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Te Rūnanga o **NGĀI TAHU**

Nā te Kaiwhakahaere



**Kai kā whakatinanataka o kā wawata o Pōua mā,
o Tāua mā, tēnā koutou.**

**Tēnei te mahara ake ki ēnā reaka o rauraki,
ki a rātau mā i whakapau kaha, i whakamahiti korou,
mō tātau anō te take.**

Kia takihia kā mate huhua o tātau, haere, okioki mai rā.

Tauārai o te pō ki a rātau,

Titoko ko te ao mārāma ki a tātau te hunga ora.

**Kai kā tini uri nō te tokorima taotao o Tahupōtiki,
tātau e whakakōkiri ana i kā kaupapa nui o te wā,
tēnā tātau katoa.**

Over recent months, much of our attention within Te Rūnanga Group has been on putting our own house in order through a review of the Te Rūnanga Distribution Policy and laying the groundwork for implementation of *Mō Kā Uri – Kāi Tahu 2050*. But it is important to remember that *Mō Kā Uri* is not about Te Rūnanga Group. It is a tribal vision. It asks us to think carefully about the world our mokopuna will inherit, and about the conditions needed for Kāi Tahu rakatirataka and identity to endure within it. That wider context must remain in view, especially at a time when the national political environment is becoming increasingly challenging for iwi and hapū.

There are several large-scale legislative and policy changes currently being advanced by the Government, each of which could have significant implications for Kāi Tahu if passed into law.

One is local government, where the Government has begun a process of structural reform, including the potential consolidation of councils and the creation of larger unitary authorities. Councils have been given limited time to work together on proposals to simplify governance arrangements, reduce duplication, and align more closely with the new resource management and planning system before Parliament. Local government

plays a central role in shaping land-use planning, infrastructure investment, environmental management, and the everyday regulatory settings that affect whānau, rūnaka, and our takiwā. Changes to council structures and decision-making arrangements could therefore affect how Kāi Tahu engages with local authorities and how Treaty-based relationships are recognised at the local level.

At the time of writing, the Government has announced further changes to local government law that would remove voting rights from non-elected members of council committees. While presented as a measure to strengthen democratic accountability, the practical effect would be to exclude iwi representatives who have been appointed to those committees as part of deliberate efforts to recognise Treaty relationships and improve iwi participation in local decision-making. This change reflects a central government intervention that reinforces an increasingly narrow view of the role of iwi in public decision-making.

Reform of local government is also closely tied to changes to the resource management system. The Government is replacing the Resource Management Act with two new laws, one focused on the natural environment and the other on land use and development. Many of the practical arrangements we rely on to protect whenua, wai and taoka, and to give effect to the intent of our settlement, were built around the RMA settings in place when the settlement was agreed. Te Rūnanga has said it is open to a better, clearer system that reduces duplication and cost, but not one that treats Te Tiriti as an afterthought or narrows iwi involvement in the decisions that shape our takiwā.

Another topical reform is in the conservation space. The Government has advanced substantial changes to the Conservation Act, framed around faster decision-making, economic activity, and a more streamlined concessions regime. More than two thirds of the national conservation estate is in our takiwā, and there are numerous mechanisms in our settlement that interact with the Conservation Act. While we are not opposed to reform in principle, aspects of the current proposals have raised serious concerns about whether the commitments made through our settlement would continue to be honoured. Those concerns led Te Rūnanga to file litigation against the Crown. The result was a pause, sought by the Crown, which requires Kāi Tahu to wait until the Bills become law before any challenge can be tested. From our perspective, this is a problematic position. It effectively allows the Crown to press ahead with legislative change, even where there is a clear risk that Treaty settlement commitments will be breached.

All of these changes have a common thread. We are seeing a reluctance across these reforms to recognise iwi Māori as having a permanent, constitutional role in public life. Instead, that role is framed as optional or secondary, rather than part of the settled foundations on which this country rests. The reality is that lasting reform is more likely when it works with the shape of the country we have inherited, rather than trying to push against it or pretend it does not exist.

There is a lesson in all of this worth pausing on. Rakatirataka is not sustained by principle alone. One of the most important parts of our journey towards settlement was the establishment of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu as a legal personality, recognised in law and grounded in our Papatipu Rūnaka. It was not just about establishing an iwi office and a holdings company to hold and manage tribal assets and pūtea. It was about securing durable institutional space in which Kāi Tahu could act collectively, build our strength, and give effect to our rakatirataka across our takiwā.

That institutional foundation matters even more today. Kāi Tahu now has more than 90,000 registered members, more than three times the number at settlement. Papatipu Rūnaka have also grown significantly in capability and regional presence. This is a source of real strength for the iwi, but it also increases the scale and complexity of the work before us.

It is against that backdrop that Te Rūnanga Group has confirmed *Kai te Haere 2026–2030*, our first four-year strategic direction under *Mō Kā Uri – Kāi Tahu 2050*. *Kai te Haere* is about more than an updated organisational strategy. It is about ensuring that the institutional infrastructure of the iwi is fit for the next phase of our journey and able to operate as one system, support Papatipu Rūnaka, strengthen our connection with our people, and shape external systems on our own terms rather than simply reacting to them.

Part of thinking in intergenerational terms is recognising that political ideologies will come and go. Governments will change. The external environment will continue to test us in ways we cannot always predict. Our responsibility is not to chase every shift in the political winds, but to ensure that Kāi Tahu remains strong, coherent, and capable of navigating whatever comes our way. That is the work of this generation of leaders: to hold fast to who we are, to invest in the institutions our tīpuna fought to secure, and to leave behind structures that our mokopuna can rely on for stability, renewal, and confidence in what lies ahead.

Justin Tipa

Kaiwhakahaere, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu

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Tara o te Marama

nā Irian Scott (Kāi Tahu, Waitaha), Hapu: Kāi Tutekawa, Huirapa, & Rakiamao

Photography, digital editing, and image of old whakapapa manuscript. Photograph of poutokomanawa carving representing the ancestor Tutekawa that once stood in the Tutekawa wharenui at Tuahiwi, and is now held with the Canterbury Museum. The whakapapa manuscript shows the descent of Tutekawa and his first wife and cousin, Rakanuku, from Kāti Hawea, a Waitaha sub-tribe.

Interweaving whakapapa from Kāti Mamoe, Waitaha, & Ngāti Kahungunu, Tutekawa enters the stage of New Zealand history as a formidable warrior chief turned feared fugitive. He will become one of the South Island's great founding figures, standing just before the dawn of the Kāi Tahu migration era. Likewise, his children and descendants will leave their mark upon history, helping to reshape the tribal landscape for most of the South Island's lower half.



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Te Hapū o Ngāti Waewae

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

Haratua

Shannon Robinson, Tahana Tauwhare, Moria Tainui, Emma Tainui, Papakura Tainui, Hector Tainui, Henare Mason, Eniitan

Ewebiyi-Meihana, Tainui Coakley, Tahu Coulston, Te Rua Mason, Jayne Dottie Morrisson, Adiriana Weepu, James Tuhuru Gibbs, Vicki Ratana, Donald Mason, Ari Royal-Tamainu, Kourtney Lang, Anika Ngaamo, Paige Hutana, Hector Tainui Jnr, Aaron Tainui, Hugo Davies, Liam Gutsell-Coakley, Harley Panapa, Ngahuia McLaughlin, William McLaughlin, Georgia Tainui.

Pipiri

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, Debbie Tauwhare.

Crusaders Welcomed onto Arahura Marae

On Tuesday 14 April, we formally welcomed a delegation from the Crusaders, who were supported by our whanaunga Maaka Tau and Katie McNeill from Ngāi Tūāhuriri, onto Arahura Marae in a special and culturally significant occasion.

The visit marked the presentation of a mauri pounamu, gifted to the team as a taonga to carry forward. This taonga represents the life force and enduring spirit of the Crusaders, strengthening their connection to whenua, whakapapa, and community.

This occasion was made possible through the established relationship between Ngāi Tahu Pounamu and the Matatū women's rugby team. From this partnership came the opportunity to further develop connections with the Crusaders, beginning with the gifting of a mauri pounamu by Ngāti Waewae to the team.

The mauri pounamu will hold an important place within the organisation. It will be displayed in the players tunnel at the new Te Kaha One NZ Stadium in Ōtautahi, serving as a visible symbol of identity and grounding. It will also travel with the team for away games, ensuring its presence remains alongside them wherever they play.

As part of their visit to Te Tai Poutini, the group also travelled to Māwhera Pā, where they learned about the significance of pounamu and the rich iwi stories of Te Tai Poutini. This experience provided deeper cultural context and understanding of the taonga, further reinforcing the importance of the mauri pounamu gifted to the team.

The occasion was a meaningful expression of partnership and respect, highlighting the deep cultural connections between the Crusaders and mana whenua. The gifting of the mauri pounamu reinforces shared values of unity, strength, and guardianship as the team continues its journey both on and off the field.

Nā Dane Tumahai

Crusaders Rugby Skills Development Session

The Crusaders rugby skills development session held on 14 April was a standout occasion for our local rangatahi and wider rugby community.

Approximately 70 participants attended, spanning Under 10, Under 12, and Under 14 grades from both Kiwi Rugby Club and West Rugby Club. It was particularly meaningful to see strong representation from tamariki with whakapapa to Ngāti Waewae and Makaawhio, adding a deeper sense of connection and pride to the day.

A real highlight was the attendance of Ethan Blackadder, whose presence brought an added level of inspiration for the kids. Being able to engage with a current Crusaders player made the experience even more memorable.

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The session itself was delivered with energy and intent, giving the kids a chance to learn directly from a professional environment while building confidence, skills, and enjoyment of the game. The response from the group was overwhelmingly positive, and a number of the kids were so inspired they've even switched their support to the Crusaders.

Following the session, everyone came together to share kai, with time set aside for photographs and signatures, which added a special, personal touch to the experience.

Kiwi Rugby Club is extremely grateful for the opportunity to host this session. Providing experiences like this for our rangatahi plays a vital role in strengthening engagement, building aspiration, and supporting the ongoing growth of our club and community.

Nā Horano Wilson

Crusaders Rugby – Jacob Carter

Our talented kaihana, Jacob, was also invited to join the Crusaders ope on this haerenga.

Jacob recently returned to Ōtautahi after completing his final year at King's College in Tāmaki Makaurau on a Māori and Rugby scholarship. In 2025, his team won the 1A Auckland Secondary Schools Rugby competition, leading to his selection for the New Zealand Schoolboys team.



Now studying towards a Bachelor of Sport at the University of Canterbury, Jacob is also part of the Crusaders Academy, training throughout the week alongside his club rugby commitments.

It was awesome see our cuzzy back on his tūrangawaewae – we are so proud of his achievements!

Ngāi Tahu Pounamu and Matatū Partnership

Ngāi Tahu Pounamu had the honour of hosting Matatū on Te Tai o Poutini for their three-day pre-season camp. Matatū are the women's rugby team representing Te Waipounamu in the Super Rugby Aupiki competition.

Ngāi Tahu Pounamu has worked closely alongside Matatū since the team's establishment in 2021. Each year, Ngāi Tahu Pounamu presents every wahine with a pounamu taonga to honour and formally recognise the achievement of representing Te Waipounamu. These are gifted alongside three special pounamu awards: Player of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and Players' Choice.

Hosting Matatū on Te Tai o Poutini for their pre-season camp provided an opportunity to further strengthen the relationship and share the significance of being kaitiaki of pounamu. During the visit, the team was presented with a pounamu mauri, a sister piece to the mauri held by the Crusaders.

Katena Campbell and Tonihi Paewheuna guided the team on a hīkoi along the Taramakau awa, connecting the players to the river from which their pounamu mauri originated. The experience was followed by a guided tour through Pounamu Pathways with Keefe Robinson-Gore, where the team learned some of the pūrākau of the region.

Matatū also visited several kura and held open training sessions throughout the Coast. One special moment



saw our own kaimahi, Te Amo Tamainu, lace up the boots and join the wāhine out on the field.

If you want a glimpse of what their camp entailed, check out this clip here: www.facebook.com/reel/2759782231062936

Ngāi Tahu Pounamu wishes Matatū all the very best for the 2026 season. We look forward to continuing to grow this strong relationship for many years to come and to supporting the wāhine as they proudly represent Te Waipounamu on and off the field.



Fusion | Arahura Pā Girls and Boys School Holiday Wānanga

We had one of our biggest school holiday programmes yet, with over 50 Waewae tamariki attending alongside cuzzies from around the motu. A huge mihi to our kaiako – Ani Mason, Tonihi Paewhenua, Aleigha Ngaamo, Dani Tainui and Alamein Meihana-Whittle – and to all our manuhiri, whānau and presenters who helped make it such an awesome week full of fun, learning and activities. Special thanks also to our OG kaiako, Miriama Mason, for keeping everything running smoothly.



New Zealand Customs Pounamu Court Case

In July 2024, a mother and son were apprehended at Auckland International Airport for carrying 17.9 kilograms of pounamu in their luggage.

As a result, New Zealand Customs took legal action. This marked the first time in Aotearoa New Zealand's history that individuals would be prosecuted for the illegal export of taonga pounamu. The prosecution trial began in March with closing submissions heard toward the end of and leading to a verdict being delivered on 1 April.



Judge Richard McIlraith found defendants Boyuan Zhang and his mother, Xin Li, guilty of their actions under the Customs Export Prohibition (Pounamu) Order 2021. Under this legislation, it is illegal for any individual exporter to take more than five kilograms of raw pounamu out of New Zealand without the appropriate consent. Sentencing was held on 5 June, with the defendants receiving combined fines totalling \$5,000.

Throughout the trial, New Zealand Customs received support from Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae, Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio and Ngāi Tahu Pounamu. This collaboration sends a clear message that Customs is committed to working alongside iwi to uphold the mana and integrity of pounamu as a taonga.

However, the current legislation can be manipulated and, in some cases, exploited by exporters. This case has highlighted gaps within the Customs Export Prohibition (Pounamu) Order 2021 that warrant review and potential reform. We will now work closely with MBIE to strengthening the Customs Export Prohibition (Pounamu) Order 2021 as these protections will help ensure the dignity, cultural significance and rightful guardianship of taonga pounamu are consistently upheld.

Rūnanga business

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

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

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

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

Keep in the loop

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

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

Achievements

Congratulations to Brooke Parker – Graduate Diploma in Teaching & Learning

My journey to this point hasn't been a typical one. I never imagined I'd find myself enrolled in university, but becoming a kaiako while working at my old kura tuarua, while teaching the subjects I love has been incredibly special.

I was initially invited to work at Westland High School on a Limited Authority to Teach (LAT) based on my qualifications from the NZ Institute of Sport. For two years, I was able to awhi the kura as a "hard to staff" school, and during that time, I fell in love with teaching. I realised that pursuing a formal qualification through Te Whare Wānaka o Waitaha would be the best way to support both my own growth and the needs of te kura. Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, ekari kē he toa takitini. My whānau offered more tautoko than they know, and I am forever grateful to have had them in my corner. My mum, dad, partner, taua, and poua were my rocks. Over the years, I have faced a tough run with injuries; during my studies, I underwent an ACL reconstruction and meniscal repair.

The mental toll was heavy, but I kept my "why" at the centre: being a māmā to Novah. A huge mihi to her for being so patient and kind during a hectic year, especially as a busy toddler. I also want to acknowledge Kāi Tahu. The iwi grants were a significant help, providing the pūtea needed to support my studies and connecting me with pathways to success. I am forever grateful for the people in my corner and for the opportunity to spend my days with the coolest ākoka. While I still have a long way to go, I am proud to have this qualification to guide my lifelong learning journey. Now, it's time to mahi, pay off that student loan, and connect with kaiako and tauira all around the motu.

Whāia te mātauraka hei oraka mō koutou.

Nā Brooke Parker

Congratulations to Tama Manning – He Raranga Muka – Data Analytics Scholarship

Congratulations to our kaihana, Tama Manning for becoming a recipient of He Raranga Muka – Data Analytics Scholarship! Ka mau te wehi, Tama! Tama learned of this scholarship through being a part of our whānau communications tree, so if you would like to receive opportunities like this, as well as different kaupapa happening around the rohe, please sign up to our communications tree by contacting the Arahura office!



Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio

Vaccination Clinic at the office – Poutini Waiora

We recently hosted the Poutini Waiora team at our rūnanga office in Hokitika to provide flu vaccinations and COVID-19 boosters. It was great to see so many whānau and community members attend, especially our kaumātua. Vaccination clinics were also held across the district using the mobile health and wellbeing caravan.



Pulse Wave Testing at the marae – Dr John Cook

During a recent wānanga at the marae, Dr John Cook stopped by to carry out Pulse Wave testing with whānau. Through Poutini Waiora, Pulse Wave testing has helped many whānau identify heart health risks early and make positive lifestyle changes.

Pulse Wave workshops will be held soon, so get in touch if you would like more information. Thank you to Dr Cook for his ongoing support of this valuable kaupapa.

Anzac Day

Each year we gather to remember those who have served in wars and conflicts, particularly the soldiers from Makaawhio and the South Westland community. We are proud to welcome our community to this commemorative service and grateful for the continued support of the NZ Army, with three service personnel attending this year. It was also wonderful to see our tamariki present, learning the importance of remembrance.

Thank you to Father Head, everyone who attended, and Aunties Helen and Maree for keeping everyone well fed. On the journey home, Kara and Whaiariki visited whānau in the Returned Services section of the Hokitika Cemetery.

Right: Whaiariki Karamina Paraoa Te Naihi Mahuika.



Pounamu Internships: Dennis Kihi

With funding support from Te Puni Kōkiri, we have welcomed the first of two Ngāti Māhaki pounamu carving Interns to our retail store, Westland Greenstone. We are thrilled to have Dennis Kihi join the team. Dennis is the son of Rachael Forsyth and mokopuna of Marie Mahuika-Forsyth.

Right: Dennis learning from senior staff member, Jimmy Gordon.



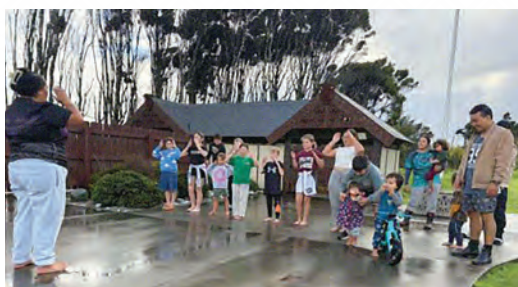
Te Atakura – Kapa Haka invite to participate for Hui a Iwi in November

Have you received your invitation to join Te Atakura, our shared Poutini Ngāi Tahu kapa haka rōpū? This year the group is led by Alliyah and Puawai. If you missed the deadline but would still like to take part, please contact Puawai, we'd love to have you join us on stage.



Te Whare Pū Rākau o Matamata Wānanga

The Poutini Kāi Tahu whānau wānaka continues to grow, with regular wānaka held at Te Tauraka Waka a Māui Marae. Grounded in mātauraka Māori, whanaungata and intergenerational learning, the kaupapa provides opportunities for whānau to strengthen cultural knowledge and connections across Te Tai o Poutini. The smaller, whānau-focused setting has enabled deeper engagement in tikanga, te reo Māori, whakapapa, karakia, pūrākau and the unique mātauraka of Kāti Māhaki and South Westland. Supported by Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio, the wānaka have become an important space for whānau to reconnect with each other, their whenua and their history.



As the kaupapa continues to develop, the focus remains on strengthening Coast whānau first, with the long-term aspiration of establishing the Poutini Kāi Tahu whānau wānaka as an ongoing annual kaupapa for future generations.

Nā Maia Tonihi



Susan's Bishop announcement

We are proud to share that Susan Wallace has been announced by Te Hui Amorangi ki Te Waipounamu as Pīhopa-elect. Susan will step into the role following the late Poua Richard Wallace, and continues to serve as Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio representative on Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu. She has a long history of leadership across Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio and the Anglican Church, including serving as commissary following Richard's passing. Her ordination as Pīhopa will be a significant occasion, and we look forward to celebrating this milestone with whānau.

Left: Susan on the day she was ordained to Priest in September 2024.

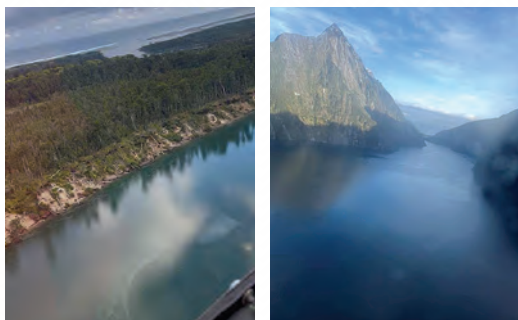
Hollyford Trip

What a privilege to accompany mana whenua into the Hollyford. The team of myself, Fayne and Caleb Robinson undertook site work marking significant areas to help monitor tidal impact, dune movement and climate change, while I helped tidy pā harakeke. After travelling via Te Anau and Milford Sound, we flew by helicopter into Waitai Lodge. Once the last staff departed, we had the place to ourselves, warm, well set up, and very comfortable. Work on site was shaped by weather, river changes, and a few jet boat repairs but we made the most of the conditions. Evenings were spent at the lodge, including a well-earned soak in the hot tub and time to relax. Despite rain and cold, the work continued through the weekend, with jet boat access into the river mouth when conditions allowed.

On Monday we returned home tired but grateful, with venison, new memories, and a deep appreciation for the experience.

Nō reira, ki Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio, ka āmiotia te hā o mihi ki a koutou ngā kaimahi nāu au i whakaae ki te haeretahi i te taha o te tokorua rā, ā Fayne rāua ko Caleb, ki a Waitai Lodge mō te wikini tino papai rawa atu.

Nā Dianne Robinson



Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga

Tūāhuriri Pakeke Roopu

What a fantastic day it was for our Tūāhuriri Pakeke Maukatere Hikoi 2026. 5 Maunga 5 Weeks joined in with our hikoi as they had commenced their challenge for 2026. The day was a wonderful opportunity to come together in the spirit of hauora, whakawhanaungatanga, and connection to our whenua and mauka.



Our Te Haa Oranga o Tuahiwi rōpū provided support throughout the hikoi, ensuring the health, safety, and wellbeing of everyone involved. Their awahi helped make the day enjoyable and accessible for all participants, allowing whānau to take part at their own pace while feeling supported along the way.

We departed from our marae in a convoy of vehicles, travelling together to the halfway point of Maukatere. This approach ensured everyone arrived safely and together, reinforcing the collective nature of the kaupapa and the importance of moving as one whānau.



Top and above: The Beginning of the Maukatere Hikoi.



Sarah-Jane Paki, Jacinta Topia, Crete Cox.



A special thank you to Eru Tarena for opening the day with karakia and sharing kōrero about Maukatere, enriching the experience and strengthening our connection to the mauka and its significance. Your guidance and leadership were greatly appreciated.

Finally, congratulations and well done to all the whānau who took part in the hīkoi. Your enthusiasm, participation, and support for one another truly embodied the values of the day and made the occasion both memorable and meaningful for everyone involved.



Wiremu Hopkinson.

Left, from top: The history talk; Tawhai Te Karu, Crete Coz, Uncle Hippi Rueben, Lee Coz, Sarah Jane Paki; Maukatere views.

Below: Te Haa Oranga o Tuahiwi.





Arahura Ariata-Tau.

Right: Te Maire Tau and his mokopuna Arahura Araitia-Tau.

Below: Christchurch Mayor Phil Mauer, Arahura Araitia-Tau and Prime Minister Christopher Luxon cutting the ribbon.



Te Kaha Opening

Our mokopuna Arahura Araitia-Tau, aged 3 years old, had the special honour of taking part in the official ribbon cutting for the new One New Zealand Stadium at Te Kaha precinct in Ōtautahi on 26 March 2026. This unexpected invitation made the moment even more special.

With courage and excitement, Arahura stepped forward beneath the goal posts and, with a very cute pair of pink scissors, helped to mark this significant milestone alongside Prime Minister Christopher Luxon and Christchurch City Mayor Phil Mauer. Ngā mihi to her kaiako at Ta'i Tamaiti for teaching her how to use kutikuti.



It was a proud moment for our whānau as her Kāhui Tīpuna, Metapere Crofts, Hoana Burgman, and Pauline Crofts were in attendance, alongside her very proud pōua and his brothers, her taua Lizzy, and our whanaunga of Te Taumata who stood close by to tautoko and manaaki all in attendance.

Following the ribbon cutting, former All Black and Crusaders legend Dan Carter kicked the first ceremonial goal, bringing the occasion to life. Despite the horrendous weather, the day served as a timely reminder of the importance of a covered stadium for our city.

We also acknowledge the phenomenal artwork by Morgan Darlison, which beautifully captures the native flora of Waitaha, bringing it to life while placing toi Māori at the forefront with her own unique flair. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all those who have contributed to bringing this vision to life, especially Barry Bragg and the wider team. It is truly marvellous.



Kaumātua Hanmer Trip

Our kaumātua had a nice, relaxing time at Hanmer Springs for their big day out. Rugged up nice and warm, they travelled safely to their destination, enjoyed relaxing in the hot pools, and finished the day off with a lovely kai together. There was plenty of chit chat, laughs, and relaxation throughout the day. Our kaumātua truly deserved this special trip together.



Chit Chats in the pool.

Left: Nice relaxing time in Hanmer.

Top: Hanmer gathering before the pools.

Kaumātua Swimming

Every Monday our beautiful kaumātua meet up at QE2 to go swimming together. They enjoy a hui catch-up filled with lots of laughs and finish the day with kai together. If you would like to join, please contact the office and I will put you in touch with the right person who helps organise this beautiful kaupapa.



Kaumātua lunch after swimming.



Kaumatua Ngāi Tahu Farm Visit

Our kaumatua ventured out together on a beautiful sunny day, enjoying a very informative and engaging visit to the Ngāi Tahu Farm. Seeing the sunflowers and learning about what they do with the seeds was a highlight, sparking plenty of interest among the group.



Kaumatua Poi Making

We had Tania Cottle come in to work with our kaumatua on poi making. We were also joined by our beautiful kaumatua from Rāpaki, coming together for a shared activity. It was a wonderful time filled with fun, laughter, kai, and meaningful connection enjoyed by all.



Poi making with the aunties.



Rāpaki in the house for poi making.

Kaumātua Tuahiwi Kura Visit

Our kaumātua recently attended a special morning at Tuahiwi Kura. Some once attended the kura themselves when it only had two learning rooms, making it special to see how much the kura has grown over the years. They enjoyed a tour of the kura, kapa haka, and shared kai together. It was wonderful to see the next generations thriving in such a beautiful space of learning.



Pink Ribbon Breakfast

Tuahiwi Māori Women's Welfare League hosted a wonderful event at Tuahiwi Marae on Saturday 16 May, fundraising for the Breast Cancer Foundation. Because of popular demand our 80 seats quickly went to 100 seats. Thanks to:

- the sweet hands of our members, the kai was scrumptious;
- the kindness of our rangatahi members, our taua and pōua were served and looked after well;
- the creative hands of our decorating mums and taua, the dining room had a presence of elegance and grace;
- our wonderful Uncle Charlie and his magic hands and voice, our guests danced with happiness;
- and finally thanks to our very special guest speakers Penny Carter, Ma-rea Clayton and Jedda Pirini for ensuring our guests were moved by their journey of wellbeing and educated on early detection.



Joan Burgman and Michelle Philpotts.

Tuahiwi Branch would like to take this opportunity to thank every one of you who supported our kaupapa to raise awareness and helped us fundraise for a very important kaupapa. We would also like to acknowledge our members who are also involved in the "Walk 50k This May" to raise funds to support our wāhine who are living with an incurable breast cancer diagnosis. A special mihi to Tāua Pauline Aquitania Crofts who has been the driver of this kaupapa.





Tuahiwi Kapa haka

Te Atakura here we come! We held our first kapa haka wānanga for Te Atakura 3-5 April. Whānau travelled from near and far to attend. What a wonderful time we all had, reminiscing about the old days, laughing, crying, and just enjoying the whanaungatanga.

One of the highlights was bringing a waiata back to life that had been composed by our great Aunty Erina Paahi (née Momo) and her daughter Aroha, with the help of our dear Uncle Hori Brennan. The waiata was first sung at the South Island Māori Netball Tournament in Temuka when “Arohanui” first entered. A magical memory moment for us all.

Our programme is set and we are gearing up for our next wānanga in June – not bad for us as we have taken nearly two years to learn two verses of our four-verse action song! We even managed to compose a new haka. Thank you to our beautiful Taua Tawhai, Wendi, Tuk, Reimona, Jenny, Pauline, Maia, and Karen for always oozing love and laughter, keeping the memories alive.

If you're around Tuahiwi 12-14 June, then pop into the marae and join us for our next kapa haka wānanga. See you all then!

Nā Maaka and Liz



Maaka Tau, Yozannah Topia Peneha, Wendi Crofts and Reimona Crofts.
Top: Maaka Tau and Liz Kereru.

Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke

Tuia tahaku taura here takata,
Tuia tahaku taura here whenua,
Ko Pokohārūa te pō ki roto ko Rakinui
ki waho, E rere ana te waka o Aoraki
Ko tau a Te Kapa Haka o Ngāti Wheke
ki te papa tū waewae o Waitaha.

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

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

Much more than kapa haka, this kaupapa is a call to the descendants of Wheke to return home, drawn by te reo Māori, by our tikaka, and by the gatherings that nourish us, all centred upon the life of the marae. Huge acknowledgements to whānau who have come to tautoko through kai, sewing, childcare and cups of tea. For many in this kapa haka it was their first time standing and we look forward to what comes afterwards!

Rīpapa: A Manawhenua Perspective

A recent book by Donald Couch (Ngāti Wheke) provides a much-needed mana whenua perspective on the history of the small island of Rīpapa in Whakaraupō Lyttelton Harbour.

In his introduction Donald Couch explains how for 200 years the mana whenua of Whakaraupō has preferred to let the Māori history of Rīpapa lie at rest, unspoken: “It is a place of sorrow and sadness, violence and death.”

But in recent years, curiosity, particularly from local high school history students, has encouraged the need for a response that corrects previous errors and misinterpretations.

The book traces the island’s history from its time as the site for an innovative pā established by Taununu through to the sacking of the pā during the Kai Huāka feud which resulted in the deaths of 70 men, women and children. This tragedy, which would be considered an international war crime today, lies at the heart of the need for a reappraisal of Rīpapa. Donald explains the current position of Ngāti Wheke: they do not support primary school students visiting Rīpapa or reading graphic accounts of the massacre.

The book also covers the loss of Rīpapa to the Crown through the disingenuous machinations of Walter Mantell, Crown Commissioner for the Extinguishment of Native Claims, and then its Pākehā history as a quarantine island.

Most shamefully, the island was a prison for non-violent resisters from Parihaka, where they were starved and mistreated. Rīpapa Island’s history as Fort Jervis, built to repel a (largely imagined) Russian threat, is much better known.



Rīpapa: a manawhenua perspective is stocked at [Leslies Bookshop](#), [Smith's Bookshop](#) at the Tannery, [Scorpio Books](#) and available online through [Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu](#).

Te Taumutu Rūnanga

Whakapapa Wānanga

In early May, Taumutu welcomed a team from Whakapapa Ngāi Tahu for a dedicated wānanga centred on connection, kōrero, and the sharing of whānau history. The day provided a warm and inclusive space for whānau to come together, reconnect, and deepen their understanding of their whakapapa and shared narratives.

A key feature of the wānanga was the opportunity for whānau to participate in one-on-one whakapapa sessions. These sessions offered a supportive and personalised environment in which individuals could explore their lineage, ask questions, and engage in meaningful conversations. The exchange of knowledge across generations was a valued outcome of these interactions.

Olly Ellis, a kaimahi from the Māori Land Court, was also present to assist with pātai relating to whenua and whakapapa, ensuring whānau had access to accurate information and guidance.

Overall, the wānanga was a positive and enriching experience. It reinforced the importance of preserving and strengthening whakapapa knowledge, fostering whānau connections, and creating ongoing opportunities for kōrero tuku iho to be shared and carried forward.



Waitaha Senior Regional Kapa Haka Competition 2026

Held at Wolfbrook Arena in Ōtautahi on 23 May, this year's Waitaha regional competition saw 19 rōpū take the stage, the largest number ever to compete at the Waitaha regional level. The power and depth of talent highlighted the vibrancy of haka across the rohe.



Te Ahikaaroa achieved an outstanding result, securing first place, earning one of five positions to represent the rohe at Te Matatini 2027, held in Hopuhopu, where Waikato-Tainui will co-host alongside Te Matatini and Te Whare Haka o Tainui Waka.

This achievement is a significant milestone for the rōpū and a proud moment for us all, as we celebrate alongside our kaimahi and whānau who stood within Te Ahikaaroa. A massive mihi to all whānau who participated in various rōpū on the day.

Me whakanui i a koutou, ka tika.



Images: Waitaha Cultural Council.



Limitless Possibilities from Kaitorete

Tāwhaki is a unique joint venture between the New Zealand Government, Wairewa Rūnanga, and Te Taumutu Rūnanga, grounded in a shared vision for innovation and environmental stewardship.

At its heart, Tāwhaki has a dual kaupapa: to advance the aerospace ambitions of Aotearoa me Te Waipounamu while also restoring and rejuvenating the distinctive whenua at Kaitorete. This mahi is guided by a commitment to creating long-term opportunities and delivering positive outcomes for the whenua, as well as for whānau, hapū, and the wider community.

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

Current regeneration efforts are focused on preparing for winter planting, where approximately 6,000 native saplings will be established across Kaitorete. Alongside this, Tāwhaki is working in partnership with neighbouring landowners and stakeholders to strengthen pest management across the wider Kaitorete area, supporting the health and resilience of the ecosystem.

Whānau voice remains an important part of this mahi. Each November, whānau from Taumutu and Wairewa take part in monitoring the “State of Kaitorete,” sharing their observations, insights, and recommendations to help guide future planning and decision-making.

The Tāwhaki National Aerospace Centre, located on Kaitorete, is also emerging as a nationally significant hub for testing and research in advanced aerospace technologies. In simple terms, it can be seen as a national laboratory, where the “lab” is the sky above Kaitorete.



The current focus of this work is on advanced aviation, exploring the next generation of flight beyond traditional aircraft. This includes technologies such as drones, high-altitude platforms, and spaceplanes, positioning Kaitorete and our people at the forefront of innovation while remaining grounded in kaitiakitanga.

Whānau can keep up with Tāwhaki on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).



Te Rūnanga o Koukourarata

Tari Update

We wish to acknowledge Holly Cunningham as she ends her role as interim manager. During a period of transition, Holly has provided steady leadership, deep care, and unwavering tautoko to our kaimahi and whānau. Her commitment to ensuring our people were supported has been deeply valued, and we extend our sincere appreciation for the contribution she has made to the rūnaka.

We are also pleased to advise that Dardanelle McLean-Smith will be stepping in to provide temporary operational support for the next six months. Dardanelle brings over 10 years of experience working alongside

papatipu rūnaka, with a strong background in governance, operations, and kaupapa Māori programme delivery. Her approach is grounded in whanaukataka and a commitment to supporting sustainable, whānau-centred outcomes.

We look forward to the upcoming rūnaka hui and continuing our collective work together towards Te Mahi Tamariki.

Ngā mihi nui,
Te Komiti Whakahaere



Whakanuia

Ko te manu e kai ana i te miro, nōnā te ngahere; ko te manu e kai ana i te mātauranga, nōnā te ao.

The forest belongs to the bird who feasts on the miro berry, the world belongs to the bird that feasts on knowledge.

Massive congratulations to our whanauka Dan Buchanan (left) who was celebrated for receiving his Master of Māori and Indigenous Leadership with Distinction tohu at the University of Canterbury Eke Tangaroa Māori Graduation Ceremony recently.

Also to Tamati Cunningham on receiving his Bachelor of Arts majoring in Te Reo Māori and Māori and Indigenous studies. He is pictured (right) with partner Lucy Jessep, Kāi Tahu, Kāti Mamoe, Waitaha who received her Master of Science in Psychology with Merit.



We also celebrate Billie Burger, pictured left with her pāpā Peter Burger. Billie graduated from Massey University with a Bachelor of Screen Arts and was also the Massey Scholar meaning she was top of her class – tau kē Billie!

We know there would have been other whānau at these ceremonies, or who have recently graduated. Do send us a pic and details so we can acknowledge them too. Or perhaps

there is a new pēpi in the whānau, another award received. Email us at: koukourarata@ngaitahu.iwi.nz to add to our pānui and Te Pānui Rūnaka submission.



Right: Pita Robinson.

Te Rā o Ngā Hōia

Pictured here are the whānau who woke up early and attended the ANZAC Day dawn parade on Saturday 25 April at Rāpaki.

This year's ANZAC Day held particular significance recognising all of those who have served Aotearoa New Zealand in times of war, conflict and peace support operations.

Koukourarata were also in attendance at Tuahiwi Pā, North Canterbury where an Anzac Service was held to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the return home of the Ngāi Tahu members of D Company of 28 Māori Battalion.



A special focus of the service was the role played by Te Roopu Tamariki ō Tuahiwi, a party of 25 school children from Tuahiwi School who travelled to Wellington to perform as part of the official welcoming delegation on Pipitea Wharf when the Māori Battalion disembarked off the Dominion Monarch ship on January 23, 1946.



Whānau at Rāpaki Marae, ANZAC Day; right: L-R Carl Crofts (Sgt retired Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment), Captain Alex Greaves, New Zealand Cadet Forces and Russell Caldwell Manukura Ōtautahi (Secretary Kaiapoi RSA and MC for the ceremony).



Upcoming Hui

General

Rūnanga Hui – July

Sunday 26 July,
10am
Tūtehuarewa
Marae

Annual and General

Rūnanga Hui – September

Sunday
27 September,
10am
Tūtehuarewa
Marae

Koukourarata Kapa Haka

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

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

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

Tutors: Mairehe Tankersley, Karuna Thurlow and Jodi Cameron.

See you there!

Te Rūnanga o Koukourarata Grants

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

Education Grant – to support whānau with school/study fees, school uniforms and stationery items,

Sports Grant – to provide support to whānau who are representing a sport at a regional or national level,

Health Grant – to provide support to whānau with health-related expenses.

For more information, please send us an email: koukourarata@ngaitahu.iwi.nz.

Wairewa Rūnanga

Te tai e, te tai e
Te tai o Marokura
Te tai o Mahaanui
Te tai o mate e pare kawakawa ki runga
i te whare o Makō.
E te tutarakauika kia au tē moe

It is with deep sadness
that we share the passing
of one of our pou leads,
mahi taimoana expert,
whanaunga and friend,
Raniera Bartlett. We extend
our thoughts and aroha to
his whānau and all those
who knew and loved him.

Mana whenua Mana moana Pou

3 Lakes Kaupapa 9-10 April

As part of the continued commitment of our pou to lake health restoration and mātauranga sharing, we were proud to be part of a collaboration with three kaitiaki groups from Wairewa, Ōmāpere (Kerikeri), and Whakakī (Wairoa).

We acknowledge our incredible hosts, Robin Wybrow and Helen Sinclair, who ensured our manuhiri were well looked after throughout the kaupapa. Aaria Rolleston, Matiu Prebble, and Eden Skipper also provided valuable support across the wānanga.



Ngā Herenga o Papatūānuku 16-17 April

Aaria Rolleston and Eden Skipper visited Maketū to attend a Māori Climate Adaptation wānanga. We learnt lots and were joined by other Kāi Tahu and iwi from across the motu all of whom are committed to ensuring we are prepared for the challenges of climate change.



Lincoln High School Noho at Wairewa Marae 22-23 April

Year 11 Mātauranga and Science taurira from Lincoln High School visited Wairewa, where they were hosted by pou members Irai Weepu, Erana Riddell, and Eden Skipper. We were grateful to our honoured guest speakers and hāpori at Te Mata Hapuku, Mary Kamo and Keri Ruru, for sharing their valuable kōrero.



Moko Kauae Journey – Erana Foster

As Erana reflects on receiving her moko kauae, she shares a journey of remembrance, reconnection, and deep hononga.

Missing her taua led to a powerful haerenga, bringing her class to Wairewa to learn more about their whakapapa and stories. What began in grief became a space for growth, learning, and identity.

Through their time with Wairewa Rūnanga and Te Poho o Hinekahukura, including a piupiu wānanga and kōrero around moko, seeds were planted that have now come to life, proudly worn today.

Erana shares her deep gratitude to all who supported this journey, her whānau, kura, and the many hands who helped uplift the kaupapa.

“Receiving my moko kauae is not just a personal milestone, it is a commitment to walk in strength, humility, and mana.”



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Pink Shirt Day at the tari

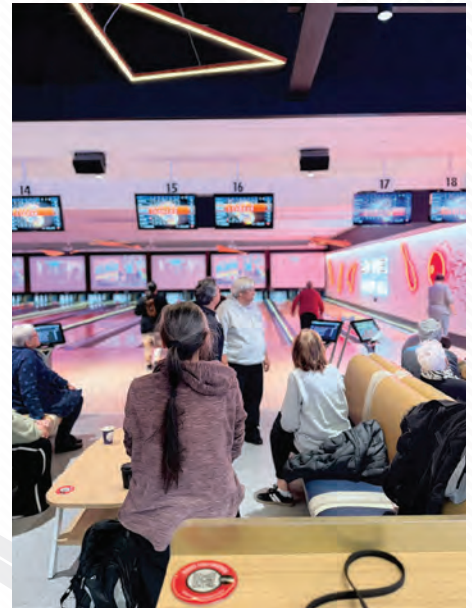


Kaumātua Ora

On 22 May, Wairewa kaumātua headed off to the bowling alley for a morning with Rāpaki kaumātua.

Safe to say there were plenty of laughs, cheeky banter, competitive streaks coming out, and a whole heap of cheering. More than anything, it was just a nice chance to spend time with our Rāpaki whānau, connect, and enjoy each other's company in a fun way. A wholesome morning filled with belly laughs, big smiles, and a few hidden bowling talents too.





Ōnuku Rūnanga

Wairaamia Poipoi Tikao Taratoa-Bannister

Wairaamia Poipoi Tikao Taratoa-Bannister completed her Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Psychology and minoring in Māori Indigenous Studies at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha, University of Canterbury. She attended the April parade, the mainstream graduation, and the Māori graduation, Eke Tangaroa. These events are an amazing opportunity for the Māori community, graduates, and whānau to honour academic achievement.

It was such a positive and uplifting event for all, with waiata tautoko, smiling, happy people, lots of laughter, and stunning cultural adornments representing the various iwi and the Pacific. The sense of relief and pride shared by the whānau was deeply felt throughout the week. Whānau who had stood beside and supported their graduates in many different ways across their degree journeys could finally celebrate all that had been achieved together. It was a moment of gratitude and hope, something we all needed.



Te Kori ā Te Kō: Regeneration in Action at Ōnuku

Ōnuku Marae recently hosted the 'Te Kori ā Te Kō' Symposium, bringing together iwi, scientists, conservation leaders, innovators and community partners around a shared 200-year vision for the regeneration of Akaroa Harbour. At the heart of the kaupapa is a simple but powerful belief: that the wellbeing of our people and the wellbeing of te taiao are inseparable.

The symposium showcased how that vision is already being brought to life through climate adaptation, biodiversity restoration, marine regeneration, sustainable aquaculture, mātauranga Māori, science and partnership. Across the day there was a strong sense of optimism about what can be achieved when local leadership, collective expertise and a shared commitment to place come together.



The day highlighted the importance of understanding and measuring the health of our harbour through initiatives such as the longair seabed mapping project and Indigenous data systems supporting long-term kaitiakitanga and informed decision-making. Another highlight was the emerging Wakame pilot being developed through a partnership between Ōnuku, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Premium Seas and Ceres Organics (with an aim of transforming invasive seaweed into high-quality kai, while creating jobs, strengthening mahinga kai, supporting biodiversity and climate resilience).



There was also a strong sense that Akaroa Harbour can become a national exemplar for marae-led regeneration, demonstrating what is possible when mātauranga Māori, science, innovation and enterprise are designed together from the outset. Much more than individual projects, what Ōnuku is promoting is a different model of development, one that shifts from extraction to regeneration, from short-term thinking to mokopuna decisions, and from fragmented efforts to collective action. Restoration not being viewed as a cost, but as the foundation of a thriving future economy and community, grounded in whakapapa and kaitiakitanga.



The closing challenge was to build from the alignment and vision into action: supporting with funding, expertise, advocacy, partnership, and leadership. The future envisioned through Te Kori ā Te Kō will be delivered through collective effort and a commitment to leaving Akaroa Harbour stronger for future generations than we found it. Mō tātou, ā, mō ka uri ā muri ake nei.



Sum-up of the day here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1c2gJw4Py6MImg9Qn6EeSc1-aRLubZW7Q/view?usp=drive_link



Takapūneke



**Bring friends,
family, sturdy
closed footwear
and a spade.**

Please join us at Takapūneke Reserve

**...for a community planting day to celebrate the next
stages of development.**

Friday 10 July, 10.15am to 2pm

**Get involved this Matariki as we work together to acknowledge the
cultural and historical importance of this site.**

**We will start with a brief history talk about the reserve and a walking tour to hear the kōrero
behind the newly unveiled pou, design and artworks. At 11.15am the planting will commence,
followed by a sausage sizzle at the Red House, from 1pm.**

The public should gather at one of newly built takarangi,
near the Britomart Monument.

Accessible parking and access is available via the Beach Rd
entrance. General public parking is available at the Ōnuku
Road car park. Please note parking is limited.

The reserve is wāhi tapu,
so please leave your dog
at home, and do not
eat food onsite. Water
bottles are okay.

Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua

Tarahaoa Rakatahi Wānaka

Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua recently held the Tarahaoa Rakatahi wānaka to ensure our strategic plan reflects a strong rakatahi lens and captures the perspectives, priorities, and aspirations of our rakatahi.

Rakatahi stayed at the Tarahaoa Eco Lodge and Cabins and spent time with the Peel Forest Outdoor Centre, where they took part in a range of outdoor activities alongside experienced facilitators. These activities supported team building, leadership development, and whakawhanaungatanga while creating space for meaningful discussion and input into our future direction.

Their whakaaro will help inform how we continue to develop initiatives that support and respond to the needs of our rangatahi and wider rūnanga.



Te Hokika Mai

Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua recently marked the purchase of the whenua surrounding the Ōpihi Taniwha rock art site and a number of other significant rock art locations within the Ōpihi valley. This purchase has been decades in the making and is a significant milestone for our rūnaka.

To acknowledge the milestone, Arowhenua hosted Te Hokika Mai, bringing together whānau, the Ngāi Tahu Māori Rock Art Trust and manuhiri. The day recognised both the significance of the purchase and the long-standing efforts to protect and preserve these taoka over many years.

Following formalities at the marae, whānau travelled to the Ōpihi taniwha site for a guided visit to the caves, a first for many. The day marked a significant moment for Arowhenua and our ongoing role as kaitiaki of these sites.



Congratulations

We are proud to acknowledge the achievement of Tayla Eva May Smith-Teale, mokopuna of Christine Todd and great-mokopuna of Ernest and Eva Johnston, who graduated from the University of Otago in December 2025 with a medical degree.



This is a significant accomplishment and a proud milestone for her whānau and our rūnaka. Congratulations Tayla, from your whānau at Arowhenua.

Te Rūnanga o Waihao

Tēnā tātou e te whānau.



Te Rūnanga o Waihao, He rau tau ki mua, our 100-year plan

Whānau Hui April - Master Plan

“Titiro whakamuri, Kōkiri whakamua –
Look back, to move forward”

This year our strategic focus is on building a Waihao master plan, the blueprint we will leave for future generations, having the choice and options our tūpuna weren't afforded as they fought to right the historical grievances and broken promises of the Crown.

We started with our audacious dreams for our wider takiwā, and in June we will focus our dreams on our marae, Wainono and Waimate.



Taua Wendy Reid, right, Uncle Trevor Brunton (obscured)
listening to kaikōrero.

Top: Our Chair, Dardanelle McLean-Smith discussing this
important kaupapa with the Hapū.

Our whānau have dreamed big, focusing on WHAT we want our mokopuna to have, and WHY we want them to have it. In August we will review the implementation plan and in December we will have an approved master plan for the next 100 years. This is a living map of all the activity, influence and presence we want in our takiwā.

We strongly encourage you to come along to the June hui to share your dreams for the future of our Waihao mokopuna.

Tuna Mitigation, sharing our Tuna knowledge with Twizel Area and Omarama Schools



Tuna ranger, Wetere Home explaining how te hīnaki works
to taitama.

“Ko te hao te kai a Te Aitaka a Tapuiti!” “Eel is the
delicacy that belongs to the descendants of Tapuiti”

As the tuna season and the trap and transfer mahi comes
to an end this month, they were happy to find some tuna
and a breeder.

Tuna rangers Wetere Home and Tutemakohu Tau,
visited Twizel Area School and Omarama School.

Students loved having the opportunity to learn more
about trap and transfer and to see our tuna. We are
all looking forward to more of these opportunities in
the next season. Waihao is hosting this kaupapa, with
kā rūnaka, Arowhenua and Moeraki, and manager,
Greg Carson.

He mihi nā Te Komiti Mātauraka o Waihao.



Wetere Home and Tutemakohu Tau, removing “lunch” from the hinaki, whilst tamariki sit and watch.

Te Puna Tarakao – “Manaaki whenua, manaaki takata, haere whakamua” Care for the land, care for the people, go forward”.



Te Puna Tarakao, centre, niho taniwha on the left, and the Waihao awa flows on both sides.

Whānau Hui at Waihao 2026 dates and Kaupapa

- 15 August Implementation – How to implement the master and spatial plans, taiao kaupapa annual report (including ranger programme).
- 18 October – AGM, Annual Report, elections, statutory reporting.
- 6 December – Whānau Christmas hui celebration, whānau engagement, optional hui if required.



Te Whare o Waihao, in the early morning, the doors are opened for Manuhiri.

Over the past year our Kaika Taiao, Pat Tipa and Willie Gibson have been working on the restoration of Puna Tarakao, one of our wāhi tapu and mahinga kai sites near Wainono.

They cleared the exotic weeds, then replanted with harakeke, tarata (lemonwood), miro, southern rata, kawakawa kōwhai and others. After the restoration and replanting, with DOC’s assistance, we have erected a shelter for wānaka and will install a firepit for cooking and warmth in the colder months.

We have invested in two portable wharepaku, to enable whānau to stay overnight if they wish to camp on the whenua.



Kaimahi work on the new Hut and the roof, to host wānanga.

This area was inhabited by our tipuna before European settlement.

“Another major seat of learning was at Puna Tarakao on the Waihao. A carved pā and school

of learning called Kura Matakitaki, was founded by Hāteatea the Tohuka Upoko of his day” [He pitopito kōrero nā *TE KARAKA* 1995, Koanga edition]. This project re-establishes our ancestral footprint at this wāhi tapu, the first project for our Waihao rangers.

Te Rūnanga o Moeraki

On Sunday 1 March, Merehana Hone SKIPWORTH (née Reiri) passed away in Napier, surrounded by her whānau. Merehana was the second eldest of eight children to Hone Reiri, of Wairarapa, and Ruby Reiri (née Rehu) of Moeraki.

Ruby was the eldest child of Pani (Faw née Rehu) and Alexander (Alex John) McKay. Merehana is laid to rest at Wharerangi Cemetery in Napier, alongside her husband George Skipworth, their son Raymond Skipworth and moko Manaia Skipworth.



Opening of Mahika Kai, Mahika Toi – Forrester Gallery

A dawn ceremony led by Te Rūnanga o Moeraki blessed the Forrester Gallery extension, which was named Mahika Kai Mahika Toi – The work of food, the work of art. It refers to the intergenerational practices of sustenance and creativity, drawing a parallel between caring for land, water, food systems, animal and plant life, and the nurturing of artistic, cultural and creative knowledge; highlighting the connection between sustaining life and creative practice. Kare Tipa (Moeraki) led the naming of the gallery spaces, each reflecting local native birdlife.

The upgrade, completed after a seven-week closure, doubles the exhibition space and adds a collection store, education area, and full accessibility.

It will open with new exhibitions including Paemanu: Kārakaraka Toi and a collaborative local show.

Our whānau played an active part in the upgrade which was led by Dennise Whyte, Jill Kitto and Ana Faau.



The Waitaki community gather outside Mahika Kai, Mahika Toi at dawn; and, Justin Tipa gives kōrero with Moeraki kaumātua, Reita Mathews and Moeraki whānau at this side.

Below: Whānau, alongside students from Waitaki Girls High School gather for group photo after formalities had concluded.



Opening of the Waitaki Event Centre

The new Network Waitaki Event Centre in Ōamaru is a \$30+ million, multi-purpose community facility designed to support sport, recreation, and events across the Waitaki district. The centre features six indoor sprung courts, flexible event spaces, offices, and community facilities, creating a modern hub capable of hosting sports competitions, conferences, and large gatherings.

It officially opened in May, marked by a mihi whakatau led by Te Rūnanga o Moeraki and attended by over 300 people, with the support of students from Te Pakihi o Maru school.

Ngāi Tahu artist Ross Hemara created the designs throughout the centre. The opening celebrated years of community effort, investment, and collaboration, positioning the facility as a lasting regional asset that will enhance community wellbeing, enable major events, and support future generations.



Justin Tipa delivers a kōrero.



Ross Hemara delivers kōrero.



Group photo of attendees following the mihi whakatau.

The arrival of Pou at the Moeraki Boulders Restaurant and Cafe

It has been an exciting time for Moeraki whānau with the recent arrival of the pou that now stand proud at Kaihīnaki, Moeraki Boulders Café and Giftshop. Designed by Ngāi Tahu artist, Ross Hemara, the pou and associated designs you will see about the restaurant reflect our ancestral narratives, and connections to the land, capturing important stories and symbols passed down through generations. These artworks are a vital expression of mana whenua identity, reflecting both everyday life and deeper cultural and cosmological meanings. If you happen to drive past Moeraki, head down to the café and check them out!

The work in getting the pou from inception to installation has been project managed by the Viv Sherwood our senior administrator at the rūnaka.



Left to right: Justin Tipa doing karakia; Viv Sherwood project managing the installation; The crane placing a pou down.

Restoration of Kotahitanga Church

Over the last while, conservation work has been underway on Kotahitanga Church in Moeraki including the famous stained-glass windows. Whānau were happy to come together to see the windows reinstalled and taking pride of place inside the freshly painted church. The colours chosen are traditional colours as identified by Heritage NZ, similar to what may have been used when the church was constructed.



Left to right: The church getting ready to be painted; Moeraki whānau standing beside windows after installation.

Marae kōrero connects research and community

Talking about health research should be a two-way conversation with the community, say members of Otago's Epigenetics, Disease and Phenotype Laboratory (the Chatterjee Laboratory).

With this in mind, the Chatterjee lab group, in partnership with the Office of Māori Development (OMD), facilitated a research presentation and discussion at Moeraki Marae last month. The presentation explored how DNA-based tools are being used to better understand cancer and improve health outcomes.



Chatterjee Laboratory kaimahi and tauira, and Office of Māori Development representatives, had a productive health research kōrero recently with the community at Moeraki Marae.

research mahi, including work across several cancer types such as lung, prostate, colorectal and pancreatic.

It was a great opportunity to share science in an accessible way, and to hear from Māori about the barriers and enablers to participating in the health system, such as access to facilities.

The 25-member Otago contingent included kaimahi and tauira from the Chatterjee Laboratory, clinicians and OMD representatives Hata Temo and Karin Fraser.

Associate Professor Aniruddha Chatterjee heads the lab, which is based in the Department of Pathology and Molecular Medicine (Dunedin). He says what stood out most was the genuine interest from the community in how research like this could contribute to improving health outcomes for Māori and rural communities.

"The kōrero we had was thoughtful, encouraging and deeply motivating for our team."

Co-principal investigator Dr Euan Rodger says, "For us, it's important that engagement with communities happens in the right way, through meaningful two-way communication, listening and building trust and relationships rather than simply presenting research."

Aniruddha says this was the first time his team had presented at a marae and it was a privilege to visit Moeraki Marae and spend the day engaging with the community. His team shared their cancer epigenetics

Aniruddha says the visit took time and care to organise.

"We are incredibly grateful to Kāti Hāteatea and Te Aotauarewa (the mana whenua of Moeraki marae) for their warm welcome, generous hospitality, and openness in discussing how research and community priorities can connect.

Aniruddha says as part of the 9 March visit, mana whenua shared the history of the marae and the local area, which was fascinating to hear.

The research presentation was livestreamed to reach those who were unable to attend in person, such as some Māori health providers. An associated benefit of the day was the chance to discuss some of the career paths available in health and biomedical research for tamariki.

**Nā Andrea Jones, Team Leader,
Divisional Communications**

Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki

Puketeraki Rūnaka General Meeting Dates 2026

You can contact the office if you would like the link to our meetings: office@puketeraki.nz or phone: 03 465 7300.

RGM

Sunday 28 June
Puketeraki Marae
520 Apes Road
Karitāne 9471
11 am

RGM

Sunday 30 August
Old School
121 Grimness Street
Karitāne 9471
11 am

AGM

Sunday 1 November
Puketeraki Marae
520 Apes Road
Karitāne 9471
11 am

If you or your whānau have a change of address, phone number, email address, etc., you can keep us up-to-date by email or phone: office@puketeraki.nz or 03 465 7300.



Congratulations to Jeffery Broughton for his outstanding performance at the Otago Māori Golf Tournament.

Below: Participants Waiariki Parata-Taiapa, Selford Meads, Jeffrey Broughton, Tamati Mathews, and Piripi Mathews.



Opening day in 2025 of Te Hā o Maru, the Kāi Tahu Mana Whenua service.

with Kairuruku Hauora, Marianne Te Tau and rokoā practitioner Lavinia Reihana-Moemate who provide free drop in nursing and rokoā services, bringing together contemporary and traditional practices for whānau. It has been great to have these services available for our whānau.

Otago Māori Golf Tournament 2026

Nā Waiariki Parata-Taiapa

E rere tonu ana kā mihi ki a Jeffery Broughton i eke panuku i te Otago Māori Golf Tournament 2026. I tū te whakataetae ki St Clair Golf course, Ōtepoti. Tōna ono tekau kā kaitākaro hahaupōro nō kā tōpito katoa o te rohe nei. Heoti, i toa a Jeff i te 'best net' ā i whakawhiwhia e ia te taoka 'Ringa Piu'.

E tika ana, kia mihia rā koe, Jeff, ā, ki kā whakaaro nui kia tū tonu tēnei kaupapa mā te hapori nei.



Jeffrey Broughton at St Clair Golf Course.

Koia kai a koe, Jeff.

Congratulations to Jeffery Broughton for his outstanding performance at the Otago Māori Golf Tournament 2026, held at the St Clair Golf Course in Dunedin. There were around 60 competitors from around the region who participated. Jeff delivered an exceptional round, winning best net and receiving the prestigious Ringa Piu trophy.

A fantastic achievement and a proud moment for our community. We also acknowledge and thank the organisers whose commitment ensured this project could continue to benefit the wider community.

Te Hā o Maru

Nā Dr Lily Fraser

Te Hā o Maru is the Kāi Tahu mana whenua service for the takiwā of Moeraki. They deliver a wide range of hauora, social, wellbeing, and education services across the takiwā, grounded in whakapapa, whenua and a commitment to the wellbeing of our people.

In 2025 Kāti Huirapa ki Puketeraki invited Te Hā o Maru to provide a satellite GP clinic at the marae office in Karitane. Dr Lily Fraser of Puketeraki is holding weekly clinics, and she has loved being home and supporting our whānau with their hauora.

They have also recently started fortnightly Mōkihi Waiora clinics with Kairuruku Hauora, Marianne Te Tau and rokoā practitioner Lavinia Reihana-Moemate who provide free drop in nursing and rokoā services, bringing together contemporary and traditional practices for whānau. It has been great to have these services available for our whānau.

Completed New Zealand Diploma in Design

Nā Stevie Stratford



Stevie Stratford proudly holding the award she worked so hard to achieve, a testament to her commitment and perseverance.

I wanted to shout from the rooftops that I've completed my New Zealand Diploma in Design with a strand in Kitchen Design through Building Apprenticeships in NZ, (BCITO), and the National Kitchen & Bathroom Assoc. (NKBA) as part of my apprenticeship with Howley Joinery Ltd in Invercargill.



Stevie with her support team.

I'm really proud of this and so grateful to Glen and the team at Howley Joinery for supporting me along the way. I feel so lucky to have had the chance to study while working and gaining hands-on experience at the same time. I was also able to take a gap year during my studies to have my baby before returning to finish my diploma. Finding out I was pregnant just before my first block course then juggling study, work, and raising a baby into a toddler wasn't easy, but so worth it!

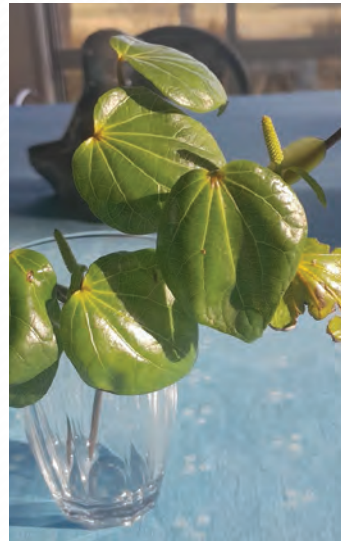
I recently got to celebrate completing my qualification at TradeQUAL Southland 2026, which made it all feel even more special.

It's been a long road, but I'm proud to finally say, I did it!

I am the mokopuna of Poppa Len and Nanna Joan Boyle and my whakapapa traces back to Thomas White and Piraurau Sarah White.

This Week at the Māra

Nā Jen Duff



The kawakawa that's thriving in the wild, in our rugged coastal environment.

George Meikle recently discovered what he instinctively identified as kawakawa thriving in the wild, rugged coastal environment.

After a bit of kōrerorero, and with clarification from our kaumātua Khyla Russell, Phyllis Smith, Ann Bateman, and many other whānau with deep mātauraka, it was confirmed. The kaumātua had spoken.

A truly remarkable reminder of how our native plant species adapt and express themselves in response to their environment.

Logan Forrester – Refereeing Profile

The past 12 months have been a significant period in the career of touch referee Logan Forrester from Lincoln. During that period, Logan:

- refereed the 2025 Trans-Tasman Men's games in Christchurch
- was invited to the USA Open Nationals and ranked No. 1
- was ranked No. 1 at NZ Junior Nationals
- ranked No. 1 at NZ Open Nationals
- refereed the Men's final at the NZ Māori tournament
- refereed the NZ Māori vs Indigenous game in Hamilton
- was named Touch Canterbury Referee of the Year
- was named Touch NZ Referee of the Year
- refereed the 2026 Trans-Tasman Men's game at Mudgee last month
- refereed the Asia Pacific Cup Men's grand final in Mudgee.

Then to cap the year off, Logan won the award at the Sport Canterbury Sports Awards dinner for the best High-Performance Referee. That award was very special as it is selected across referees and umpires at national and international levels across all sporting codes in Canterbury.

Logan can put the whistle away for three or four months now and finally get some game time with his beloved Waihora Badgers rugby team in Ellesmere. He will be slowing down his start to next touch season with his

wedding to fiancé Jayde at Show Weekend. Then his focus will move to the Touch World Cup to be held in Aotearoa New Zealand in 2028.

Logan has whakapapa to Hinekoau and Harriet Lloyd (Mrs Parker).

Right: The referees after the Asia Pacific Cup Grand Final at Mudgee, NSW, at ANZAC Weekend. Left to right are Kim Scully, Dave Baggio (both Australia) and Logan Forrester.





150th Jubilee Celebration

SATURDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2026



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Karitāne School | 183 Coast Road, Karitane | 10am till 1pm
Mihi Whakatau 10am, morning tea, commemorative tree planting, time capsule display, memorabilia and merch stall, Class photos and history display, add your photos and memories to the archive, Matanaka Meats sausage sizzle and bacon butties- gold coin donation, official Jubilee group photo at 12pm.

Karitāne Māori Tours | Boat Ramp | 1pm- 4pm
Complimentary waka tours. Come down and join the rolling tours every 20mins.

Gala Dinner | Karitāne Community Hall | 5.30pm- 11pm | \$80pp
Complimentary drink and canapés on arrival, two course meal, guest speakers, live music, cash bar.

Hui te Rangiora Church Service | 10am Sunday 26th September
Poroporoaki | (formal farwell) at Karitāne School | 11am

RSVP via Karitāne School website
Kā mihi nui, Jubilee Committee
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Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou

He tai aroha, he tai roimata e rere tou nei
ki kā tini mate o te motu ko riro atu rā ki te
Whare o Pōhutukawa, ki te rua o Matariki.
Auē taukuri e! Koutou kā rau o piopio, e kore
rawa koutou e wareware i a mātau, moe mai,
moe mai, okioki tou mai rā.

Ka huri ki a tātau kā urupā o rātau mā, tēnā
koutou katoa.

Jacob Claims Victory at National Under 21s

We are celebrating Jacob Potiki-Tagg on his outstanding victory at the Kittyhawk New Zealand Under-21 Bowls Tournament in Wellington. Jacob was representing the Kaikorai Bowling Club and showed incredible grit in an epic 21-18 final. After trailing 7-0 early on, Jacob kept his nerve, fought his way back into the lead, and held on through a dramatic 20 ends to secure the national title.

Jacob, who plays alongside his father Johnnie Potiki at Kaikorai and aspires to one day wear the Blackjacks or New Zealand Māori jersey, has made his whānau and hapū incredibly proud. E mea ana koe!



Jacob and whānau celebrating.

Archaeology Week on Te Mataau

A group of Ōtākou and Puketeraki whānau enjoyed a recent day out for Archaeology Week. Joined by a group of students from Ōtākou Whakaihuwaka Archaeology programme and staff from Tūhura, we embarked on an archaeological expedition and survey on Te Mataau, near Millers Flat. We saw evidence of nohoaka, umu and learned about ways to identify archaeological remains. We excavated a bone, which may have been from a sheep or cow!

Big mihi to Rachel Wesley and Gerard O'Regan for bringing us through.

'Knowledge holders share knowledge because they are the custodians of the mini creation events that occur every time young people learn new things.'

Tyson Yunkaporta, Sand Talk.



Waitangi Heke Reflection by Hana-Amaia Tamati-Paratene

He wāhi tapu a Waitangi, he wāhi kōrero, he wāhi toitū te Tiriti, he wāhi e tūhonohono ai kā iwi Māori o te motu. I tēnei tau, he tino wheako motuhake tēnei hekeka mōku hai rakatahi nō Ōtākou.

I am proudly Kāi Puhī! Nō Kāi Tahu tōku hākuī, ā, nō Te Rarawa, nō Ngāpuhi anō hoki tōku hākoru. Growing up in Tāmaki for the first eight years of my life, we spent most of our holidays in the winterless north. He kāika rua mōku. Ekari, this was my first time in the north (that I can remember) being proudly and unashamedly Kāi Tahu! Surrounded by my cousins, aunties, uncles, tukāne, taina and irāmutu from both sides, but representing our whānau from Ōtākou.

Waitangi is a place full of history. Being there, as Ōtākou, alongside te iwi Māori from all over the motu really showed me the strength and pride of our people. Around 60 of us travelled together from Te Waipounamu, meeting with a heap of our huāka along the way, whānau living in the north but also from many others from papakāika around our takiwā of Kāi Tahu. One highlight was having three generations of our own whānau share that experience together. Going together as a big whānau made the journey even more special, it wasn't just about the destination, but about the kōrero, the kai and the cool cousin connections made along the way. I was lucky enough to arrive a few days earlier with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and to take part as a taiohi participant in the Iwi Chairs Forum, alongside my cousin Tiaki Pou. Sitting in that space and listening to iwi leaders from across the country was inspiring. It showed me what rakatirataka looks like in practice, leaders carrying responsibility, vision and whakaaro for future generations, including us rakatahi. Witnessing our iwi leaders speed dating with politicians was fun too... LOTS to talk their ears off about! Ōtākou took part in this kaupapa too and received the mauri of the Iwi Chairs Forum at its closing. This was especially meaningful knowing that Ōtākou will be hosting the forum in Tāhuna later this year.

The pōwhiri at Te Tii Marae was a once in a lifetime experience for me, especially standing together as Kāi Tahu and witnessing the moment of Ruahikihikian/ Te Pahiz with my oldest brother Kiliona who is a Pou Waru handing over Takiharuru, a mere pounamu carved by one of our hākoru, Fayne Robinson. It was incredibly



Graduation

A massive congratulations to Hoani Smith, who has officially graduated with his PhD in Philosophy, majoring in Sport Science! An incredible achievement that represents years of hard work, dedication, and research. Hoani is the proud moko of Eleanor Murphy. We know the whole whānau must be absolutely bursting with pride. Ka mutu pea!



Above: Kahukuraariki; left: Tā moko in front of the lower grounds at Waitangi – Hana-Amaia Tamati-Paratene.

special, and a moment that connected our whakapapa, our whānau and the kaupapa of Waitangi Day in a really cool way. Another highlight was seeing so many whānau Māori from across the country gathered in one place. Everywhere you looked there were kaupapa of resistance, revitalisation and rakatirataka being lived and celebrated. It reminded me that our ahurea Māori is strong, alive and constantly evolving.

I want to acknowledge our rūnaka, especially my cousin Tia Taiaroa for organising us all, and making sure we could travel together. I also want to mihi to Aunty Megan Pōtiki for suggesting that we should do this as a hapū. As a rakatahi, as an uri of Ōtākou, and as Kāi Tahu, this trip to Waitangi has left me with so many awesome memories – e kore rawa e ea i te kupu!

He hua nā te hui nei, he huāka anō nā Tahupōtiki tēnei i tā.



This building is anchored deeply in our kōrero pūrākau, hītori and identity. The building weaves together layered stories of Ōtepoti. From the rhythms of tai timu, tai pari and the historic Toitū awa, to the tauraka waka where our Kāi Tahu tīpuna hauled up their waka for mahika kai.

Dunedin Airport Whakawātea

New artworks designed with Aukaha wrap around the terminal, embedding Kāi Tahu narratives into the landscape so our whānau see themselves reflected in the space. Next time you're at the airport, head upstairs to see our pūrākau brought to life!



Kā uri o Wi Potiki – 2026



Wiremu Potiki, 1870s. Clifford & Co. photograph, P2015-030-001, Hocken Collections-Uare Taoka o Hākena, University of Otago-Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka.

They say that when Wi Potiki was asked where he wanted his kōiwi buried, he chose to sleep behind Te Mahi Tamariki so he could hear the songs of the tamariki drifting from whare. Or perhaps he simply wanted to remain part of the parties. Either way, it didn't matter where his bones lay. The wairua of Wi Potiki filled every corner of Ōtākou Marae over Easter weekend 2026.

Whānau travelled from across Aotearoa and as far as northern Queensland to reconnect, reflect and celebrate the legacy of our shared tīpuna, a Kāi Tahu rakatira, a descendent of Taoka, and the first pilot boat driver in the Otago Harbour.

For some, it was their first time home, others were returning for the first time since the last wānaka held in 2004.

Under clear skies and calm waters, te tai Ōtākou glimmered playfully beyond. The kaikaraka called out to the returning toroa ikoiko. It was a beautiful feeling welcoming whānau home. After months of preparation the whareniui was finally full.

Over the weekend, we filled our kete of mātauraka beginning with esteemed whakapapa expert Maurice Manawatu, who had everyone hanging on the edge of their seats while sharing migration stories of our tīpuna. His kōrero on Taoka establishing three pā along the coastline, Ōtipua, Ōtaoka and Kātiki, explained that this was something Maurice hadn't encountered before. In his experience, two pā at most was typical, three was unheard of. This kōrero highlighted the importance of reviving and restoring our histories and narrative.



Descendents of Wi Potiki gather outside Tamatea at Ōtākou Marae over Easter weekend 2026.

Building on this, Tuari Potiki and Matt Matahaere, with support from Donna Matahaere-Atariki, took a more localised focus, discussing the life of Wi Potiki and the places of significance to our whānau.

A special highlight followed, with Port Otago generously hosting whānau aboard the Te Rauone pilot boat. Groups travelled to Pukekura and Carey's Bay (to see the Potiki pilot boat), experiencing the harbour as Wi Potiki once did. This powerful experience strengthened our connection to his legacy and to Port Otago. Our heartfelt thanks to Chief Executive Kevin Winders, Brigid Feely, Ian McLean and the Marine team for their support.

Throughout the wānaka, our talented whanauka Danielle Laban and her whānau provided exceptional kai, particularly the memorable hākari of tītī, pāua, hāngi and ika mata in time for another kai for the soul, Louise Potiki

Bryant's excerpt of her 2004 dance work "Ngāi Tahu 32", reflecting the life and times of Wi Potiki, performed by Atamira Dance artists Corinna Hunziker, Dolina Wehipeihana, Jarod Rawiri and Louise.



Louise Potiki Bruant delivers a rendition of her 2004 work Ngāi Tahu 32 with Atamira Dance Artists.



Winnie Matahaere enjoying the ocean breeze on Te Rauone, thanks to the generous offer of Port Otago.

Performed with grace and emotion, it highlighted Wi's creative spirit, a gift clearly carried by his descendants, from dancers and artists to videographers, musicians and writers.

We were also privileged to host members of the wider Ōtākou whānau, including Karetai descendants kaumātua Gisele Laven, and Kirsten Parkinson and Kitty Brown, who gifted Reo Pēpi books. Hoani Langsbury had everyone in hysterics reminiscing about the panic he experienced when the original performance took place with water in Tamatea.

By Sunday, our focus turned to the future. How do we keep these stories alive? How do we strengthen our connections and ensure our whānau are seen and heard? The wānaka sparked renewed energy and commitment to continuing this kaupapa, to honour our tīpuna and ensure future generations know who they are: kā uri o Wi Pōtiki, kā uri o Taoka.

A heartfelt mihi to all who made this wānaka possible, especially those who travelled.

To stay connected, whānau are invited to join the Pōtiki whānau Ngāi Tahu 32 Facebook page or email: ngaitahu32@gmail.com for updates on future gatherings, it won't take another 22 years.

Nā Dani

Our organising komiti is a dedicated whānau: Tuari and Tracey Potiki, Donna Matahare-Atariki, Winnie and Matt Matahaere, Katrina, Louise and Bob Potiki Bryant, Vi Kingi-Potiki, Jesse Matheson, Dani McDonald, with the support of our whānau Potiki.

Whānau and Hapū Pānui

Ōtākou hapū members, we welcome your whānau and personal pānui for inclusion in *Te Pānui Rūnaka*, or the Ōtākou e-pānui. Please send your pēpi hou, ka mate or memorials, achievements in sports, education or other activities that build on the traditions or customary practices of your whānau or the hapū. Send your photos as attachments to office@tro.org.nz. Please include a caption and name people in each photo. Kā mihi.



Karli and Hazel Seager (Invercargill) wearing their Ngāi Tahu 32 tee-shirts.

Ōtākou Marae website | Contact information

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

<http://www.otakourunaka.co.nz/#home-image> or email office@tro.org.nz or phone 03 478 0352.

Kā mihi o te tau i tēnei wā o Makariri ki a koutou katoa. Nā, Kahana.

Hokonui Rūnanga

Visit from Simon Watts MP

Hokonui Rūnanga recently welcomed Simon Watts and his team to Southland following the announcement of funding support for the relocation of O Te Ika Rama Marae to higher ground.



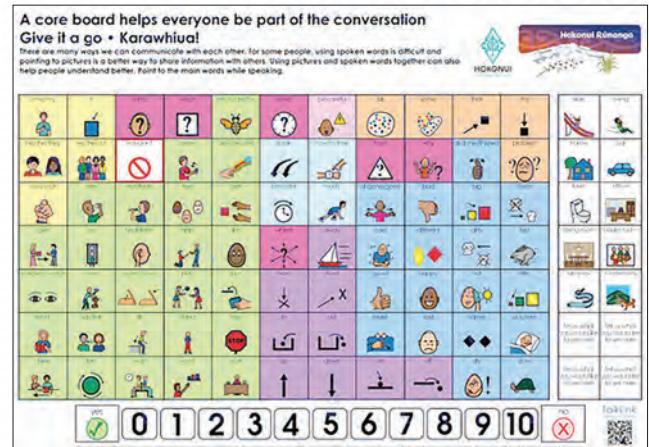
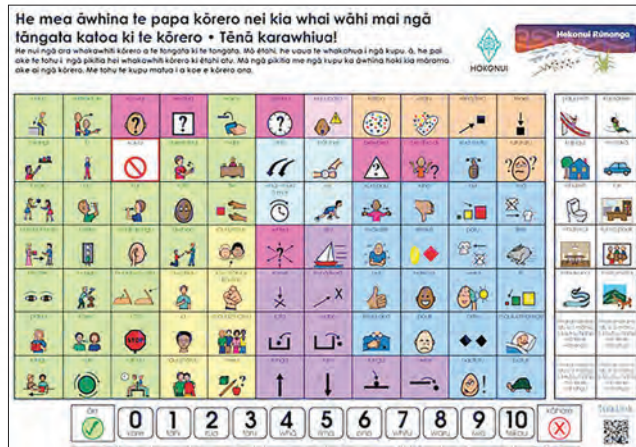
This important climate adaptation project will help protect the marae from ongoing flooding risks and ensure it remains a safe and sustainable space for future generations. The project is expected to benefit members of Hokonui Rūnanga as well as the wider Gore community.

We appreciate Simon Watts and the wider team taking the time to visit, engage with the kaupapa, and support this significant milestone for our community.

New Communication Boards for Hokonui

If you've visited Hokonui Rūnanga recently you may have noticed something new in the playground, a bright, eye-catching communication board designed to help everyone connect.

Communication boards, or core boards, are a form of augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) using symbols and everyday words. They are especially useful when spoken communication is difficult, for example for tamariki who are still developing language, people who are non-verbal, or in situations where language is a barrier.



AAC tools are already widely used in early childhood and primary school settings, particularly to support non-verbal tamariki. In those environments, they are usually hand-held or used as posters. The large versions now appearing in community spaces are a more recent development, helping extend this support beyond the classroom and into everyday environments. This shift has been driven by Rachael Brodie and Ilana Edlin, early intervention teachers within the Ministry of Education, who recognised the value of making these tools visible and accessible across the wider community.

Rachael and Ilana recognised an opportunity to create more inclusive community spaces and approached Hokonui as a pilot for this kaupapa in the southern region, recognising the strength of our community as a connected and collaborative network, and our ability to mobilise support and funding for a wider rollout.



number of 'fringe' words are included to reflect the local environment. At the Hokonui Rūnanga playground, this includes words for playground equipment, alongside kanakana and matamata, creating opportunities for kōrero, learning, and a connection to our place for our tamariki and their whānau.

This installation is the first step in a coordinated kaupapa led by Hokonui Rūnanga as part of its Hokonui community-led health programme. We have also supported wider access to these tools by gifting versions of the boards to Gore and Mātaura libraries. The aim is to bring communication boards into public spaces across Hokonui, keep an eye out for more as they begin to appear throughout our community.



The new board at Hokonui Rūnanga is bilingual, incorporating both te reo Māori and English, and is the first to be installed in the Hokonui region. Alongside supporting communication, it offers a simple, practical way for whānau to engage with and strengthen their te reo, whether learning for the first time or building confidence with words and sentence structure.

Each board follows a consistent core vocabulary layout, made up of commonly used words that can be applied across many situations. In addition, a small

These boards are for everyone, supporting accessibility, encouraging inclusion, and normalising different ways of communicating in our shared spaces.

For more information, please contact Ceri Macleod at Hokonui Rūnanga.

Another Successful Holiday Programme for our Tamariki

Hokonui Rūnanga recently held another successful holiday programme during the Term 2 school holidays, with a full house and plenty of smiles, laughter, and fun throughout the day.

Our tamariki enjoyed a wide range of activities including arts and crafts, colouring, cookie decorating, games, building challenges, and creative construction activities. It was fantastic to see the kids working together, using their imagination, sharing ideas, and creating their own unique masterpieces.



The programme also included lots of fun group games and activities that kept everyone entertained and engaged. A yummy lunch was provided, and it was great to see everyone enjoying time together in a positive and supportive environment.

We love being able to provide opportunities like this for our tamariki and whānau, creating a safe space for creativity, learning, friendship, and fun during the school holidays. A huge thank you to everyone who helped support and organise another awesome programme.



Taonga Research Building Capability Through Freshwater Research

Taonga Research have been busy working alongside Cawthron Institute, Plant & Food Research, and university researchers as part of an exciting programme focused on understanding and protecting our precious kanakana in the Mātaura River.

Over recent months, the team has been out in the field collecting samples and learning new scientific techniques to help investigate emerging aquatic diseases affecting kanakana populations. This mahi is part of a wider national research programme looking at the health and sustainability of our freshwater taonga species.

It has been fantastic to see our Taonga Research team building capability and working directly alongside leading

scientists and researchers, gaining hands-on experience in disease investigation, sampling, and laboratory processes.

The programme not only supports important environmental research but also helps strengthen local knowledge, partnerships, and future opportunities for Māori-led science and environmental monitoring here in Murihiku.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in supporting this important kaupapa as we continue working together to better understand and protect our waterways and taonga species for future generations.



Staff Achievement – Congratulations Mollie Caitlin Lyders

Hokonui Rūnanga would like to congratulate our staff member, Mollie Caitlin Lyders, on successfully completing her Master of Environmental Policy and Management through Lincoln University.

Mollie recently celebrated her graduation at the Christchurch Town Hall, marking an important milestone and achievement.

This accomplishment reflects her dedication, hard work, and commitment towards environmental leadership and management. We are proud to acknowledge the valuable knowledge and skills she continues to bring to our kaupapa and wider community.

Congratulations Mollie on this outstanding achievement — we are incredibly proud of you and this well-deserved success.



Remembering Rodney Richard Trainor

“Rere atu rā ki ngā tōtara haemata ki te wao tapu nui o Tāne te waiora. Ki ngā rangi o maumahara ki te kāhui wairua, e rere tonu nei.”

It is with deep sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Rodney Richard Trainor, who passed away peacefully after a short illness on 11 May 2026.

Rodney was a long-serving member of Hokonui Rūnanga for over 25 years and a true environmental champion within our community. Over many years, he dedicated his time, knowledge, and passion towards environmental kaupapa and the protection of our whenua and taiao, including overseeing and supporting Eastern Southland Enviro schools mahi and the Native Tree Programme within the Ministry of Corrections. Rodney was deeply respected for his commitment, kindness, and the positive impact he made through his work and support of the rūnanga and wider community.

We extend our heartfelt aroha and condolences to Linda, his whānau, and all those close to Rodney during this difficult time.

Moe mai rā e Rodney.



Waihōpai Rūnanga

ASB – fraud and scamming awareness

With scammers frequently impersonating bank staff, government agencies (like the IRD), and utility companies to pressure victims into transferring money or giving up personal information, ASB came along to one of the kaumātua coffee club days to speak about fraud awareness, scamming and how kaumātua can protect themselves and their money.



Murihiku Marae Kaumātua Coffee Club.

Manatū Taonga hui

Kororia and Shane from Manatū Taonga visited the kaumātua of Waihōpai Rūnaka to speak about the mahi they do in supporting taoka tuku iho and strengthening connections between iwi, hapū, marae, museums, and whānau. The hui focused on the importance of bringing taoka home, reconnecting communities with their history, and creating stronger relationships moving forward. They spoke about making decisions together and ensuring the voices of iwi, hapū, and marae are central in the process, while also exploring what future partnerships and collaboration could look like.

The discussion also highlighted the importance of learning through both old and new ways, sharing knowledge, and creating access to information for future generations. Kororia and Shane spoke about supporting whānau to track down lost taonga, opening doors for conversations around heritage, and helping communities navigate missing knowledge through advice, planning, and guidance.



Back row, From left: Cyril, Shane, Aileen, Charlie, Sandra.
Front row, from left: Irene, Bev, Peggy, Te Kororia, Dawn.

Ōraka-Aparima Rūnaka

Kia hiwa ra, kia hiwa ra!!

He kai kahikatea, he rākau pāpua, te kiri amoko, te kiri kōwae, he uho hīnau tē wharemoa nei mai i te whenua ki te raki. Whakahuiā kia tau, ka tau, ka pai!

Kei ngā totorewa o tai wiwī, kā kikopuku o tai wawā, nei rā te whakamānawataka o te kākau e tauhi ake rā i kā tauwhirotaka a te wāhi karo kia tau iho ki ruka i a koutou katoa. Tihei mauriora!

E kā taipito o Ōraka-Aparima, tēnei te whakamōhio atu ki a tātou katoa kua whakatūria a Ron Bull hei Tumu Whakarae hou mō tō tātou nei rūnaka.

He pou whakarae, he pou hereka waka mō te iwi, he uri whakatupu nō kā kāwai rakatira i heke mai i te moutere tītī o Taukihepa, ā, e whakapono ana mātou māna te rūnaka e arataki whakamua ki te ao akitu mō kā uri whakatupu i ruka i te whakaaro nui, te kākau tapatahi, me te ū ki kā tikaka tuku iho o tō tātou iwi.

It is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of Ronald (Ron) Bull as Tumu Whakarae for Ōraka-Aparima Rūnaka. Ron hails from Ōraka, with his whakapapa deeply ingrained in Murihiku. He brings a wealth of expertise and the vision required to guide us through the next phase of growth for Ōraka-Aparima Rūnaka.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome home to Ron as he embarks on this role.

Mō tātou, ā, mō kā uri ā muri ake nei.



Fiordland Carbon Project: opportunities – Save the Dates!

The Fiordland Carbon Project is an exciting internationally significant collaboration our rūnaka is involved with. It explores how Fiordland's unique ecosystems store and cycle carbon, and how this mātauraka can support future climate resilience and environmental restoration initiatives.

As part of this kaupapa, Ōraka-Aparima Rūnaka whānau are being offered hands on opportunities to engage directly with scientists, visit research facilities, and learn how our local landscapes connect to global climate science.

In June, there were two opportunities for rakatahi to visit the University of Otago Geology Department and ORCA (Otago Repository for Core Analysis), and there are more opportunities coming up this month, and later in the year for registered Ōraka-Aparima Rūnaka whānau.

It's a great opportunity to learn more about study and career pathways in earth sciences and see firsthand how carbon research connects to Fiordland and our rohe.

Upcoming opportunities:

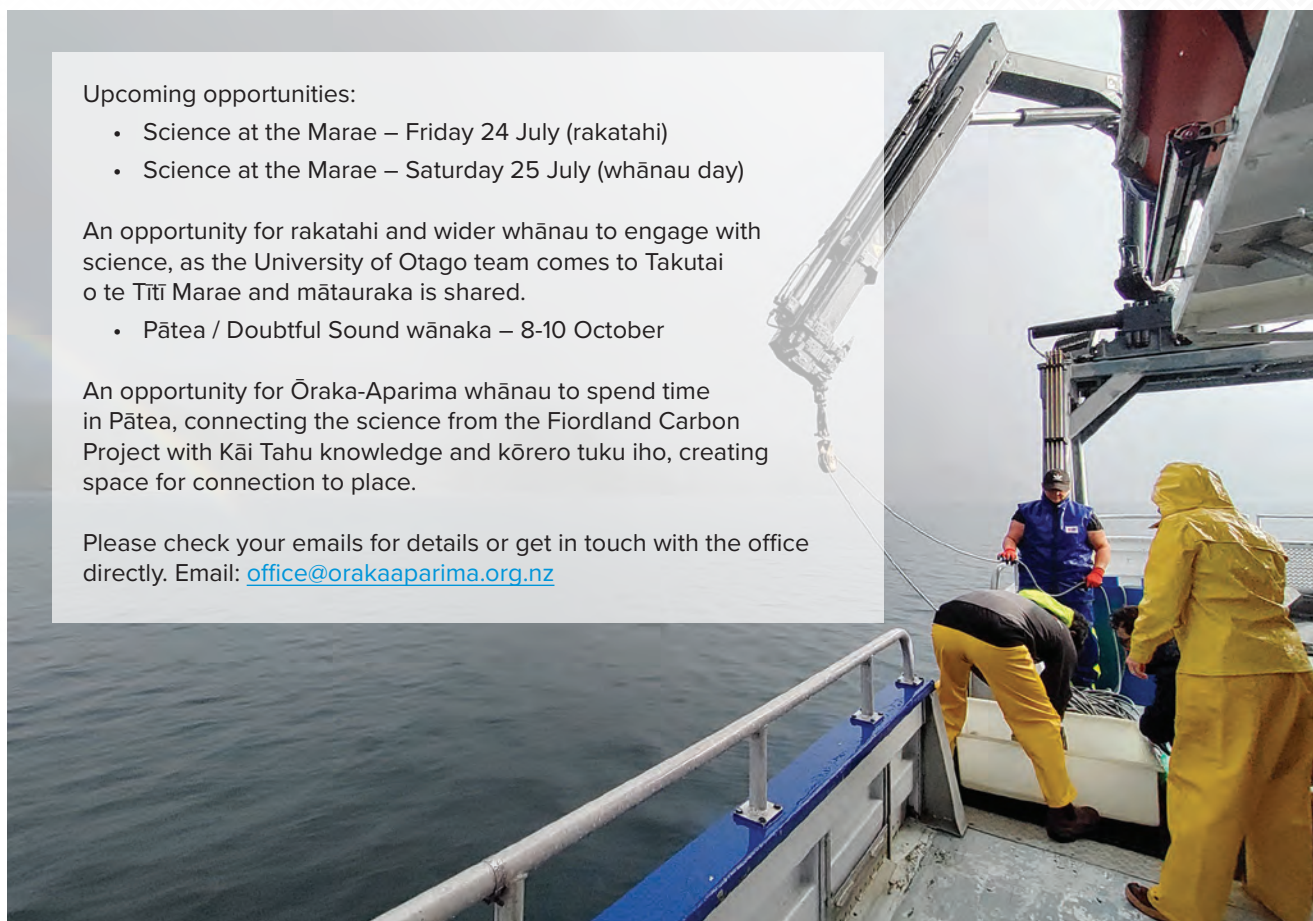
- Science at the Marae – Friday 24 July (rakatahi)
- Science at the Marae – Saturday 25 July (whānau day)

An opportunity for rakatahi and wider whānau to engage with science, as the University of Otago team comes to Takutai o te Tītī Marae and mātauraka is shared.

- Pātea / Doubtful Sound wānaka – 8-10 October

An opportunity for Ōraka-Aparima whānau to spend time in Pātea, connecting the science from the Fiordland Carbon Project with Kāi Tahu knowledge and kōrero tuku iho, creating space for connection to place.

Please check your emails for details or get in touch with the office directly. Email: office@orakaaparima.org.nz



Tertiary Scholarship Recipients

Each year we offer scholarships for those engaged in tertiary education studies, to help with their course fees. Congratulations to all of this year's recipients and best of luck with your studies! The 2026 recipients were:

- Lucy Moore, Masters in Architecture, Victoria University of Wellington
- Briony Drysdale, Bachelor of Biomedical Science, Victoria University of Wellington
- Hamish Clark, Bachelor of Health Sciences, University of Otago
- Jacob Chown-Mills, Bachelor of Engineering with Honours, University of Canterbury
- Keelan Morris, Bachelor of Forestry Science, University of Canterbury
- Xavier Small, Bachelor of Surveying, University of Otago
- Tāne Tāmāti, Masters of Archaeological Practice, University of Otago
- Gary Davis, Poutāhū Whakaakoranga, Te Wānanga o Raukawa
- Hana Davis, Bachelor of Arts, Politics, Sociology, University of Otago
- Madi Masaga-Pita, Bachelor of Nursing Pacific, Whitireia and Weltec
- Miere Christensen-White, New Zealand Diploma in Dance Performance, New Zealand School of Dance, Wellington
- Ruby Ford, Bachelor of Health Sciences, University of Otago
- Samantha Beight, Graduate Diploma of Arts (English), Massey University
- Kaitlyn McLean, Master of Arts by thesis, Victoria University of Wellington
- Corinne Wanders, Poutuarongo Reo Māori, Te Wānanga o Raukawa
- Rangitohiora Paringatai-Dallas, Bachelor of Arts, University of Otago
- Phoenix Sigley, Certificate in Fashion Design, Design School, Palmerston North
- Skye Sigley, Diploma in Māori and Indigenous Art, Te Wānanga o Aotearoa
- Oliver Church, Bachelor of Commerce and Science, University of Otago
- Ngāriki Tamainu, Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Communication, Waikato University

Taurahere Groups

Ngāi Tahu ki Tauranga Moana

At a recent Ngāi Tahu ki Tauranga Moana hui, guest speaker Charmaine Green from Bay Financial Mentors shared information about the free financial services they provide to the community.

Charmaine spoke about the support available through planning, coaching and mentoring, debt management, senior support, and the Intensive Support Programme. She also highlighted Money Mates and FLIP, a financial literacy programme for primary school students.

Her presentation was informative and gave attendees a better understanding of the valuable support services available within the community.



From left – Rhys James watches Maira Lomas, (Chairperson) thanks Charmaine Green with a gift following her presentation.

Whakapapa Ngāi Tahu

As Whakapapa Ngāi Tahu, we serve Ngāi Tahu whānau in understanding and accessing taonga tuku iho about our ancestors. Also known as the Whakapapa Unit, our team is made up of an administrator, registrations advisors, a researcher/writer and a manager, who support whānau in different ways to protect and access whakapapa knowledge.

Whānau register with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu through us, as well as receive research support to help reconnect whānau with whakapapa knowledge. We support whānau with maintaining their metadata, a taonga in itself, which is protected in our tribal database and systems. Please contact us via whakapapa@ngaitahu.iwi.nz if you want to know more about your whakapapa, have kōrero you would like to share, or need to update information for your whānau.

As part of our mahi, we are privileged to support whānau with their events from time to time. The following kōrero from the team celebrates some events we have been fortunate to attend this year.

Whakapapa Wānanga with Te Taumutu Rūnanga

Whakapapa Ngāi Tahu kaimahi Arapata Reuben, Moyra Newton-Green, Hazel Te Koeti and Sian Smith joined whānau at Ngāti Moki marae on Sunday 17 May for a whakapapa wānanga. The team spent the day having one-to-one kōrero with groups of whānau, as well as sharing whanaungatanga and delicious kai with descendants of Te Ruahikihiki.



Whakapapa Registration Advisor Hazel Te Koeti sharing whakapapa with whānau at Ngāti Moki marae at Taumutu. Photo given by Lucretia Treadgold.

During each kōrero, whānau shared their thoughts, questions and reflections with us as they went through whakapapa packs prepared for them. These kete mātauranga contain Papatipu Rūnanga pepeha sheets, excerpts of kōrero from the whakapapa files, as well as whakapapa trees showing their descent from their 1848 kaumātua. Whakapapa Ngāi Tahu has also started including some biographies of 1848 kaumātua, rauemi

(resources) we have been developing over the past five years. While not all 1848 kaumātua have completed biographies yet, drafts are currently being reviewed and made available as they are ready.

Some whānau were surprised at the amount of knowledge they received, and others found knowledge had been uncovered for people whom they had long wished to know more about.

There were photographs some whānau had not seen before, and some made connections to people and places that had been previously unknown to them. Whānau also asked questions that gave us the opportunity to delve a little deeper. Whether it was ensuring their whānau were all registered or drawing connections between their 1848 kaumātua and ancestors' further generations back.

The response we received from whānau was humbling, with generous expressions of appreciation, gratitude and love of this mahi. The feeling is mutual, we appreciate the time we spent with each of you, grateful to share taonga with you all, and love the work we do for occasions such as these. Seeing whānau connect with each other was incredibly special, knowing that what you all share is unwavering aroha for your tipuna.

Nāia te mihi maioha ki a koutou ko te haukāinga ki Ngāti Moki. Nō mātou te whiwhi i te tautoko tēnei kaupapa whakahirahira.

Wekepiri Wakefield Whānau Reunion

On Good Friday, Arapata Reuben and Jaleesa Panirau from the Whakapapa Unit, attended the Wakefield reunion of Walter William Barlow Wekepiri and Pirihiira Waikawa Sciascia. More than 200 descendants gathered at Pōrangahau for a memorable occasion filled with aroha, laughter, reconnecting, and plenty of friendly competition on the netball court and touch rugby field.



Wakefield whānau outside Rongomaraeroa marae in Pōrangahau. Photo given by Anipatene Wakefield Papanui.

It was a privilege to support the whānau throughout the reunion by answering whakapapa queries and presenting interviews we recorded with members of their whānau. These included

kōrero from Walter William Barlow Wakefield, son of Maatakiwi (née Rickus) and Harawira Korotipa; Norma Wakefield, daughter of Walter William Barlow Wakefield; Mitarina Wakefield, mokopuna of Walter William Barlow Wakefield; and Anthony Tipene-Matua, great-mokopuna of Walter William Barlow Wakefield. Their stories and reflections added depth and meaning to an already special gathering.

Following the reunion, many members of the Wakefield whānau, particularly those of the Pumpkin line, continued their haerenga on to Ōtautahi. From 7 to 12 April, whānau accompanied us to kāinga at Tuahiwi and Wairewa, as well as the tari in Te Whare o Te Waipounamu. At the tari, whānau heard presentations from the Ngāi Tahu Grants team, Whai Rawa, and Puna Pakihi, and were also able to spend time viewing their whakapapa files in person.



Wakefield whānau at Te Whare o Te Waipounamu in Ōtautahi

Whānau visited significant historic places and spaces during their haerenga. They heard pūrākau and local histories that brought the whenua and whakapapa to life. The week was filled with meaningful moments, beautiful weather, and many laughs shared together along the way. We are still keen to hear who ultimately claimed the netball and touch victories!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Wakefield whānau for welcoming us so warmly into your kāinga in Pōrangahau and for allowing us to be part of such a special reunion and haerenga home. We would also like to sincerely acknowledge Lisa Walker and her parents, Maureen and Alan Wakefield, for so generously allowing us to stay with them overnight while we were in Pōrangahau.

Finally, we wish to acknowledge with deep sadness the passing of Raniera Bartlett, great-mokopuna of Walter William Barlow Wakefield, not long after the reunion. Raniera generously shared his time, mātauranga, and aroha throughout the haerenga, walking alongside Arapata and Jaleesa as he helped guide whānau through places and spaces of significance.

E Raniera, moe mai rā. Ka nui te aroha ki a koe i tō manaaki, tō mātauranga, me tō ngākau mahana. Ka maumaharatia tō kata whakakata, tō awhi aroha, me tō kaha ki te tautoko i te whānau. Kua hoki koe ki ngā ringaringa o ō tūpuna, engari ka mau tonu tō wairua ki roto i ngā kōrero, ngā whenua, me ngā uri i whakakotahi nei koe.

Our thoughts and aroha remain with the Wakefield and Bartlett whānau during this difficult time. Moe mai rā e te rangatira.

The Office



Kā mate o te wā

Aku ariki, aku taniwha hikuroa, aku mumu reo nāia tō kāhui pī e taki nei, e auē nei. Puku kakekake ana te kupeka o Taramainuku i te wā nei. I te haoraka nui ka hao ake ai ki ruka Tā Tāmati Reedy, Tā Hirini Moko Mead, Te Ahorangi Whatanui Winiata, Len Bristowe, Whaea Tārati Buckley Kai ruka Hikuraki, kai ruka Pūtauaki, kai ruka Tararua, kai ruka Panguru tou te pōkēao o pōautinitini e takoto ana. Koutou te tira parāoa, kā rau o piopio; hanatu atu rā ki te rua o Matatiki. I reira tiaho mai rā ki te uma o Rakinui. Koutou kā mate o te wā nei, moe mai, moe mai, okioki mai rā.

He rā whakanui i te rua kahuru mā rima tau o Kotahi Mano Kāika

I te 30 o Mei, 2026, i tū ai tētahi kaupapa whakanui i te rautaki reo o Kāi Tahu, Kotahi Mano Kāika. I te ata i tū ai kā manukura o te iwi ki te whakawaha i ō rātau whakaaro mō te mahi whakarauora reo i te kāika, me te kōrero mō kā huanui maha ko takahia e te tini me te mano kia ekea kā taero o Tutekoropaka, kia hoki anō mai te reo ki kā pātū o kā whare o Kāi Tahu whānui, me kā hua ko puta i Kotahi Mano Kāika i ēnei tau ko hipa. Ko Gaynor Hakaria tēnā, ko Ariana Stevens tēnā, ko Tāwini White tēnā, ko Charisma Rangipunga tēnā. Whai muri i te kai o te rānui, me te tiroiro haere o te marea ki kā toa (Ngāi Tahu Archives, E Kai ō Mata, Caleb Robinson, Tāia) i hoki atu kā kaiāpai ki te wānaka tahi ki te taha o ō rātau reaka, ki te taha o Hana O'Regan, ki te whakaputa whakaaro mō te rautaki hou e haere ake nei.

Ko Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū, te whata nui o Tarewa, nei rā kā mihi o KMK ki a koe Manea Tainui me tō hāpai ō ki muri. Makue ana te reka o te kamukamu. Pukuwheti ana ā puku! E rere tou ana kā mihi.

He kaupapa Kotahi Mano Kāika, kāhore e kore he hōtaka tamariki! Ko te waka unua tēnā, ko Grant rāua ko Gaynor Hakaria me ō rāua hoa i tiaki i kā uri whakatipu i raro i te haumarutaka o te hōtaka tamariki. I raketira te hui i a koutou. Ki te kore he kaitiaki tamariki, ka kore ēnei kaupapa. Anei te reo o mihi e toro atu ana me te kākau whakaiti.

E rere tou ana kā mihi ki Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Whānau Tahi me tā rātau tū ki te whakakahau i te iwi. Inā te reo wainene, e mihi ana ki ō koutou reo waiti.

KMK 25 tau, whakanuia!



E te tukāne, te reo i tuitui nei i kā whakaaro o tēnā, o tēnā, te reo hāpai i kā kaikōrero, i kā kaitautoko, ko wai atu ko Henare Te Aika-Puanaki. Anei te mihi o te tīma i tō kākau māhaki ki te kaupapa, otirā ki te takata.

Ōrua Paeroa, koutou i whakamarumaru ai te kaupapa, ka nui rā kā mihi ki a koutou.

Kai te aka whakamua te kaupapa o Kotahi Mano Kāika ki tōnā puhikaioreoretaka. Taihoa ka kitea kā hua ko puta i tēnei kaupapa, me pēhea hoki te aka whakamua o te kaupapa o Kotahi Mano Kāika mō tātau, ā, mō kā uri ā muri ake nei.

On the 30th of May a whānau day was held at Ōrua Paeroa, in Ōtautahi, to celebrate twenty-five years of Kotahi Mano Kāika. It was a day that focused on our collective language journey as a tribe, as well as our individual pathways and the diverse methods whānau have used to encourage the use of te reo Māori in their homes.

The day started off with presentations from four manukura of Kotahi Mano Kāika and their whānau, followed by a facilitated session around what the next stages of KMK look like and what we want for our future generations.

As this was taking place, our tamariki were busy at the many workshop areas which included face painting, pānui pukapuka, board games and even bouncy castles!

We acknowledge that the day was a success due to the support from our rika wera, our kaitiaki tamariki, our MC, our whānau, Te Whānau Tahī and Ōrua Paeroa. E rere kau ana kā mihi ki a koutou katoa.



Left: He mahi peita, he koaka kākau!

Right, from top: He wānaka kai te haere.

Ko te whānau Hakaria e kōrero ana mō kā piki me kā heke.

Ko Hana e ārahi ana i kā whānau.



Kaupapa hou – Aoraki Matatū: Ki tua o matatau

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

E te tī, e te tā, tēnā koutou katoa.

He kaupapa hou ko ara ake hai whā kai i a tātau ki tō tātau reo, ki ō tātau tikaka, ki kā pūrākau, ki kā hītori, ki kā whakapapa, ki ō tātau take o tō tātau iwi.

He kaupapa tēnei hai aro ki kā mahi o te iwi.
He pakiaka tēnei wānaka o te kaupapa Aoraki Matatū.

Mā kā uri o Tahu Pōtiki tēnei kaupapa. Rua kahuru kā tūraka e wātea ana. Ka pōhiritia kā uri o kā hapū o te iwi ki te tuku i tētahi puka rēhita.

E ono marama te roaka o te kaupapa nei.
Ka tū te wānaka tuatahi ā te Hūrae.

Me mārama te kairēhita ki te reo Māori, heoi, ehara i te mea me matatau rawa.

Pakeke: 18+

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<https://www.kmk.maori.nz/events>

Wātaka kaupapa reo

<i>Kaupapa</i>	<i>Āhea</i>	<i>Ki hea</i>	<i>Taumata</i>
Aoraki Matatū: Ki tua o matatau	Hūrae-Tīhema	Putā noa	Me āhua matatau
Kia Kūrapa	TBC	TBC	Beginners – Intermediate
Kura Reo Rakatahi	28 September – 2 October 2026	Ōtākou	All levels
Kia Kūrehu	23-25 October	Arowhenua	Intermediate – Advanced

Pānui

Omaui Ahu Whenua Trust

The Omaui Ahu Whenua Trust is having an AGM on 14 November 2026 at 10am at the Federated Farmers Building, 70 Forth Street, Invercargill.

The agenda will be published in the September issue of *Te Pānui Rūnaka*.

We are updating our stakeholder/owners list. Are you an owner? If so, please send us your contact details (name, address, email, contact phone number, and the block that you are in) so we can update our records and send you an invitation to attend our AGM.

Please contact the secretary Ursula Vaughan by email: omauiahuwhenuatrust@gmail.com
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Hui is scheduled for

- Saturday 25 July 2026
- 10am at Curiosity Café, Kaka Point, Otago

Agenda

- Type of trust
- Number of trustees
- Election of trustees
- Other relevant business

To register interest, email MaranukuA2026@gmail.com with your name, contact details, and ownership status. If you are representing an owner, please include their contact information too.

Contact information is particularly sought for

- Te Aomarama Tekamarua Kemara Whānau Trust
- Herbert Benjamin Clifford Whānau Trust
- William Charles Clifford Whānau Trust



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Te Ata is a dynamic breakfast show designed to kickstart your day with motivating music, up-to-date and relevant content, engaging kōrero, and a strong presence of te reo Māori to inform, connect, and inspire.

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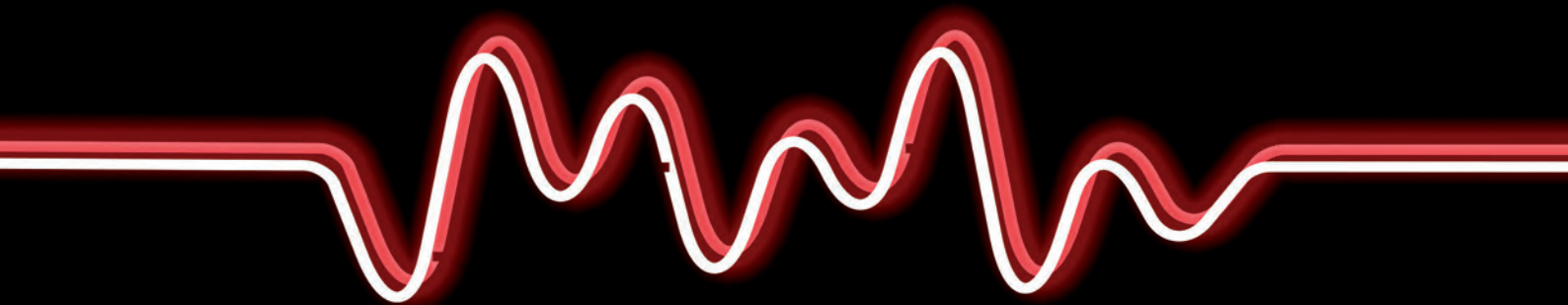
10AM - 3PM
WEEKDAYS



TE IHI WITH POU

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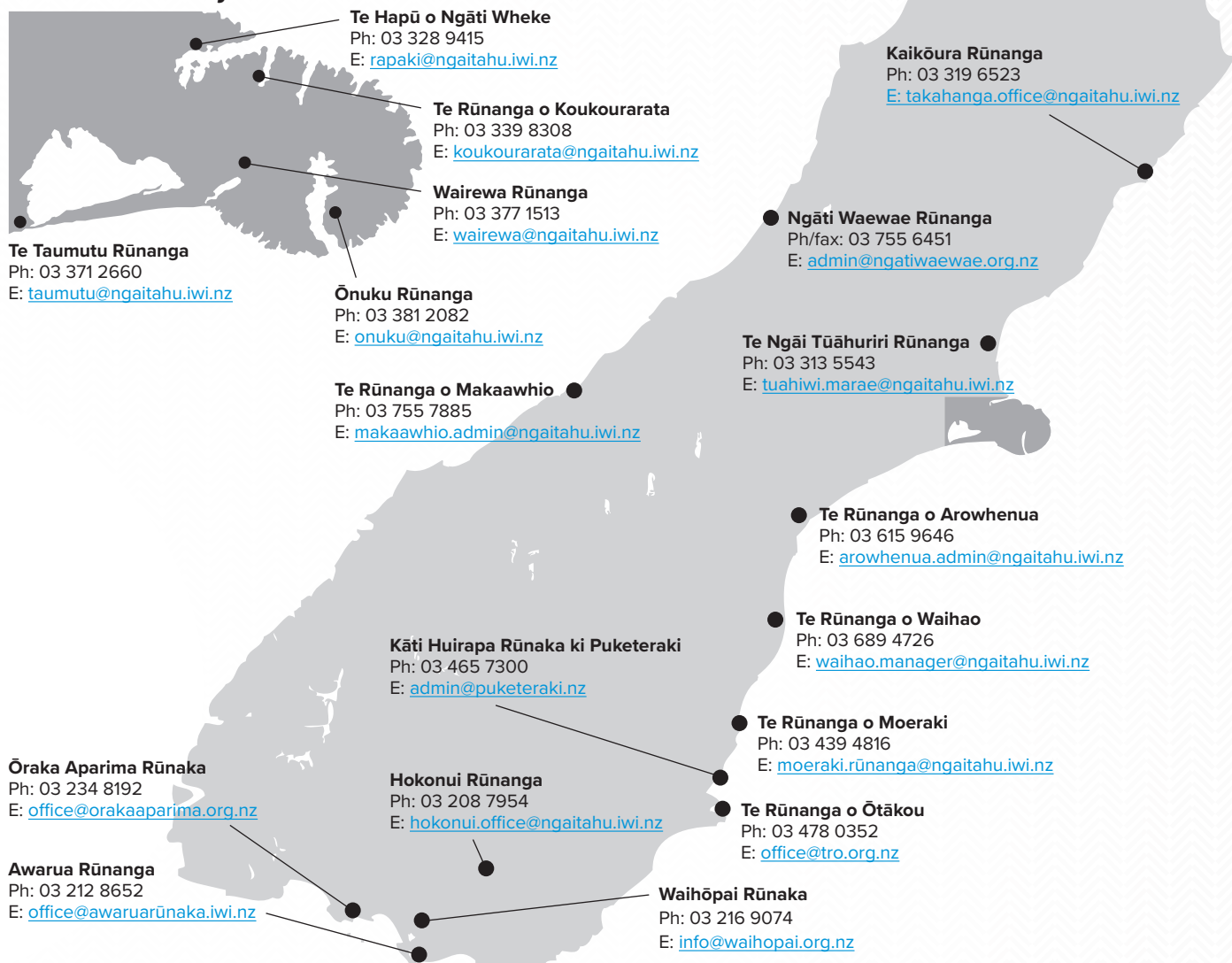
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