takiwā.

Back home, we were excited to get back on our awa and sail in the bay. On ANZAC Day we saw Tāwhirimātea test us. After a picnic lunch on the Māori Foreshore Reserve, we took to the water. Thanks to Chris of Karitāne Māori Tours joining in with Huriawa, our rūnaka-owned waka, we transported whānau over to Ōhinepouwera using four waka. It was no less windy over there and our tamariki proved to be the most resilient by getting wet and enjoying the awa despite the cold wind. The sailing wānaka will wait for another day.

Nā Suzie Flack

Left: Hinemoana arriving at Rāpaki, greeted by Kōtukumairangi waka.

Sophia Chaney – Bachelor of Nursing Graduate

Congratulations to Sophia Chaney who graduated from Massey University in April with a Bachelor of Nursing. Sophia is the mokopuna of the late Herman Lont and Lesley Clemett. As a whānau, we are very proud of her achievements, and we know they would be too.

Sophie Chaney, nurse graduate.



Masters in Creative Writing with Distinction

A mihi to Tōrea Scott-Fyfe, (Goodwillie-Stevens whānau) who graduated with her Masters in Creative Writing with distinction from Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington. Congratulations Tōrea, we are all very proud of you!

Tōrea stands outside the offices of the International Institute of Modern Letters in Wellington, wearing a kākahu woven by Kuini Scott to celebrate her graduation.



Best First Book Award



A mihi to Emma Hislop (descendant of Motoitoi) who won the Best First Book Award in the Fiction section at the Ockhams!



Emma Hislop (Kāi Tahu, Puketeraki, descendant of Motoitoi) at the Ockham New Zealand Book Awards. Emma won the Hubert Church Prize for Best First Book for Fiction with her book Ruin and Other Stories, published by Te Herenga Waka University Press.



Tōrea with her proud parents Jim Fyfe and Kuini Scott, before her graduation in her Masters in May.

Tohu Whenua Recognition at Huriawa Peninsula

On 16 May the Karitāne headland, Huriawa, became the first Māori heritage site in Ōtepoti officially recognised by Tohu Whenua for its stories and history of significance. Representatives from Heritage New Zealand, the Department of Conservation and the Ministry for Culture and Heritage joined Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki in gathering at the Huriawa Peninsula to unveil the new pou. This marked the area as an official Tohu Whenua site.

Huriawa is a prominent peninsula at the mouth of Te Awa o Waikouaiti, on the edge of the seaside village of Karitāne (formerly known as Waikouaiti or Old Waikouaiti). Situated on Te Tai o Āraiteuru (the East Otago coastline of Aotearoa New Zealand), Huriawa and its surrounds hold a long history of Māori occupation and activity.



Suzi Flack, mana whenua, and Andrew Coleman, Heritage New Zealand Chief Executive, unveil the pou at Huriawa. Photo Credit: Jen Lucas.

Successive generations of Māeroero, Kāhui Tipua, Rapuwai, Hāwea, Waitaha, Kāti Māmoe and Kāi Tahu iwi were drawn to Te Tai o Āraiteuru for its physical attributes and its abundance of kaimoana and mahika kai.

The Huriawa peninsula is one of many unique landscape features in the region that link members of the local hapū Kāti Huirapa ki Puketeraki, Kāi Tahu whānui to their tūrakawaewae, the treasured ancestral homelands of their people. It is situated within the midst of a particularly abundant mahika kai site and has been a special place for Kāti Huirapa ki Puketeraki since the first footprints of tīpuna Māori in the Waikouaiti area.

Huriawa is the perfect example of a prominent headland being favoured as a pā site because of its natural features offering a defensive advantage when under attack. In around 1740, chief Te Wera and his people developed the fortified settlement known as 'Te Pā a Te Wera' at Huriawa. The narrow sandy isthmus connecting Huriawa to the mainland, multi-directional views, high cliffs, surrounding seas and its elevated position secured terrain advantage for Te Wera and his people.

Layers upon layers of stories are woven into the ancestral landscapes of this region. Together those layers connect people to place, and provide the basis for identity, belonging and practice. Huriawa tells multiple stories of significance including the siege of Te Pā a Te Wera, the establishment of a whaling station, and the first mission station of any denomination in the South Island set up near Huriawa in 1840.



Above: Representatives from Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki, Heritage New Zealand, the Department of Conservation, and the Ministry for Culture and Heritage gathered at Huriawa Peninsula. Photo by Huia Pacey.

Below: Local resident and Kaumātua Roger Wyeth, with hīkoi participants following storyteller and Manager of Karitāne Māori Tours Chris Wilson, at Huriawa around the headland. Photo by Jen Lucas.



ANZAC Day Commemorative Service 25 April 2024



Above: On a beautiful sunny morning at Karitāne, people gathered at the Memorial Gates of Te Taumata o Puaka to honour those who served in the various campaigns of the New Zealand forces. Rūnaka Chairperson Matapura Ellison led us in honouring those brave volunteers who fought to protect King and country.

Left: Kaumātua Bruce Ritchie and Rūnaka Chairperson Matapura Ellison have for many years supported the laying of a wreath on behalf of the Rūnaka at the Waikouaiti ANZAC Service.

Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou

Kā Mihi Aroha

Māturuturu ana kā roimata ki a rātou kua whatukarokaro ana ki tua o Paerau. E rere atu ana kā tai o aroha ki a koutou kā whanau, ka urupa o rātou mā i tenei wā. Our thoughts and deepest sympathy are with whānau who have lost a loved one recently, including the whānau of Cedric Paratene and Rua McCullum. May you all find comfort in your memories and from those who surround you with love and care. For those who are in hospital or unwell at home, we wish you a speedy recovery and return to good health.

Nāia te Reo o Tarewai Wānaka

Over the weekend of 26-28 April, whānau came together to learn and connect at another Nāia te reo o Tarewai wānaka. Whānau members had the pleasure of learning from our kaiako Waiariki Parata-Taiapa, Kommi Tamati, and Amie Curtis, while our tamariki enjoyed the hōtaka tamariki (children's programme). Along with learning te reo and waiata, we took a trip to Pukekura and learned from Rachel Wesley about the decolonisation of the archaeology space. It was another great weekend of strengthening our reo and our mātauranga. Te pai hoki!



Above: Hapū members of Ōtākou, whānau and presenters who attended the Nāia te Reo o Tarewai wānaka at Ōtākou Marae 26-28th April 2024.

Below: Hapū member and Archaeologist Rachel Wesley gave a kōrero about the decolonisation of the archaeology space around Muaupoko, more especially about Pukekura.



McStay whānau home schooling programme – Ko mutu te wharekura term 1

Tēnā koutou Kāi Tahu whānau! We are the McStay whānau in Clinton and we homeschool our three tamariki. Tupai is a 14-year-old tāne. Manaia is 10 (she made the pōtae pictured). Marika is 7 (doing the plaiting). Their mum is Libby and I am Renata McStay. We are hapū members of Ōtākou and are happy to share our first term activities with you. It has been a cruisy but full pace first term in our whare! We've had lots of morning and afternoon exercise and focused mahi each day. The tamariki all enjoyed creating for and entering the Clinton flower show, the weekly catch up with the homeschooling group, getting out for a few bushwalks and attending our McStay whānau reunion. We had four generations at the reunion. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon and the kai was tino reka! Titī, whitebait, venison and smoked tuna.

Some highlights from the tamariki school term: Marika enjoyed going to see her great taua, Maia and catching up with cousins. She is getting the knack of the triple plait and going down the big flying fox on one of the bushwalks. Manaia also enjoyed the big flying fox, exploring rockpools at Nugget Point and getting a set of looms to make hats and bags with. Tupai has enjoyed camping at Papatōwai and walking an old railway tunnel in the Blue Mountains with his youth group. He also enjoyed seeing a South Island tomtit at home, creating a pūrerehua, learning more waiata on the guitar and toi Māori, painting more pictures.



Top left: Renata and Libby McStay with their whānau. Below is Manaia who made the kā pōtae and Marika deep in concentration plaiting and displaying her artwork.

Māra magic! The garden has been full of piwakawaka, kāhu, tomtit, finches, wobblers, korimako, skinks and tūi both this summer and autumn. On two occasions, we had a bat call in on its way over! We have reached another milestone with our possum trapping. With our 8-foot traps, we have tallied 300 possums over the last four years, not including the babies in pouches. Six ferrets have also been exterminated in the māra.

I have observed the “spade” stars rising from the east before midnight now. As it should be, the spade is lying down, signalling autumn and the end of the growing season. We have had better growth of brassica this summer thanks to the build-up of homemade compost, although we have had some caterpillar and aphids to fight!

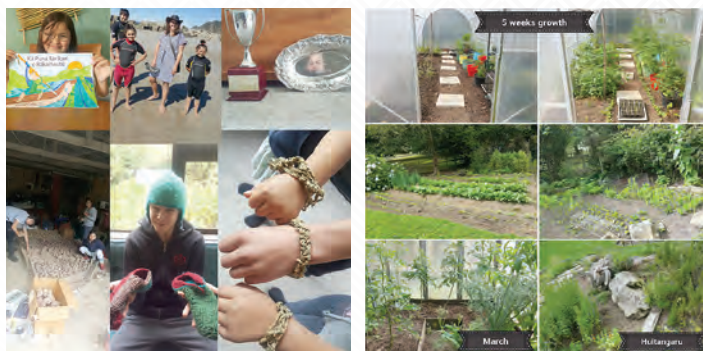
We are planting more native grasses on borders and ornamental gardens to attract more frogs to help combat the pests. It has not been a favourable season for our summer beans, kamokamo or pumpkin vines – enough for a few kai and seeds for spring. We are continuing succession sowings of winter crops now and harvesting seeded plants for Matariki. We put some drainage in and now we are onto autumn pruning. Always things to improve! Mauri ora!

Tuakiritaka dawn ceremony to launch Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka 7.00am 1 May

Ōtākou Rūnaka was pleased to take part in the blessing and launch of the University of Otago's new name, Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka, which alludes to the bow of a waka breaking through water and can be translated as 'Ōtākou, a place of many firsts.' In turn this refers to achievements in education, research, and academia, as well as the unique student experience that Whakaihu Waka offers. The new tohu (symbol) draws inspiration from the Ōtākou channel, in Otago Harbour, which brings life to and from the region just as the University brings in and shares knowledge across Aotearoa New Zealand and the world.

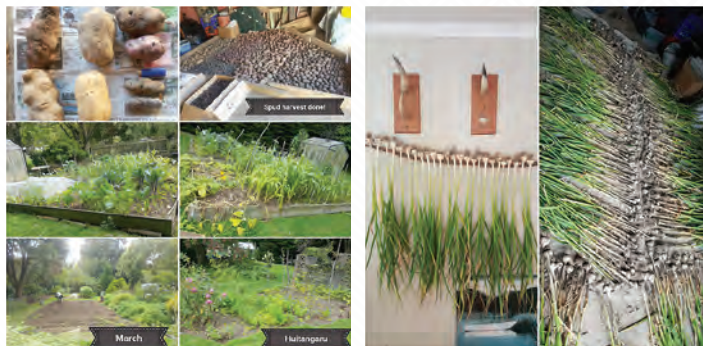


University of Otago logo.



Above left: McStay whānau harvesting potatoes, and Tupai shows off his slippers knitting handiwork; above right: McStay māra – Where peas slowly reaching maturity they are like a dry pea for thickening stews etc. Still picking loads of weekly greens, radishes peas, zucchini and carrots. The tomatoes finally decided to show up!

Below left: McStay māra – spud bed is all harvested, some massive tubers! The beds are cleared and transplanted with some broad beans, brassica, beetroot and leeks; below right: McStay māra – the garlics are dried off and braided now for storage! Neck rot caused us to harvest a few weeks early. Selected the most healthy plants to grow on next season.



Te Tahuu o te Mātauraka Te Mahau Te Tai Runga whakawātea 6 May 2024

Ōtākou supported the whakawātea for Te Tahuu o te Mātauraka held 7.30am at 414 Moray Place, Dunedin, organised by kaimahi including Waiariki Parata-Taiapa and Amie Curtis Lead Advisor, Whānau Engagement Te Mahau. Te Tai Runga / Te Waipounamu.

The creation of Te Mahau represents a shift in how the Ministry of Education works with and for the education sector, whānau, and ākonga. This transformation is already happening with the primary focus for Te Mahau Te Tai Whenua being to collaborate and offer leadership and integrated services across the takiwā. By establishing a national service delivery model, Te Mahau will enhance its leadership and capability to efficiently navigate and operate more effectively at the interface of kāwanataka and rakatirataka. Going forward Te Mahau will deliver local, integrated teams that wrap around kura, kōhanga reo and early learning services to design and deliver support. This model ensures our regions can easily connect to centres of expertise. It brings with it a stronger commitment to supporting our kaimahi Māori to establish important connections with each other across the rohe, along with developing and actioning regional 'Rautaki Māori' strategies, and uplifting our collective cultural capability and capacity.

Te Kāika Wellbeing Hub Whakawātea and Opening 2 May

The whakawātea began in the dawn with a team of kairuruku from Ōtākou, Puketeraki and Matawaka, each room being blessed by delivering karakia throughout the building. Speeches followed by Te Kāika, Te Whatu Ora Southern (HNZ) and the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) representatives, before ending with an official ribbon cutting. Located in Caversham, South Dunedin the Wellbeing Hub is the result of a partnership between Te Kāika, HNZ and MSD, and a highly anticipated milestone made possible by Naylor Love. This purpose-built facility brings the three organisations together under one roof creating a wraparound combined service approach in the spirit of He Korowai Manaaki (a cloak of care and support). All three organisations desire the hub to be a welcoming environment where whānau and community can have all their needs met across primary health care and social services. CEO Matt Matahaere acknowledged the help that so many people have given to bring this vision to fruition, including MSD chief executive Debbie Power, Ōtākou Health Ltd chairwoman Donna Matahaere-Atariki and director Matapura Ellison from Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka Ki Puketeraki. Matt said he was also humbled by the hundreds of people from the community who gathered for the opening followed by the hub opening to the public at 8.30am after the blessing.



Te Kāika Wellbeing Hub 25 College Street, Caversham, Dunedin 9012, phone 03 471 9960, opened 2nd May to provide wraparound healthcare and social services for Māori, Pasifika and low-income families across the Otago region.

Stand Children's Services Tū Māia Whānau blessing of new facilities, George Street, Dunedin, 9 April.

Right: Filling in for Ōtākou was Roy Tikao, Ngāti Wheke and Kaumatua Poutokomanawa for Ōtautahi Stand Tū Maia (4th from left) to give the blessing for the new facility of Stand Tū Maia Childrens Services, level 1, 392 George Street, Knox's cnr. On Roy's left is Sara Kuzmanovic Dunedin Regional Manager, Maringi Brown-Saddler Pou Kōrero National Advisor Iwi/Māori Service Articulation Wellington and Donna Clark Pou Heke Intensive Family Wraparound Service Leader Dunedin.



Ngāti Mutunga kaumatua hikoi to Ōtākou 19/21 April '24

The nannies from Ngāti Mutunga were so appreciative of the Matahaere whānau hosting their stay on Ōtākou Marae, visiting Pukekura and for Edward's kōrero in Hakuiao and the urupā with Audra Potaka who writes: 'Thank you all kindly for all your manaakitanga while we were at Ōtākou Marae. We arrived home safely, and Aunty Gemma has returned home to Waitara after receiving the best treatment ever at Dunedin hospital. She said all the Doctors and nurses were wonderful. The memories we have gained will be treasured always; this was a truly special hikoi. We had the most splendid time which will be talked of about throughout our kaumatua community.'

Whakawātea George Street upgrade by the Dunedin City Council 3rd May

The whakawātea is featured in its own article submitted by Aukaha.



Ngāti Mutunga Kaumatua 21Apr24.tif – L/r: Ngāti Mutunga Nannies: Maraia Clark (black pōtae), Sandra London, Elizabeth Patu (front), Erina Streat has straight grey hair, Pikiraukura Hunia-Butler is kneeling with her hand to chin, Che Tamati (driver) at the back middle, Anna Kete white flower jacket, Tawhirangi Tepu at the black with glasses, Daphne is peering out from behind Moana Williams who is in fawn coloured jersey, far right: Hikoi Organiser, Audra Potaka is wearing a blue jacket

Coastguard Clyde – New CRV “Clyde Rescue II” Blessing 4 May

Ōtākou hapū members Francie and Peter Diver have supported their community for many years and along with Cromwell whānau, they recently attended Coastguard Clyde’s blessing ceremony to launch the new CRV ‘Clyde Rescue II.’ Rob Creasy, who is Unit Support Manager for the upper South Island, kindly provided the karakia tīmataka for the ceremony. Father Brendan Ward officially blessed CRV on the day, Central Otago District Council, Mayor Tim Cadogan, spoke and christened the boat with some sparkling liquid, assisted by Matt Rae-Rankin.

The seven metre Hamilton Jet-powered rescue vessel will service waterways including Lake Dunstan and Roxburgh River in the wider Central Otago region. New features include an enclosed cabin for crew protection and more space to work with casualties, advanced electronic capabilities such as night-vision navigation, GPS, an upgraded radar and tracking system and a specialised lowering bow door to accommodate bikes and stretchers with ease. Ōtākou congratulates the many members and volunteers including the crew like Barrie Wills, Colin Horsnell, and skippers Tony Smith and James Robinson, each with over 15 years of service who played a key role in designing and fundraising for the new vessel.



Above: CG Clyde President James Robinson welcomes emergency services (NZ Police, Fire & Emergency NZ, Alexandra & Clyde Fire Brigade, LandSAR etc), funders (Central Lakes Trust and CGNZ/Lottery Grants Board), whānau and other guests to the blessing ceremony to launch the new Coastguard CRV ‘Clyde Rescue II.’ Left front: are whānau Tu Coles (blue coat), Margaret Barber, Francie Diver and Peter Diver (seated). Photo credit Barrie Wills.

Above centre: Front/left: crew include – Ross (Senior Op’s), James Robinson (Skipper/President of CC), Bruce (Sen Op’s), Jo, Chris, Samantha, Tony Smith (Skipper), Barrie (Sen Ops/Sec) and Gerard. Carolyn Tapley (Bd member of CGNZ), Johnathan (from Wanaka).

On the vessel/left: Sharon & David, (Wanaka); Adam, Chris Thornton (lower SI Unit Support Manager based at Wanaka; Matt Rae-Rankin acting CGNZ CE and Scott (Dunedin).

Ōtākou Marae website and contact information

Feel free to browse our website. Booking the marae for functions can be done online at: <http://www.otakourunaka.co.nz/#home-image> or email: office@tro.org.nz or phone 03 478 0352.

Kia ora tonu tātou ki ō tātou kāika – stay safe whānau.

Hokonui Rūnanga

Digital Mental Health Workshop

Hokonui Locality co-hosted a digital mental health roundtable in Gore on 6 May, in partnership with the eMental Health International Collaborative (eMHIC) and Gore Health.

National and international speakers shared their knowledge and expertise in the development and delivery of digital mental health platforms, to ensure people have timely access to the services they need. Attendees represented a wide range of local service and community partners with an interest in mental health.

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Digital Mental Health Workshop *continued*

eMHIC have hosted similar events recently in Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, Wellington and Auckland. The Gore event was held as an 'out of the box' opportunity to build on close connections between co-hosts, and a willingness to work to the region's strengths as a connected, collaborative, rural community.

Hokonui Locality is taking a leadership role in a 'what's next' discussion on how digital platforms could enable better and equitable access to mental health services.

See media coverage at: Wellbeing luminaries gather in Gore | Otago Daily Times Online News (odt.co.nz).

Pest Control Outcomes LINZ

After three years of dedicated effort, the mahi of Hokonui Rūnanga Kaupapa Taiao funded by Land Information New Zealand's Job for Nature initiative has reached its conclusion. The initiative, aimed at managing and restoring the natural environment by safeguarding native wildlife, has left a significant mark on the Hokonui Hills takiwā spanning 27,000 hectares.

Throughout this period, the project employed up to 11 biosecurity and biodiversity rangers who work tirelessly to tackle the issue of invasive possums. Their efforts have resulted in a significant reduction in possum numbers, with over 3,600 possums dispatched from the area.

One of the pivotal outcomes of the funding was the establishment of the Haumuri Volunteer Co-ordinator role. This co-ordinator has played a vital role in deploying 391 DOC 200 and 63 DOC 250 trap boxes throughout Haumuri (Croydon Bush)

and Dolamore Park walking track networks. These trap boxes have proven to be highly effective in capturing pests, and contributing to the preservation of the ecosystem. The impact of these efforts is evident in the statistics. The trap boxes have intercepted 87 ferrets, 85 stoats, 1346 possums, 833 rats and 12 weasels.

Taiao extends its heartfelt gratitude to the landowners who granted permission for the rangers to access their land for pest control purposes. Their co-operation made accessing the Hokonui Hills easier which enhanced the success of the project. Additionally, Taiao acknowledges the invaluable contribution of the network of volunteers who have played a vital role in protecting native wildlife.

This achievement stands as a testament to the power of collaborative efforts and targeted conservation initiatives, and highlights what can be accomplished when communities come together to preserve and nurture the natural environment for future generations.

Waihōpai Rūnanga

Tihei mauri ora

On a visit to the old Bluff cemetery, we saw how many of the gravesites were sadly in a state of disrepair including that of our own Taua Hera (Sarah), Tai Tipene and Poua Robert William Tipene.

We want our whānau, especially our mokopuna, to visit the final resting place of their tūpuna with a sense of pride so we set about restoring the gravesite. Today it is marked with a new concrete pad and restored headstone, acknowledging not only Taua and Poua but also their sons who were both lost at sea in 1965 and never found. Also remembered is Barbara Joye Tipene, wife of Len Tipene, who sadly passed away a few short years after Len.

Kia maumahara rātou i takoto mai i te taha o te maunga Motupōhue

Koutou ngā tūpuna, haere, haere, haere atu rā.

Nā, Barry Tipene



Barry Tipene at the gravesite of his tūpuna.

Community Day

This year, Murihiku Marae opened its doors to the wider community and celebrated our beautiful new marae. Māori culture in many of its forms was showcased and enjoyed by mana whenua, whānau and manuhiri. We aimed to provide an open door to te ao Māori as well as enhancing whanaungatanga within the Invercargill/Waihōpai community.



Our wonderful MC's Hō and Hā (Terrance O'Brien and Cedric Blair) kept the crowd engaged with their lively humour during the breaks in performances by Michael Kuresa, Ngā Hau e Whā and Secondary School

kapa haka groups. Tamariki had a ball, playing on bouncy castles, joining in Ki-o-Rahi with Greg Houkamau from Active Southland and enjoying multiple lawn games.



The atmosphere in the wharekai was buzzing with taonga Māori stalls, colouring-in, kirituhi temporary tattoos and face painting. There were also poi and weaving wānanga with kaimahi facilitating and educating on the tikanga of toi Māori.

Going forward, we hope to host many more public events that aim to unite the Invercargill community. We hope you all enjoyed the day and felt the manaakitanga of Waihōpai Rūnaka and our people.

Maumahara

Kia Hiwa ra! Kia Hiwa ra!

Kia Hiwa ra! He Aitua!

Kua wehe atu te Mareikura,
te Taua hoki

Nō kā whānau a Bull,
Davis me Baty

Nō kā marae o Te Akau,
Takutai o Te Titi, me
Murihiku hoki.

Kia wehe atu a Mhari Baty
i ruka i te karaka o
Hinenui-te-Pō

Nō reira e te māreikura,
te taua hoki ō kā iwi katoa o
kā hau e wha, o Waitaha,
Kāti Mamoe me Kāi Tahu hoki.

Haere, Haere, okioki mai rā i
tō moeroa i ruka i te rakimārie!
Rātou ki a rātou, te huka mate
ki te huka mate.

Tātou ki a tātou, te huka ora
ki te huka ora,

Tēnā tātou katoa!

It is with great sadness that we
announce the passing of our
dearly loved Māreikura and
Taua – Mhari Baty.

Kaumātua Coffee Club

Every Tuesday, our kaumātua come up to the marae to enjoy morning tea while sharing our history and pūrākau with younger generations to enhance whakawhanaungatanga. Our kaumātua always enjoy visits from the mokopuna of our kōhanga during their coffee club. One week they focused on hauora o te tinana and enjoyed getting physical with Active Southland. Ngā mihi nui to Active Southland and to our kaumātua for their continued support and attendance.



Lunch Shout

Our kaimahi enjoyed a fish and chip lunch to connect over kai and celebrate the hard mahi and dedication they have been putting in recently. Ngā mihi ki a koutou ngā kaimahi, a special acknowledgement to our fantastic staff.



Papakāika Update

We have been working hard behind the scenes on our Papakāika Housing Development. On Matariki, 28 June, we were overjoyed to welcome our first two kaumātua and have these taonga close by.

On 1 May, we commenced construction of the next eight units and we are looking forward to seeing the progress on these. Updates will be given next year on the completion of these units prior to the application process being reopened.



Southland Institute of Technology Nurses Wānanga

On Monday 8 April, year one nursing students from the Southland Institute of Technology (SIT) enjoyed a visit to the Murihiku Marae here in Invercargill. We met in the carpark, where the kāranga took place. A pōwhiri followed, with an introduction to te reo Māori, tikanga Māori and an explanation of the intricate designs of the interior of the whareniui. A mihi was then delivered by some iwi, hapū and whānau belonging to the marae. A waiata was also performed and a traditional hongī. Following this, kai was provided. The food served in the wharekai hall was delicious and plentiful, from soup and bread rolls, to sandwiches, fruit platters and cake. We spent the afternoon in akoranga sessions, on te reo



Māori, with one session led by a local Māori nurse. We ended the day with a poroporoaki.

“Our marae visit was a pleasant, intriguing and a wonderful experience. It was truly memorable and a great honour to be invited to attend this event with my nursing colleagues and staff members. Thank you for this opportunity, experience, and memory. I learned a great deal and it will forever stay with me.”

Written by a year one nursing student.

Para Kore

Waihōpai Rūnaka have been embarking on making Murihiku Marae environmentally friendly and sustainable with the help of Para Kore. We look forward to sharing the changes we implement over the following months.

NEW Kapa Haka Community Night

On 24 May, the wider community and whānau of Murihiku got the opportunity to witness Ngā Hau e Whā Kapa Haka with an outstanding variety gig to give back to those who have supported them thus far. The rōpū has only been together for eight months, with over 40 members from different iwi and backgrounds. The evening consisted of both individual and group waiata, mau rākau demonstrations, and the kapa haka group performing their bracket from the recent regional competition in Christchurch. For those whānau who were not able to travel to the performance up the mōtu it was very special to witness their encapsulating performance and mauri of the rōpū.

It was a privilege to host such talented individuals at Murihiku Marae. We look forward to supporting Ngā Hau e Whā on their journey to Te Matatini Nationals in Taranaki early next year.

Tikanga Kawa Wānanga

Waihōpai Rūnaka kicked off the first of many wānanga to come with an insightful and informative hui on the history and pūrākau of Murihiku Marae. Ngā mihi to all our whānau who attended, and to Joe Wakefield for his extensive knowledge and expertise.

Rūnaka Small Investments Hui

A hui was recently held to give whānau and rūnaka members the opportunity to discuss small investments for the rūnaka. Great progress has been made and we look forward to these developments coming to fruition in the coming months.



Ōraka Aparima Rūnaka

Tēnā tātou e te whānau

Executive Update

The Executive has spent time focusing on the rūnaka strategic intent, so we can chart a revised pathway forward.

- In 2019, Ōraka-Aparima whānau met to discuss their 2020-2025 strategic plan. This produced seven priorities for Ōraka-Aparima to explore and develop for rūnaka and whānau aspirations. These priorities include marae development, business development, cultural, infrastructure, environmental, innovation and membership.
- Progress has been made across all these priorities.
- Ōraka-Aparima members met recently to review our priorities and discuss progress and new thinking. Land acquisition, home ownership, and new marae development featured strongly in the kōrero and it was great to have the Au ahi Au ora team from Te Rūnanga, Justin, Tania and Ben on site, to add how Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu can assist with our aspirations. We hope to develop a revised plan before June 2024 which will also help develop our operational plan and budget for the FY25.
- If you would like information from our last wānaka please contact the office.

Rā Whānau

If you have enjoyed a birthday in the last month or have new additions to your whānau, congratulations and here is wishing you all good health and prosperity for the year ahead.

Tuna Wānaka

Ōraka-Aparima kāhui kaumātua members (Dene, Alex and Phil) hosted an event to share their knowledge on how to process and smoke tuna (eels) on the weekend of 9 and 10 March.

While we did not catch many tuna, we had a wonderful time with whānau. There was a mix of rakatahi, tamariki, pakeke, and kaumātua present. Whānau travelled from as far as Queenstown and Te Anau to attend.

Hinaki were placed in the awa behind the marae, and in the lower Waiau inaka habitat ponds (managed by the Waiau Fisheries and Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Trust).

*Right: Dene Cole, Ali and Kaz Peterson.
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Preserve making

During March we had a fun day doing preserves to stock up the marae pantry. The day was made more enjoyable by being able to harvest from our own marae māra which has been lovingly tendered by Phil and Joan Fluerty.



Above: Marcia Te Au Thomson with the fruit of our labours; left: Ngareta, Sam and Tracey making jam; below: Phil and Joan Fluerty.



Tuna Wānaka *continued*

On the Saturday morning, we went as a rōpū to the lower Waiau to retrieve nets and to discuss the habitat enhancement work and cultural associations with the awa. The rest of the day was spent working the tuna – with all rakatahi and pakeke attending getting to pāwhara the tuna to prepare them to smoke.



Many thanks to:

- Dene, Alex and Phil for their time and energy supporting the kaupapa and sharing their knowledge.
- Dene, Phil, and Fish & Game for supplying the gear.
 - Dene, Alex, Zane Moss and Roger Hodgson for setting the nets.
 - Riki, Kas and Ngareta at the Ōraka-Aparima office for their support.
 - All the whānau who attended.
 - Roger from the Waiau Fisheries and Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Trust for showing the rōpū around the inaka ponds and bringing his whānau to share the day with us.

Ngā mihi, Jane Kitson and Dene Cole

Website

Have you visited our website yet? It can be found at: <https://oraka-aparimarunaka.co.nz>

If you click on the “Our mahi” Tab and scroll to the bottom of the page, you will find registration forms, property booking forms and kaimoana permit application forms. You will also find information relating to Takutai o te Titi Marae, and annual reports.

Te Pānui Rūnaka Submissions

We welcome your submissions for this pānui. Please feel free to send anything you’d like to share with us such as whānau achievements in sports, education, or anything else of interest. Remember to make a caption for your photos (which should be in jpeg format) and name the people in the photos. Send your submissions to: office@orakaaparima.org.nz

Membership

You are probably reading this pānui because you or a whānau member are registered with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu. Do you know that each Papatipu Rūnanga exercises rakatirataka in respect of their membership? Some automatically add you to their list as soon as you register with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu whilst others like us, run a separate registration process. Please note that in all cases it will be necessary to authenticate your whakapapa details. Please contact us here on 03 234 8192 or office@orakaaparima.org.nz if you would like to register or have any questions at all about our membership process.

Te Kōawa Tūroa o Takitimu

This is a culturally significant venue and has the facilities to sleep 20 plus people. It is located in the beautiful Jericho valley approximately 40 kilometres from Te Anau. There are excellent opportunities for biking, walking, hunting, and fishing in the local area. Contact us here at the office for details.

Awarua Rūnanga

Te Rau Aroha Marae Gardens and Murihiku Young Parents Learning Centre

In 2024, three young mums from Murihiku Young Parents Learning Centre (MYPLC) decided to do Horticulture for NCEA after cleaning up and creating our māra kai at MYPLC and loving it. As part of their programme, they identified that they like to be hands on and practical, and when Raiha spoke about the needs at Te Rau Aroha Marae, an idea emerged. These students started to build a relationship with the team at the marae and have taken on the gardens alongside their kaiako. "We love that we are learning and having fun at the same time, even if it is hard work. We have had another student already keen to join us and we feel good that we are helping others, like the people who have helped us as young mothers. We love working at the marae!"



Te Rau Aroha Marae Update



Thermomix team member Simone Monaghan with the donated Thermomix.

The marae deck is nearly completed. We are looking forward to using the deck once the warmer weather arrives. The new deck will more than double the space we currently have. We have also had builders on site completing maintenance work in the marae. The taonga cabinet has been refreshed. Thanks to marae staff and trustee Dean Whaanga.

Kiwi Harvest has teamed up with Thermomix in New Zealand to tackle food waste and hunger in Southland. Thanks to Thermomix, Te Rau Aroha Marae received a refurbished Thermomix TM6 device. Staff are excited to start experimenting after tasting a delicious berry ice cream and mushroom rice risotto for lunch as part of the Thermomix demonstration.

The ATEA project team held an event at Te Rau Aroha Marae on 23 April. The project is about connecting people to each other and to their heritage and culture. The project is led by Dr Hēmi Whaanga. Whānau were able to experience our wharehau virtually and to hear kaumātua telling stories. Young and old participated, enjoying the hospitality of Te Rau Aroha Marae.

If you would like to know more, visit this link:

https://www.hci.otago.ac.nz/research_ateapresence.html

ANZAC Day

Awarua Rūnanga hosted an event at Tārere-kī Whenua Uta on ANZAC Day. Organised by our Awarua Cultural Activator Indiah Pera, Tārere was opened during the afternoon for people to view photographs and memorabilia.



Wedding

In early April, we welcomed the Sikisini and Mataira whānau who travelled from all over the motu to celebrate Te Ratu Sikisini and Sumaria Beaton's wedding.



Paepae whānau ready for Pōwhiri.

Births

Taua Gina Ryan (née Wixon) and whānau welcomed identical twin boys, Tohu-Rongomai and Te Raukura o Toroa. The twins, born to Shay Wixon and Pipi Takamori, arrived on 29 January 2024.

Below: Tohu-Rongomai and Te Raukura O Toroa.



Ngā Mate

John Edward Foy and
Dick "Puffy Dick" Ryan.



Above: Whānau photo: Husband and wife with six tamariki and six moko: Merehira Tukiri, Zaul J Pirangi, Navaeh Sikisini, Kaiah Beaton, Angel Sikisini, Classic Sikisini-Beaton (tamariki), Waiaria Tukiri, Ive Tukiri, Nessa Tukiri, Tony Tukiri, Kingi Tukiri, Kewa-Lee Pirangi.

Below: Haka: whānau welcoming married couple back to the marae.



Homalco First Nation Cultural Exchange to Murihiku

During March and April, a delegation of 17 Homalco First Nation representatives from Bute Inlet near Vancouver Island, Canada, toured Aotearoa on a cultural exchange.

The kaupapa was empowering the Homalco Nation and host Iwi o Aotearoa to:

- Learn from each other
- Foster connections
- Facilitate knowledge exchange

Te Rūnaka o Awarua hosted Homalco in Murihiku for three days, Saturday 30 March to Monday 1 April.

Saturday began with a Waihōpai Rūnaka pōwhiri at Murihiku Marae welcoming Homalco to the takiwā. This was followed by gathering tōheroa at Ōreti Beach under a customary authorisation, lifting tuna hīnaki near Waituna Lagoon and having afternoon tea at Waikawa with the Leith whānau. The nohoanga entitlement at Māngai Piri on the Waikawa River site was visited, followed by possum skinning and deer skinning demonstrations as well as kōrero about the Waikawa/ Tumu Toka mātaihai fishing reserve.

Sunday was spent travelling up to Tahuna/Queenstown, jetboating on the Shotover River, followed by some downtime for Homalco in the afternoon including shopping and seeing local sights.

On Monday afternoon, the Homalco group was welcomed onto Te Rau Aroha Marae, followed by a visit to the Stirling Point lookout and Motupōhue / Bluff Hill to talk about cultural landscapes. That evening a hākari was held at Murihiku Marae, including tōheroa, tuna, venison, tītī and kōura.

We hope you enjoyed reading our news. If you would like to register with Awarua Rūnaka please contact: Registration@awaruarunaka.iwi.nz

During the three days, Homalco shared information and insights about their nation, territory, land title and rights as well as colonial impacts. Their leaders also spoke about their passion for indigenous development and youth, and we were treated to several traditional cultural performances and a gift-giving ceremony.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou in particular to:

- The Nature Conservancy (TNC) for coordinating the exchange, Waihōpai Rūnaka for making their beautiful new marae available to Awarua to use during the Easter break as well as their manaakitanga.
- Shotover Jet, Hokonui Rūnanga (for the use of their vans), Ngāi Tahu Te Kura Takapini kaimahi, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Strategy and Environment team for their support.
- Also of course Te Rūnaka o Awarua whānau / mahinga kai experts and ringawera, who generously gave their time and knowledge over their Easter break.

Nā, Aaron Leith, Dean Whaanga and Gabrielle Huria.



Above: Homalco and Awarua whānau at Waikawa.

Below: Homalco and Awarua whānau lifting tuna hīnaki near Waituna Lagoon.



Taurahere Groups

Ngāi Tahu ki Tauranga Moana

Celebrating Diversity and Artistic Expression: The Heart Seed Exhibition, Carlton Gallery, Katikati

Within the vibrant Ngāi Tahu ringatoi community, there is countless talent. Among these talented individuals is Rebekah Manley (Kāi Tahu, Waitaha, Kāti Māmoe), a multifaceted artist who weaves and is also a visual artist.

Recently, Rebekah began a collaborative journey with Thrive, a collective of taiohi and pakeke tangata whaikaha. Together, they went on a journey of self-discovery, empowerment, and artistic expression. Week after week, they gathered to share their experiences, support one another, and immerse themselves in the world of mahi toi.

Their journey resulted in an exhibition called 'Heart Seed.' It showcased various art processes including watercolour, inkle loom weaving, and uku; each piece reflecting the personal experiences of the creators. Through mahi toi, they found a way to express themselves and grow personally by telling their stories creatively.

Walking through the exhibition, visitors were invited to witness the beauty within every piece of art. 'Heart Seed' celebrated not only the artistic talents of its creators but also the impact of mahi toi in fostering inclusivity and personal growth.

The exhibition is testament to the transformative power of mahi toi and the strength found in diverse hapori like Thrive.



Josh Allen and Raegan Thomas, Rebekah Manley standing behind.

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi engari he toa takitini / My strength is not that of an individual but that of the collective

AGM

We had a great turn out for our annual AGM in April. It was lovely to see a mix of old and new faces.



Ngāi Tahu ki Tauranga Moana rōpū.

UNESCO Ocean Decade Conference

Our committee member Aurere Thatcher and her father Jack Thatcher attended the UNESCO Ocean Decade conference in Spain recently where Jack gave the opening speech. The presentation given was to launch his paper 'Tāwera Te Ara Mahiti: The morning star guides Eastward', knowledge shared by Jack and beautifully written by Aotearoa author, Jeff Evans.



Aurere and Jack Thatcher.

Farewells

It is with sadness that we farewelled our longstanding Chair Michaela Kamo.

Michaela joined Ngāi Tahu ki Tauranga Moana 19 years ago and has been our chair for seven years. She ran the committee with grace and we will miss her commitment, her diplomacy and her achievements for Ngāi Tahu ki Tauranga Moana. We wish you all the best, Michaela. While we will miss you as a committee member and friend, we know that call to home, and celebrate with you as you return to our takiwā.



We also farewelled our committee members, Tipu Daniels, Te Horipo Karitiana, and Felicity Turner. Their mātauranga and passion has made a difference within our rūpū.



Above: Front row – Tipu Daniels, Moira Lomas, Ross Hemera, Michaela Kamo, Finlay Kamo-Watson. Second row – Ash Day, Pirihi Douglas, Julie Hemera, Rachel Chaney, Kim Rahiri, Nicki James, Awhina Thatcher, Anna Were.

Left: Ross gifting Michaela a special piece of artwork he created for her.

The Office

2023 Census Data released on Te Whata

For the first time in history, the first release of Census data includes Māori descent data, and notably is available on Te Whata, a public data platform tailored specifically by iwi for iwi.

Te Whata has been developed by Te Kahui Raraunga (Data Iwi Leaders Group) and allows iwi information managers to input and align their strategy and goals with key indicators relevant to the needs of each iwi. Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu is thankful to have Monique Tupa'i as the Ngāi Tahu Iwi Information Manager working with this group.

For those Papatipu Rūnanga information managers who don't have a login for Te Whata and would like one, please reach out to Monique Monique.Tupai@ngaitahu.iwi.nz.

To see the first release of 2023 Census data go to <https://tewhata.io/all-maori/>

Future releases with iwi specific detail will be released on 26 September and 31 October.

Ngāi Tahu Tourism

What is it like to work in some of the most beautiful locations in Te Waipounamu?

Kaimahi at the Ngāi Tahu Tourism-owned Hollyford Wilderness Experience, Guided Walks New Zealand and Franz Josef Glacier Guides get to enjoy some of the most picturesque workplaces in the takiwā.

Overleaf are the profiles of two of our kaimahi, along with information about how you could become part of the Ngāi Tahu Tourism team.

NGĀI TAHU Tourism

Introducing Hollyford Wilderness Experience Lead Guide Layla



Layla is a lead guide for Hollyford Wilderness Experience.

Layla Mahuika has a background of being an avid traveller, embracing adventures and immersing herself in different cultures. She has held a range of jobs from working in early childhood to harvesting hops.

Layla was inspired to join the Hollyford team because of her whānau, and her previous connections to this whenua that she has been visiting since she was a rangatahi. She has worked this past season as a lead guide and has found guiding and being able to share stories from her takiwā a very rewarding experience. Layla has whakapapa to Makaawhio and Tūtoko and loves being able to share the journey of Te Ara Whakatipu and stories of her tīpuna as well as relating the flora and fauna in the valley back to rongoā Māori.

Connecting manuhiri with each other and to the whenua through storytelling and manaaki has been one of her favourite parts of the job. Layla says that being able to weave together these things makes guiding in the valley both a privilege and a pleasure.

The Hollyford is an incredible place, with a rich heritage and diversity that allows for constant growth and learning. Layla says that she has really enjoyed having the opportunity to teach and find common ground with our manuhiri and also to learn from them.

The Hollyford Wilderness Experience is looking for lodge hosts for the upcoming season. To find out more about this opportunity visit: <https://mahi.ngaitahu.iwi.nz/?unlistedjob=JeOoyOr&tracker=477220539>

Mō tātou, ā mō kā uri ā muri ake nei

If you or somebody you know is interested in a role as a hiking guide, take a look at these opportunities:

Hiking Guide – Guided Walks NZ <https://mahi.ngaitahu.iwi.nz/?unlistedjob=TmGzoVj&tracker=506694241>

Hiking Guide – Hollyford Valley <https://mahi.ngaitahu.iwi.nz/?unlistedjob=1vZIVqs&tracker=506694201>

Meet Glacier Guide Maya



Maya at work as a glacier guide.

Maya Mahuika, a young wahine from Maakawhio, grew up along the coastline of the mighty West Coast. Having worked with the Department of Conservation in the rainforest for three years, Maya found herself wanting to explore the mountains. In September 2023, she started working with the Franz Josef Glacier Guides as a Guided Walks Guide.

Being keen and holding knowledge on West Coast flora and fauna, Maya found herself guiding tours where Ka Roimata o Hine Hukatere once sat, in the areas of regenerated rainforest bordering the powerful Waiho River. She was able to share with manuhiri her passion for her takiwā, stories of rongoā Māori and speak of the natural beauty of the glacier that lay before them. Maya's passion for the ice began to grow, along with her wish to explore somewhere she had not yet been, and to share local pūrākau and knowledge with her groups from another perspective. It was this desire that drove Maya to continue her learnings and eventually work her way to be a recognised Glacier Guide.

Not only does this job allow Maya to understand more about glaciers, how they work and what makes Te Tai Poutini such a unique place to work and live, it also challenges her. She has learned all types of new and unique skills like rope rescues, how to swing a large ice axe, and most importantly how to keep her manuhiri safe throughout their once in a lifetime experience.

The pathway that Maya has chosen acknowledges her tīpuna who were the first mountaineers, pioneering many passes over the alps. It also opens the door for the next generation of Māori mountaineers to get amongst it!

Ngāi Tahu Archive

The Ngāi Tahu Archive team is dedicated to working with and for Ngāi Tahu communities to help preserve Ngāi Tahu history, protect tribal knowledge, reclaim our heritage, and assist in maintaining and promoting Ngāi Tahu identity. Here are some of the highlights from the Ngāi Tahu Archive in April/May:

Assistant Archivist Freya Hargreaves-Brown and Eke Tangaroa Māori Graduation

We are thrilled that Freya Wharerimu Hargreaves-Brown (nō Awarua, nō Maitapapa) has been appointed in a continuing role as an Assistant Archivist in the Ngāi Tahu Archive team. She joins us following her graduation with a Bachelor of Arts (Māori and Indigenous Studies at the University of Canterbury) and brings with her several years of experience with the Ngāi Tahu Archive and Archives NZ. Freya will be supporting both archival and records management mahi. Freya participated in the recent Eke Tangaroa Māori graduation ceremony at Ngā Hau e Whā National Marae where the Ngāi Tahu Archive team also celebrated the graduation of Ngāi Tahu Archive interns Georgia Hampton (nō Koukourarata) and Elizabeth Wells (nō Koukourarata).



From left: Georgia Hampton, Freya Hargreaves-Brown, and Elizabeth Wells at Eke Tangaroa Māori Graduation, Ngā Hau e Whā National Marae. Photograph by Gabrielle Faith.

Ko Kāi Tahu me Te Tiriti Panel Talk

The Ngāi Tahu Archive team co-ordinated a panel talk entitled 'Ko Kāi Tahu me Te Tiriti' at the Aspiring Conversations festival in Wānaka on 6 April. The session was chaired by Annis Sommerville with panellists Helen Brown, Dr Kelly Tikao, and Edward Ellison delivering their kōrero to a capacity audience of 280 people at the Lake Wanaka Centre. The panellists focused on different aspects of Te Tiriti and referenced information contained in a forthcoming volume Ko Kāi Tahu me Te Tiriti which will be published later this year by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and the Ministry of Education.



Above: Ko Kāi Tahu me Te Tiriti panellists at the Aspiring Conversations festival, Lake Wānaka Events Centre, Wānaka, Saturday 6 April 2024. From left: Annis Sommerville (Chair), Helen Brown, Kelly Tikao, and Edward Ellison. Photograph courtesy of Wānaka Festival of Colour.

Below: Ōnuku whānau and manuhiri gathered outside the Akaroa Museum for the dawn opening of He Ara Roimata ki te Anamata: Takapūneke Our Journey, Our Survivance on 24 April. Photograph courtesy of Victoria Andrews.

Takapūneke Exhibition

The Ngāi Tahu Archive was privileged to work with Ōnuku Rūnanga, Akaroa Museum, and the Takapūneke Reserve Co-Governance group on the curation of an exhibition that traces the story of the journey to protect Takapūneke and honour its history and cultural significance. He Ara Roimata ki te Anamata: Takapūneke, Our Journey, Our Survivance, opened with a dawn ceremony at Akaroa Museum on 24 April and is open until November 2024.



Te Ara Pūkenga

The Ngāi Tahu Archive has been supporting the Te Ara Pūkenga programme in Kaikōura in recent months. The aim of the programme, established by Rāwiri Manawatu, is to educate and empower frontline staff working in Kaikōura about local Ngāi Tahu history through a series of weekly haerenga around Kaikōura. Kaimahi from Takahanga Marae, Sudima Hotel, Oha Honey, and Jobs for Nature recently completed the programme. A new cohort will begin Te Ara Pūkenga in June.



Te Ara Pūkenga participants at the home of Te Apoka, the son of Te Rakaitauheke. Photograph courtesy of Maurice Manawatu.

Wānanga Pūrākau – Tuahiwi

In late May the Ngāi Tahu Archive ran a wānanga pūrākau at Tuahiwi Marae. The wānanga focused on the stories of two tipuna, Tūtekawa and Tūāhuriri. More than 30 Ngāi Tahu participants attended from all over the motu. At one stage there were five generations in the whare. Upoko, Dr Te Maire Tau gave a talk on the first evening, and Joseph Hullen guided participants on a haerenga around the Tuahiwi area to visit sites of cultural and historical significance. The manaaki and kai from the hau kāinga was outstanding and the rōpū was privileged to have Tā Tipene O'Regan in attendance to share his knowledge.



Wānanga Pūrākau participants in front of Maahunui II, Tuahiwi Marae, 26 May 2024. Photograph courtesy of Maurice Manawatu.

Kōtukumairangi Returns Home

After an extended sojourn at Te Ana marina in Lyttelton under the care of Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke, the Ngāi Tahu waka *Kōtukumairangi* returned home to the wharewaka at Kawatea Okains Bay on 8 May. The transfer of the waka took place under the watchful eye of kaumātua Brian Parker, and with the support of Nuk Korako and Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke. Experienced kaihoe were joined by Okains Bay locals who assisted with paddling the waka upriver. *Kōtukumairangi* is owned by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and is part of the Ngāi Tahu artworks and taonga collection managed by the Ngāi Tahu Archive. The waka is in the day-to-day care of the Okains Bay Museum.



Kōtukumairangi being paddled up the Ōpara River, Kawatea, Okains Bay, 8 May 2024. Photograph by Amber Moke.





Ki kā mate huhua o te wā, kā mate o ia marae, o ia whārua o te motu, koutou kua hāoa e te kupeka o Taramainuku, koutou ka ika ruha nui o Matariki, koutou kua whetūrakitia, e iri nei ki te tuahiwi nui o rakinui hei whetū pīataata i te pō, haere, haere whakakaro atu rā, moe mai okioki mai rā.

I te 28 o Hune ka tū te hautapu ā motu i ruka i te mana o Te Rūnaka o Ōtākou me Kāi Tahu whānui, hei whakanui i a Matariki, i a Puaka hoki. Kia whakamoetau, ā, kia huaki i te tau hou Māori. Tika hoki tā mātou o KMK tautoko i tēnei kaupapa nui whakahirahira mō tō tātou iwi otirā mō te motu whānui.

On the 28th of June, the national Matariki hautapu ceremony will be hosted by Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou on behalf of Kāi Tahu whānui. This will be the first National Matariki hautapu ceremony to be hosted in Te Waipounamu since Matariki became a national Holiday and will be proudly supported by our KMK kaimahi.

These past few months have been an incredibly busy 'wānaka season' for our KMK team, with numerous initiatives delivered to whānau across the takiwā, catering to all proficiency levels.

Toitū te Reo

On 8th-9th August 2024 people from across Aotearoa will come together at Toitū te Reo, the first National Māori Language Festival. This celebration of te reo Māori, culture, and collective identity will be hosted by Ngāti Kahungunu in Napier, and will include a range of speakers, activities, toi Māori, performances, and more. It will provide a space for thousands to come together, celebrate our language, be inspired, entertained, and motivated in the ongoing journey of te reo Māori revitalisation.

KMK are currently investigating options to support active KMK whānau to attend this event. Keep an eye out on our social media platforms and website where we will call for whānau to register their interest in attending.

Kura Reo ki Te Waipounamu

Tūāhuriri tākata, Tūāhuriri whenua, nāia te owaha atu ki a koutou, kā tohuka o te manaaki, kā whetū heri kai, kā whetū heri wānaka mō tō koutou nā whakarakatira i tō mātou nei kaupapa, te Kura Reo Ki Te Waipounamu. Āhuru katoa tō mātou noho, mē te āhuru hoki o kā rara hou!

Ka rere tonu kā whakamānawa ki a koutou kā rikawera, te whānau Iwi Kai, e kore e mutu kā mihi ki a koutou i tā koutou mahi nui whakaharahara. Nei hoki rā te whakamihi ki te kura o Tuahiwi i tū maihi tūwhera mai kia pai ai te tū ō kā akoraka o te kura reo i tēnei tau, tēnei kā mihi. Otirā ki a koutou te ope o te rua Matariki, kā pou reo, kā whītiki o te kī, ki a Ahorangi Rangi Matamua koutou ko Tākuta Hana O'Regan, Juneea Amohia Silbery, Te Korou, Henare Te Aika-Puanaki, Nicole Gully, Tākuta Karena Kelly, e kore e mimiti te puna o mihi ki a koutou katoa.

From April 15-18, we proudly hosted another successful Kura Reo ki Te Waipounamu, a 5-day full immersion initiative for all Māori speakers of te reo within Te Waipounamu. This year's event was held at Tuahiwi Marae, where our hosts, Ngāi Tūāhuriri, warmly welcomed us and ensured we were well taken care of. We are especially grateful for the new mattresses they provided!

We were well looked after by the fantastic Iwi Kai team, who worked tirelessly in the kitchen. Attendees were fortunate to learn from an exceptional group of te reo teachers including Professor Rangi Matamua, Doctor Hana O'Regan, Juneea Amohia Silbery, Te Korou, Henare Te Aika-Puanaki, Nicole Gully, and Doctor Karena Kelly. Their dedication and expertise is truly appreciated.

Kotahi Mano Kāika extends sincere thanks to everyone who travelled from near and far to join us for this kaupapa.



Maahunui.

Nāia te Reo o Tarewai

Whānau came together at Ōtākou over two weekends in March and April for the marae based Kia Kūrapa wānaka reo, Nāia te Reo o Tarewai. These wānaka aimed to support whānau to develop their reo in a supportive learning environment, while tamariki enjoyed taking part in the hōtaka tamariki (children's programme). This was a great chance for whānau to get together, strengthen our reo, learn waiata, and share hītori and pūrākau of Ōtākou.

A big mihi to our kaiako Amie Curtis, Kommi Tamati, Kiringāua Cassidy, Tūmai Cassidy, and Waiariki Parata-Taiapa who provided a safe and engaging learning environment for whānau, while our kaikōrero, Megan Pōtiki and Rachel Wesley, shared their mātauraka to help whānau build understanding of Ōtākou history. A huge acknowledgement also to our kaitiaki tamariki and rikawera who supported the kaupapa.

These events were enjoyed by all, and we look forward to future wānaka!



Above: Ōtākou whānau in front of Tamatea during the recent Nāia te Reo o Tarewai Wānaka.

Below: Inspecting an old artefact on a trip to Papanui inlet, lead by Rachel Wesley.



Kia Kūrapa

Between the 17th and 19th of May, Kotahi Mano Kāika hosted a Kia Kūrapa at Arowhenua Marae. It was great to see so many newcomers to the KMK kaupapa! Akoka were treated to a superstar line up of Huirapa kaiako, with Kari Moana Te Rongopatahi, Steph Richardson and Alex Solomon, whilst our tamariki were looked after by Flayme Wharerau, Aaria Rolleston, Tūmai Cassidy and Rangimāria Waiātarere. Bellies were kept full by the legendary Iwi Kai catering. E kore e mutu te puna mihi ki a koutou, e kā kaiako, e kā kaitiaki tamariki me kā rika raupā o te wīkene! Ā, e rere ana te hā o mihi ki a koutou o te Huirapa rua tī, o te Huirapa rua tā!



Above: Akoka learning wetereo; above right: Akoka learning about maramataka.

Coming up

Wānaka Whare Karioi ā-Whenua

Wānaka Whare Karioi ā-Whenua (17-21 June 2024) is the International Indigenous Digital Games Summit, a video games industry cultural summit hosted at Ōtākou, Puketeraki and Tūhura Otago Museum by NZ Centre of Digital Excellence with support from KMK. This kaupapa will bring together Indigenous game developers from around the world to connect, share and support their indigeneity in the video games industry. Whare Karioi is the first of its kind and will feature over 20 indigenous speakers from around the world bringing highly accomplished expertise from a range of disciplines to educate, inform and celebrate indigeneity and cultural diversity in games. Our notable Kāi Tahu speakers include Maru Nihoniho (Metia Interactive) presenting on 'Representation of te ao Māori in games', and Rocky Roberts (NAIA) and Lisa Blakie (Atawhai Interactive) will both be on a panel discussing 'Pūrākau: the creative & cultural processes of storytelling'. We are excited to see the ongoing fruits of this wānaka in the form of accessible, interactive and fun new ways to engage with our pūrākau, reo, and Kāi Tahu in a digital world. Ko te tira ka kawē i kā mahi a te rēhia ki wāhi kē, ki wāhi kē, ka kiā he whare karioi.

Karawhiua!

Once again, it's a busy time of year for Māori secondary school students. Best of luck to all our Kāi Tahu rakatahi that are competing in the Regional Ngā Manu Kōrero speech competitions across the motu, as well as the Whakataetae Kapa Haka ā motu being hosted in Whakatū at the end of June. Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou e tū ana ki te mura o te ahi.

NOTICE OF MEETING OF OWNERS – Tawera 897 Sec 2 Ahu Whenua Trust

Date: Thursday 8 August 2024

Time: 10AM

Venue: Christchurch Māori Land Court
Rooms AG01 and AG02
First floor

Agenda: – Report from trustees
– Nomination/election of trustees
– Proxies are available for this meeting

Please contact the Pae Tukutuku Rireana Laauli by email
rireana.laauli@justice.govt.nz if you have any questions.

MEETING OF BENEFICIARIES – Lot 2 Deposited Plan 39915

I give notice of a meeting of beneficiaries (G M M Couch Estate) for the above block for the following purposes:

- Discussion of future aspirations for the block
- Proposal to create an Ahu Whenua Trust for the purpose of partition / subdivision
- Adoption of trust deed
- Nomination of trustees

When: Sunday, 4 August at 1:00 PM

Where: Te Koti Te Rato Day Room at Rehua Marae,
79 Springfield Road, St Albans, Christchurch

For further information, contact Henry Couch
on 027 288 9973.

MEETING OF BENEFICIARIES – Rapaki 39A Māori Reservation (Urupa)

Tēnā koutou katoa,

I give notice of a meeting of beneficiaries (G M M Couch Estate) for the above block for the following purposes:

- Discussion of the Reserved Decision of Judge Reeves (65 TWP 61-82)
- Nomination of trustees

When: Sunday, 4 August at 10:30 AM

Where: Te Koti Te Rato Day Room at Rehua Marae,
79 Springfield Road, St Albans, Christchurch

For further information, contact Rireana Laauli
via email to Rireana.Laauli@justice.govt.nz.

NOTICE OF AGM – MR892 Puharakekenui

When: 13 October at 11.30 AM

Where: Tuahiwi Marae, Tuahiwi,
219 Tuahiwi Road, Tuahiwi 7961

For those wishing to attend the meeting please
contact Neville Kemp at neville4hair@gmail.com
or on 0277339385 to confirm numbers.

Kaiapoi Māori Reserve 873 Blk XI Sec 102

Please take note that a meeting of the owners of the
above-mentioned block of land will be held as follows:

When: Sunday, 28 July 2024, 1pm

Where: Tuahiwi Marae, Tuahiwi,
219 Tuahiwi Road, Tuahiwi 7961

Proposed resolutions and other matters for consideration

The purpose of the meeting will be to consider the
proposed resolution(s) and the other matters set out
below:

Proposed resolutions

- That the owners agree to constitute an Ahu Whenua Trust over the land known as Kaiapoi Māori Reserve 873 Blk XI Sec 102.*

Other matters for consideration

- Confirmation of trust deed
- Trustee nominations
- The appointment of an agent to represent the owners (if the owners do not consent to the constitution of an Ahu Whenua Trust).

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MEETING OF BENEFICIARIES – Kaiapoi Section 88B

Tēnā koutou katoa,

I give notice of a meeting of owners for the above block
for the following purposes:

- Nomination of replacement trustees
- Variation of trust deed

When: Sunday, 28 July 2024 at 11AM

Where: Tuahiwi Marae, Tuahiwi,
219 Tuahiwi Road, Tuahiwi 7961

Note* Alternative venue is the Tuahiwi School
in the event of tangi at the marae.

For further information contact Russell Tapley-Bell
021 139 4100.

MEETING OF BENEFICIARIES – Rapaki 4A

Tēnā koutou katoa,

I give notice of a meeting of owners for the above block for the following purposes:

- i. Establishment Ahu Whenua Trust
- ii. Adoption of trust deed
- iii. Nomination of trustees

When: Sunday, 28 July 2024 at 1:45 PM

Where: Tuahiwi Marae, Tuahiwi,
219 Tuahiwi Road, Tuahiwi 7961

Note* Alternative venue is the Tuahiwi School in the event of tangi at the marae.

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MEETING OF BENEFICIARIES – Waitaki SD Lot 4 of III Reserve 1644

Tēnā koutou katoa,

I give notice of a meeting of owners for the above block for the following purposes:

- i. Nomination of replacement trustees
- ii. Variation of trust deed

When: Sunday, 28 July 2024 at 11:45AM

Where: Tuahiwi Marae, Tuahiwi,
219 Tuahiwi Road, Tuahiwi 7961

Note* Alternative venue is the Tuahiwi School in the event of tangi at the marae.

For further information contact Russell Tapley-Bell 021 139 4100.



Waitutu Incorporation – Rangatahi/Kaitiaki Programme

Waitutu have developed an exciting programme aimed toward rangatahi between the ages of 18-30. The vision behind this programme is to empower this generation of beneficiaries in building a strong connection with their whenua. The programme will run over the course of three days, beginning with an exhilarating jet boat ride down the Wairaurahiri River to the Waitutu Forest Lodge. We have several key speakers running events such as eeling, flax weaving, storytelling and the ecology of the forest and the river. We will also offer many activities related to learning about the South Island Landless Natives Act (SILNA) and the history and future planning of the Waitutu Forest and Lodge.

When: 7 – 10 October 2024

Where: Waitutu Forest Lodge

Cost: Free – includes activities, food, accommodation and transport from Invercargill Airport

Who can apply: Waitutu Shareholders/Beneficiaries. Please note: you must have a Ngāi Tahu registration number

How to apply: Registrations forms available via Waitutu Website
<https://www.waitutu.co.nz/rangatahi-programme.html>



Waitutu Forest Lodge.

Te Tauraki

There are currently 15 Iwi Māori Partnership Boards (IMPBs) throughout the motu with Te Tauraki being the IMPB for the Ngāi Tahu takiwā. The Te Tauraki vision is a health system that delivers on the guarantees and promises of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and truly meets the needs and aspirations of whānau Māori.

Our mission is to influence hauora systems by holding the Crown to account to improve quality and access to services, and achieve better health outcomes for whānau Māori, particularly those living within the Ngāi Tahu takiwā.

Key to our mahi is engaging regularly with and building relationships Papatipu Rūnanga Hauora Leads and Māori Health providers in the takiwā as we build our understanding of the Hauora priorities for whānau.



*Right, left to right:
Jade Lee-Walker,
Anne Thomas,
Taone O'Regan,
Holly Weir-Tikao,
Sonya Stevens.*

Meet the team

Te Tauraki currently has five directors on its board: Rakihia Tau (Chair), Professor Emma Wyeth, Ruth Jones, Dr Maira Patu and Professor Suzanne Pitama.

The operational team is made up of Sonya Stevens, Jade Lee-Walker, Taone O'Regan, Anne Thomas and Holly Weir-Tikao. You can find more information and our contact details on our website: [Tetauraki.co.nz](https://tetauraki.co.nz).



Nurture your hauora

From sharing kai with whānau, going for a hikoī, or heading out fishing, to learning te reo, or taking up a new hobby or sport...

We can do many things to strengthen our hauora (wellbeing) and boost how we feel and think. How do you nourish your hauora?

Watch videos of whānau sharing what they do to boost their hauora and learn how to improve yours at ngaitahu.iwi.nz/wellbeing

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 **Te Rūnanga o NGĀI TAHU**

Dunedin's main centre alive with Kāi Tahutaka

The newly upgraded George Street in Ōtepoti Dunedin is now vibrant with Kāi Tahutaka.

Silvery blue lights representing makā (barracuda) dart through the street above while whakatauki, kupu Māori and imagery of matau and makā are woven through the pavement below. These are just some of the design features that make up the new main street of Dunedin.



Aukaha was directed by mana whenua to work with the Dunedin City Council (DCC) alongside project partners Jasmax, Aecom and Isaac Construction.



The Mana Ahurea creative lead for Aukaha, Simon Kaan pulled together Kāi Tahu artists Fayne Robinson, Ephraim Russell and Turumeke Harrington, while design inspiration was based on a George Street narrative written by Ōtākou's Megan Potiki.



Mana whenua from Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou and Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki opened the street earlier this month with a whakawātea, acknowledging three years of work undertaken to replace aging infrastructure and incorporate mana whenua values and narratives into the rebuild.



Woven through the street are designs representing aspects of mahika kai, kai hau kai, whakapapa and Ōtepoti.

Ms Pōtiki says the opportunity to partner with the DCC has meant being able to reinstate some Kāi Tahu visibility back into the city and our community.

“Now, when my children walk down George St, they will see the kupu of their tīpuna inscribed on the pavements, they will see our cultural practices transferred into contemporary art and celebrations of history and knowledge passed down through generations.”

The George Street paving design reflects the name Ōtepoti. The new pavers are a bespoke design developed specifically for Dunedin. The shape of the paver has been derived from the poti, or four-cornered kete.

Designers styled the poti paver to reflect a raraka, representing the weaving of cultures. The patterns also reflect Ōtākou Marae’s stained-glass windows, the design of which is derived from traditional weaving patterns Aramoana and Patiki, which represent mahika kai.

Embedded in the ground, these designs come together to represent the pātiki (flounder) and the ripples caused by its movement in the water.

Kererū or kūkupa have also played an influential role in the design of George Street.

Kūkupa were an important food source and were abundant around Ōtepoti.

The distinctive green hues of the kūkupa, along with splashes of pale purple and cream provide inspiration for colour accents along the street, specifically in beautiful large-scale shade areas over giant seesaws designed by Kāi Tahu artist Turumeke Harrington.



Snaring birds was an important practice for Kāi Tahu people, and inspired Turumeke’s design for the seesaw and resting place, which also features flax snares on the pavement.

Just north of the seesaws, a cultural map has been embedded into the whenua. This cultural map was developed by the late Tahu Potiki who developed it from his research of Kāi Tahu ki Otago. It contains traditional place names and key locations in the Ōtepoti area.



On the light poles at the beginning and ending of each block, cultural designs and references have been included by way of a graphic wrap on the poles. There are four designs based on the four main whaling stations of the region – Waikouaiti, Pūrākaunui, Moturata (Taiari Island) and Te Umukuri (Weller’s Rock). Each pole is located according to their geography from north to south.



Aukaha Acting Chief Executive Caron Ward says the partnership between mana whenua and the DCC has created a stunning main city centre that celebrates our shared histories and values.

“I’m proud of the work from our Mana Ahurea team who have worked with our mana whenua advisory panel and the DCC to embrace the importance of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and reflect the concept of partnerships. And George Street is a beautiful example of how we can work together with shared values and provide pathways to a better future for Kāi Tahu, iwi Māori and for our wider communities,” Ms Ward says.

“The culmination of the George Street upgrade brings an immense sense of pride and belonging to everyone – mana whenua, residents and manuhiri – to see our shared histories celebrated in a unique and inclusive way.”

Aukaha is a mana whenua-owned organisation delivering social, economic, environmental, and cultural services across the takiwā of Te Rūnanga o Waihao, Te Rūnanga o Moeraki, Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki, Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou, and Hokonui Rūnanga.



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'Go Well' this winter

With the chill of winter starting to bite, health authorities are encouraging New Zealanders to prepare early for the colder months, so they stay healthy and well and avoid placing extra pressure on health services during the worst of the cold and flu season.

There are some really easy things we can do to ensure ourselves and our loved ones stay well over winter. Check your children's immunisations are up to date so we can reduce the spread of serious diseases; encourage older or unwell whānau to get a flu vaccination; get your prescriptions early if you have conditions that worsen over winter and ensure you have a plan should you get sick and need more medical support.

Pharmacists are a great first port of call if you start to feel unwell. They can provide advice on a wide range of ailments, including cold and flu symptoms, many offer phone and in-person consultations, and some deliver vaccinations including flu and COVID-19.

For those with pre-existing health issues that tend to worsen over winter or people needing more complex medical support, reaching out to your GP or family doctor is a critical part of winter preparedness.

Someone who can't access a GP or doesn't have one can talk to a Healthline nurse or paramedic for free anytime by calling 0800 611 116. This winter, Healthline is reminding people of the extended support available. Ka Ora telehealth is available in rural areas after hours and at weekends for consultations if required – call 0800 252 672 or book online at <https://kaora.co.nz/app/>

If you or a loved one does become dangerously unwell over winter, do not delay, call 111 for an ambulance or go to your nearest hospital ED or emergency clinic.

Tips for staying well this winter:

- Getting vaccinated!
- Stay home from work or school if you are unwell. Keep away from people who could get very sick from winter illnesses.
- Maintain good hygiene. Wash your hands thoroughly and cover your mouth while you cough or sneeze.
- Get health advice from your local pharmacist. If you become unwell or are concerned about your health, contact your GP or healthcare provider.





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Hoani Hopere Wharewiti Uru is standing second from the left and the Reverend Wynter Blathwayt is on the far right.

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