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Select Committee Hearing

RST Chair Message

**Ko tēnei te mihi maioha o te Poari
Matua o Raukawa ki a koutou te iwi nei.
Ngā mihi o te wā ki a koutou katoa.**

It's amazing to realise how quickly the year has gone, a year of further strong progress and achievement for Raukawa. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for helping to ensure 2013 was another memorable year for Raukawa. There are too many dedicated people to thank individually. They include our staff, kaumātua, trustees and the many stakeholders, whānau and organisations that we have worked with this year. E kī ngā kōrero o to tātou tūpuna 'E hara taku toa i te toa takitahi, ēngari he toa takitini, takimano'. Nō reira, he mihi nui ki a koutou mō ō koutou āwhina, manaaki, tautoko ki tō tātou Poari Matua.

As the year has unfolded, we witnessed milestones for our iwi. As I write this report, we are rapidly nearing the completion of the settlement process. In October the Māori Affairs Select Committee convened in Tokoroa to hear submissions on our settlement legislation. This was a well-attended hui, with many voicing support for our approach. We are now in the last stages of reaching agreement on the date for the final reading of our settlement legislation, which completes a lengthy and resource consuming process, but critical process for Raukawa. I look forward to updating you on the final details of this significant event for our people.

The year marked some sadness for Raukawa as we fondly said farewell to acting Chief Executive Grant Berghan who completed his six-month contract with Raukawa, which began in 2011, and was regularly extended until the middle of this year. Grant heeded the call from his Ngāpuhi people to return home. We remain grateful for his work, commitment and the support he gave our boards to help Raukawa reach its goals during his term. Sadly, Mahanga Maru, Grant's successor, was lured back to a government role in Wellington after just a short time in the role of Chief Executive. We wish Mahanga well as he re-joins his wife and children who remained in Wellington over this period.

As a result I, supported by Raukawa Charitable Trust Deputy Chairperson

Kataraina Hodge, will continue as Executive Chairperson to ensure our momentum continues to flow until a new appointment has been made. We have already begun an extensive search to find the right person with the requisite skills to support Raukawa in the next phase of our development. We look forward to updating you on our recruitment efforts in the new year.

This year also saw our members vote for a reduction in the size of the Raukawa Settlement Trust board, from 26 members to 16 marae representatives, and approve amendments to our constitution. The vote on representation coincided with changes to the frequency of elections for our marae, with staggered elections beginning this year. As a result I would like to congratulate the following trustees who were elected/re-elected to the RST Board, as at 10 December 2013, for a three-year term.

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Mōkai Marae - Vanessa Eparaima
Tangata Marae - Waimatao Smith
Ūkaipō Marae - Cheryl Pakuru
Whakamārama Marae - Kataraina Hodge
Rengarenga Marae - Dawn Glen
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Next year will see elections for a further third of our marae, with the remaining marae voting in 2015. This approach ensures consistency at the board level and removes the potential, however, unlikely for wholesale changes on the board that could happen if we remained with all marae holding elections at the same time each three years. The process is part of a broad strategy taken by the board to ensure that we are doing the best we can to protect our considerable assets, and that we are building robust systems to ensure Raukawa achieves its potential for our people now and in the future.

We are making strong, confident steps; however, we have plenty more to do. I thank you all again for your commitment to our iwi and for the gains made in the past year.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, and that you enjoy spending time with your whānau during the festive season.

Nā Vanessa Eparaima
Raukawa Settlement Trust Chairperson



Raukawa Grants

Education a Key Driver towards Success!

The Raukawa Settlement Trust (RST) makes a strong commitment to supporting our iwi members, our marae and the community at large. Along with the services provided by our Charitable Trust, we also provide a number of annual grants to support the wellbeing and development of our marae, kaumātua, community, and students. Funding for all of our grants is derived from the investment profits made from our company – Raukawa Iwi Development Limited, and is distributed by our subsidiary entity – the Raukawa Charitable Trust.

The RST offers Kaumātua Medical Grants, Education Grants, Marae Grants, and a Discretionary Grant. Hayley Simmonds, pictured left, is a 2013 tertiary grant recipient and studies graphic design at WINTEC in Hamilton. Hayley says that,

“This grant has definitely benefited my studies and contributed to financing the course-related costs, and I would like to express how grateful I am for these funds you make available to students like me.”

Grants for 2014 will reopen early next year – so we encourage you to apply for a grant. Be sure to call us on 0800 RAUKAWA for more information about eligibility, how to apply, and what to include in your application or visit our website on www.raukawa.org.nz. For direct e-mail, please contact Ernst Visser on grantsprocessing@raukawa.org.nz.

Hayley Simmonds, Bachelor of Media Arts, Pikitū Marae.

Holiday Opening & Closing Notice

The Raukawa Charitable Trust offices will be closed for two weeks during the 2013 Christmas and 2014 New Year break.

For any Health emergencies please call 111. Raukawa Health Services availability will be limited but you can contact: Lewis Neera for Alcohol & Drug Services on 021 855 569 and Mireka Aloiai for Mental Health Services on 027 450 6300.

On behalf of the organisation, we wish you all a safe and happy holiday period!

**Normal office hours will resume:
8.30am 6th January, 2014.**

Date	Open	Closed
Thursday 19th December, 2013	8am	2pm
Friday 20th December, 2013	8am	2pm

Offices Affected	
Tokoroa	26-32 Campbell St
Putaruru	16 Princes St
Te Awamutu	254 Rickit Road
Matamata	14 Tui St

Treaty Team



Māori Affairs Select Committee Panel hear submissions made by Raukawa and other groups at the Tokoroa hearing.

Raukawa Settlement Claims Bill Progresses Through Parliament Process

Labour MP Shane Jones recently reminded New Zealanders of the injustice suffered by the iwi of Raukawa when giving his support to the first reading of the Raukawa Claims Settlement Bill: Says Mr Jones, “The story that lies behind this particular iwi is a story that opens our eyes and reminds us about how voracious the appetite was amongst our settler, pioneer, colonial ancestors. They came with a voracious appetite for land, and nothing – not the law, not tikanga and not the gospel – was going to stand in their way.”

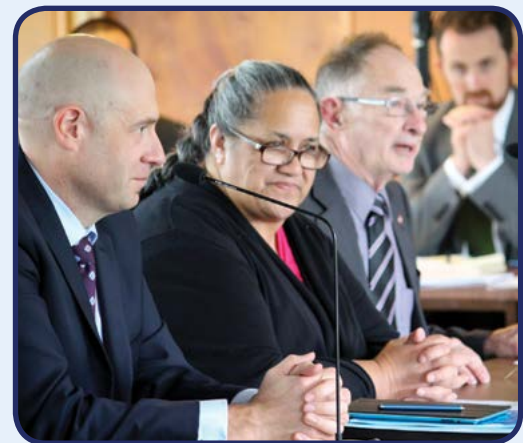
Raukawa, our iwi, were unable to withstand the avaricious nature of those who sought to profit from this land grab, especially the rich syndicates comprised of Auckland financier/politicians. The Crown’s Right of Pre-emption, massive land speculation, the improper dealings of the Native Land Court and land purchasing agents, Crown confiscations and compulsory land acquisition, quickly saw the reduction of Raukawa land tenure from about one million acres in 1840 to less than 70,000 acres by 1939. Raukawa owns even less today.

The Raukawa Claims Settlement Bill underwent its first reading in parliament on the 7th August 2013. A small group of Raukawa kaumātua, Trustees and the Treaty team were present to witness the progression of the Bill. The Bill is a step to rebuild the relationship between Raukawa and the Crown and gives legal effect to the agreements reached in the Raukawa Deed of Settlement. These include such mechanisms as the commercial and cultural redress such as Statutory Acknowledgments, Rights of First Refusal, Sale and Leaseback properties etc.

In some ways, when coupled with the Deed, the Bill provides a small measure of justice to Raukawa for the illegal land losses and loss of life suffered by our tūpuna. It is a small measure of justice because it can in no way provide full compensation for our total losses.

In moving the Raukawa Claims Settlement Bill into Parliament for its first reading, Minister Tariana Turia paid particular homage to the role played by the late George Whakatoi Rangitutia and all those who contributed to the Raukawa Settlement. She stated “There are many others no longer with us but whose legacy is written into this legalisation.”

The Raukawa Claims settlement Bill is currently before the Māori Affairs Select Committee. The date for the second reading of the Bill is yet to be scheduled by parliament.



Nā Nigel Te Hiko
Co-negotiator



Raukawa staff and kaumātua pose for a group photo after the Select Committee hearing.

The "Crucible of Fire"

On the 14th October 2013, Raukawa witnesses faced a "crucible of fire" as the Māori Affairs Select Committee convened at the Tokoroa Bowling Club. Giving evidence in support of the Raukawa Settlement Claims Bill were Raukawa Charitable Trust Deputy Chair Kataraina Hodge, Kaumātua Kaunihera representative Ruthana Begbie, Treaty negotiators Vanessa Eparaima and Nigel Te Hiko. The team also consisted of technical advisor Baden Vertongen. Each of the witnesses stressed key issues within their testimony such as maintaining important relationships both externally and internally and addressing overlapping iwi interests.

Despite facing a number of probing questions from members of the Select Committee, each of the Raukawa witnesses provided succinct and clear responses that appeared to resonate well with the Committee. Also giving evidence in support of the Bill was South Waikato District Council Mayor, Neil Sinclair who acknowledged the close relationship shared between the Council and Raukawa.

The Select Committee stage is the third phase in the parliamentary process that will see the Raukawa Claims Settlement Bill become law. The Committee membership is comprised of members of most of the political parties. It is chaired by Nationals Tau Henare and Māori Party Co-leader, Te Ururoa Flavell is the deputy. During this stage of the process the Select Committee called for public submissions on the Bill. Once all the submissions are received by the committee, they then consider the submissions and report back to parliament with their recommendations.

In respect of the Raukawa Settlement Claims Bill, the Select Committee received a number of submissions of which a large majority were in support of the Bill. We now await confirmation of the date of the second reading of our Bill to be scheduled into the parliament order of business.

Treaty Team on the Move

The Treaty team have now moved office and are no longer at 121 Bridge Street, Tokoroa. The team have relocated to the Raukawa Charitable Trust Offices, 26-32 Campbell Street, Tokoroa. We can be contacted on 07 885 0260.

We also take this opportunity to say farewell to Patricia Cowley. Patricia has returned to help her people at the Maniapoto Trust Board to further their Treaty aspirations. We wish Patricia well in her endeavours.

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Ngā Tohu Reo Māori o Raukawa

E tangi tonu nei tātou ki ō tātou mate, kua whetūrangitia ki te mūnga o te tini me te mano, moe mai rā koutou, nōu te pō, nō mātou te rā, kia au te moe! Raukawa e, whakareia te Reo!

Tau atu, tau mai, nei anō te rawerawe o te noho a te tuakana me te teina i te kaupapa, arā Ngā Tohu Reo o Raukawa. Tū ai te kaupapa ki Te Kaokaoroa o Pātetere, ki Tokoroa, i te 4 o ngā rā o Whiringa-ā-nuku hei whakatairanga i te pai o te hunga e ngākaunui ana, e arohanui ana, e whakapeto ngoi ana ki te whakaora i tō tātou reo Māori i ngā tōpito katoa o te rohe o Raukawa me ōna kārangaranga hapū me ōna kārangaranga hapori.

Koia nei te tau tuawhiti i tū ai tēnei, tā tātou kaupapa, ā, e mārakerake ana te kitea he huihuinga nui e whakakotahi ana i te iwi reo matahiapo aroha nui. Tekau mā rua ngā wāhanga, hei whakaurutanga mai mā te iwi, kia whakaatu i ā rātou mahi, i ā rātou aha atu rānei, i te wiki reo Māori, i te roanga rānei o te tau. Mai i ngā kura auraki, i ngā kura Māori tae noa ki te hapori whānui, koia ngā mea i tono mai ki te kaupapa. Ko Pānia Papa te kaikōrero matua o te pō. He iho pūmanawa, he manu pīwari, he wahine marae, he rongonui i konei i te motu anō hoki huri noa. Ko tāna he whakatāngetange riaka ki te whakaora ake i te reo, ka mutu, e whakatō ana ia i te hatete o te reo ki roto i te whatumanawa o ngā tāngata. Ko te mātanga reo nei, e mōhiotia rangiwhāwhātia nei i te motu.

I whakatakoto ia i ōna whakaaro ki te marea, me pēhea te whakatō i te reo o te kāinga ki roto ki ngā whakatupuranga e haere ake nei? Ko tāna, me aroha tātou ki te reo, ki reira kite ai i te oranga tonutanga o tō tātou ao Māori, o tō tātou reo rangatira. Me whakaaro hoki tātou ki te reo o ngā rangatahi, pēnei i te kupu 'YEAH!!'. He pai kē atu kia rongō i te kupu 'Pāia!'. Kei reira katoa te wairua me te māramatanga. I te rongotanga ake i tā Pānia kōrero, kāore e kore i titi kaha nei ōna whakaaro ki te ngākau me te hinengaro o te hunga whakarongo.

Me mihi ka tika ki te katoa o te hunga e manawa tītī nei ki te oranga tonutanga o tō tātou reo, koutou katoa i karapinepine nei i runga i te karanga o tā tātou kaupapa, mauri ora ki a tātou! Pāia!

Nā Tangiwai Amopiu
Cultural Projects Administrator

Te Uru Raukawa

Ko Te Uru Raukawa tētehi wānanga i whakatūria ai e Tiare Tepana rāua ko Paraone Gloyne, hei whakatinana i ngā whāinga matua o te rautaki reo 'Whakareia te Kakara o te Hinu Raukawa', 2006. Kua whakatinanahia te wawata kia tū ai tēnei wānanga, ko ōna whāinga kia paiheretia nei ngā rākau Raukawa ki a ia anō ka tahi, kia rangatira ngā whakaaro, te reo me ngā āhuatanga katoa o te taura ka rua, kia āiopipi ai te noho a te taura ki te karamatamata o te rākau, ki reira rangona anō ai tōna ihi, tōna wehi, ā, kia pārāweranui ai ko te tapu o ngā tikanga i runga i ō tātou marae.

Whakarewaina anō ai tā tātou kaupapa nei hei te 8 o ngā rā o Huitanguru, i te tau 2014. E te iwi e, ko tō iwi e karanga nei ki a koutou, ki te whakapakari i tō tātou reo matahiapo, kia ora pai ai mō ngā uri e haere ake nei, kia ora pai ai ngā paepae o ngā marae katoa o Raukawa.

Whakapā mai ki a Louis Armstrong – louis.armstrong@rauakawa.org.nz





Ko ngā mahi o Te Uru Raukawa

- *Whaikōrero;*
- *Karanga;*
- *Kīwaha / Kīanga*
- *Whakataukī / Whakataukākī;*
- *Mōteatea / Waiata;*
- *Kōrero o te rohe / Hītori – Ngā kōrero o nehe*
- *Kōrero-ā-iwi;*
- *Te Reo o Kui mā, o Koro mā.*
- *Te Whakatakotoranga o te Reo*

NGĀ TOHU WIKI REO MĀORI Māori Language Week Awards

Business Window Display

South Waikato District Libraries – Tokoroa

Community Groups

South Waikato District Libraries – Tokoroa

English Medium Education Groups

Tokoroa High School – Te Rito

Māori Medium Education Groups

Te Kōhanga Reo o Te Awahi Mai

Media

Fresh FM

NGĀ TOHU MOTUHAKE

Special Awards

English Medium Te Reo Teacher Award

Stephanie Preston – Tokoroa North School

Māori Medium Te Reo Teacher Award

Delwyn Ngere – Te Wharekura o Te Kaokaoroa o Pātetere

English Medium Education Groups

Tokoroa High School – Te Rito

Youth Award

Here Tuhi

Language Driver Award

Keith Silveira – Te Wharekura o Te Kaokaoroa o Pātetere

TE MANAWA WHAKĀŪ

Long Term Awards

English Medium Education Groups

Tokoroa High School – Te Rito

Māori Medium Education Groups

Te Kōhanga Reo o Te Awahi Mai

Community Groups

Te Wakaiti

NGĀ TOHU RANGATIRA

Supreme Awards

TE TOHU RANGATIRA MŌ TE WIKI REO MĀORI

South Waikato District Libraries – Tokoroa

TE TOHU RANGATIRA MŌ TE MANAWA WHAKĀŪ

Te Kōhanga Reo o Te Awahi Mai





Jade Hohaia (third from right), with whānau and friends at the New Zealand Local Hero Awards in Napier.

Youth Development Team

Accolade bestowed to Local Hero

The Kiwibank New Zealander of the Year Awards are now in their 5th year and recognise the many outstanding New Zealanders who really help to make this country a great place to call home. Our very own Jade Hohaia, *Raukawa Youth Development Manager*, was nominated for one of the New Zealander of the Year- *Local Hero Awards*, and on the 21st November she was invited to Napier to receive her medal at the official awards ceremony.

The medal was in recognition of the work Jade has led which is conducted under the auspice of the Social Sector Trials, primarily in the area of Youth and Community Development. The programme has been pivotal in securing significant local change and positive outcomes for youth in the South Waikato area for 12-18 year olds. The final supreme awards for the New Zealander of the Year are being announced in February 2014 and Jade will be in the running for that award also.

When asked about her accomplishment, Jade says that, *"I am very humbled to receive this award for Raukawa, Ngāti Ahuru and Whakaaratamaiti"*. Raukawa Kuia and representative from the Kaumātua Kaunihera - Whaea Ruthana Begbie accompanied Jade to the ceremony along with many of Jade's friends and Raukawa whānau. The Raukawa Charitable Trust would like to thank the community for nominating Jade, and we wish her the best for the February supreme award.

National Youth Crime Action Plan

Raukawa also attended the launch of the National Youth Crime Action Plan (YCAP) in November. Being a part of this project in the capacity of a Trials Leader and also spokesperson for the Māori Reference Group which worked alongside the YCAP has been good in terms of highlighting and bringing to the surface the view of our own local youth offending interventions. Some of the YCAP's core actions involve developing reference tools to screen young offenders and finding pathways on how best to work with them. Also, they will look to improve family group conferences, piloting iwi-led conferences, developing a practical reference guide for frontline staff and finding innovative alternative action options.





From left: Lulu Williams (Health & Social Services Manager), Lewis Neera (Drug & Alcohol Counsellor), and Mireka Aloiai (Infant, Child, Adolescent Service).

Health & Social Services

Welcome to our final pānui for 2013!

The Raukawa Health and Social Service Team are looking forward to a well-deserved Christmas holiday break. Our critical services will continue to run over the break to ensure that the needs of our higher risk clients continue to be met. These services are the Raukawa Drug & Alcohol Service Counsellor - Lewis Neera, and our Infant, Child, Adolescent Service Nurse - Mireka Aloiai. Please see page 2 of our pānui for their contact details over the holiday break.

Our Drug and Alcohol Service is provided by Lewis Neera and Te Aomarama Tane. This service is provided in Tokoroa, Putaruru, Tirau, Matamata, Cambridge and Te Awamutu. The service provides assessments, care plans, counselling, advocacy, referral and education programs which are all based around Drug and Alcohol.

Our Infant, Child, Adolescent Service is provided by Mireka Aloiai, Rondase Edgecombe, Rosemary Ngaru and Lucky Manu. This service works under the Southern Cluster Mental Health Team and is provided in Tokoroa, Putaruru and Tirau. Other services within this cluster cover Te Kuiti, Taumarunui, Te Awamutu and Otorohanga. This service provides assessments, care plan's, advocacy and works alongside the whānau, schools and other external providers to ensure care plans are implemented to support whānau to reach their aspirations.

We have had four student placements this year. All of whom are working towards their Bachelor of Social Work. Two of these students, Tokerau Putai and Bernice Scissons are employed with our Health and Social Services. They have worked extremely hard ensuring their studies, placement and service delivery is managed well to ensure all objectives are being met. Pomare Lumsden and Francis Deane are in their 3rd year of study. Francis has accepted the Family Start Whānau Ora Position.

You may have heard discussion around community services relocation to the Tokoroa hospital. We want to assure you that our Kaumātua Mirimiri Service will continue to be based at the Tokoroa Hospital. This Service provides an injury/ailment recovery program that utilizes massage therapy and its' many modalities to help people re-gain their health and physical vitality. The service has resided at the Tokoroa Hospital for two years and therapist Katrina Middlemiss-Vano says that,

"I am ecstatic that our service is to be a part of the relocation. I am looking forward to the new space, having roommates and rubbing shoulders with other health providers. This collaborative approach to primary healthcare has been years in the making and I applaud those powers that have helped it come to fruition".

Watch this Space!

There are many up and coming events for the year 2014 in terms of the Health & Social Services space and I would like to highlight a couple of these events. First, our Public Health Coordinator KC Maaka is looking at facilitating the High School Waikato Regional Ki-o-Rahi which will include Maniapoto, Hauraki and Tainui regions. Also keep an eye out for our Whānau Ora Service who will be organizing a holistic approach workshop which will encompass literacy and numeracy. For more info, call us on **0800 RAUKAWA (0800 728 5292)** or e-mail us at info@rauakawa.org.nz

Nā Lulu Williams
Health & Social Services Manager



Environment Group



A Tuatara at the Tuatarium on Maungatautari.

Proposed SH1/SH5 Intersection Roadworks, Tirau

NZTA is working to improve road safety within our takiwā and is currently preparing plans to replace the T-intersection just south of Tirau. As those who pass through this area are well aware, the existing layout is unsafe and has resulted in a number of vehicle accidents. A large roundabout (similar to the roundabout at the northern approach to the East Taupō Arterial link) is proposed to replace the existing intersection, and will also provide safe vehicular access to the Tirau Domain as part of the proposed works.

NZTA have been liaising with Te Kaokaoroa-o-Pātetere whānau to ensure that the proposed works provide improved safety for all road users whilst minimising environmental impacts (particularly on the adjacent Oraka stream). NZTA and their consultants will also be holding workshops with nominated representatives of Te Kaokaoroa-o-Pātetere whānau to incorporate design elements that will bring a unique Raukawa flavour to this major gateway into the heart of our takiwā.

Works are proposed to commence in February 2014, with further improvement works to the southern SH1 approach also planned for in the future.

Ngā Taonga o Maungatautari

Who would have thought that a fence, a wink and poop would get 20 members of the Raukawa Environment Forum so excited and inspired about the environment? Well it isn't just any old fence – it is the longest pest proof fence in New Zealand. Spanning 47kms and enclosing 3400ha this fence encircles one of our tino taonga Maungatautari. And it wasn't just any old wink – it was a wink from one of the koro of the animal world, the tuatara. We were able to see, in the open tuatarium on Maungatautari, four of these ancient wonders, something that many of our rōpu will remember for a long time to come! And it wasn't just any old poop – it was the poop of one the rarest and most unique native birds in our country, the takahē. Once thought extinct, and still classified as an endangered species, the takahē breeding pair we were able to search out during our visit to Maungatautari were truly magnificent.

The Raukawa Environment Forum trip to Maungatautari included a guided wetland walk, kōrero from very passionate and committed Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust (MEIT) trustees and volunteers who work on the maunga, nourishing kai, lots of questions, lots of kōrero and then to end a peaceful stroll within the cloak of Tāne-mahuta in the Maungatautari Southern Enclosure. This trip was part of the wider development of the Raukawa Environmental Management Plan (REMP). It was a great opportunity to learn more about our native biodiversity, the pest species that threaten them and then discuss ways that we can look to manage and protect our taonga through the REMP and beyond.

It was a fantastic day had by all. We are extremely grateful to the team at Maungatautari (trustees, staff and volunteers) for the manaakitanga they showed our group and for the manaakitanga they are showing our maunga and all of the many taonga that live there. When you get the chance, go and experience all that our maunga has to offer – it is a fantastic family day out. I know that we will be back very soon! For more information about MEIT please visit www.maungatruster.org.

Ngā Wāhi Tūturu me

Ngā Taonga Tuku Iho O Raukawa

Ngā Wāhi Tūturu - Raukawa sites/areas of importance - is the working name that has been given to this foundation Raukawa project. This project will engage Raukawa uri, the Raukawa Charitable Trust and other stakeholders to identify, inform, protect and manage sites/areas of importance within the Raukawa cultural landscape, according to Raukawa tikanga/kawa, into the future.

The scope of the project encompasses archaeological and cultural sites/areas within the Raukawa cultural landscape, and sits alongside the Raukawa Environmental Management Plan in recognising the need to tiaki the Raukawa takiwā. A number of workstreams are currently underway, for example we are working with archaeologist Perry Fletcher and Hancock Forest Management Group to manage key cultural sites within the Kinleith Forest. Furthermore we will be holding interviews with kaumātua to develop a picture of how our elders have lived within and used the Raukawa landscape across the full span of their lives.

The project will weave together information relating to the Raukawa cultural landscape, alongside other historical documents and accounts to establish a pātaka mātauranga Raukawa.

For more info on how to get involved – call us on **0800 RAUKAWA (0800 728 5292)** or e-mail us on environment@raukawa.org.nz.



Gone Fishing!

Catch the ITM Fishing Show with Matt Watson Saturday's at 5:30pm on TV3.

Introducing Matt Watson (Ngāti Huri, Pikitū Marae), who is absolutely crazy about fishing!

As you will know, Matt is the talented host of the ITM Fishing Show that brings the intrigue and excitement of searching the world's oceans for adventure to our television screens. Part stuntman - part conservationist and self-confessed 'mad fisherman', Matt captures the attention of his audience by pulling off impossible catches - unbelievably big fish from ridiculously small boats.

While he's better known for leaping out of a helicopter to wrestle a marlin, Matt started fishing as most of us do with his father and grandfather as a 3 year old. At just seven years old he became the skipper of his own dinghy and started to terrorise the local fish population on the muddy flats around his home town of Weymouth.

Matt is also the founder of www.freefishheads.co.nz, it's a free website where you can register and get a good feed of fresh fish heads. Often, thousands of fish heads and frames are dumped at sea, buried in the garden or simply end up in the landfill. So Matt created a simple solution that connects kiwis together so that those who don't want their fish heads can give them to someone that does. It's a great way to conserve our fish stocks by reducing waste and encouraging the use of the entire fish – not just the fillet. So log into the website today to see who has free fish heads and frames in your local area.

The summer holidays are just around the corner, and families will be heading to the ocean to fish, gather kaimoana, and spend time with loved ones amongst the tides of Tangaroa. So take a thoughtful word from our expert Fisherman Matt who says,



www.freefishheads.co.nz

"Keep safe whānau, keep alert and stay safe out on the water. Enjoy the fun of the sea and surf by making sure that you assess the surrounding conditions, have the right equipment and right skill level for the activity"



This article is a part of our Raukawa famous sons & daughters series that celebrates the achievements of our iwi members. If you would like to nominate a person then please contact Tōmai at tomairangi.smith@rauakawa.org.nz



Supporting a Good Cause



Raukawa staff members go Pink for the Day by proudly supporting Breast Cancer Awareness month at the workplace.

Breast Cancer Awareness. Pink For a Day provides a great opportunity for workplaces across New Zealand to go pink any day in October as part of Breast Cancer Month.

It's a platform for organisations to walk the "corporate social responsibility" kōrero and build staff engagement by dressing in a cloud of pink, sharing a fuchsia feast and helping to raise the much needed funds for the New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation. You may be surprised to find out that the Foundation is not government funded, but relies on the support of everyday people to make generous donations.

Ministry of Health reports show that wahine Māori are 21% more likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer, 30% less likely to be diagnosed early and 72% more likely to die from breast cancer than non-Māori. With these statistics in mind, we encourage all women to undertake a free mammogram provided by BreastScreen Aotearoa.

This organisation is New Zealand's free national breast screening programme for women aged 45 to 69 years old. For more information on this service, call **0800 270 200** for professional and friendly advice, or visit their website at www.nsu.govt.nz.

This is our first year involved in the Pink for a Day kaupapa and we will definitely be looking forward to taking part in next year's fundraiser. The funds raised from this event have already been donated to the Breast Cancer Foundation, and it was indeed great to see a vibrant splash of colour throughout the offices. Pinky Prizes were also awarded to best dressed participants to cap off the day and the whole event was organised by members of our Business Information Team, Emere Murfitt and Jess Karipa.

If you would like to make a donation, or would like to involve your workplace in next year's event, then call the Breast Cancer Foundation on **0800 902 732** or email fundraising@nzbcf.org.nz.

Raukawa Trust Board Notice

Members registered to the Raukawa Trust Board (RTB) would have received a voting pack in October asking members to cast a vote on two proposed resolutions. Within the voting pack, you would have received information about the background of the two resolutions, instructions on how to cast a valid vote, and details about 6 information hui that were held in Tokoroa, Matamata, Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Te Awamutu in the month of November.

Voting closed on Wednesday 27 November at 5pm, and we will be publishing the official results in local newspapers and on our website www.raukawa.org.nz starting the week of Monday December 9th. The RTB would like to thank all voters for their participation in the special resolution process.

For more information contact Kim Blomfield at kim.blomfield@raukawa.org.nz or call us on **0800 RAUKAWA (0800 728 5292)**.

