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*Wharegaro by Ashleigh Zimmerman*



## Hui-ā-Iwi 2024 ki Takahanga

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Te Rūnanga o NGĀI TAHU

# Nā te Kaiwhakahaere



**Mānawa maiea a Puaka**  
**Mānawa maiea a Matariki**  
**Mānawa maiea te Mātahi o te Tau!**

I have heard only praise from attendees of the Matariki hautapu ceremony at Wānaka led by Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou. I regrettably missed this ceremony due to other commitments. However, it brought me enormous pride to watch our confident young Kāi Tahu exponents of te reo actively engage in such a significant event.

At that time, I was travelling on a Māori Renewable Energy Tour to South Korea and Japan led by New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE). Along with Hokonui Rūnanga Representative Terry Nicholas, we joined iwi, Māori trusts, and organisations to meet global leaders in renewable energy. We visited global giants like Samsung and Hyundai and explored Jeju Island, a renewable energy hub in South Korea. In Japan, we toured Nagasaki Prefecture, which is transitioning from a declining fishing industry to a thriving renewable energy sector. We also visited Tokyo's large-scale biomass facility and met with top renewable energy corporations. Everywhere we went, we were struck by the way the Korean and Japanese cultures present themselves through tradition and whakapapa. This approach created an alignment of values for us as Māori and made it easy for us to connect and build relationships. We look forward to the opportunities that these new connections may bring.

In July, we hosted Prime Minister Christopher Luxon, Hon Nicola Willis, Hon Tama Potaka, Hon Chris Bishop, and Hon Shane Reti at Te Whare o Te Waipounamu.

We reflected on the previous six months and discussed what has and hasn't worked well. We were upfront with our view that the Government is falling short in meaningful engagement with Kāi Tahu as a Treaty partner. The Prime Minister acknowledged our whakaaro and expressed a desire to improve collaboration.

You may have also seen the strong stance we are taking against the Government's legislative agenda. Recently, I expressed our disappointment at the decision to revisit the foreshore and seabed issue and amend the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act (MACA) 2011. Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations Minister Paul Goldsmith announced changes to legislation that would make it harder for Māori to secure recognition of our customary rights. This law targets the ninth tall tree of the Kāi Tahu Claim – Mahika Kai and will negatively impact our traditional practices and relationship to the takutai moana. This move not only undermines iwi, hapū, and whānau rights but also disregards the rule of law and the right of all to pursue justice through the court system.

In the coming six months, I will be watching closely for significant improvements in the Government's approach to Te Tiriti matters. Kāi Tahu and Te Rūnanga have a history of non-partisan and pragmatic political engagement, having worked with the National Party before. However, this approach relies on our being confident that our political leaders have a strong respect for and commitment to Te Tiriti as the foundation of our nation. There are examples in our past where the National Party, for better and for worse, has been a leading voice in our cultural dialogue on Treaty matters. I am not yet convinced that the current manifestation of the National Party intends to engage meaningfully on these issues. As the lead party in the coalition, it is important that they do not leave matters of national political and cultural significance to be led by parties who represent less than 15 percent of the vote.

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Lastly, I am pleased to confirm that Kāi Tahu will host a hui ā motu in response to Kiingi Tuheitia's call at the Hui ā Motu on Tūrangawaewae in January. Our hui, Te Pūnuiotoka will take place on 22 October 2024 hosted by our Ngāi Tūāhuriri whanauka at Tuahiwi marae.

This date marks 175 years since Matiaha Tiramōrehu wrote to Lieutenant-Governor Edward John Eyre, protesting the Crown's actions during and after the signing of Kemp's Deed. Tiramōrehu's letter symbolises the start of Te Kerēme and our seven-generation fight for justice. Holding the hui on this date honours our tīpuna and ensures our response reflects our tikaka and unique experiences as iwi.

Our aim is to build on the kōrero from Tūrangawaewae and Omāhu, and in the spirit of Kotahitaka, offer our thoughts on what we think is needed to enhance mana motuhake in our nation. We believe that the kaupapa of indigenous economics and tribal institution-building are key components to this discussion. We will keep you updated on arrangements as they progress..

Kā manaakitaka,

**Justin Tipa**  
Kaiwhakahaere

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# CALL FOR COVER ART SUBMISSIONS

**Kia ora e te whānau, if you would like your artwork to be featured on the cover of *Te Pānui Rūnaka*, please submit it via email to: [tpr@ngaitahu.iwi.nz](mailto:tpr@ngaitahu.iwi.nz)**

## Wharengaro

by Ashleigh Zimmerman (Ngāi Tūāhuriri)

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Whangārei based, Kāi Tahu artist and educator, Ashleigh Zimmerman is currently completing the Master of Māori Visual Arts programme through Toioho ki Āpiti, Massey University.

Ashleigh has spent most of her career as a high school photography teacher helping rakatahi explore their own perspectives and identities.

Her current work explores personal narratives surrounding whakapapa and the complex relationships with her tinana and the whenua. Blending photographic approaches and uku practices to explore her tūrakawaewae and place within te ao Māori.



Ko Aoraki te maunga  
Ko Waimakariri te awa  
Ko Ngāi Tahu te iwi  
Ko Tūāhuriri te hapū  
Ko Tuahiwi te marae  
Ko Zimmerman / Rule tōku whānau  
Ko Ashleigh tōku ingoa

# Kaikōura Rūnanga

## Te Ora Haumanu (TOH) Ecological Contracting

These last couple of months have been busy! Our five Me Uru Rakau planting sites with ECAN are starting to wrap up and we are starting to see more project opportunities arise for later down the track. The team also got the opportunity to do some spot spraying for a private landowner in Cheviot. This meant they got to put the shovels down and pick the knapsacks up for an uphill spraying project!

We also got the whole team (including office staff) out to do a day of native planting on the site we operate in partnership with Ngāi Tahu Farming. This was a good way to show the office kaimahi the ropes out in the field.



We welcomed our new Operations Supervisor, who is working with our kaimahi to support their mahi and working closely with our team leads to assist them with their roles and responsibilities. They will spend two days in the office and three days out on field with the kaimahi to help guide them in the right direction. As of the end of July, we have planted a total of 13,000 native plants over our takiwā, rawe! We can't wait to see all the new and exciting projects we have up our sleeves, as well as watching our kaimahi thrive.

## Graduation Celebration, May 5 2024

Congratulations to Jamie Maraia Harris who graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science in Environment and Natural Resources. Jamie has been studying in Columbus and competing for the Ohio State Buckeyes rowing team. She has ambitions of working with her iwi and supporting their vision for the whenua. This year she is studying communications at the University of Tennessee.

Jamie is the youngest daughter of Jo-Ann and John Harris and mokopuna of Henare and Janice Gemmell. Jo-Ann says that she was very fortunate to discover Jamie's korowai at Ti Kouka weaving collective in the heart of Ngāti Raukawa and near Huia – the marae of their tipuna. With great pride, Jo-Ann carried this precious taonga across the Pacific Ocean to present to Jamie from her whānau for her graduation.

Jamie's whānau are very proud of her dedication and determination and wish her success in her future endeavours.



## Te Ara Pūkenga (TAP)

Round 2 of Te Ara Pūkenga has kicked off with another awesome group of taura!

We started with a pōwhiri at Takahanga Marae to welcome our new taura, their whānau and their employers. In the following first few weeks, we have begun pūrakau, starting with the creation story. We have visited significant sites to gain an understanding of how Ngāti Kuri came to be the hapu of Kaikōura and have lots more learning around this to come over the next few months.

Our te reo classes have been a real hit, with everyone loving learning their pepeha and mihi, along with pronunciation and confidence to speak these in front of our group.



Taura learning te reo.

This round, we have a real mix of courses being undertaken by taura. We're all excited to be on this journey with our taura, supporting them along the way, and watching their confidence and knowledge grow!

## Adonai and Hamuera's Kidney Transplant

Four year-old Adonai Te Huikau joined other outpatients on the wall of inspiration at Southland Hospital in recognition of the transplant she and her dad had on 2 August. A write up about the pair featured in the Southland Express on 11 of July.

Adonai was diagnosed with End Stage Kidney Disease in 2022 at age two and was in an induced coma for 30 days in Starship Hospital.

It is a long road ahead for our whānau so a Give A Little Page was created to fundraise to cover costs for our family of 9, for the six to 12 week period we are in Auckland.

Ngā mihi mahana,  
The Boyles whānau  
in Murihiku



Our givealittle page: <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/adonai-and-hamuera-kidney-transplant>

The Gemmell whānau would like to congratulate and wish mokopuna Adama Gemmell-Coulibaly a successful future as a professional football player having signed a two-year contract with the Auckland FC Australian League team.

Adama was an appointed player, recently representing New Zealand in the Under 19's football team in Samoa, where they were the reigning champions of the OFC Under 19's Tournament to qualify for the FIFA World Cup in Chile in 2025 along with New Caledonia.

Unfortunately, Adama was not selected for the NZ Olywhites Olympic team in Paris 2024. However, he was a part of the qualifying Olympic football team who were victorious in the OFC tournament in September 2023.



Adama started his journey playing in his brother's team as a substitute at the tender age of four years old for Western Springs AFC in Tāmaki Makaurau and officially joined WSAFC at seven years of age. Adama represented Auckland Football Federation at 12 and progressed through the National Age development for New Zealand Football pathway.

Credits go to Adama's parents Wanda Gemmell and Mahamadou Coulibaly for their ongoing support and to all the coaching staff at Western Springs AFC including Neil Emblen, Chris Zoricich and Scotty Hales for being influential to Adama's development over the years.

# Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae

## Rā Whānau

A big mihi to everyone who has celebrated their birthday in recent months. If you aren't on the lists below, aroha mai and Happy Birthday!

### August

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

### September

Fin Tauwhare, Leighton Stokes, Amanda Tainui, Chantal Tumahai, Terita Mason, El-Alamein Meihana Whittle, Kaleshea Tauwhare, Marlon Price, Chris Lewis, Kereopa Ria, Irai Weepu, Mikayla Tumahai, Kupe Tauwhare, Tania Tauwhare, James Campbell, Moana Lee, Tamaki Tumahai, Chelsea Meihana, Awatea Tauwhare, Tina Weepu, Maighdlin Hinekoau Jones, Miriama Johnsen, Miriam Downs, Hector Tainui, Ariana Stevens, George Read, Marina Russell, India Lilly Campbell, Polly Mei Campbell, George Simpson, Archie Downs, Kōwhai Weaver.

## From Te Komiti Mātauranga o Ngāti Waewae and Reo Māori Mai

Kia ora koutou,

As usual, things are humming along on Te Tai Poutini! We've had lots of different kaupapa for our kaumātua, pakeke, rangatahi and tamariki in recent months. Read on to find out more about what we've been up to.

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## Kaumātua Events

We continue to have the pleasure of planning and participating in our monthly regular get-togethers with our beautiful kaumātua on the last Tuesday of each month. They have recently enjoyed a trip to the cinema, a “bring your best pudding” event and a two-night trip to Ōtautahi. Visits to the zoo, Botanical Gardens and the Antarctic Centre were among the highlights.

Upcoming dates for kaumātua days are as follows:

- 30 August
- 24 September
- 29 October

If you would like to attend any kaumātua events, please contact Catherine Messenger-Weepu on 027 360 5915 or [catherine@reomaorimai.co.nz](mailto:catherine@reomaorimai.co.nz)

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## Whānau Wānanga and Events

He Hīkoi Manaaki, our kaupapa aimed at connecting whānau to te ao Māori, has recently wrapped up. We had some awesome wānanga at both Arahura and Makaawhio including canoeing, making rongoā and kai, and learning about Matariki. We are so fortunate to have so many whānau keen to make time to come together and share their knowledge with us.

We’ve had several blocks of online reo lessons for whānau with kaupapa including; mihi and pepeha, colours, numbers, and getting ready.

Kai and Kōrero at Lazar Park was hosted by the lovely Te Hono o Ngā Waka staff with around 150 meals given out to whānau to take home. Flu vaccinations and heart checks were also available from the health van on site.



*He Hīkoi Manaaki at Moana.*



*Top: Kaumātua in front of Tūhuru; above: Kaumātua lunch in June.*

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## Kura and ECEs

There was an incredible amount of engagement from educators right along Te Tai Poutini during Term 2 – through Professional Learning Development days, online reo lessons and He Ruru Mātauranga (HRM) workshops, as well as through the genuine commitment to implementing our pūrākau throughout the curriculum areas and school values for our tamariki and mokopuna.

Through HRM we will be visiting schools during Term 3 and Term 4.



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## Kura Reo ki Arahura 2024

July 7-10 saw over 100 whānau members from across four generations coming together to learn te reo Māori, to connect with one another and to learn more about us and Te Tai Poutini. We grew our reo with amazing teachers; Hona Black, Paiheretia Aperahama and Ariana Stevens. Whānau also had the chance to engage with different pūkenga; Missy Campbell ran a raranga workshop, Maurice Manawatu shared pūrākau Ngāi Tahu, and Vicci Sword and Lucy Denham held creative space to make kāri mihi.

A big mihi to those who ran the hōtaka tamariki programme. This support was essential to create space for mātua to focus on their learning while their tamariki and mokopuna were safe and well (and elsewhere).

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## Rūnanga Business

If you have any rūnanga business queries, please email: [Hamiria.Ngaamo@ngaitahu.iwi.nz](mailto:Hamiria.Ngaamo@ngaitahu.iwi.nz)

For any marae bookings or queries please contact our Marae Manager Miriama – [Events@ngatiwaewae.org.nz](mailto:Events@ngatiwaewae.org.nz) or 037556451.

We welcome contributions from Ngāti Waewae whānau for *Te Pānui Rūnaka*. Please send any news, announcements, achievements, pānui and/or photos to Hamiria and we will include them.

Whakapapa registration forms can be collected from Arahura Marae otherwise you can email Hamiria for a digital copy.



Above: Tamariki at the Hōtaka Tamariki for Kura Reo ki Arahura.  
Below: Whānau at Kura Reo ki Arahura.



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## New Reo Resources Available

Through our Rautaki Reo, we have developed two new reo Māori resources for our whānau and hapori:

- He Puka Ngohe – an activity book filled with a range of reo-based activities relating to our takiwā and whakapapa. This rauemi is currently available for Poutini Ngāi Tahu only (we are working on a version for hapori).
- Kia Tere – a fun, fast-paced card game for all ages aimed at increasing reo vocabulary and usage.

These are available for purchase on the Ngāti Waewae website through the login areas.

Also a reminder that we have developed a set of three pukapuka that relate to our Ngāti Waewae whakapapa: pepeha, pounamu and pou/carvings from Tūhuru.

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

- Joining the Poutini Ngāi Tahu Facebook group
- Registering at: [www.ngatiwaewae.org.nz](http://www.ngatiwaewae.org.nz) for access to our whānau portal with resources, updates and upcoming events
- Making sure Hamiria has your email address and phone number for Rūnanga comms
- Emailing the komiti at: [matauranga@ngatiwaewae.org.nz](mailto:matauranga@ngatiwaewae.org.nz) if you have any questions, concerns or comments about our mahi as a komiti

Nā te Komiti Mātauranga and the team at Reo Māori Mai.

# Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio

## Events

Kāi Tahu whānui, tēnā koutou katoa!  
Nei anō te mihi aroha o Kāti Māhaki  
ki a koutou katoa.

Kua tau te makariri ki ruka Poutini!  
Winter is definitely in full swing  
on Poutini.

We hope whānau are keeping warm  
and safe in these coming weeks.

Sadly, this has been a very sad time  
for Poutini Ngāi Tahu with the loss of  
more of our kaumātua.

We acknowledge them all and we  
share our aroha with their immediate  
whānau members.

- Alan Tainui (Dogga)
- Brian Cadigan, aged 84,  
son of Ruby (née Wilson)  
and Desmond Cadigan.
- Nona Mary Foley nee  
Bannister, aged 96, born  
in Bruce Bay, daughter of  
George Te Koeti Bannister  
and Jane Scott
- Elaine Williams (née Mahuika)  
aged 83 also born in Bruce  
Bay, daughter of Thelma  
(née Tainui) and David Mahuika
- Robert Mahuika, aged 77,  
son of Thelma (née Tainui)  
and David Mahuika.
- Nancy Tauwhare, aged 77
- Snow Russell, aged 87

Nei hoki te mihi poroporoaki ki kā  
tini mate kua hika māi, kua hika atu.  
Ki a rātou katoa i hīkoi atu ki tua  
o te ārai; haere, haere, haere atu rā.  
Moe mai koutou i te rakimārie.

Rātou ki ā rātou, ko tātou anō  
ki a tātou. Tēnā anō tātou katoa!

## Ka Whawhai Tonu Movie

In conjunction with the local Hokitika Regent Theatre and Ngāti Waewae, we were thrilled to host a red-carpet event for the premiere of “Ka Whawhai Tonu” over Matariki weekend. The premiere was made extra special by having the star of the movie, our very own Paku Fernandez here in person. This was an extremely proud night for his immediate and extended whānau, including his tāua, Selina Tainui and many of his Mahuika great aunts and uncles, as well as sister Rohatai and many cousins. It was wonderful to see the theatre packed with Poutini Ngāi Tahu and great to be able to celebrate the achievements of one of our own in this way.



*Clockwise from top left: Arki, Rohatai, Selina, Paku and Hariata; Pilar, Paku and Richard; Rachael, Paku and Marie; Rohatai and Paku.*

## Kura Reo

A massive shout out to ‘Reo Māori Mai’ and Ngāti Waewae for hosting such a phenomenal ‘Kura Reo’. How wonderful to have the whare packed for the wānanga, and especially wonderful for the majority of participants to be from Poutini Ngāi Tahu. There has been a growing engagement and re-surgence of our reo over the past couple of years which is very exciting.

## Westland Greenstone Purchase

It gives us great pleasure to share the news of this purchase with our iwi. We are excited to step into the commercial space with our taonga. Westland Greenstone is one of the oldest pounamu manufacturing businesses, started by mana whenua over 60 years ago. We are grateful to the previous owners, John and Sarahi Greaney as well as the current staff. We look forward to continuing to produce beautiful and authentic taonga.



## Pounamu Pathway Architectural Nomination

Our Pounamu Pathway Māwhera Pā building has been shortlisted in the World Architecture Fair awards. This is a major achievement and puts us alongside some amazing architectural wonders. Check out the link and go to 'cultural'. <https://www.worldarchitecturefestival.com/worldarchitecturefestival2024/en/page/shortlist-2024>



Hundreds queued to get into the Pounamu Pathway Māwhera Pā on the evening of Matariki Day.

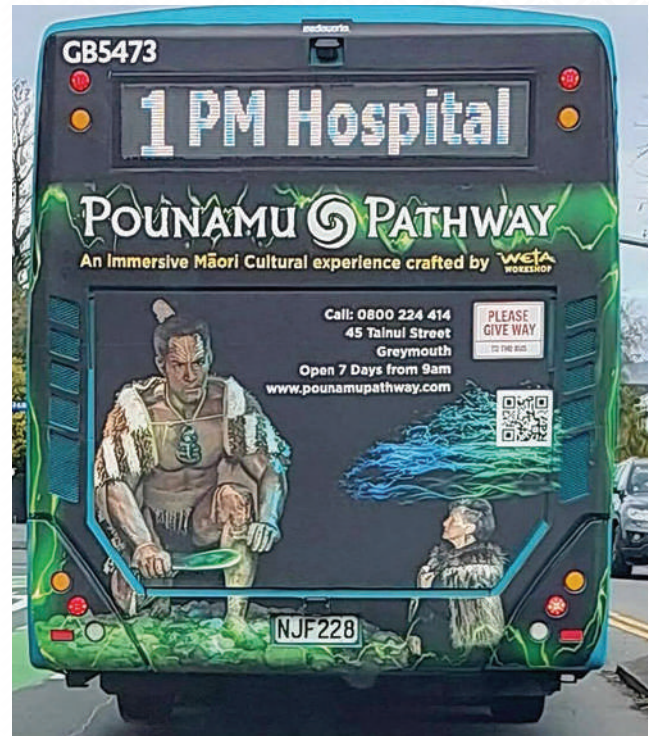
## Ngā Moana e Rua

Poutini Ngāi Tahu and MP Maureen Pugh along with Greymouth Mayor Tania Gibson attended the blessing of the new mental health unit at Greymouth's Te Nikau Hospital. It will be named Ngā Moana e Rua being the original name of the lagoon and mahinga kai that was once right in front of this site. This name and that of Te Nikau for the hospital – reflecting the name of the hill and urupā behind Māwhera – were both gifted by Poutini Ngāi Tahu.



Ngā Moana e Rua, back row: Te Rua Mason, Paul Madgwick; front row: Maria Russell, Rachael Forsyth, Marie Mahuika-Forsyth, Pam Routhan, Helen Rasmussen, Maureen Pugh, Tania Gibson.

In other news, some of you may have seen adverts in the Air NZ magazine recently, and or on buses in Ōtautahi advertising 'Te Ara Pounamu'. If you look closely, you might recognise the stunning Māori maiden featured as our very own Marie Mahuika-Forsyth.



## Tahutahi Pounamu for Olympic Athletes

We are very proud to have our taonga adorn our Olympic teams. More than 550 of the pounamu pendants were handed over to the New Zealand Olympic Committee and Paralympics New Zealand. Our Ngāti Māhaki carvers from Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio dedicated a year to creating the pieces made from Tahutahi pounamu, or "snowflake jade". Fayne Robinson and Rānui Ngārimu designed the pendants, while Ngāti Māhaki Pounamu carvers Caleb Robinson and Tutoko Wallace hand carved each with help from Ben Lakin from Art Fetiche. They were bound by Christina Tamayo and Chantal Tumahai from Ngāi Tahu Pounamu.



The pendants travelled to Paris with the Olympic and Paralympic teams, where they will be presented to each athlete and team support member as they are welcomed to the Olympic village.

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## Marae Emergency Pod

Our emergency pod was delivered to the Marae recently. As the most remote marae in the Ngāi Tahu takiwā, we are grateful to have this resource now ensconced at Te Tauraka Waka a Maui Marae. Thanks very much to the leadership of Jamie Ruwhiu and his fabulous team at Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, for making this happen and to Te Puni Kōkiri who provided the majority of the funding. We are feeling much better prepared to be able to respond and care for any whānau and manuhiri as well as the local community in the event of an emergency.

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## Solar Panels

Finally, we have our panels fully installed and are now generating power. It has taken some time, so we are thrilled to take another step towards being more resilient and sustainable.

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## Upcoming Events

### Karanga mai, Pae Karanga Wānanga – Mō Ngā uri o Poutini Ngāi Tahu

Venue: Te Tauraka Waka a Māui Marae

Date: Thursday 3 October – Sunday 6 October 2024.

The purpose of the wānanga is to build confidence and competence and skills in reo karanga to support our marae at pōwhiri, mihi whakatau, tangihanga amongst those who are fulfilling the roles and or, would like to support our marae and hapū. Please contact Puawai Swindells on: [Mspuawaiswindells@gmail.com](mailto:Mspuawaiswindells@gmail.com)

### Hui ā-Tau

Members of Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio Inc are advised that our rūnanga Hui ā-tau (AGM) is to be held on Saturday 19 October 2024 commencing at 9.45 am with a mihi whakatau at Te Tauraka Waka a Māui Marae, Mahitahi.

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

The following Rūnanganui (Executive) positions are open for election at this year's Hui ā-tau and nominations are now being sought:

Mema Kaiwhakahaere tuarua – Deputy Chair (1)

Executive ordinary members (3)

## Nomination Process

As per clause 24(d) of our rūnanga rules, nominations must be in writing using the official nomination form and include the required information. Nominations must be signed by the person being nominated for the role as well as another (2) two members of the rūnanga as their nominator and seconder. The nominee and two nominators must be registered members 18 years or older. Nomination forms must be received by the deadline date. Additionally, nominees must attend the Rūnanga Hui-ā-tau (AGM) to be eligible to stand for the position for which they have been nominated.

Nomination forms must be fully completed and in the hands of the Kaiawhina by 4.00 p.m. Friday 4 October 2024 to be eligible.

Candidate profiles will be available from Monday 7 October 2024 and will be emailed out to our whānau e-mail group. Please ensure your email details are up-to-date with the office: [makaawhio.admin@ngaitahu.iwi.nz](mailto:makaawhio.admin@ngaitahu.iwi.nz).

## Voting Process

Registered members of the rūnanga aged over 18 years who attend the Hui ā-Tau (Annual General Meeting) will be entitled to vote for any matters requiring a vote by secret ballot. Two Scrutineers will be appointed on the day by majority vote of the rūnanga and will be responsible for running voting process as required.

## Notification of Membership closure

In preparation for this year's Hui ā-Tau (AGM) Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio wish to notify that we will not process new membership applications received during the following period – **20 September to 19 October 2024 inclusive**. Any applications received during that period will be held for processing on **21 October 2024**.

## Accommodation

The marae is booked for whānau to stay from Friday afternoon. Please bring kai to contribute to a shared dinner and a koha for your marae stay. You will also need to bring:

- bedding duvet/sleeping bag
- toiletries and towels
- raincoat and gumboots
- insect repellent

# Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga

## Te Whānau Tirikatene Whakawhanaungatanga Hui – 4 to 7 January 2024



*“I ahu mai ōku ture i tōku tipuna i a Tūāhuriri. Āwhinatia, kia atawhai ki te iwi.”*

Tēnei te whānau Tirikatene e whakamiha ana i te nohotahi ki te poho o tō tātou hapū, ki te marae o Tuahiwi. Ko tō tātou whareniua a Maahunui te tuarua e tū nei hei whare manaaki i te whānau.

Ano te pai te āhuareka o te noho o ngā teina me ngā tuakana, ngā hākui me ngā hākoru, ngā Taua me ngā Poua, ngā tini mokopuna, i runga i te whakaaro kotahi. Ko te taukaea aroha, e mau ake tonu nei!

In January of this year, descendants of Eruera Tihema, Te Aika Tirikatene (Treggerthen) and Ruti Matekino Tirikatene (Solomon) gathered at Tuahiwi Marae for a long weekend of whakawhanaungatanga. Uri from Cambridge, Waitara and Otaki in the North, and from the South being Waikawa, Alexandra, Cheviot, Ōtautahi travelled to join Kaiapoi and Tuahiwi cousins.

Eruera and Mate’s youngest and last surviving tamaiti, Jack Newson, turned 82 during the hui. Jim and Jane Manahi’s tamariki, Cudlow and Pilot Manahi as well as Fran Manahi (wife of Tiri) were able to attend. What a privilege for us to spend time with these kaumātua.

A memorable haerenga to ‘Te Pātaka a Rākaihatū’ was organised. Rāpaki, Koukourarata and Wairewa marae were visited. Included was a visit to see our cousin Riki Tirikatene who passed recently.

Tamariki were able to enjoy Waterworld in Kaiapoi and horse riding in Tuahiwi. Basketball, quizzes and other fun activities were organised for everyone to participate in. Our greatest taonga was the connection and reconnection, sharing of whakapapa, and the aroha received by all.

Whānau learnt the waiata ‘Pāpaki Mai’, composed by Poua Eruera and sung by himself and daughter Whetu at the opening of the Dining Hall at Tūkorehe Marae, 1965. In 2007, Ariana Tikao asked Kukupa and Whetu for permission to record this waiata on her album TUIA.

Save the date whānau Tirikatene. Our next hui is 1-4 January 2026. Venue TBC.

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## Tiaki Freeman

Kia ora,

I wanted to share an inspiring story about Tiaki Freeman (Ngāi Tahu, Kahungunu ki Wairarapa), a remarkable 20-year-old from Petone, who has been selected to represent New Zealand at the World Junior Powerlifting Championships in Malta at the end of August.

Here are the event details:

Event: World Classic & Equipped Sub-Junior & Junior Powerlifting Championships

Location: St Paul's Bay, Malta

Date: 28 August – 8 September

More Info: International Powerlifting Federation IPF

Tiaki's journey to this prestigious event is extraordinary. Training under coach Jannaia Fuimaono at local gym Build-A-Body in Lower Hutt for the past year, Tiaki was new to power lifting. In early May, he shattered the National Junior deadlift title at a competition in Wellington, achieving a back squat of 280kg, a bench press of 145kg, and a deadlift of 317.5kg, which is an unofficial New Zealand record. His combined total was an impressive 742kg.

Beyond his powerlifting achievements, Tiaki is a civil engineering student in his final year of study and works full-time for Multi-Civil Wellington. Raising a son as a solo mother is not easy, but it is totally doable, and you can achieve everything you both want to. You must be determined and just get on with things. Tiaki's dedication to his sport and his whānau is unwavering. We are currently fundraising the \$20,000 needed for the trip to Malta.

We have organised various fundraising events, including a Give a Little page, a lotto draw, quiz night, and a movie night to help pay for his travel, accommodation, meals, and expenses. Our story is one of perseverance, hard work, and the unbreakable bond between a mother and her son.

Tiaki's impressive background includes not only his recent powerlifting achievements but also a rich history in rugby and rugby league. He was the Petone Panthers Strength and Conditioning coach last year and before



that, played rugby for Petone Colts. Other sports include hockey XI, softball captain, tennis, water polo and underwater hockey. Tiaki's leadership skills have been evident since his school days, where he held various positions as a prefect, student council member and founder of the enviro group, lead of Blake Inspire which he represented the group to meet and have breakfast with the UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres. He also gained a scholarship to San Francisco, Silicon Valley where he did various workshops and visits to Stanford, Berkeley, Google and NASA.

We believe Tiaki's story would resonate with whānau, highlighting the spirit of determination and the importance of community support.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Sheree Freeman

# Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke

## Happy 80th Birthday

Mariata Laffey (née Couch) aka Aunty Ata celebrated her 80th birthday on Saturday 13 July with whānau and friends at Rāpaki Marae. Thanks to everyone who made her day special.

## Matariki ki te marae 22 June 2024

The marae was filled with shimmering lights, laughter of tamariki and activities for all ages. Our kaupapa was Matariki and although we were focused on activities for the tamariki, we sent our mihi to Hiwa I Te Raki, our aspirations for the future.

Tamariki Day is for all uri of Te Rakiwhakaputa, Hine Te Awheka and Kūkū. Our pou in our whare stand as a memory and reminder that we need to continue to care and support not only our siblings and whānau but all mokopuna who walk through the whare.

Our aspiration for these days is to engage whānau in fun activities and laughter at the marae. We are seeing more tamariki every time, so if you're interested to come tautoko the kaupapa; rakatahi mā, pakeke mā, kaumātua mā, nau mai.



## Rāpaki School Restoration Nearing Completion

At the time of writing the restoration and upgrade of the school is due for completion in August. We look forward to sharing photos in the next TPR. Watch this space.

# Te Taumutu Rūnanga

## Toro Atua by Dr Areta Wilkinson

Ngāi Tahu artist and Arts Foundation Te Tumu Toi Laureate Dr Areta Wilkinson is excited to announce the reveal of their latest piece Toro Atua.

Toro Atua, the largest public artwork in Rolleston, was officially opened at a public celebration on 6 July. It has been installed in Rolleston town centre's newly developed reserve, surrounded by Te Ara Ātea, the sensory garden, and youth recreation space. Toro Atua takes inspiration from ancestral rock art of Te Waipounamu and comprises of 20 light-reflecting stainless-steel figures, mounted on tall, slender poles to vibrate with life, shimmering slightly in the air far above our heads. The tallest of these poles will be four metres high. The 20 figures will be arranged in groups throughout the reserve, leading people through the landscape and indicating areas of importance.

Toro Atua is set to become a taonga for the community and an iconic landmark for Rolleston's rapidly growing centre. It was commissioned through a competitive selection process by a panel comprising of the Rolleston Residents' Association, Selwyn District Council, SCAPE Public Art, and Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki ki Taumutu. The Rolleston Residents' Association committed \$220,000 towards the total project budget of \$450,000. The residents' association contribution came from historic council funds associated with the Rolleston area. The council delegated the authority to the Rolleston Residents' Association for decision-making for a public art project for the new Rolleston Town Centre.

It was then up to SCAPE Public Art to secure the remaining funds. Contributions to the total value of \$230,000 have now been received from: Creative

New Zealand and Tawera Studios, CORDE, ENI Engineering, the Rolleston family, Rātā Foundation, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki ki Taumutu, Cooper Developments, Hughes Construction, Isaac Group, IPort Business Park, and TM Consultants. "Everyone involved in the project is excited to see the finished work live in the landscape for decades to come," says Ms McCormick.



Selwyn District Mayor, Sam Broughton thanked all those involved in the project. He says this public art complements the other work in the town centre and the vision to create a welcoming place for families of all ages to enjoy. "Toro Atua will not only enhance our public spaces but also celebrates the unique stories and heritage of Waikirikiri Selwyn."

## Taumutu Cooks

We are pleased to see the Taumutu Cooks pilot course well underway, and there has been a fantastic response. This pilot initiative aimed to get Taumutu whānau to cook delicious, nutritious and affordable kai for their whānau. Taumutu Cooks has been facilitated by two of our amazing whānau members and was hosted at Te Pā o Moki Marae. It has been lovely to see some familiar faces attending, along with new faces getting involved in this kaupapa. We look forward to hopefully continuing this kaupapa with different groups of whānau.



Toro Atua sculpture. Photo: Dr Areta Wilkinson.



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## Taikura 2024

For the last 16 years, Puamiria has had the privilege of being part of this annual event. This year the number of performing groups doubled, meaning more joy and more laughter. Over 900 of our kaumātua (taikura) gathered to perform. It was a chaotic joy!

Taikura Ngāi Tahu, it is always an absolute pleasure being involved with, tutoring and laughing with all our



kaumātua, especially when we muck up actions/words/songs. Puamiria loves holding our kaumātua hands and distracting them when the plane takes off and lands. Singing with them in the hotel foyer when they have been told to be quiet. Rearranging all the hotel foyer furniture so they can sing and perform when they aren't supposed to. Driving around Wellington, listening to the kaumātua reminisce about previous trips and dinners at the Green Parrot. Watching and listening to their hard case antics. Puamiria loved the constant ping-pong of our messenger group chat 24/7 as the kaumātua share every thought/antic/gif and aroha for each other. Most of all she loves spending precious time making memories with them. Puamiria hopes she is as cool as all our kaumātua when she reaches their age!

Thank you to all the kaumātua involved for choosing Vicki Ratana and Puamiria as their anahera.

Thanks to Te Papa for these beautiful photos.



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## Whetu is back

A very special welcome home to Whetu, who has been appointed to an exciting new role at Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu – Te Uruki (Group Head Iwi Capability and Capacity). It is an amazing opportunity to lead the iwi development projects across the Ngāi Tahu Group and Papatipu Rūnanga.

Whetu will remain Chair of Te Tōtarahoe o Paerangi for the remainder of the term.



## Tamariki Day

Tamariki Day went ahead in the July school holidays with a bang! These holidays we made Batik, which is an Indonesian technique of wax-resist dyeing applied to cloth. We took a Māori worldview to this overseas art style and utilised our Taumutu Pūrākau 'Taniwha and the Rakaia Gorge' to inspire our artworks. They came out beautifully and it was great to see the connections being made with our whānau.

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



# Wairewa Rūnanga

## Hauora Day 2024

On Saturday 22 June, we had our annual Hauora Day at the Marae. We were blessed with a beautiful warm day, setting a perfect backdrop for a day dedicated to health and wellness.



The Hauora Day was designed to bring a variety of health services directly to our whānau, making it easier for everyone to access essential health checks and screenings. From blood pressure checks to hearing tests, mental health support and nutritional advice, all who attended had the opportunity to take proactive steps towards their well-being. Health professionals were on hand to provide advice and answer any health-related questions. Direct access to healthcare on our own whenua was a key feature of the Hauora Day, helping to break down barriers and promote a holistic approach to health.

No day at Wairewa Marae would be complete without delicious kai. We enjoyed soups, breads, and yummy treats, each offering a comforting and nourishing option. We were treated to kaumātua entertaining us with their ukelele and waiata.



Their music created an atmosphere of joy, relaxation and whanaungatanga, encouraging everyone to join in and enjoy the shared sense of kotahitanga.

As we reflect on the success of the kaupapa, we are inspired to continue our efforts in promoting health and wellness.



We look forward to more wānanga like this in the future, ensuring that everyone has the support and resources they need to live healthy, happy lives.

Thank you to everyone who joined us. Your participation and commitment to prioritising your health was awesome to see. A huge mihi to all the providers who dedicated their time and knowledge to this kaupapa, and to the Mana Takata pou for organising a day to make healthcare more accessible for our whānau.

### Irakehu ki Ngā Manu Kōrero – Waitaha 2024

Shout out to the Irakehu rakatahi who stood at Manu Kōrero in Ōtautahi back in June. Tāiki Pou (Te Whānau Tahī), Miriam Robinson (Avonside Girls), Metua Cranwell (St. Andrews), Kiniwai Morgan (Christ's College), Pewhairangi Morgan (Christ's College), Tainui Pauling (St. Thomas').

Huge congratulations to Tāiki Pou who won Senior Māori and will be heading to the national competition in September. Kei ruka noa atu koe!



### Register with Wairewa

If you have recently turned 18 or know someone who has, you can now register as a full member. You can find the Wairewa registration form on our website – [www.wairewamarae.co.nz/register](http://www.wairewamarae.co.nz/register) or email the Wairewa office.

### Whakapā mai

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Scan the QR code to take you to the Wairewa FB page.

Left, left to right – Miriam Robinson, Metua Cranwell, Tāiki Pou, Pewhairangi Morgan and Kiniwai Morgan.

## Archives Trip

Our kaumātua were lucky enough to go on a trip to Ngāi Tahu Archives. We had the lovely Tania Nutira and Gabrielle Faith take us on a tour through the building, showing us the equipment that they use and the mahi they do. Tania showed us Kareao (the official website of the Ngāi Tahu Archive). It provides unprecedented access to the Ngāi Tahu Archive, which includes manuscripts, photographs, maps, etc. We spent a fair bit of time looking through old Wairewa books, documents and photos – some photos we hadn't seen in years! Ngā mihi to the Archives team for sharing their mātauranga and for their manaakitanga.



Wairewa kaumātua with Archives kaimahi.

## Toi ki te Pāka – Art in the Park

Kia ora, my name is Ruby Waimarie Foster. My mummy is Erana Foster, my Taua is Rebecca Risetto, my Taua Taua is Olive Wanoa; my mummy is my Teacher at Matipo Primary School in Auckland, she asked me to do art for the Art in The Park, what Matariki means to me.

A girl by the water looking at her Glittery Pet Seal, the stars in the sky shining down on the water and mirror stars in the girl's eyes. Matariki is time for me and my whānau to look at the pretty stars, eat lots of kai and sing songs, and have lots of fun – thank you, from Ruby Foster.

Right: Poppa Ringo, me – Ruby Waimarie Foster, Rainbow, Virginia, my art work, Taua Rebecca, Mummy Erana Foster and my brother Lukey Boy.



# Ōnuku Rūnanga

## Ōnuku Māra kai work bee

Ōnuku whānau weren't just planting natives for Matariki; they were also planting a small orchard on the bank behind the marae. As part of our Te Kori a te Kō climate change programme, food security has been identified as a significant issue. To ensure we're better prepared, we are in the process of growing our māra kai, planting fruit trees and installing tunnel houses. Ngā mihi nui ki te whānau, we wish to acknowledge the whānau who helped with this important mahi. Ka rere hoki ngā mihi ki ngā ringawera and a huge thanks to Manea for your amazing kai which helped keep the energy levels up.



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## Kaimahi Hui

The Ōnuku office held a kaimahi hui on 18 July attended by our office kaimahi, several local organisations attended. We came together to share what we each do and how we work together supporting whānau and continuing to build on those local relationships. Several of those attending had not been on the marae before and Adrian and Bruce shared kōrero and stories about the history of the marae and some entertaining anecdotes. It was of value to all attending as we learnt more about what is available locally and how we can continue to share resources to support each other.

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## Ngā Manu Kōrero o Irakehu

Ngā Manu Kōrero is a prestigious speech competition for secondary school students, it serves as a significant platform for nurturing young leaders and preserving the Māori language. Promoting fluency in both te reo Māori and English while instilling a sense of responsibility in students towards their culture and communities.

This year's Waitaha Regional whakataetae was held at Haeata Community Campus in June. Irakehu was strongly represented with a total of six rangatahi who stood on stage across the junior and senior stage and in both categories, te reo Māori and English.

Amidst the high level of speakers, who have put in months of hard work to reach this point, we had three of our mokopuna awarded places in the finals.

### Tāiki Hāpara Pou – Te Whānau Tahī Kura Kaupapa Māori

*Pei Te Hurinui Jones*

Senior Māori Impromptu – 1st Place

Senior Māori Prepared – 1st Place

Senior Māori Overall – 1st Place

### Kiniwai Morgan – Christs College

Sir Turi Carroll

Junior English Prepared – 2nd Place

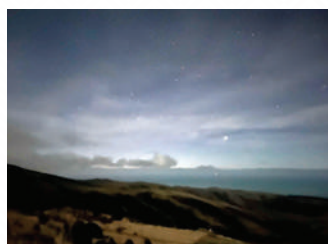
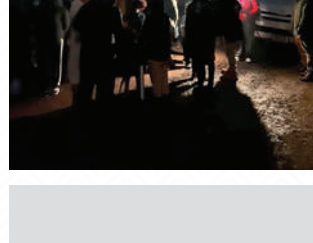
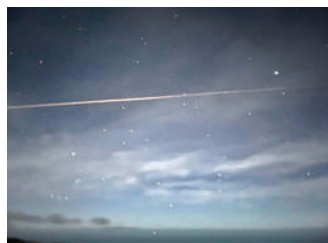
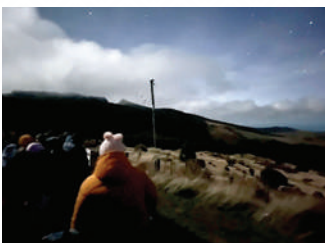
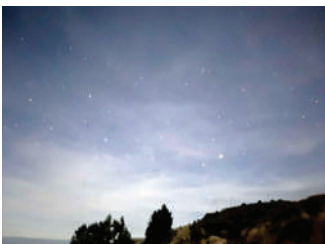
### Pewhairangi Morgan

Rāwhiti Ihaka

Junior Māori Prepared – 3rd Place

We are extremely proud of all our rangatahi who stood and represented themselves, their whānau, their hapū with great mana. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou, nga kākā waha o Irakehu.

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**Ōnuku  
Matariki  
celebrations**

# Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua

Late Happy Birthday Taua Hiria / Margaret Moffat. Arohanui from Lisa Koa, your whānau and friends.



# Te Rūnanga o Waihao

## Matariki Mackenzie

We spent a few days in Takapō supporting Arowhenua in their hosting of Matariki Mackenzie this year. It was the first time there was a ticket concert for the event. The stalls were fantastic with many of our whānau getting to showcase their talents and products.



## Matariki Waimate

For the first time, the rūnanga and Waimate District Council co-hosted our Matariki celebration for the community. It was another early start but we managed to see all of the whetū at the White Horse.



## Hosting TUIA

We had the privilege of hosting Te Rōpū Tuia in July, the first time in 12 years that this has been held on a marae.

We got to wānaka about what the partnership means and having the support from our other papatipu chairs in our “natural environments” instead of being in Council Chambers made for a more productive kōrero.



## Upcoming Events

**Waihao Wāhine Retreat**  
28-29 September 2024

**Rangatahi  
Wānanga**  
30 September –  
3 October 2024

**Whānau  
Tipi Haere**  
19 October 2024

**Te Rūnanga  
o Waihao AGM**  
20 October 2024

Te Rūnanga o Waihao Incorporated

# AGM

Notice of

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on Sunday 20th October 2024 at 10.30am

at 26 Māori Road, Morven, Waimate  
and by remote connection via Zoom

Lunch will be provided following the meeting.

### Agenda:

#### Meeting Opening

- Karakia/Welcome

#### 1. Minutes of 2023 AGM

#### 2. Annual Reports for Te Rūnanga o Waihao IncSoc:

- a. Receive & consider the Annual Reports, including that of the Rūnanga Board.
- b. Receive & consider the Annual Financial Statements.
- c. Appoint an auditor for the ensuing year.

#### 3. Annual Reports for Te Rūnanga o Waihao Holdings Ltd:

- a. Receive & consider the Annual Chair Report.
- b. Receive & consider the Annual Financial Statements.
- c. Appoint an auditor for the ensuing year.

#### 4. Election of vacant Elected Board Member positions:

In alignment with clause 16, clause 17, and Appendix 3 of the Rules of Te Rūnanga o Waihao (15/10/2023):

- a. Elected Board member for a 3-year term (until 2027 AGM).

#### 5. Alteration to Rules

Consider proposed changes to the Rules of Te Rūnanga o Waihao (15/10/2023):

- a. The addition of kaumātua to Appendix 1. Te Rūnanga o Waihao 1848 Kaumātua.

#### Meeting Close/Karakia

For further information please contact  
**Waihao Marae Office: 03 689 4726**  
[waihao.manager@ngaitahu.iwi.nz](mailto:waihao.manager@ngaitahu.iwi.nz)

# Te Rūnanga o Moeraki

Te Rūnanga o Moeraki acknowledges the passing of Anthony Hasting Tipa (Toni).  
E te pōua, okioki mai rā, kia au te moe.

Tēnā koutou katoa. Mānawa maiea te Mātahi o te Tau!

In July, Moeraki whānau came together to celebrate Matariki, taking ownership of the Moeraki Boulders Restaurant, and the launch of the Araiteuru animations we did in collaboration with Naia and the Ministry of Education. It was a great weekend, and we were heartened at the number of tamariki who attended.

## Matariki Celebrations

On the Saturday evening whānau gathered to learn about Matariki. Supported by Victoria Campbell and the star dome provided by Otago Museum, whānau enjoyed listening to Tori's wealth of knowledge she shared. The following morning whānau woke early to view Matariki too.



Whānau eagerly waiting for their turn in the Star dome.



Whānau viewing Matariki Moeraki Boulders Restaurant.

## Araiteuru Animation Launch

Te Rūnanga o Moeraki in partnership with Naia and the Ministry of Education have developed the kōrero of Araiteuru in an animation series that is available in both te reo Māori and English. The animations and the accompanying resources will be used by kura and whānau. Check out the animations here: [Storytelling | He Kōrero \(hekorero.nz\)](https://www.hekorero.nz/)

*Clockwise from top left: Whānau watching the animation; Whānau listening to Nopera and Rocky from NAIA; Crayfish supplied by the Te Maiharoa whānau; Justin, Tori and Trevor at the Araiteuru animation launch.*





## Whānau Celebrating taking Ownership of the Moeraki Boulders Restaurant

Whānau over Matariki weekend also celebrated taking ownership of the Moeraki Boulders Restaurant. Whānau enjoyed the terrific kai made by Vicki Waaka and her team.



Clockwise from top left: Vicki Waaka, Manager of Moeraki Boulders Restaurant with staff Brenan and Mandy; Whānau at Moeraki Boulders Restaurant; Kara O'Regan presenting Papa Wiri website to whānau; Justin Tipa, TroM Kaiwhakahaere speaking to whānau; Robyn Maguigan with her moko.

## Papa Wiri Haumanu ki Moeraki



Left: Nick Tipa, whānau star on Papa Wiri video; right: Ana Faau and her baby Sia, our stars on the Papa Wiri video.

In June, Moeraki celebrated the whānau launch of 'Papa Wiri Moeraki' – an exciting new online resource and video for emergency preparedness.

Over the past year, Moeraki whānau have been learning how different disasters and the ongoing effects of climate change will show up in our takiwā, and planning how we can prepare and respond to them. In partnership with the University of Canterbury, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, and Activate Agency, our whānau have been particularly involved in a kaupapa called 'Papa Wiri', co-designing a resource to get prepared, and to exercise our rakatirataka in keeping our people, pā, and whenua safe.

Through several wānaka, we decided to create an online hub to bring together emergency preparedness resources and make them more accessible and relevant for our whānau – both those at home and those all across the motū.

At [www.papawirimoeraki.org.nz](http://www.papawirimoeraki.org.nz), you and your whānau can work through different modules to get prepared –

with tips and tricks specially tailored to our people. Each module is short and simple enough to work through over kai o te pō with your whānau, flat, or household. We can also send you helpful reminders when it's time to update your emergency plan or check your supplies!

With the support of our partners, this kaupapa is by Moeraki, for

Moeraki – with the facilitation of the co-design wānaka, web development, and film production all delivered by Moeraki whānau members. If you head to the hub, you'll see our very own whetū of the screen Ana Fa'au, pēpi Sia, and Nick Tipa sharing why this kaupapa is so important to our people.

We are thrilled to have the opportunity to further develop the hub thanks to additional pūtea from Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and look forward to promoting this tool publicly soon. In the meantime, we invite all Ngāi Tahu whānau to make use of the hub, and to share your feedback so we can make this as useful as possible for our whānau.

For whānau wanting more information on what is happening at the rūnanga, or wanting to register or update their details, please email the office: [Moeraki.runanga@ngaitahu.iwi.nz](mailto:Moeraki.runanga@ngaitahu.iwi.nz) or call us (03) 4394816.

Website: [TROM\(terunangaomoeraki.org\)](http://TROM(terunangaomoeraki.org))

Facebook: [Te Rūnanga o Moeraki | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/TeRunangaMoeraki)

# Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki

## Matariki Hautapu



*Dawn at Huriawa Peninsula – photo credit: Jen Lucas.*

Two fires shed light and warmth on the enthusiastic gathering of tāne, wāhine and tamariki on a chilled frosty morning at Huriawa Peninsula on Friday 28 June for the Matariki hautapu. The pre-dawn ceremony marked the beginning of te rā aro ki Matariki – the Matariki public holiday. The clouds obscured the nine stars of the Matariki cluster, although some early birds had captured a glimpse.

Waiariki Parata-Taiapa led the events, which included a series of karakia to acknowledge the stars of Puaka and Matariki.

Following the dawn service, a varied and welcoming breakfast was served at Puketeraki Marae. About 100 people attended, many of whom had stayed overnight at the marae.



*Following the dawn service, breakfast was enjoyed at Puketeraki Marae – photo credit: Jen Lucas.*

The day progressed with workshops, a panel discussion and guest speakers for the construction of manu aute under the guidance of Ewan and Jennifer Duff. Included were traditional stories, practices, harvesting techniques and the importance of manu aute during Matariki.

Mahi toi with Moewai Marsh focussed on making paint with the whenua, using natural binders and kōkōwai gathered from Huriawa Pā and other uku sourced from this area. Mahi tuhituhi was presented by Robert Sullivan and Rauhina Scott-Fyfe.



*Top and above: Manu aute construction at the marae, and Manu aute – both photos credit: Jennifer Duff.*

## Warrington Whales

In June, during maintenance work at the Warrington wastewater treatment plant, contractors came across some whale skeletons that appeared to be an adult female and baby. Work was halted and Mauraka Edwards from the rūnaka was contacted and visited the site with principal archaeologist Victoria Ross of New Zealand Heritage Properties.

Victoria and a colleague confirmed that the skeletons appear to be false killer whales, which are actually dolphins, and found a reference to a pod of 19 false killer whales stranding on the spit in 1962.



*Mauraka Edwards with the skull of the animal.*

Apparently attempts were made to tow most back into the sea, but they were unsuccessful, and the bodies were buried along the dunes. On further investigation, they discovered more of the whale/dolphins following the original discovery. In total, they found 11 individuals. The bones within the trench were excavated, while the rest were left in situ. The remains have been reburied nearby, returned to the sand dune.

## Sister City Shanghai – Huangpu District Delegation Visit

Matapura Ellison fronted the mana whenua welcome for Huangpu District Civic Delegation led by Deputy Party Secretary, CPC of Huangpu District Committee, who visited Dunedin on 5 July 2024. The occasion was held at the Dunedin City Council Shanghai Room for morning tea and networking, gift exchanges, group photos and a presentation by the Community Development team. The day included visiting Lan Yuan Dunedin Chinese Garden and cultural visits.

The purpose of this visit was to learn from the policy support provided by Dunedin in the realms of governance, cultural exchange, and public services to local community. For each Dunedin Mayoral delegation to Shanghai, meeting with Huangpu District leaders and Foreign Affairs Office staff is essential.

## MOU Signing Between Kāti Huirapa Rūnaki ki Puketeraki and Orokonui Ecosanctuary Trust

On 6 June, the revised MOU between Kāti Huirapa Rūnaki ki Puketeraki and Orokonui Ecosanctuary Trust was signed. The MOU, drafted by Korako Edwards (mana whenua representative, Orokonui Ecosanctuary Trust), strengthened the Treaty partnership and intent of the first MOU, signed back in 2012. Kaumātua Phyllis Smith signed on behalf of Kāti Huirapa and the Chair of Orokonui Ecosanctuary Trust (OET), Allie Cunninghame, signed on behalf of the Trust. The MOU will form the basis for increased rūnaka involvement with Te Korowai o Mihiwaka/Orokonui Ecosanctuary. Rūnaka members attending were Mauraka Edwards, Phyllis Smith, Lyn Carter (mana whenua representative, OET), and Sue Smith. Also in attendance were Taylor Davis-Colley and Madison Kelly representing Orokonui Ecosanctuary. As part of the celebration, Orokonui Conservation Manager Elton Smith introduced us all to one of the tokoeka kiwi who resides in the Sanctuary, as part of the Department of Conservation and Makaawhio Rūnaka kiwi creche project.

Nā Lyn Carter



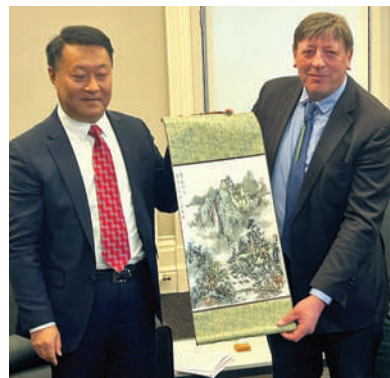
*Introduction to one of the tokoeka kiwi who resides in the Sanctuary, as part of the kiwi creche project.*



*Phyllis Smith, Allie Cunninghame and Lyn Carter.*



*Mauraka Edwards, Phyllis Smith, Jenny Smith and Lyn Carter at Orokonui.*



*Above: Mr. Li Zhongxing and Matapura Ellison exchange gifts; right: Mr. Li Zhongxing receiving a copy of Tāngata Ngāi Tahu, People of Ngāi Tahu.*



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## Hinemoana's Welcome to Karitāne 6 June



*Greg Kerr welcoming with the Tino Rangatiratanga flag.*



*Mariama Ranui Parata-Noema welcoming with the pūtātara.*

As the waka Hinemoana entered the awa of Karitāne the atmosphere was festive as a huge support crew from the community and schools gathered to welcome her. She sailed from Lyttelton, staying at Karitāne a few days and continued to Port Otago then the southern parts of Te Waipounamu. The reason for the visit was to maintain a connection to the renaissance of traditional Polynesian voyaging. The Te Toki Voyaging Trust was behind the

venture. Pupils from the schools in the area, including East Otago High School were kaikaranga and performed a haka for the guests on board who stayed at Puketeraki Marae. Georgia-Rae Flack was one of the Kāi Tahu locals who crewed her from Dunedin to the southern parts of Te Waipounamu and shared an account of her experiences.

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## Sailing on Hinemoana

How lucky are we to have whānau and friends to take care of life on land while we voyage. Last month Hinemoana, a waka hourua based in Auckland/Kaawhia sailed along the coast, into Waikouaiti awa with several Puketeraki whānau on board as kaumoana. She was welcomed by over 300 locals and spent a week in our awa before sailing over to Ōtākou and then into Ōtepoti. Different groups spent time on Hinemoana throughout her stay in the harbour before a crew change to sail south, down to Waikawa. I, along with several of our Puketeraki, Ōtākou and Waikawa whānau sailed her down to the bottom of the South Island. We made our way up the Otago harbour with the southerly behind us. As we passed Taiaroa head we were faced with some big east swell and of course, greeted by Toroa. We sailed out, far off the coast, waiting for the wind to change so we could tack back in and sail closer to the coast. It soon got dark, and we wouldn't see daylight again until we were in Foveaux Strait. I will say, this was the toughest sail of my life and I felt for the crew who were on their first ever voyage. It's not all smooth sailing, especially in the Southern Ocean in the middle of winter. The winds picked up overnight and one by one we dropped sails until we were sailing with the head sail only. We were working together with the hoe to keep her on course. We glimpsed pockets of stars through the clouds and listened to our crew mates sing waiata. Our six layers of clothing combined with a four metre swell on the beam made going to the wharepaku interesting. While I was out there, I was thinking this voyage might put me off for a while but once daylight hits, you've had a nap, and your puku is full after the beautiful welcome from the haukāinga, you seem to forget the struggles and now have an unforgettable experience shared with your fellow kaumoana.

Nā Georgia-Rae Flack



*A small fleet of waka paddled out to meet Hinemoana and accompany her into the awa.*

# Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou

## Kā Mihi Aroha

Ka heke kā roimata ki a rātou kua whatukarokaro atu ki te Rua o Matariki. E rere atu ana kā tai o aroha ki a koutou kā whānau, ka urupā o rātou mā i tēnei wā. Our thoughts and deepest sympathy are with whānau who have lost a loved one recently, including the whānau of Winsome Skerrett, Enere Taana, Henry Te Aika, Riki Tahu Potiki Lewis, Mere Te Aika, John Philip Randle, with a special mention for Enere (JJ) McLaren-Taana. May each whānau find comfort in your memories and from those who surround you with love and care. For those who are in hospital or unwell at home, we wish you a speedy recovery and return to good health.

## Mana Pounamu Young Achievers' Awards honour rakatahi Māori

This event held on Thursday 4 July in the spirit of Matariki, embraced the opportunity to honour our outstanding young achievers during this time. Mana Pounamu is a Kāi Tahu initiative supported by Ōtākou, Puketeraki, and Moeraki, Otago Polytechnic, the University of Otago, the Ministry of Education and the Otago Daily Times. Ripeka Pōtiki (Queen's High School) was the regional senior winner of the Mana Pounamu Award Manu kōrero and Tukitaharaki Potiki was 3rd in Junior English.



**Manu Kōrero:** All Ōtākou uri competing in Manu Kōrero: Tūmai Campbell (TKKM o Ōtepoti), Tukitaharaki Potiki, Kura-mātakitaki Stevens, Ripeka Pōtiki, Tāwera Campbell (TKKM o Ōtepoti) (Representing Ellison, Taiaroa, Karetai, Parata whakapapa).

## Dr Megan Pōtiki

Our congratulations to Dr Megan Pōtiki who gave her doctoral thesis at Ōtākou in March. Her thesis was entitled 'Te Hū o Moho,' in which she explained the causes of the death of the Māori language in her village of Ōtākou in the first half of the twentieth century. Her graduation was in May.

*Right: Surrounded by her whānau Megan emerges from her graduation with a PhD.*

## Kapa Haka competitions held at Whakatū



*He Waka Kōtua gave an amazing performance at the National Secondary School Kapa Haka Competition in Whakatū/Nelson.*



*Ripeka Pōtiki leads this waiata performed by He Waka Kōtua. 42 groups took part in Te Huinga Whetū, Ngā Kapa Haka o Ngā Kura Tuarua o Aotearoa, at the Trafalgar Centre in Whakatū.*



## Goldstone/Bennett Whānau

Recently, hapū member Simone Goldstone who lives at Mount Maunganui, attended a beginners te reo course put on by Puketeraki and run by facilitator, Tāwini. Tāwini quickly dispelled any whakamā around not being able to speak te reo and disconnect people may have. She not only taught us reo basics and the key differences with Kāi Tahu dialect but shared some of our history too. My daughter Isla also sat in on classes with me at times and we practice our learnings together. This class, the learnings and the space created to connect was of great significance to me and my whānau and has encouraged others to start their own reo journey. Simone and Isla are descendants of Taheke (Kaumātua 614).



*Right: Isla May Fleur Bennett photographed on her graduation day wearing a korowai and her taonga from Te Waipounamu. This was a special day for her before she started her new Kura, Omanu te Kura. She is creative and loves art, dance and science.*

*Isla also attended her first protest with her mother Simone Goldstone, the nationwide Toitū Te Tiriti activation in their hometown of Mount Maunganui. This was hosted by local iwi Ngāi te Rangī who showed manaaki to all the people showing up in support of the important kaupapa.*

## Goodwillie Whānau

Our whānau are proud to celebrate our son Hayden Goodwillie for running a fundraiser for a new playground at Te Waitai Sefton School. Hayden raised \$1549 collecting car batteries. Hayden and his brothers Tyson and Blake whakapapa to Ōtākou through their 1848 kaumātua Karara Kauhere. Their mother Gwyneth Rhodes is very proud of them all.



*Enterprising fundraiser extraordinaire, Hayden Goodwillie of Sefton Nth Canterbury displays the many car batteries he collected to raise funds for a new playground at his kura, Te Waitai Sefton School.*

*Top: Well-earned cash in the hand says it all!  
Ka mau te wehi / awesome pupil Hayden Goodwillie!*

## Hinemoana



*Hinemoana arrived at Omate / Ōtākou around 5am 11th June, too early for the local inhabitants. Photographed at 7.30am in the bitterly cold conditions of that morning. What an awesome crew, committed to bringing her in before cargo shipping came through the Headland.*

## Methodist Pūtea Grant 2025 is now open 1 Sept 2024, closes 12 noon 31 March 2025

For full details, see the pānui in this edition.

### Ōtākou Marae website and contact information

Feel free to browse our website. Booking the marae for functions can be done online and is subject to any Covid restrictions

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

Noho ora mai – stay safe whānau.

## Te Hautapu a motu mō Matariki

Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou were proud and honoured to support the tōno to host this year's National Hautapu ceremony, to mark the rising of Matariki, heralding the Māori new year and change of seasons. A partnership with Manatū Taonga, led by Paulette Tamati-Elliffe as the iwi co-ordinator and supported by Chief Advisor – Mātauraka Matariki Professor Rangi Matamua, this year's hautapu was hosted up Treble Cone, Wānaka and broadcast out to thousands across the globe. A team of kaikarakia included descendants from across the seven Papatipu Rūnaka who hold tribal authority in the inland Central Otago area. Ōtākou took an intergenerational approach to celebrate the commitment and dedication of whānau, hapū, and iwi to the restoration of te reo o Kāi Tahu/Kotahi Mano Kāika with the inclusion of several capable rakatahi as kaikarakia, many of whom are the first generation in over a hundred years to be raised in te reo Māori. It was our privilege to work with Professor Rangi Matamua, who encouraged us to consider how we might celebrate and commemorate the rising of Puaka and Matariki, informed by our own Kāi Tahu traditions, practices and connection to our taiao. This hautapu included a karakia co-written by Tumai Cassidy and Rangi Matamua, dedicated to Puaka which drew on traditional knowledge of Puaka from our Waitaha traditions, directly from kupu left to us by tipuna last century.

We wish to thank the many whānau, dignitaries and manuhiri who came to witness and celebrate this event with us – kua rakatira mātau i a koutou. We also wish to thank and acknowledge the following:

- the team from RealNZ, in particular Graham Dunbar and Laura Hedley for their expertise and hospitality. E kore e mutu ā mātau mihi ki a koutou.
- Kahawai Productions team led by Brendon and Netty Butt, including two of New Zealand's finest presenters – our very own Stacey Morrison and Mātai Smith; you were all incredible to work with, ko koutou a ruka!
- Manatū Taonga team: Glenis Philip-Barbara, Leauanae Lulu Mac Leuanae, Ngāwai Smith, Ben Brocherie, Helen McCracken and everyone who contributed. Nō mātau te whiwhi ki te mahi tahi ki a koutou.
- RNZ team: Tama, Jodie, Mihingarangi and the crew
- Te Papa Tongarewa – Watene Campbell and the team.
- Wānaka Selection – Mandy and Wayne Enoka for looking after our accommodation needs.
- Ahoraki Rangi Matamua: e kore e taea te kupu te ea i tō mātau aroha ki a koe. Nō mātau te mārikanui.



Ripeka Pōtiki.



# Hokonui Rūnanga

## Taonga Research – the long dream

By Jenny Leonard

For years, Riki Parata has been the Kaiārahi Taiao (Environmental Lead) for the environmental efforts of Hokonui Rūnanga, one of 18 rūnanga of Ngāi Tahu.



Kanakana (pohara/pouched lamprey). Photo by Angus McIntosh ([ecologylive.nz](http://ecologylive.nz)).

Riki did an environmental science Masters at the University of Waikato, focusing on kōura (freshwater crayfish). He was inspired to pursue that course of study by kaumātua Rewi Anglem in Hokonui.

“They wanted to research taonga species so they could revitalise, rehabilitate and commercialise them,” says Riki.

Since completing his studies, Riki has been helping lead the wai Māori (freshwater) efforts for Hokonui as Kaiārahi Taiao. The wai māori team have been incredibly busy – for example, they have monitored kanakana (pouched lamprey, also known as the piharau) at Mataura Falls and are training an AI machine learning tool to monitor kanakana health, particularly in terms of lamprey reddening syndrome.

This work has been supported by the many partnerships Hokonui Rūnanga has built over the years, including with Cawthron Institute, Kitson Consulting, Plant &



Riki Parata. Photo by Angus McIntosh.

Food Research, University of Canterbury, NIWA, Te Wai Māori Trust, and BioHeritage through Freshwater for our taonga.

“We’ve had a lot of support from our partners,” says Riki. “Without them, we’d still be plugging away, researching our taonga, but having support has accelerated our research.”

A big component of BioHeritage’s support was sponsoring two Hokonui Rūnanga delegates and Matt Wylie to travel to the USA to meet with indigenous

groups and to share and gather resources concerning the captive breeding and conservation of Pacific lamprey, a story which was covered in July 2023.

“We’ve lost kanakana from a lot of tributaries, a lot of iwi around New Zealand have lost it, so if we can successfully breed and transfer this species, that would be huge for us,” says Riki.

After seeing how breeding and transfer programmes were done in the USA, BioHeritage provided funding to Hokonui Rūnanga to set up tanks for a kanakana captive breeding programme.

“We’re hoping that this spring they’ll get to a spawning stage,” says Riki. “The whole plan is to rehabilitate some of our streams that no longer have kanakana but to also teach other iwi and other organisations how to do it.”

BioHeritage has supported the Hokonui Rūnanga breeding programme by resourcing scientists to assist with the development and operationalising of artificial kanakana propagation.

“We’re kind of the doers,” says Riki. “We get in there amongst it and give it a go. Then that whole team backs us up and helps us with the wording and development of papers and such.”

Even though BioHeritage and other funding streams that are supporting this work are ending this year, Hokonui Rūnanga have decided that they want to take it further. This has led to the conceptualisation of taonga research.

“My task now, as I’ve moved from the environmental lead to more of a developmental coordinator for taonga research, is to investigate the feasibility of a dedicated research facility down here in Murihiku.”

Taonga research, which is being spearheaded by Hokonui Rūnanga and supported by other kaimahi





Hannah Thourburn, Luka Whaitiri Finn and Riki Parata discussing kanakana tanks. Photo by Kerri-Anne Edge.

and whānau, will initially focus on kanakana, but the intent is to grow the research capacity to include other freshwater taonga species and eventually land and ocean-dwelling species as well.

“That’s the big goal, the big hairy audacious goal,” says Riki.

To work towards accomplishing this goal, Riki is looking for sustainable ways to resource taonga research.

First up, Riki is investigating what opportunities there are through the established, long-term partnerships Hokonui has.

“We’re very lucky here at Hokonui where we’ve developed partnerships with a lot of our users of the Maitai River,” says Riki, naming meatworks, dairy operators and energy companies. “We’re leveraging those relationships to contribute to supporting us in our research, especially those who are actively looking to support freshwater projects.”

With time, Riki hopes to augment partner funding with commercial opportunities, from advisory and consultancy roles to kōura aquaculture.

Although one day there may be a commercial aspect of taonga research, Riki and Hokonui would first and foremost like to restore taonga species. “Taonga research can be a real contributor to making restoration and rehabilitation happen,” says Riki. “And not just for kanakana, but for other taonga, like our endangered manu out there. That’s the long dream.”

For more information, Riki can be contacted at: [Riki@taongaresearch.co.nz](mailto:Riki@taongaresearch.co.nz)

## Waihōpai Rūnanga

Tēnā koutou katoa kua tatū mai nei. Ngā mihi nui, ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou kātoa. Our Waihōpai Rūnanga whānau have had a very active couple of months within the Murihiku community. We are thrilled with the fantastic engagement within the rūnanga and marae and we look forward to continuing this whakawhanaukataka within the community with our values and mātauraka in mind. See all the wonderful kaupapa we have been coordinating over June and July.



### Maumahara kā mate

Ka waipuke mai kā roimata, mai i te mauka kōrero a Tākitimu, rere kau ana ki te moana o te Ara a Kiwa!

Ka taki te awa o Kōreti, ka taki te whānau o Waihōpai Rūnanga me Murihiku Marae. Aue, taukiri e!

Aue rā he aituā! He manawa tītī, he taua, he kaumatua, he hākui, he tuahine, he hākui-kēkē, he wahine hūmārie. Nō kā whānau o Skerrett me Te Au a Winsome. Kua oti tōu mamae me tōu pākinikini e te māreikura. Nō reira, moe mai rā, okioki mai rā e te māreikura i ruka i te rakimārie, i waekanui i tōu whānau me ō tūpuna kua wehe atu ki tua o te ārai, e tatari ana ki a koe, kia powhiritia koe kei waekanui i a rātou anō. Takoto mai rā, moe mai rā i te rakimarie mō ake tonu atu!

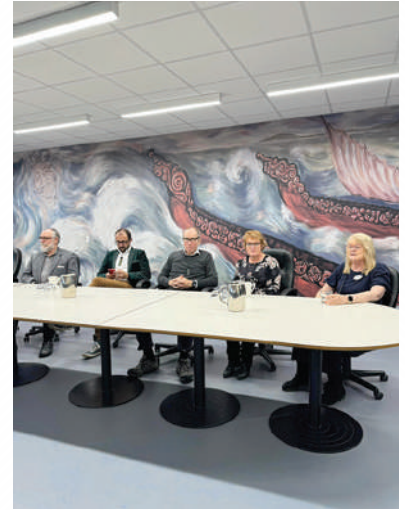
Our (Waihōpai Rūnanga and Murihiku Marae) tears of grief flood the Kōreti River that is flowing from the majestic Takitimu mountain ranges down to the sea (Te Ara a Kiwa). Because of the passing of our beloved kaumātua, taua, hākui, aunty, our esteemed, respected and treasure friend – Winsome, from the Skerrett and Te Au whānau.

Your suffering and pain has now ended, Winsome. Therefore, rest now, rest in peace among your whānau and ancestors who have passed beyond the veil before you, who are waiting to welcome you among them once again. Lie down now and sleep forever more in peace!

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## Cancer Support Hui

On 14 June we embarked on a new journey with the support of the Cancer Society to help uplift our whānau and community going through or supporting those going through cancer. It was a privilege to host our guest speakers Professor Christopher Jackson and Professor George Laking with their informative kōrero, along with many other Cancer Support services. The audience had an invaluable opportunity for the last hour having a chance to kōrero on their own personal experiences with a panel of knowledgeable oncologists, hospice specialists, care nurses and psychologists. We look forward to continuing our support in this space.



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## Matariki me Puaka Breakfast

The Māori New Year is always a significant time at Murihiku Marae, remembering those who have passed in the previous year, celebrating whānau and traditions and looking ahead to a prosperous year. This year was no different. We kicked off the 28th with a hautapu ceremony around the fire cooking kai and releasing the steam into te ao, recognising each star with a karakia and calling out to kā mate remembering our loved ones. This was followed by a beautiful kai put on by Tiriana Shearer and our rikawera. We had an overwhelming turnout with over 300 people attending. During parakuihi we enjoyed kapa haka from Hemi Hākena (James Hargest College) and informative kōrero from Joe Wakefield and David Ihimaera on Matariki and Puaka. Puaka has been a focus for us this year with it being the first star we see down here in the south. It was great to share this knowledge with the community.



Courtney Heke-McCoulgan and whānau.

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## Kaumātua Coffee Club

Our kaumātua have enjoyed many different activities over the past month, including visits to the new tuatara enclosure, movement with Active Southland, watching our local kura perform at kapa haka nationals, and a special kaupapa at South Alive. Its always a pleasure to have our kaumātua present at the marae.

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## Hemi Hakena Waihōpaitaka Development

The Social Sciences department of Hemi Hakena (James Hargest) spent the afternoon with us in the wharenuī learning all things Waihōpaitaka to take this back to their students and help carry our history through our next generations. Its always great to see schools eager to engage in te ao Māori, ka rawe Hemi Hākena.

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## Matariki Disco

The evening of 28 June brought a fresh and fun kaupapa to Matariki for our tamariki and rakatahi. Lights were flashing, waiata was playing, the floor was filled with tamariki having a kanikani, it was a fantastic atmosphere to be a part of. We had our younger tamariki for the first half of the night with waiata, colouring in, Matariki activity books, sausage sizzle and glow sticks before our rakatahi arrived to socialise and celebrate the Māori New Year.

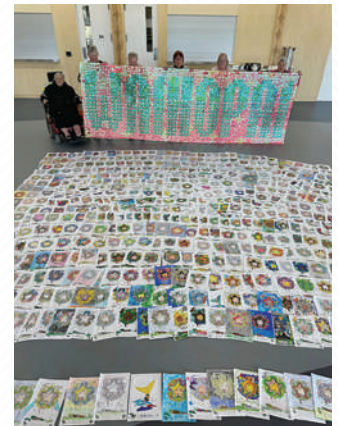


Poppy Ormond and Tova Smith.

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## Matariki Colouring In Competition

Over the month of June, we distributed our personalised colouring-in resource to the schools and kōhanga. This was carefully designed by Tui Johnson with Puaka and Waihōpai in mind. The response to this activity was mind blowing with over 600 entries. This made it an extremely difficult task for our kaumātua to determine the winners with so many talented creatives here in Murihiku. It was a pleasure to present Kidzone vouchers to our winners at their end of term assembly. Thank you to all who entered.



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## Papakāika Kaumātua Keys Hand Over

Matariki also marked the move in for our first two taua into their new kāika. This was a memorable occasion with the papakāika being a dream that had been in the works for a very long time. It has been special to enjoy our fantastic kaumātua here on the marae over the past month, sharing their wisdom, mātauraka and being there to call on for pōwhiri and the likes. For our younger generations, having this guidance from our elders is something we don't take lightly. As an intergenerational marae, from kōhaka to kaumātua, we are proud of the papakāika we are building. Watching the following eight swiftly taking place alongside these two makes us excited for the future of our community.



From left: Cyril Gilroy, Chaplain Elizabeth Chain, Peggy Peek and Mokopuna; Evelyn Cook and Peggy Peek; above: Meg Adamson, Peggy Peek, Evelyn Cook, Cyril Gilroy and Dawn Wybrow.

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## Visit from Ministry of Housing Development

The Ministry of Housing Development paid a visit to Murihiku Marae earlier this month to kōrero on all things housing and to give them a tour of our papakāika. Ngā mihi to Mike Cook and his colleague for supporting us on this journey.

Right: Meg Adamson, Mike Cook, Richard Smith, Shahn Bragg and Evelyn Cook.

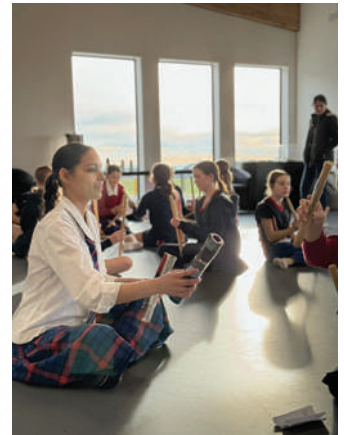


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## Kura visits

We have been busy this month with multiple kura visiting the marae. Some highlights for us were Southland Girls High Community Break Out Week, having Marama Davis and her students on the marae brought so much manawa and mauri to the place. The tauira spent the week learning mātauraka, waiata, tikaka and kēmu, it was wonderful to be able to support such an important kaupapa helping rakatahi around Murihiku to experience our marae.

*Right: Marama Davis and Tauira.*



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## NZIE Te Riu Roa Noho Marae

On the 6th of July we had a noho marae for the Māori kaiako within the Teachers Association. Starting the week with a powerful pōwhiri before a week of connecting, recognising and celebrating our wonderful kaiako. Ngā mihi Te Aonui Tōmua.



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## Uncontained Play Gifting to South Alive

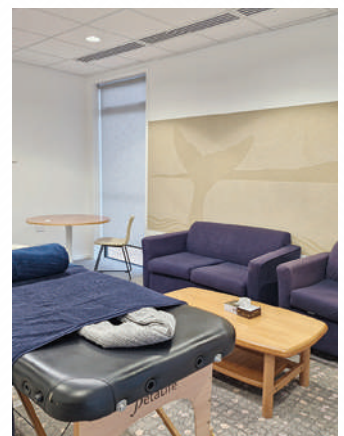
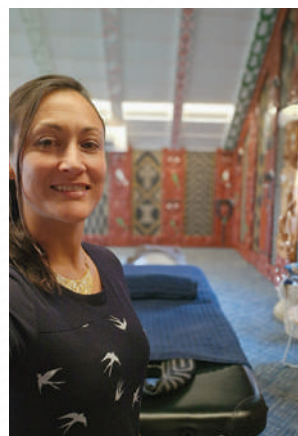
During our redevelopment Active Southland kindly donated the rūnaka a play resource container for our tamariki. Unfortunately it would not have been utilised during the renovations so the container found its temporary home at South Alive – the Pantry – for the whole community to enjoy. Over the past year we have seen the enjoyment and engagement it brought to the South City community and felt it was fitting to gift this resource to South Alive for all the community including our tamariki to enjoy. We look forward to this continued relationship with Active Southland and South Alive.



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## Mirimiri Ki Murihiku Marae

Ariana Sutton has been working in collaboration with Waihōpai Hauora, offering mirimiri Māori healing sessions for a group of wāhine from Whānau Ora over the last few weeks and earlier this year. There has been some wonderful feedback on their journey so far!



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## Te Putahitanga O Te Waipounamu Community Day

Whakanuia te tekautanga o Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu

Leading up to the day of celebration, we collaborated with other partners and shared what we wanted the day to look like for our whānau. There was food prep to be done, indoor activities to get sorted, kai equipment onsite, enough volunteers and many other things to make the day go smoothly.

The weather didn't stop our whānau from celebrating with us here at Murihiku Marae on Saturday 27 July. The celebration commenced with a mihi and a karakia from Joe Wakefield, one of Waihōpai Rūnaka executive members.

Hō and Hā, our MC,s kept the day on track; we had indoor activities for our tamariki; all kaumātua were treated as royalty; entertainment was on point; and the BBQ and the hāngi fed all our whānau. Our tamariki left with goodie bags and all our whānau left with full bellies.



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# Ōraka Aparima Rūnaka

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## Matariki pou wayfinding project

Outstanding new pou designed by Ōraka-Aparima Rūnaka members Steve Solomon and James York, along with Keri Whaitiri, can now be found in significant locations around Southland.

The pou are part of a wayfinding project to encourage visitors to the region. The project has been led by Southland District Council in partnership with Te Ao Marama, and co-funded by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's Tourism Infrastructure Fund (TIF).

Each of the nine pou links to one of the Matariki stars.

Our takiwā is lucky to feature three of the pou: Hiwa-i-te-Rangi at Taramea in Aparima, Waipunarangi at Te Anau and Matariki at Cosy Nook. Appropriately, the Matariki pou was unveiled at the Te Anau site on 27 June.

There was good support from Ōraka-Aparima whānau and wider hapori, including students from Aparima College and Riverton Primary School.



*James York (centre) with Ōraka-Aparima Rūnaka whānau at the unveiling of the Matariki Cosy Nook pou.*

The pou offer a great reason to travel around the south and visit them all. More information about the project is available on the Southland District Council website: <https://www.southlanddc.govt.nz>

## Koha for our Hōhā

The Murihiku community katoa came together on 14 June for a fundraising concert to support well-known Ōraka-Aparima whānau member Raniera Dallas.

Raniera, who is a cousin, friend and mentor to many, suffered a major health event in January this year and the concert 'Koha for our Hōhā' was to support his road to recovery.



Koha for our Hōhā event signage; right: hosts of Koha for our Hōhā and Ngā Kete kaimahi Karina Davis and Nadine Young.



Left: Te Kapa Kaha o Ngā Hau e Whā ki Murihiku performance; left below: Haka for Ra.



A champion of te reo Māori, Raniera has worked as a pou arataki at the Southern Institute of Technology. He spent more than 10 years as

a radio DJ for Tahu FM and worked in social services in Ōtautahi before returning to Murihiku to work with Ngā Kete Mātauranga Pounamu Charitable Trust, the mandated Health and Safety provider for Ōraka-Aparima Rūnaka, as a suicide prevention kaimahi.

With his significant involvement in the Murihiku community it was no surprise that the community was eager to help. Many of the performers donated their time to perform and Southland businesses offered raffle prizes.

The event was organised by Ngā Kete Mātauranga Pounamu Charitable Trust, Mīharo, and Te Tapu o Tāne, with support from Ōraka Aparima Rūnaka and the Southern Institute of Technology.



Raniera Dallas with Ōraka-Aparima Rūnaka Kapa Haka performing at the Rūnaka Christmas party at Takutai o te Tītī Marae last year.

## Kiwi relocation

Aparima tamariki had the opportunity of a lifetime to see a kiwi up close at Takutai o te Tītī Marae in May.

Department of Conservation (DoC) kaimahi were transferring the rare tokoeka kiwi for release at Haast and stopped at the Marae for them to be blessed on their way.

Aparima College's kapa haka group welcomed the team and pre and primary school tamariki were there to see the kiwi too.



Tokoeka, literally meaning 'weka with a walking stick', is the southern brown kiwi and the Haast tokoeka is one of the rarest of Kiwi species.



From top: Aparima College Kapa Haka along with Riverton Primary School tamariki welcoming the Kiwi to Takutai of te Tītī Marae; DoC kaimahi arrive at the Marae with three Tokoeka Southern brown kiwi; DoC Ranger Heath Sinclair made sure everyone had the chance to see a kiwi up close; Manaia Judd was invited to get up close and personal with her namesake, the Kiwi Manaia.

# Awarua Rūnanga

## Te Rau Aroha Update



Daylee and Trish have been cleaning and organising the marae complex and it looks amazing. Forty volunteers have supported the marae during the last quarter. We are privileged to have volunteers that call in weekly to help and are grateful for the mahi they do. The Murihiku Young Parents Group have been coming down once a fortnight doing a few hours in the māra, marae complex and kaumātua units. Dianne Young has been helping with the chickens and māra and Ricki Topi has been mowing the marae lawns when needed. Thank you to all.

We have kaumātua come in with Tam Topi from Awarua Whānau Services for their exercise class in the whare. The marae has been a hive of activity with a lot of beautiful kaupapa happening, from a wedding to the Ātea wānanga, tāne wānanga, whānau reconnecting, Te Kura o Take Karara school noho and many more events.

There has been ongoing maintenance at the marae and Te Tapu o Tāne are supporting us with advice for the gardens.

## Awarua Whānau Services

### Bluff Holiday Programmes 2024

At Awarua Whānau Services, our mahi in Bluff is driven by a deep passion and a clear need. The Bluff hapori often misses out on well-being initiatives run across the wider Murihiku. Tam Topi (Kaiarahi Tianna – AWS) says “this creates a disadvantage, and we are determined to change that.”

### Juniors (5-9 Years)

Our latest programme for tamariki aged 5-9 kicked off with great enthusiasm. We hosted over 30 tamariki for a full day of fun, learning and kai. Everything was free and easily accessible in Bluff.

Here’s a glimpse of what we did:

We split the large group into four, rotating through various activities throughout the day with our kaimahi. Our goal was to provide a mix of high, medium, and low-energy activities to help regulate tamariki emotions. We like to incorporate learnings they can apply in everyday life or offer opportunities to try new activities.

### Bike Repair Station

One highlight was our bike repair station. Tamariki learned to clean and repair old BMX bikes, understanding various parts and tools for basic repairs.



They dismantled the bikes, checked for leaks, pumped tires, and learned about brake systems. Most importantly, they worked together as a team, with boys and girls equally engaged. The sounds of waiata filled the air, creating a lively and collaborative atmosphere.

### Cookie Baking Extravaganza

Another popular activity was cookie baking. Tamariki learned about hygiene and kitchen safety while expressing their creativity through baking.



### Physical Activities

Active Families Invercargill joined us, hosting physical activities and games in our community hall. Tamariki could burn off energy in a safe and fun environment.



### Matariki

To wrap up the day, we gathered to learn about Matariki through an engaging educational episode by the “Speak Māori” team. Whaea Trish led us in waiata practice, adding a beautiful finish to our day. Ka mau te wehi!

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### Taiohi/Rangatahi (10-14 Years)

We also provided full-day programmes for our older youth from Motupōhue. With support from Kelly, our Bluff rangatahi mentor, we offered enriching experiences in both Waihōpai and Bluff.

### Day 1: Invercargill Adventures

We took 12 rangatahi to Invercargill for a day of fun and learning. The day started with a swim and hydroslide at Splash Palace, followed by a visit to the “Bounce House” at Stadium Southland. The afternoon included experimenting with popcorn flavourings and enjoying a New Zealand-made film, a balance of high-energy activities and relaxation.

### Day 2: Exploring Bluff

In Bluff, we hosted 16 rangatahi, starting with a hīkoi through foggy conditions, connecting with nature and learning about local traditions and wildlife. This set the theme for the day, which continued with a challenging boxing session led by skilled coaches. The rangatahi learned new skills, built resilience, and enjoyed group games that fostered connection and awareness.

The afternoon was spent at Te Rau Aroha Marae, where rangatahi learned to make apple crumble, thanks to Gina and her team. They also participated in a mahi toi workshop with Matua Corey, discovering the stories behind the marae’s carvings and learning how history is preserved through waiata, carvings, tā moko and pūrākau.

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## Te Rūnaka o Awarua Update

### Cultural Activator Pānui

The first of our Te Hari Mihinare Church services was held on Sunday 14 July 2024 in Te Wharenuī a Tahu Pōtiki. It was pleasing to see a good number of whānau attend along with the congregation from Jack Street Church. It was a privilege to have Rikona Reverend Tony Ryan (mokopuna a Tommy rāua ko Pop Ryan) his wife Pou Mihana Pirihī Rev Andrea Jerry Ryan, Wynton Lawson trainee Kaikarakia and Frances Maheno Kaikarakia preside over the service. Watching on diligently, Rev Archdeacon Emeritus Miki Thompson who incidentally turns 100 in 2025. Our intention is to have karakia every fourth Sunday heoi, nau mai haere mai whānau.



### Waiata

Practices continue at Te Rau Aroha Marae every second Sunday. The numbers attending increase among all age groups from Bluff and Invercargill. We have beginners to experienced performers under the tutorage of Audra Teepa, Pip Hakopa, Daylee and Trish and expect to have a proficient group by the end of the year.

### Whānau News

Nine-year-old Zoe de Vries represented Waverly Park School at the Pūtake Kōrero Tūwaenga Section in Invercargill. She gave a kōrero in te reo Māori. Zoe chose the kaupapa “Kimihia i te mauri tau.” Revitalisation of the reo is hugely important to her. Zoe is uri of the Joss, Acker, and Davis whānau.

If you would like to register with Awarua Rūnaka please email: [registration@awaruarunaka.iwi.nz](mailto:registration@awaruarunaka.iwi.nz)



### Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu

Let’s hear it for the tāne!

Following on from the successful Mana Tāne wānanga in Te Taihu last year, Whānau Ora navigators and Tū Pono connectors from the south gathered at the beautiful Te Rau Aroha Marae in Motupōhue Bluff last week to connect, share their knowledge, and learn.



The Mana Tāne kaupapa is regionally led, and each wānanga is planned by the navigators themselves, acknowledging that they are the ones who best understand what support might be required at the flax roots.

Fifteen tāne travelled from all parts of Murihiku and Ōtākou for a powerful two days.

On Day 2, an awesome kōrero from Tangaroa Walker from Farm 4 Life hit the spot, and after a digital storytelling session with James Wards of Your Corps, all the tāne were inspired to help whānau and entities find new ways to report on their projects and tell their stories.

We mihi to the tāne who made the journey and of course our beautiful hosts, Te Rūnaka o Awarua and the whānau of Te Rau Aroha Marae.



# Taurahere Groups

## Ngāi Tahu ki Tauranga Moana

A cold and wet morning didn't stop people from attending our Matariki breakfast this year. As we gathered in the wharenuī, we took time to reconnect, reflect and look towards the future. It was a lovely opportunity to catch up with friends and whānau. Our kaumātua Ross Hemera shared information about the artwork displayed on the back wall of 'Aronui' and about the beautiful artwork to come. We enjoyed a good sing along with Jeremy Hantler, and had a number of fun activities for tamariki. Our kai was another highlight, with many delicious foods representing the stars Waitī, Waitā, Tupuārangi and Tupuānuku.



Beautiful Matariki kai; right: Rebecca, Rachel, Shona and Julie enjoying a kōrero.



Felicity, Jenny, Alfie, Jeremy and Caroline singing Matariki waiata; right: Ross explaining the story behind his mahi toi.



## Pou Tahu

On 8 July, people gathered for the delivery of the Pou Tahu (in pieces) to Aronui at Tauranga Boy's College. Matua Tamati Tata, the college kaumātua, gave a blessing and Ross shared the meaning behind the many beautiful art pieces he created. The Pou Tahu was installed over the school holidays and will complete the mahi toi for inside of Aronui Marae. We eagerly await the unveiling of this special taonga once all is completed.

Left: Tamati Tata, Shona Morris, Ross Hemera (Artist), Julie Hemera, Rachel Chaney and Joe Morris standing in front of the mahi toi which will be installed on the Pou behind.

# Ngāi Tahu Archive

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

## James Herries Beattie Digital Collection Launch

On 6 June, a delegation from the Ngāi Tahu Archive travelled to Ōtepoti for the Hocken Collections' launch of their digital collection of ethnographer James Herries Beattie's extensive papers. Beattie was an avid collector of the stories and place names of Te Waipounamu. His collection of published and unpublished work has been used, in combination with other traditional knowledge and sources, to inform the WAI 27 Waitangi Tribunal Claim, to identify place names for Kā Huru Manu, and for the preparation of biographies in the *Tāngata Ngāi Tahu: People of Ngāi Tahu* series.

The Ngāi Tahu Archive and local Papatipu Rūnaka have worked together with the Hocken Collections on this important project. The launch brought together multiple generations of Beattie's descendants, rūnaka representatives, library staff, and the wider community to celebrate the work of Beattie and the massive project undertaken by the Hocken to digitise this collection as part of the Hocken's Kāi Tahu Digitisation Programme. The digitised Beattie records are accessible via the Hocken Collections portal here:

<https://hocken.recollect.co.nz/pages/beattie>

Over time, relevant records of significance to Kāi Tahu in this collection will be accessioned into the Ngāi Tahu Archive and made accessible via Kareao.



*Descendants of James Herries Beattie, Hocken Library staff, Ngāi Tahu whānui, and Ngāi Tahu Archive representatives at the launch of the digitised Herries Beattie Collection, Hocken Library, Ōtākou Whakaihū Waka University of Otago, 6 June 2024. Photograph courtesy of Tom Riley.*

## Retirement of Senior Archivist Jill Durney

Jill Durney recently retired from her role as Senior Archivist with the Ngāi Tahu Archive team. Jill started working for the Ngāi Tahu Archive eleven years ago. She led the installation of the internationally recognised archive database MINISIS. This resulted in the launch of Kareao at the 2019 Ngāi Tahu Hui-ā-Iwi. Kareao has grown since that time and now provides access to over 30,000 tribal records. Not only has Jill been responsible for caring for some of the iwi's most precious documents, including Tā Tipene O'Regan's personal papers, she has also ensured that the Archive operates to international standards while maintaining Kāi Tahutaka at its heart. Jill also instigated the relocation of the Ngāi Tahu Archive to the Archives New Zealand facility at Wigram which has enabled considerable progress to be made on the organisation of the Archive's extensive paper record. Jill leaves the Ngāi Tahu Archive in a much stronger place than when she started, and much of this is a direct result of her expertise and commitment. She has agreed to continue to support the Ngāi Tahu Archive on a casual basis as a contractor.



*Ngāi Tahu Archive Team, 2017. Front, left to right: Jill Durney, Helen Brown, Liz Maaka, Robyn Walsh. Back, left to right: Dan Bartlett, Takerei Norton, Tania Nutira, Maurice Manawatu. This photograph has special significance because it includes our former Ngāi Tahu Archive colleague and Jill's good friend, the late Liz Maaka.*

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## Te Pūranga Māori Archivist Symposium

In June Ngāi Tahu Archive representatives participated in the Ōtautahi Te Pūranga Māori Archivist Symposium co-ordinated by Vicki-Anne Heikell, Outreach Services, Alexander Turnbull Library, and supported by Pouhere Taonga Heritage NZ, Te Paerangi National Services, and Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision. The Ngāi Tahu Archive was instrumental in planning the Ōtautahi symposium. The programme was aimed at early-career Māori archivists, iwi-based archivists, and volunteers assisting with their whānau/hapū/marae archives. It included practical archival skills, knowledge sharing, and networking opportunities. Participants from across the motu included representatives from our Papatipu Rūnaka and archival institutions within the Kāi Tahu takiwā. Special thanks to Te Taumata o Ngāi Tūāhuriri who welcomed our manuhiri with a mihi whakatau at the opening of the symposium at Te Whare Waiutuutu Kate Sheppard House.



Te Pūranga Ōtautahi participants at Te Whare Waiutuutu Kate Sheppard House. Photograph courtesy of Vicki-Anne Heikell.

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## Wairewa Kaumātua visit the Ngāi Tahu Archive

The Ngāi Tahu Archive team was privileged to host a group of kaumātua from Wairewa Rūnanga at the Ngāi Tahu Archive on 12 July for a guided tour, and a presentation of the online archive database Kareao. Several archival taonga pertaining to Wairewa were on display to illustrate the range of items held in our collections. Kaumātua found the visit informative and interesting and became quite animated when looking at the Wairewa-related photographs! Later in the year, as requested by visiting whānau, Ngāi Tahu Archive staff will attend a whānau day at Wairewa to support the capture of further archival information through photograph identification and oral histories.



Kaumātua from Wairewa Rūnanga viewing photographs, maps, and other archival material at the Ngāi Tahu Archive.

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## Wānanga Pūrākau ki Ōnuku

In late July the Ngāi Tahu Archive ran a wānaka pūrākau at Ōnuku Marae. On the Friday evening, Ōnuku whānau delivered a series of kauhau about Rākaihautū and his association and connection to Banks Peninsula; the pou and tukutuku in the whare Karaweko and the honoka between the hapū Ngāi Tārewa and Kāti Irakehu and other hapū of Kāi Tahu. The bulk of the wānaka focused on kōrero associated with the Kai Huāka feud, the wars between Kāi Tahu and Ngāti Toa, and Te Kerēme. During the wānaka attendees broke into groups to look deeper into the kōrero provided and then each group presented their understandings back. A highlight was a haereka to Takapūneke and Ōnawe pā guided by the hau kāika. There was also a kōrero on Hipa Te Maiharoa and the events prior to and culminating in the heke to Ōmarama. A huge mihi to the hau kāika for the incredible kai, beautiful setting and manaaki.



Wānaka pūrākau participants standing beneath Pou Tū Te Raki o Te Maiharanui at Takapūneke, 27 July 2024. Photograph by Sampson Karst.

# Whakapapa

## Ngāi Tahu Whakapapa Team

As Māori and as Kāi Tahu, our deep connection to whakapapa and whenua enriches our wairua and aligns us with who we are. This profound sense of identity is what drives our team to support our Kāi Tahu whānau in strengthening their connection with their whakapapa. Whether this is achieved through events such as our 'Ngāi Tahu Roadshows,' or simply through shared kōrero and kai, our whakapapa team are committed to acting as kaitiaki for this vital ancestral link.

The whakapapa team handles key tasks such as managing the tribal register and enrolment, preserving the 1848 whakapapa files, providing advice, services, and research on whakapapa matters and leading projects to enhance whānau connection with their rūnaka affiliations.

## Gisborne

The Ngāi Tahu whakapapa team travelled to Gisborne recently and hosted a joint dinner in collaboration with Gisborne taurahere to bring together Ngāi Tahu whānau. During the evening kōrero was shared around whakapapa, whānau stories and how the team can assist in connecting whānau with their whakapapa on a deeper level.

The trip was a great opportunity for the team to reconnect with whānau and celebrate Ngāi Tahutaka, especially following the recent floods and their ongoing effect on the Te Matau-a-Māui region.



Sir Selwyn Parata with his Whakapapa pack, and right: Tuahurere Dinner.



Back Row: Arapata Reuben (Whakapapa Manager), Sian Smith (Whakapapa Research Writer), Tarnia Jackson (Whakapapa Project Manager), Joseph Hullen (Senior Registrations Advisor). Front Row: Zhivannah Cole (Whakapapa Research Writer), Jaleesa Panirau (Whakapapa Registration Advisor), Moyra Newton-Green (Whakapapa Registration Administrator), Shira Crofts (Whakapapa Registration Advisor).

## Napier Whānau One-on-One

Five kaimahi attended the Ahuriri/Napier Road show and connected with over 300 whānau on the Sunday. The team was overrun with enquiries from whānau who wanted to know how they were connected to Kāi Tahu, where their marae was located and pūrākau about their tupuna.

On Saturday, the team held pre-booked one-on-ones with whānau who were taken through their whakapapa, provided biographies belonging to their 1848 kaumātua as well as the opportunity to share stories, have a few laughs and connect.



## Whakapapa, whānau, whānaunatanga, wānanga

On 8 July, our Wekepiri whānau ki Te Matau a Māui re-connected, made new relationships and gained knowledge about who we are in the context of Kāi Tahu, through Korotipa Wekepiri.

Inspired by a recent haereka to Te Wai Pounamu, Lisa Walker (née Wakefield) invited the Ngāi Tahu Whakapapa Team to share kōrerorero and whakapapa to ngā mokomoko a Papa Wallie Wakefield, a great-grandson of Patitu and Makoha.



Wakefield Whānau.

Grateful to have received finances from the Ngāi Tahu Small Project Fund, Lisa has initiated a series of wānanga titled 'Ka Rere Te Tuna', giving reference to the life and pastimes of Korotipa from Wairewa to Harawira Wekepiri at Tuahiwi, to Papa Wallie establishing his uri in Porangahau. Wānanga will cover whanaungatanga, whakapapa, kōrerorero tawhito and mahika kai, with mahi toi as an outcome, where taonga toi will express our learning and appreciation of our tipuna, and therefore our Kāi Tahu.



It was a pleasure to introduce Arapata Rueben to our dad Alan Tutepourangi Wakefield (first grandson of papa Wallie), at Tuahiwi, on our haerenga in June. There to meet us was cousin Andre Thompson (first great grandson of papa Wallie). From the urupā to St Stephens Church, Arapata connected his own whakapapa to ours through Maatakiwi Rickus marrying Harawira. A sense of 'home coming,' was beginning within us. After two full days of reconnecting with whānau, tracing the footsteps of Korotipa, and appreciating the land, sea and stories, we may have only tippy toed over the land of our tipuna but the manaakitaka we received has grounded our feet and our tūrangawaewae. This place called 'Kāi Tahu,' our home.



It was an honour to host Arapata Rueben and Tarnia Jackson back in Hawkes Bay, during the weekend of the Ngāi Tahu Roadshow in Napier. The mokomoko of Papa Wallie were intrigued by the wealth of knowledge that Arapata shared of Papa Wallie's life – touring Aotearoa in the circus, meeting Nanny Tutu (Pirihira Sciascia), and becoming a soldier in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, Māori Pioneers Battalion, 3rd Māori Contingent. Arapata, we thank you and Tarnia for being part of our whakapapa journey.





## Matariki Hautapu ki Wānaka



Top: Edward Ellison, Kiringāua Cassidy, Paulette Tāmati-Elliffe, Kare Tīpa; above: Kairuruku.

On 28 June, Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou, representing Kāi Tahu whānui, hosted the National Matariki Hautapu ceremony at Treble Cone on Kā Tiritiri-o-te-moana pae mauka, overlooking Wānaka. This was the first time hosting the national hautapu ceremony in Te Waipounamu since its inception.

This years' hautapu was a significant and proud moment for the iwi, with several rakatahi leading karakia. Many of these young leaders were raised within the Kotahi Mano Kāika movement and are among the first in over a century to be raised speaking te reo within their whānau. Their involvement is a testament to commitment of their whānau, the success of our iwi strategy and ongoing efforts to revitalise the language within Kāi Tahu communities.

Nāia kā mihi matakui e rere atu ana ki te ope o te rua Matariki, arā, kā kairuruku i tū ki te tuku i kā karakia ki te huihui o Matariki me Puaka arā ki a Poua Edward Ellison (Ruānuku), Tāwini White (Hiwa-i-te-raki), Kare Tīpa (Tipu-ā-nuku), Manuhaea Mamaru-O'regan (Waipuna-a-raki), Rīpeka Potiki (Waitī), Thomas Aerepo-Morgan (Waitā), Taikawa Tamati-Elliffe (Mātahi kari pīwai), Kiringāua Cassidy (Tipu-ā-raki), Te Atarau Cassidy (Ururaki), Tūmai Cassidy (Huakitau me Puaka), Paulette Tamati-Elliffe (Pōhutukawa).. Ka tika hoki te rere o kā mihi ki te tohuka kōkōraki, ki te mana o Atutahi mā Rehua, arā ki a Ahoraki Rangī Matamua i ārahi i tēnei kaupapa me kā kairuruku, kia ea pai ai kā mahi katoa, nāia kā mihi mutuka kore. Nō mātau te tima KMK hoki te whiwhi ki te tautoko i tēnei kaupapa whakahirahira!



From left: Manuhaea Mamaru-O'Regan, Tūmai Cassidy, KMK team with Rangī Mātāmua.

## Whare Karioi

From 17-21 June, Whare Karioi ā-Whenua, the International Indigenous Digital Games Summit took place in Dunedin. Hosted by Ōtākou, Puketeraki, and Tūhura Otago Museum, organised and led by Taikawa Tamati-Elliffe, the New Zealand Centre of Digital Excellence with support from KMK. Whare Karioi brought together indigenous game developers from around the world, providing a platform for them to connect, share insights, and support their cultural identities within the gaming sector.

KMK supported an additional two-day wānaka, facilitated by KMK Kaitohutohu Matihiko, Levi Collier-Robinson and the KMK team. Participants spent time at Ōtākou Marae including visits to Pukekura, Te Nohoaka o Tukiaua and Puketeraki Marae, offering our indigenous visitors from around the world the opportunity to experience Kāi Tahu tikaka and to make connections with our Kāi Tahu gaming developers while learning the history of our iwi and pūrākau of the region.

Whare Karioi included over 20 indigenous speakers, each bringing expertise from various disciplines to celebrate cultural diversity and indigeneity in gaming. Notable Kāi Tahu speakers included Maru Nihoniho from Metia Interactive, who spoke on the 'Representation of te ao Māori in games,' and Rocky Roberts from NAIA and Lisa Blakie from Atawhai Interactive, who participated in a panel discussion on 'Pūrākau: the creative and cultural processes of storytelling.'

Right: Katharina Ruckstuhl and Taikawa Tamati-Elliffe; below, left to right: Ōtākou Marae, Maru Nihoniho (Guardian Maia), the panel.



## Coming up:

### Kura Reo Rakatahi

We are currently organising a Kura Reo Rakatahi event to be held in October. This programme will accommodate 40 rakatahi, who will participate in a four-day immersion focused on te reo. This initiative caters to individuals of all language proficiency levels and will consist of a combination of classroom-based and place-based learning and experiences. Stay tuned for registration details, which will be posted on our Facebook page and website.

### Kura Reo Kāi Tahu

Our iwi immersion te reo event, Kura Reo Kāi Tahu, will take place in January at Arowhenua Marae. This five-day wānaka is designed for Kai Tahu whānau who are raising tamariki and mokopuna in te reo, offering the opportunity to enhance their knowledge of Kāi Tahu reo, boost confidence in fluency and conversational reo, and connect with other reo speaking whānau. Details for registration will soon be available on our Facebook page and website.

[www.kmk.maori.nz](http://www.kmk.maori.nz)

Kaupapa	Mā wai /Taumata	Āhea / ki hea?
Kura Reo Rakatahi	Rakatahi aged 13-18 All levels	5-9 October 2024 Ōtākou Marae
Kura Reo Kāi Tahu	Reo speaking whānau Full immersion: intermediate to advanced	7-11 January 2025 Arowhenua Marae
Kura Reo ki Te Waipounamu	Full immersion: intermediate to advanced	13-17 April 2025 Ōtākou Marae

# Pānui

## Meeting Of Beneficiaries – Kaiapoi Section 88B

Tēnā koutou katoa,

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

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

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

**Where:** Tuahiwi Marae, 219 Tuahiwi Road,  
Tuahiwi 7691

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

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

## Notice of Annual General Meeting

**Trustees of the Orohaki 894 Section B Block wish to invite owners and their whānau to its Annual General Meeting (AGM).**

**When:** 12 October 2024 Starting at 11am

**Where:** 24 Tuahiwi Road, Tuahiwi 7691  
@ Noaia Trust Building

### Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of previous AGM minutes
4. Trust report
5. Financial report
6. Election new trustees/chair
7. Approval for an urupā site
8. General business
9. Closing

Contact Secretary: Tania Clark

Email: [Tanclark16@gmail.com](mailto:Tanclark16@gmail.com)

## Tautuku Waikawa Lands Trust

**When:** 28 September 10.15 am

**Where:** Waimairi Community Centre,  
166 Waimairi Road, Ilam, Christchurch

**When:** 29 September 10.15 am

**Where:** Dunedin Community House, Rimu Room,  
43 Princes St, Dunedin

Tēnā koutou katoa,

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

1. Update to owners on the activities on the lands for the last five years
2. Financial updates
3. The future direction of the trust over the next 10 years

**Invitations are also extended to the following block owner's section**

- Section 15 Blk XIII
- Section 2 Blk XIV
- Section 14 section Blk XIV

Many of the activities over the last few years on TWLT lands have also positively influenced these blocks, and there is much overlap with the familiar trustees and owners.

For further information, contact Richard Manning, chairperson +64 21382590 or Andrew Brydon, project manager 021 327587 or email [tautukuwaikawalandtrust@gmail.com](mailto:tautukuwaikawalandtrust@gmail.com)

## Notice of Meeting

**Raki Raki Trust – Owners of Tautuku Section 12 Blk XIII.**

**When:** 29 September 12.15pm

**Where:** Dunedin Community House, Rimu Room,  
43 Princes St, Dunedin

Tēnā koutou katoa,

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

- Elect new trustees
- General update
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# Aukaha

Aukaha is a mana whenua-owned organisation delivering social, economic, environmental and cultural services across the takiwā of Te Rūnanga o Waihao, Te Rūnanga o Moeraki, Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki, Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou, and Hokonui Rūnanga. Aukaha is committed to providing services that improve outcomes for our people and places in this generation and beyond.

## **Kāi Tahu wero for protection of taoka addressed in Tāhuna**

A wero put down by mana whenua regarding a new development in Tāhuna Queenstown was directly addressed by an independent hearing panel in their decision report to the Minister for the Environment.

Te Pūtahi Ladies Mile (TPLM) is a 120-hectare area adjacent to State Highway 6 between the Shotover River and Waiwhakaata Lake Hayes.

The Queenstown Lakes District Council-led development proposal for Te Pūtahi Ladies Mile is a master-planned approach to creating a new community that will include medium to high density housing, schools, and shopping centres. However, the development requires a zone change from rural, rural lifestyle and large lot residential land to enable a range of high, medium, and low density residential and commercial zones.



And while the new development might be viewed as a good proposal in establishing well-designed urban environments and providing more housing in Tāhuna Queenstown, concerns were raised by Kāi Tahu submissions at the lack of integration of Kāi Tahu values, blue-green networks and the approach to stormwater management.

At a hearing in December 2023, Jana Davis of Ōraka Aparima spoke as a cultural witness and Aukaha planner Michael Bathgate as a planning witness, on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Moeraki, Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki, Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou and Hokonui Rūnanga, the three Murihiku Rūnaka, and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu.

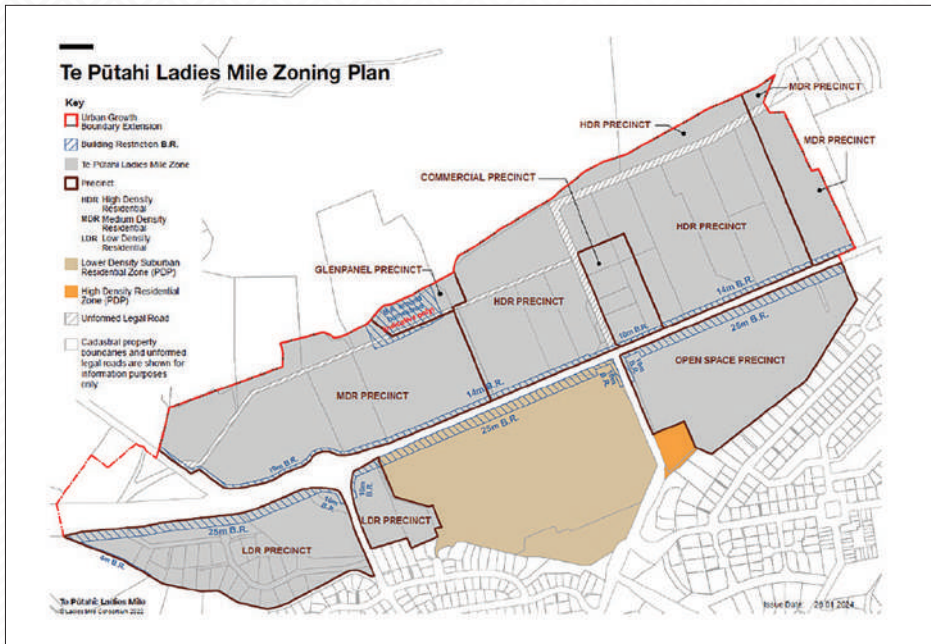
“The Kāi Tahu position was that growth was managed as much as possible, in a way that minimises the effect on the environment,” Mr Bathgate says.

Some of the concerns Mr Bathgate raised included implementing Kāi Tahu values that sit in the spatial plan into all aspects of the planning process. Those values include whanaukataka, haere ki mua, kaitiakitaka and mauri.

“One of the big concerns was how storm water was going to be managed and the effects on Waiwhakaata, which is within the catchment of this area,” says Mr Bathgate.

“There are aquifers underneath the proposed development. There’s runoff from Slope Hill, which is the big hill behind the Ladies Mile development site. Most of that water goes to ground and goes into those aquifers. In high rainfall events, there can be overland flow towards Waiwhakaata.

“With the land being developed and hard surfaced, the natural soakage won’t occur. There will be more surface water and potentially more run off. And as the land is gradually inclined towards Waiwhakaata, the surface water will be picking up pollutants as it runs. This was the main focus of the Kāi Tahu submission and evidence.”



The panel’s final decision therefore called for, among other things, the development to set a new stormwater standard for urban development in the district as requested by Kāi Tahu.

“For rūnaka to fulfil their duties as kaitiaki, a function of rakatirataka, they seek the regeneration and enhancement of Waiwhakaata Lake Hayes, Kimiākau and Kawarau awa, so that mokopuna might experience their lakes and rivers in the manner of their ancestors. In so doing they recognise the interconnectedness of the environment and the wider Mata-au catchment, ki uta ki tai,” their report read.

Mr Davis told the hearing panel of his concerns regarding the continuing diminishment of the mauri of Waiwhakaata, and how a ki uta ki tai approach toward the catchment was required.

He wrote in his evidence, “Over the past four years, I have spent a large focus on restoring Waiwhakaata/ Lake Hayes. Why? Because I have witnessed its significant deterioration within my lifetime,” Mr Davis wrote in his evidence.

“The changes observed in Waiwhakaata are significant and should be addressed. We are seeing reduced eel populations, episodic fish kills, algal blooms and more. I have concerns about continued sediment discharges from urban development and increased town populations.

“We are concerned in relation to stormwater run-off and its potential to contain contaminants. There will always be a knock-on effect to expansion of our towns; cumulative effects are real and should be addressed in an integrated approach.

“The biggest test that we face is to rise to the challenge and understand what shared success can look like for our precious catchments. Success is building the whare for whānau to live in, and protecting the environment that sustains the whare, and the whānau into the future. Both are necessary for survival.”

In their decision report, the panel opened with a direct response to the wero of mana whenua.

“As made clear in the challenge from Kāi Tahu, and in the Minister’s expectations to us, this development must also recognise, and protect as appropriate, the mauri and environment of the TPLM site and its surroundings, especially Waiwhakaata Lake Hayes.”

“Despite its significance, Waiwhakaata Lake Hayes is seriously degraded. Considerable iwi and community effort is going into its rehabilitation. While the Te Pūtahi Ladies Mile Site makes up a small part of its catchment, it is critical that the lake is appropriately protected...and we have accepted a process that provides a step change in stormwater management for the district, which will deliver the appropriate protection.”

The panel was appointed by the Queenstown Lakes District Council as independent commissioners to provide the report required by the Minister’s direction, and comprised of David Allen (Chair), Gillian Crowcroft, Hoani Langsbury, Judith Makinson and Ian Munro. The panel’s decision report and final recommendations are currently sitting with the Minister for the Environment for approval.



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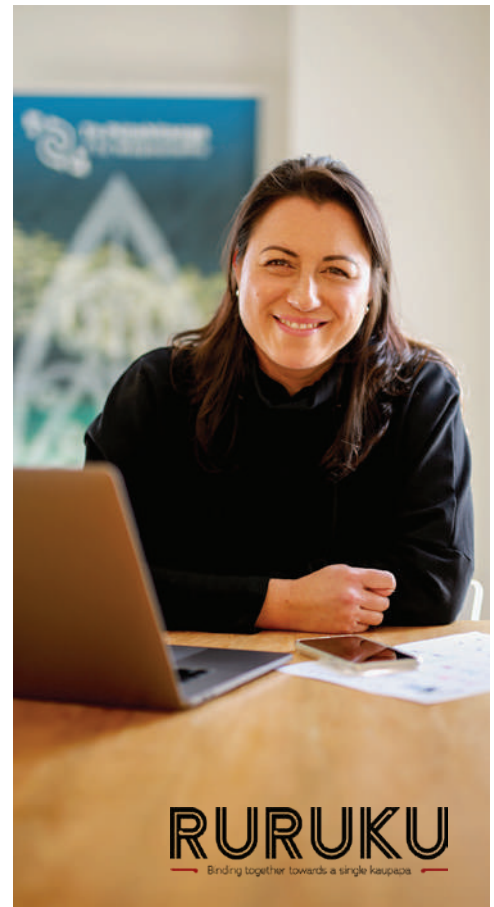
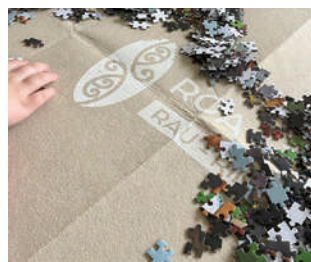
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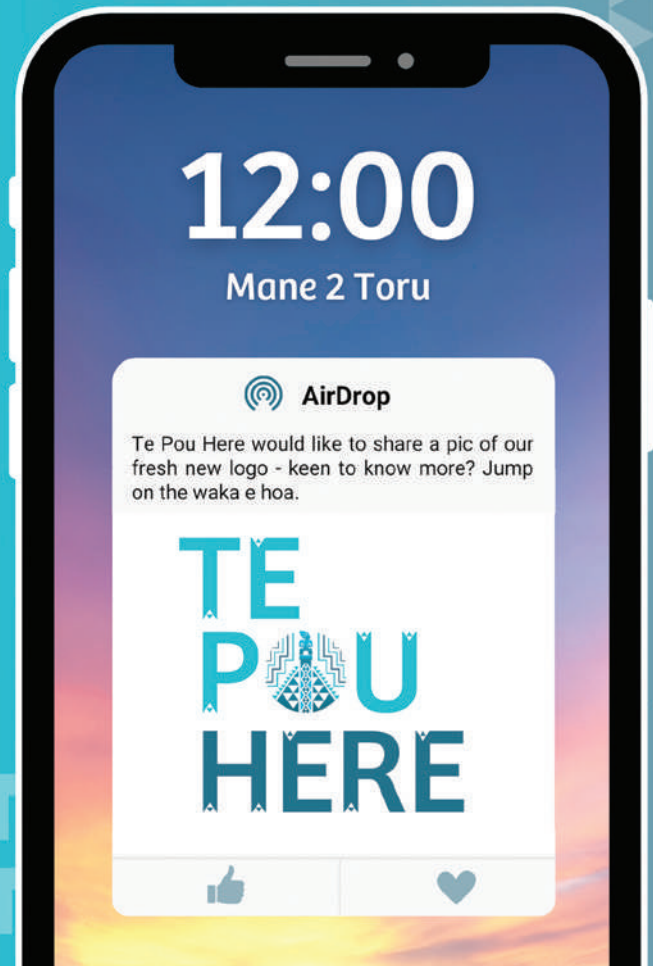
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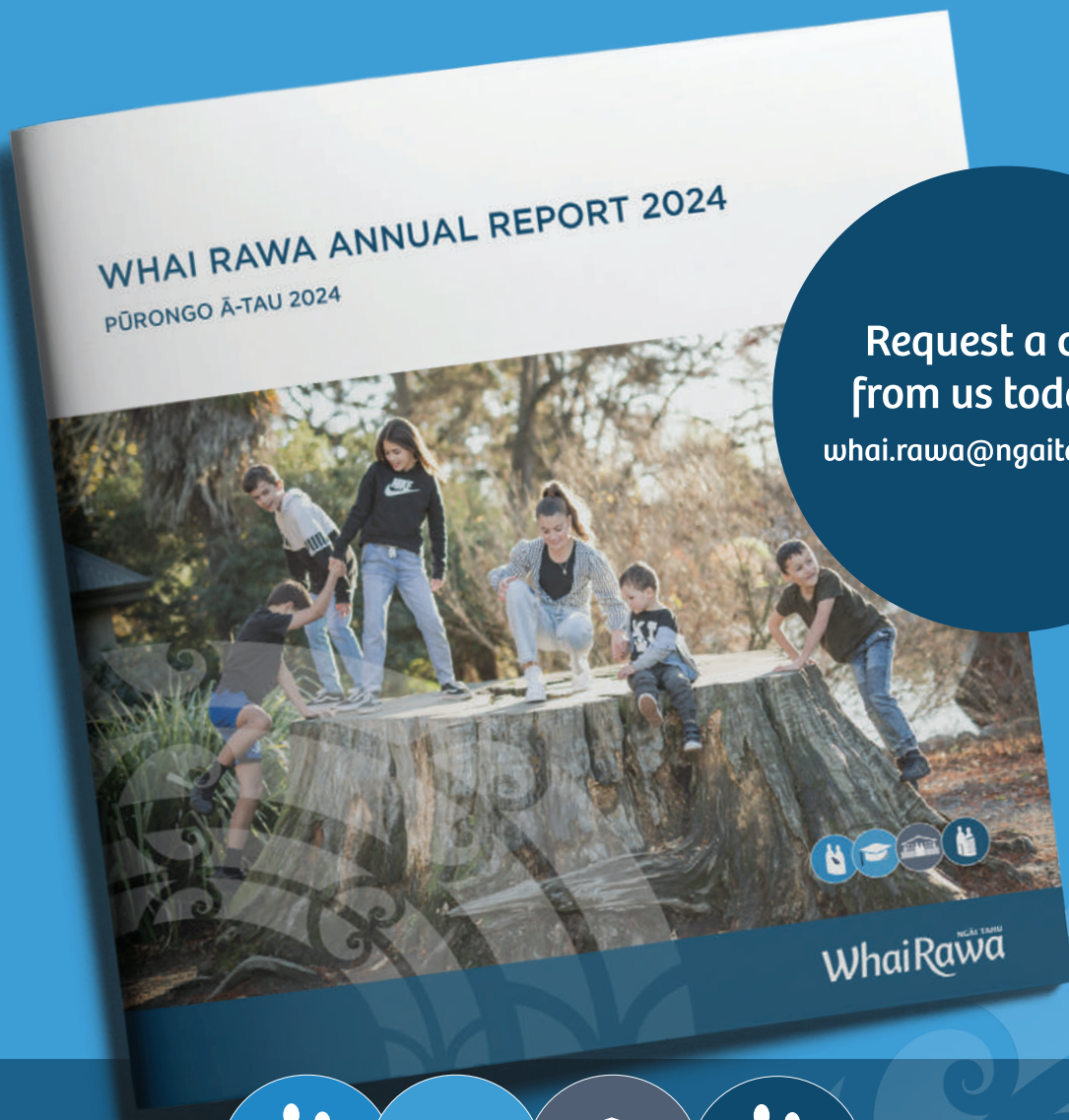
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