

Te Kakara

o te Hinu Raukawa



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Raukawa iwi members, staff and supporters gather in front of Parliament after the third reading of our settlement legislation.

It is, as always, a pleasure to introduce Te Kakara, our Raukawa whānau pānui. This is the first edition of Te Kakara for the year.

As I write this pānui I am in the United Kingdom where I have been since the birth of my first moko, Keita, in late February. The wonders of modern technology have allowed me to stay connected to our important mahi at home with Raukawa, while supporting my daughter Whaiatua, through the first month of motherhood.

It is with great honour and pride that I am able to write the introduction to this special pānui which also provides details of the third and final reading of our Raukawa Claims Settlement Bill held in Parliament last month.

With the General Election looming in September, it was becoming increasingly unlikely that the third reading of our settlement legislation would occur this year. However, in late February an opportunity became available to have our reading on March 13. It was decided that, despite the small window to organise our whānau, that we should seize this opportunity to progress the closure of what has been a long and often arduous process for our iwi.

As a result a smaller but none the less passionate, proud and humble Raukawa delegation was in Parliament to take in the wonderful kōrero of support from across the political spectrum for our third reading and the conclusion of a process that has spanned generations of Raukawa.

Raukawa kaumātua, our Treaty Team, and supporters including South Waikato Mayor Neil Sinclair were on hand to acknowledge this momentous occasion. More kōrero about the third reading can be found on the next few pages, including more photos of this special event. The final reading marks the conclusion of our historical claims and brings some measure of closure to a long journey that was begun by our ancestors' generations ago. As a result, our settlement will become part of New Zealand law as the Raukawa Claims Settlement Act 2014.

The unity and solidarity felt during the third reading brought back fond memories of when our people gathered on June 2nd 2012 at Aotearoa Marae to sign our Deed of Settlement with the Crown. The June signing saw a powerful ceremony which brought our people together in common purpose to not only acknowledge past grievances but also to focus on building a brighter future for our iwi. It was a day that acknowledged the tragic losses that we suffered as Raukawa hapū and whānau, and provided an opportunity for us to acknowledge and celebrate those who were instrumental in achieving our settlement and yet did not live to savour the fruits of their labours.





Left: Kaumātua Ruthana Begbie and Lorna Pope with MP Denise Roche.

The third reading signals a new chapter in our history as we shift our efforts and focus towards growing opportunities for our iwi members. As we build a solid foundation for continued growth, it will always be guided by transparency, accountability, and manaakitanga as we prudently manage our trust fund to advance the collective interests of our iwi. It also marks a new era between the Crown and Raukawa, one that is shaped by mutual respect and partnership.

I would like to acknowledge our tūpuna, kaumātua, negotiators and trustees, both past and present, whose commitment and determination over many years helped achieve this momentous outcome. To George Rangitūtia, e koro, kua riro koe i te pō, engari, nei ra te mihi ki a koe, haere, haere atu ra. George played a pivotal role in bringing about a just and durable settlement for Raukawa, and his tireless work was recognised countless times by many MP's throughout the third reading.

This edition of Te Kakara provides details of the \$500,000 provided for koroua, kuia, education and marae grants. This is funding set aside to support areas of priority for our iwi. The grants provided come from profit earned from the judicious management of our assets. We urge our whānau, who qualify, to apply for grants to support their educational aspirations, or to assist our kuia/koroua, and for marae grants.

As you will all be aware, following a vote last year it was determined that hapū representative roles on the Raukawa Settlement Trust would be phased out. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge those hapū representatives Mal McKenzie, Jon Stokes, and Vicki Harrison, who concluded their terms as trustees in December.

I would like to make a special mention of Trustee and Kaumātua Basil Pakaru who also concluded his time as a hapū representative. Basil's experience will be missed at the board table, however, I know we will still be able to seek out his wisdom and knowledge to support our iwi in other ways where required in the years ahead.

Finally, I salute former Raukawa Settlement Trust Chairman and former Treaty Negotiator Chris McKenzie. Chris brings to a close an era of significant contribution in his leadership of Raukawa as he ends his time as a trustee. He too will always be a well of knowledge that we at Raukawa will continue to draw from. We wish Chris every success as he now focuses his considerable talent towards national political representation aspirations.

Nā Vanessa Eparaima
Raukawa Settlement Trust Chairperson



Raukawa Settle Historical Claims



Raukawa kaumātua, staff and supporters settling in for the pōwhiri at Parliament prior to the reading of the Raukawa Bill.



As the north wind blew across the plains of Pouakani, an old man gazed forlornly to his distant homeland. His heart lay broken atop Titiraupenga as he reflected upon the loss of his people and his lands. Quietly he passed away, tormented by the cruel actions of the Crown. E pā to hau was the opening line of the famed waiata aroha composed by Te Rangiamō for Te Wano, the chief who tragically passed as a result of the Crown's confiscation of his lands.

It therefore seems fitting, 150 years after his passing, that Raukawa kaumātua, some of whom descend from Te Wano, should stand in Parliament and sing his lament again. This time they sang not only to reflect on past grievances but also to celebrate the final passage of the Raukawa Claims Settlement Bill 2014.



Raukawa voices resonated throughout the debating chamber as parliamentarians, Crown officials and members of the public all rose and stood silently, soaking in the emotion of the occasion. Many bowed their heads in quiet contemplation and acknowledgment of the enormity of the occasion.

On the 13th March 2014, a small contingent of Raukawa kaumātua, Trustees, staff and uri attended Parliament to witness the passing of the Raukawa Claims Settlement Bill. According to Kataraina Hodge "The third reading of the Bill was pushed forward by parliament because a space became available. Although the timeframes were very tight, it was an opportunity that we had to take."

In commencing the debate of the third reading of the Raukawa Bill to the House, Minister Tariana Turia acknowledged that this time had





Sharing tears of joy at the pōwhiri at Parliament. Left: Kuia Poihaere Barrett and the parliamentary Kuia Rose Tahuparae.

been a long day coming for the people of Raukawa and that it was important for Raukawa to take stock of our achievement. She said *“The most significant milestone however, is in this day marking a place to rest, recover and restore the relationship that Raukawa has always had mai rāno with the land and waterways within their rohe”*. This she explained was important as Raukawa as an iwi had survived three major *“attacks on the human spirit”*. These attacks she explained were war and confiscation, Native Land laws and Native Land Courts, and large scale private land speculation.

MP Nanaia Mahuta was encouraged by the effort taken within Raukawa to work out the relationships within Raukawa and neighbouring iwi. She said *“There was nothing more fundamental than what was happening within Raukawa, a transformation of change to take the iwi into the future”*.

Treaty Minister, Chris Finlayson in his address paid an emotional tribute to all those kaumātua who contributed to the leadership of Raukawa. He particularly paid homage to the late George Rangitutia stating that *“This settlement is a fitting legacy for George and demonstrates all his efforts over many years for his people”*. He went on to acknowledge the history of Raukawa and the Crown. He stated *“The Crown’s failure to acknowledge the mana and rangatiratanga and the failure of the Crown to protect Raukawa interests in their customary resources and significant sites. It is a very sad history. It is a sorry list of dishonoured obligations on the part of the Crown”*.

Raukawa descendant and MP Denise Roche reflected upon the history of Raukawa and Crown interaction. In her address she stated that Raukawa were extremely generous in accepting the settlement. She said that no redress package could ever compensate for the losses of land and lives that Raukawa had suffered before continuing on to praise the efforts of the negotiations team and Raukawa leadership.

In her address, Taupō MP Louise Upston delivered a heartfelt speech that spoke to her connection to Raukawa. She said *“I am enormously proud to be your member of parliament, and I use the word very carefully and consciously.”* She went on to acknowledge the significant milestones in Raukawa’s journey to settlement. She particularly acknowledged the kōrero given by Raukawa witnesses at the Raukawa reconciliation day. Tearfully she recounted the story of Nanny Kahu Te Hiko and what had occurred to her whānau at Orakei Korako. She also smiled as she remembered the faces of shocked officials as she sat with Raukawa on the tangata whenua side at the Ministerial Accords hui in 2012.

Speaker after speaker rose in support of the passing of the Bill. When the Bill was put to the vote, the whānau in the gallery held their breath before the Speaker of House finally announced that *“The ayes have it”*. With that the Bill was passed into law. As Kuia Ruthana Begbie led the waiata, there was a collective gush of expelled air from all those in the gallery. E pā tō hau, he wini raro...indeed a gentle wind had blown in from the north.

Nā Nigel Te Hiko
Co-Negotiator



Raukawa Staff Day Out



Raukawa staff gather on top of the Kaimai Ranges for the 2013 Staff Day Out before departing to Tauranga.



Every year we gather our staff together from our main and branch offices to celebrate the achievements of the previous 12 months of hard work. The Staff Day Out is also our way to strengthen and renew our whānaungatanga as we head into a new year.

The sun and surf of Tauranga Moana was the venue chosen for the 2013 Staff Day Out. Our rōpū travelled bright and early from Tokoroa where our first stop-off was at the very top of the Kaimai Ranges for a brief history lesson about this site of significance. It was here that we also commenced the first of our five challenges – “the brain teaser, team name challenge and team costume challenge”.



With the first three challenges completed, accompanied by a tremendous amount of laughter, we were back on the bus to the Mount for our next activity – “Hīkoi around Mauao”. Extra points were granted for those who walked the steep track to the summit, a few less for the middle track and less again for the base track. As we walked the base and summit, each team was decked out in fanciful team costumes that often attracted the bewildered attention of locals and holidaymakers. Just before tucking into lunch we had an impromptu waiata challenge “Animal Xmas Jingle” which was a real show stopper with Team Party Time succumbing to the victors – Team Contagious.



After lunch, our guest speaker Antoine Coffin spoke about the rich history of this beautiful area and of Ngāti Ranginui. We really appreciated his kōrero and could have easily listened to him all day long. However, it was now time to hit the water at Pilot Bay for a bit of exercise, team building, and fun. Stand-up paddle boards, waka ama, and a floating pontoon made for some hilarious spectating and good fun all around. Alas, as the sun stretched to the west it was time to head back to Tokoroa. The Staff Day Out provided a great opportunity for our kaimahi (over 60 staff in total) to connect and get to know each other better, while having a great time and learning along the way.

As the final tally was counted, Team Life Savers took out the bragging rights until the next staff day out. Thank you to all who participated and made our day a huge success.

Nā Staff Planning
Committee





Raukawa staff enjoy a wide range of challenges and team building exercises at the annual Staff Day Out.

Taupō Great Lake Relay

18:47:53 are the magic numbers that describe the hard slog of hours, minutes and seconds that it took our team of 10 staff to cross the race line at the Taupō Great Race Relay. Our team “Raukawa Kool Running’s” walked and ran across 155kms of picturesque landscape to raise funds for the New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation and to represent our iwi organisation at this special charity event.

Participant staff member Jess Karipa said *“After we participated in the Tri Māori event at Karāpiro last year, we thought we would organise a team to enter the Taupō race....it was a well organised event and we all walked away feeling extremely satisfied with our time!”*

In our last pānui, our staff showed their true colours by dressing in Pink to support Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October last year, however, this year they truly took it up a notch. The participants were supported by two “camp mothers” – Doreen Flavell and Donna Dean, who supported the team with meals, wake up calls, and a whole lot of encouragement.

Jess says that *“...it was an awesome event where we got to represent our iwi organisation and support a worthy cause, at the moment we are now planning to enter the Rotorua half marathon in May which supports the Child Cancer Foundation.”*

Ernst Visser, our Systems and Database technician ran leg 5 and 6 of the race and started his run at 4am in pitch black skies. Ernst, an avid runner, says that *“...as I ran around the lake with other contestants there was a part where you enter the forest, the songs of birds filled the waking forest, it was great you could really feel the spirit of the whole event.”* It was still only 6:15am by the time Ernst handed over the relay to the next competitor for their leg of the race.

If you or your workplace are thinking about getting healthy, team building, and supporting a charity along the way – then visit the following link to see how you can enter a wide range of great events - www.eventpromotions.co.nz



Nā Tōmai Smith
Communications Manager





Ko te iwi Panekire me ō rātou whanaunga kei te Ara o Tāwhaki, ki Taradale. Nā Te Rāwhitiroa Bosch ngā whakaahua i tākoha mai.

Te Rangi Whakapōtae o Te Panekiretanga o te Reo

I te 15 o Hui-tanguru, karawhiua anō ai te reo karanga kia rere i te marae, i te papa tūwaewae o Te Ara o Tāwhaki, i te rohe tonu o Ngāti Kahungunu, i Taradale, ki te hunga whakaeke, kua tae mai ki Te Panekiretanga o te Reo.

He rangi tēnei kua whakatakatakā, kua whakaritea hei Hurunga mai mā te rāngai torekaihuru, arā ngā tauira hōu, hei whakanuitanga anō hoki mā ngā ika-ā-whiro kātahi anō ka whakakapi i ngā mahi kāroaroa, whēuaua o te tau, me ngā tohunga kua toru tau e taki ana i ā rātou mahi. I hou whakahei mai anō hoki te rau ngerongerō o ngā huānga me ā rātou kete mihimihi, me ā rātou rourou uruhau hoki.

Kua 14 marama te rangapū tuaiwa nei e manawanui mai ana ki te kaupapa, e whakaheke tōtā ana i ngā akomanga a ngā tautōhito o te kupu, o ā tātou tikanga, o te whakaaro Māori, arā a Timoti Kāretu, a Wharehuia Milroy rātou ko Pou Temara. Inā te nui o ngā kuru pounamu i āta whāngaihia atu e te tokotoru nei ki te whakaminenga tauira ka tau iho ai ki te pae ako o te kaupapa. He wero, he whakapātaritari katoa te hanga, i ōna wā ka tutuki, i ōna wā rānei ka kite ia i tōna kūare, hei whakapakaritanga māna, ā muri ake, ā tōna wā. Heoi anō, koia tēnei, ko te taumata puhitaioreore e whāia ana, i mōhiotia ai e te tangata i mua tonu i tāna i whakaae mai ai, i tāna i tae mai ai.

Ko tō tātou tangata, ko Louis Armstrong tētehi i whakamānawatia ki te ingoa hou, arā, te Ika-ā-whiro. Ko ngā painga ka hua mai ki a ia, ka hua tonu ki tōna rahinga o Ngāti Ahuru, o Ngāti Mahana, huri noa ki ō tātou marae e haere taunaki ai ia. Ka hua pērā mai hoki ki tō tātou whare, ki Te Poari Manaaki o Raukawa e tū nei, tae noa mai ki ā tātou kaupapa, ki te Kura Reo, ki Te Uru Raukawa, huri noa. E Tai, nau mai, hoki mai ki te ao mārama, kua hikina te taumahatanga o te tau kua hōri. Pīkauria mai ō pūkenga hei painga tonu mō te iwi, mō ō tātou marae, mō te tari me tō whānau anō hoki!

Ko Paraone Gloyne hoki tētehi i whakanuia, i tohua mai ki te ingoa ihorei o te tohunga, nā te noho manawakairoke



Ko Paraone Gloyne, Ko Wharehuia Milroy rātou ko Pou Temara.

i Te Mata Pūnenga. He tū wānanga tohunga tērā i whakaarotia mai e ngā koroua o te Panekiretanga, i whakahaeretia ai e Te Wharehuia rāua ko Pou. E ai ki a Pou, kotahi noa iho te wānanga ka pēneitia te whakahaere e rāua ko Te Wharehuia i tō rāua oranga. He aha i tua atu i tērā hei tohu i te taumata tapu o te kaupapa.

Ā kāti, ināianei kia mātai ake te titiro ki te rangapū tuangahuru o te tau, o te wā. Ko Taihākoa Maui tērā, nō Te Pae o Raukawa, nō Mōkai, nō Ongārōto kua tohua mai, kua whakaaetia mai kia haere hei torekaihuru, hei kanohi kitea i waenga i ngā paetara o Tāwhaki e tū mai raka. E tama, kia kaha rā ki a koe, kia rīrā te haere!

Heoi anō rā e te iwi, hei whakakapi ake māku. E rapu haere ana mātou ko ngā ika-ā-whiro Raukawa nei i ngā uri o Raukawa tonu e hiahia ana kia uru atu ki Te Panekiretanga o te Reo Māori hei ngā tau e heke nei. Ko tā mātou, he āwhina, he akiaki, he tautoko i te haere, he whakamahuki, whakamārama rānei i ngā nekenekehanga o te kaupapa. Mena he pātai āu kei aku rangatira, whakapā mai ki a au; charlie.tepana@raukawa.org.nz

**Nā Charlie Tepana
Kaiwhakahaere o
Te Tari Ahurea o Raukawa**



Youth Development Team



Hon. Paula Bennett visits with members of the South Waikato Social Sector Trials Advisory Group.

Minister meets Advisory Group

Minister of Social Development and Local Government, the Hon. Paula Bennett, visited Tokoroa on the 26th February, and met with members of the South Waikato SST Advisory Group (Advisory Group) at the South Waikato District Council Office. The Minister met with local Mayor Neil Sinclair before enjoying an informal round the table discussion about the progress of the Trials with members of the Advisory Group.

The Social Sector Trials involve the Ministries of Education, Health, Justice and Social Development, and the New Zealand Police working together to change the way that social services are delivered. The Trials test what happens when a local organisation or individual directs cross-agency resources, as well as local organisations and government agencies to deliver collaborative social services.

The Advisory Group is made up of 16 plus agencies and interest groups, including Raukawa, that come together in a community wide agency approach to bring about positive social initiatives for youth. The SST Trails have also been extended to 2015.

New Youth Manager Appointed

On January 20th Raukawa bid farewell to Jade Hohaia as she departed for her new role helping youth in Taumarunui. Jade was the inaugural manager of the Tokoroa Youth Social Sector Trials (SST) from its inception in 2010 until name change from its extension to the South Waikato Social Sector Trials in 2013. The Raukawa Charitable Trust wishes Jade all the very best in her endeavours.

We have appointed Marama Tahapehi into the role of the SST Youth Manager to continue the fantastic momentum that our Youth Team has built up over the last four years and to continue to drive positive outcomes for our rangatahi and the wider community. Marama was born and raised in the South Waikato and is of Waikato-Tainui, Ngāti Porou, and Danish ancestry. Marama has an extensive background in Education and Management, starting her career in early childhood and primary schools, before working in a range of tertiary institutions including Te Wānanga o Aotearoa and Waimarie Training and Development – also known as EmployNZ. Not content with the cut and thrust of the classroom, she decided to experience the rush of bureaucracy through time at the Ministry of Education, NZQA and the Tertiary Education Commission.

With firm roots in South Waikato already, Marama says that she is; *“...looking forward to working in this role forging and strengthening new bonds with the wider community and its rangatahi as the South Waikato SST Youth Team continues to encourage social positive change.”* She also goes on to say that she enjoys working with people of all ages, especially with youth through education and sports. Both Vanessa Eparaima and Kataraina Hodge Co-Interim General Manager’s look forward to working with and helping Marama settle into her new role over the coming weeks.

Nā Kataraina Hodge
Raukawa Charitable Trust
Deputy Chairperson



Raukawa 2014 Grants

investing in the future of our marae and people

This year we are honoured and privileged to be able to support the development and future of our iwi with over \$500,000 of funding. Raukawa makes a strong commitment to give back to our marae and iwi members as we prudently administer our settlement funds. We hope to continue to diversify our commercial portfolios and increase the yield of profits generated by our investment company, Raukawa Iwi Development Ltd, so that we can deliver greater support to you, our iwi members. For application forms visit www.raukawa.org.nz or enquire on 0800 Raukawa (0800 728 5292).

Education Grants | [Apply for up to \\$2000!](#)

Depending on your studies, eligible iwi members may be able to apply for up to \$2000 in education related support. Education support is available for two specific areas. The first being for Short Course / Certificates / Diplomas, and the second for Undergraduate Degrees, Postgraduate Degrees, and Masters. In order to be eligible for these two grants, please read the application and requirements carefully, and make note of each closing date. Please note that the Trust is currently reviewing its policy in regards to supporting Ph.D. students. We hope to have this completed by the end of April.

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Kuia & Koroua Wellbeing Grants | [Apply for up to \\$1000!](#)

Eligible iwi members who are aged 60 years and over are able to apply for up to \$1000 in wellbeing and health care related support. The annual grant looks towards supporting eligible iwi members by alleviating the costs associated with wellbeing and health care such as eye, dental, hearing, and podiatry treatments, GP visits, pharmacy prescriptions, and mobility equipment. Grants also extend to heating needs and ambulance fees.

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Raukawa Marae Grants | [Over \\$350,000 made Available!](#)

The Trust provides an annual marae distribution grant that supports the development and growth of our 16 marae. We have contacted each elected Marae representative about this year's annual distribution, and look forward to distributing the funds as each completed application is received.

Battle of Ōrākau

The 150th Memorial Commemoration of the Ōrākau Battle and end of the War in the Waikato recently took place over March 31st to April 3rd. The memorial obelisk marks the site of one of the best-known battles of the New Zealand Wars, popularly remembered as the last stand of Rewi Maniapoto. On March 31st 1864, Ōrākau Pā and its 300 defenders were besieged over a period of three days by some 1100 imperial and colonial troops.

“The story of the last day in Ōrākau imperishably remains as an inspiration to deeds of courage and fortitude. Nowhere in history did the spirit of pure patriotism blaze up more brightly than in that little earthwork redoubt, torn by gunfire and strewn with dead and dying. The records of our land are rich in episodes of gallant resistance to overwhelming force, but they hold no parallel to Ōrākau. Suffering the tortures of thirst, half-blinded with dust and powder-smoke,

many bleeding from wounds which there was no time to stanch, ringed by a blaze of rifle-fire, with big-gun shells and grenades exploding among them, the grim band of heroes held their crumbling fort till this hour against six times their number of well-armed, well-fed foes. Now they must retreat, but they would go as free men” - James Cowan (Historian).

About half of Ōrākau's 300 defenders were of Ngāi Tūhoe and Ngāti Raukawa, with remaining defenders coming from Ngāti Maniapoto and East Coast, Waikato and Hawke's Bay iwi. Many of these were women and children. The Battle and its annual commemoration is a time for our people and the community to come together and remember the sacrifices that were made by both sides during a time that would come to shape the very foundations of our country. For more information about annual commemorations, visit www.orakau300.co.nz



Kaingaroa Investment

Raukawa and five other central North Island iwi have joined forces to buy a 2.5% stake in New Zealand's largest forestry business, Kaingaroa Timberlands. The investment is one of the biggest ever involving an iwi collective.

The six iwi representative organisations, Ngāti Rangitihi, Ngāti Whakaue Assets and Te Arawa River Iwi Limited Partnership, Ngāti Whare, Raukawa, Te Arawa Group Holdings Limited and Tūwharetoa, have formed Kākano Investment Limited Partnership (Kākano) and purchased the stake from the New Zealand Superannuation Fund (NZ Super Fund) for an undisclosed price.

Raukawa Settlement Trust Chairperson Vanessa Eparaima has been appointed Chairperson of Kākano. Ms Eparaima said the investment was a major strategic and commercial step forward for iwi, and a win-win that ensured iwi were involved in the forestry business itself as well as being the land owner. Ninety per cent of the Kaingaroa Timberlands tree crop is on the 176,000ha of land returned by the Crown to eight central North island iwi in 2008, in the largest single Treaty settlement to date between Crown and iwi.

“Kaingaroa Timberlands is a successful enterprise which provides not only significant annual returns to shareholders, but which now, through our investment, also further enhances iwi participation at all levels of the forestry business,” Vanessa Eparaima.

Vanessa also comments that, unlike most forestry investments, the size and maturity of the Kaingaroa Timberlands forestry operation means immediate cash returns will be generated for Kākano from its investment – a key investment advantage for the collective.

Adrian Orr, Chief Executive of the NZ Super Fund said there was a strategic benefit to Kaingaroa Timberlands in having the underlying landowners take a stake in the forestry business itself. Mr Orr also says that

“The involvement of Kākano is also consistent with the NZ Super Fund’s strategy to co-invest alongside partners with similar objectives and long time horizons. Iwi are natural investment partners for the NZ Super Fund and our hope is that this deal opens up further domestic co-investment opportunities with iwi and iwi collectives.”

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This is an exciting and ground-breaking step forward for New Zealand and for the Māori economy. The deal, which was settled on 28 February 2014, reduces the NZ Super Fund’s stake in the forest from 41.25% to 38.75%. The Fund remains the largest Kaingaroa Timberlands shareholder. The other shareholders are the Public Sector Pension Investment Board (30 per cent), a Canadian Crown corporation investing funds for the pension plans of the Canadian public service, the Canadian Forces, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Reserve Force; and an affiliate of the President and Fellows of Harvard College (28.75 per cent).

Kaingaroa Timberlands is New Zealand’s largest forestry operation, covering 190,000ha of land located east of the area between Lake Taupō in the south to the Rotorua Lakes in the north. It is widely recognized as one of the world’s premier softwood plantations with attractive growth rates, close proximity to the Port of Tauranga and extensive infrastructure. Kaingaroa is managed by Rotorua-based Timberlands Ltd to international Forest Stewardship Council certification standards (www.fsc.org).





Raukawa Environmental Management Plan Rangatahi Forum

The end of January saw a Raukawa rangatahi rōpū descend on Maungatautari. A key aim of developing *Te Rautaki Taiao a Raukawa* (Raukawa Environmental Management Plan) has been to ensure rangatahi aspirations for the future of our environment are captured. But we didn't want to talk about the legacy we want to leave for tamariki and mokopuna without actually hearing their whakaaro first! The Maungatautari wānanga was one way to discuss and hear this kōrero kanohi ki te kanohi.

A pānui was sent to over one thousand 13-25 year olds on the tribal database late last year. Twenty rangatahi took up the challenge and arrived at Maungatautari bright and early, along with two parent helpers, Environment Group kaimahi and Kuia Ruthana Begbie.



The day involved a hīkoi into the ngāhere inside the 47km pest-proof fence. In this setting, the rōpū got to hear and talk about the environment and the significance of areas such as Maungatautari to Raukawa, and the rights and responsibilities that are part of that relationship. The second part of the day involved a guided tour of the wetland with its amazing free ranging takahē and ancient tuatara. The rōpū got to see and touch the skin shed by a tuatara, as well as some of the 26 metres of poo that takahē do every day!

Then it was down to the serious mahi. Rangatahi were asked to talk in smaller groups and then report back about what kaitiakitanga means to them and their aspirations for the future of the environment. The final exercise saw everyone describing one change they would make if they were Prime Minister for a day – some inspired and exciting ideas here! All in all, it was a great day out with all the rangatahi saying they'd like to do more trips like this. The project team would like to thank Ariana Paul for leading the rangatahi work and Whaea Ruthana for her support on the day.

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Freshwater Reforms

The Environment Group continues to support the RST Chair in her role in the Iwi Leaders Group in regards to the Freshwater reforms. We also made a submission on the proposed amendments to the NPS for Freshwater Management in February 2014. If you would like to see a copy of the submission please contact us on 07 885 0260 or environment@rauakawa.org.nz.





Ngā Wāhi Tūturu Fieldtrips

In late January the Environment Group hosted two fieldtrips attended by the South Waikato District Council (SWDC), members of the Hancock Forest Management (HFM) team and a wider Raukawa rūpū.

The first hīkoi took SWDC Mayor Neil Sinclair, Chief Executive Officer Craig Hobbs and HFM team members to three key sites of cultural importance within the immediate Tokoroa area. Accompanying our manuhiri were RCT Trustee Kataraina Hodge, Kaumātua Kaunihera member Ruthana Begbie and members of the RCT team. The hīkoi was intended to inform attendees as to the range of sites within our rohe, how these sites can add equally to South Waikato histories and identity, and also to educate attendees as to the complexity of land and management issues we face in caring for ngā wāhi tūturu me ngā taonga tuku iho o Raukawa across our rohe.

A couple of days later, the Environment Group hosted the SWDC planning team on a hīkoi showcasing current group work programmes, including the Raukawa Environmental Management Plan and Ngā Wāhi Tūturu projects and two wetland restoration projects. After a shared lunch, the group travelled to Pikitū Marae, where members of the Pikitū whānau gave an overview of environmental initiatives that the marae have underway or are planning for at the moment.

The hīkoi were enjoyed and appreciated by both groups, and have instilled a deeper understanding in all attendees of the ways that Raukawa and the Raukawa Charitable Trust are carrying out their respective kaitiaki roles within the rohe. Both hīkoi were extremely important for Raukawa and RCT in terms of strengthening our relationships with these key partner organisations.

Healthy Rivers Plan Change

When we were developing the Waikato River co-management framework, you - our iwi - asked to be more involved in *“making decisions around things that affect our rivers”*.

We are pleased to update you on an example of the influence and involvement we now have in caring for our rivers. As part of the co-management framework for the Waikato River, all five river iwi are now working with the Waikato Regional Council, at governance and management levels, to undertake a Regional Plan Change process. The *Healthy Rivers Plan for Change/Wai Ora He Rautaki Whakapaipai* project will work with stakeholders to develop changes to the Regional Plan (an important document under the Resource Management Act 1991) to help restore and protect the health of the Waikato and Waipā Rivers, which in turn are key to a vibrant regional economy.

It has been a decision of council and river iwi to focus the first part of the regional plan review around the Waikato and Waipā Rivers, and to focus that review on several key issues: sediment, bacteria, and nutrients entering water bodies, including ground water. Additionally, the project is being carried out in a ‘new’ way of working with the community which is called a ‘Collaborative Process’. A group of 25 people representing the breadth of the Waikato community and key stakeholders (the CSG) have been selected to help develop the plan change from its inception. RCT staff and our RCT Trustee co-governance representative Kataraina Hodge, will work closely with this group and keep you updated as work progresses.

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Waikato Regional Schools Ki-o-Rahi Tournament

On March 12th over 14 schools gathered at the Tokoroa Oval to battle it out at the Waikato Regional Schools Ki-o-Rahi Tournament.

This annual fixture is in its fifth year and has grown substantially since its first tournament hosted in Waikato. The tournament is organised by an association of Hauraki, Waikato, Maniapoto and Raukawa organisations who have come together to promote the traditional sport and advance its growth throughout the wider Waikato region. Members include the Raukawa Charitable Trust, Sport Waikato, Ngā Miro Health, Te Korowai o Hauraki and Te Wharekura Māori o Rakaumangamanga.

Teams played 12 rounds, with the finals seeing recent newcomer Cambridge High School play against reigning national title holders Rakaumanga. After an action packed game, victory went to Rakaumanga by a small margin (16-12). One of the Raukawa organisers of the event, KC Maaka, said that

“....it was a great day for our rangatahi and for the revival of our traditional sport. The collaboration of our organising members really added to the success of the day and the grounds were superb for this type of tournament. Cambridge High School did exceptionally well given that they are in their third year of being involved with Ki-o-Rahi, compared to the national title holders Rakaumanga who have 10 years plus of experience.”

The organising association is still relatively new; nonetheless, their shared commitment and passion for Ki-o-Rahi and the promotion of healthy living is what drives their collaboration to bring about this annual tournament for our rangatahi. With half of the schools coming from the Raukawa rohe, the sport's recent revival shows no limits.

KC also commented that *“...it's a great sport that everyone can join, I am really looking forward to next year's tournament and I would like to thank all participating schools, coaches, and also the South Waikato District Council for ensuring that the 2014 event was a major success.”*





What is Ki-o-Rahi

Ki-o-Rahi is the modern term for ancient forms of ball play on fields with central tupu and boundary pou. Ki-o-Rahi as a modern sport is drawn from traditional pre-European Māori ball games where two teams of eight players play on a circular field divided into zones, and score points by touching the ‘pou’ (boundary markers) and hitting a central ‘tupu’ or target. It’s a fast paced contact sport that requires sharp offensive and defensive tactics, and involves imaginative handling and swift inter passing of a “ki” (ball). When watching for the first time, one could say that the traditional game shares skill sets similar to Australian Rules, rugby union, touch and netball.

In times of old, an iwi or hapū which had especially strong and fit ball players could sometimes be solicited for help by another tribe preparing for war. A messenger would present a “ki” or “poi” to the Rangatira, which would represent an invitation to join the iwi or hapū in battle. The game itself spread to continental Europe during World War II when Māori soldiers, many from the 28th Māori Battalion, played the traditional game on foreign soil and beaches. Both Italian and French soldiers and citizens shared in the knowledge of the game and some French soldiers from the Seine-Maritime region took the game home with them. Many of their descendants continue to play the traditional game.

Today, the game is enjoying a strong comeback, and can be found in many high schools around the country. It has also made significant traction in the United States and United Kingdom.

How to get involved

If you’re interested in learning more about Ki-o-Rahi, or would like to get your child or moko into the sport, then call us to talk more with KC Maaka our Health Promotion, Nutrition, and Physical Activity Co-ordinator. For the past three years KC has been reviving the sport in our rohe with regular Ki-o-Rahi modules and tournaments. For those in year 9 & 10 who are new to the sport, be sure to join us for the Waikato Y9 & Y10 Ki-o-Rahi Tournament on Nov 12 at the Tokoroa Oval. For more info on the event and how to get involved contact us on 0800 Raukawa or e-mail us on info@rauakawa.org.nz.

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Raukawa Governance

Keeping our people informed and involved

Raukawa Settlement Trust Board

The resolution, passed by registered members, to disestablish the hapū representative positions to the Raukawa Settlement Trust Board came into effect on 10 December 2013. The downsizing of the governance structure from 26 trustees to 16 trustees will allow the Board to operate more efficiently, reduce cost and refine the lines of communication to marae. The current RST Trustees are:

TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES	
Trustee Representative	Marae
Vanessa Eparaima – Executive Chair	Mōkai (Pakaketaiari)
Miriata Te Hiko	Ongāroto
Cheryl Pakuru	Ūkaipō
Jennifer Bubby Hughes	Tāpapa
Wiremu Winika	Ruapeka
Dawn Glen	Rengarenga
Waimatao Smith	Tangata
Wilfred O'Brien	Ngātira
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Deb Davies	Pikitū
Rina Lawson	Mangakāretu
Laurence Moeke	Paparaamu
Kataraina Hodge	Whakamārama
Connie Hui	Aotearoa
John Edmonds	Owairaka (Rāwhitiroa)
Gaylene Roberts	Pārāwera (Te Taumata)

Notice of General Meeting

The Raukawa Charitable Trust will be calling a General Meeting within the next quarter to review suggested changes made to the RCT Deed. More details will be sent to members and advertised in local papers once a date has been confirmed.

Register with Raukawa

To be eligible for Education Grants or Kuia & Koroua Wellbeing Grants, you must first be registered to the Raukawa Settlement Trust. Call 0800 Raukawa today to register or update your current details.

Raukawa Trust Board – Special Resolutions Outcome

The special resolution ballot held by the Raukawa Trust Board towards the end of 2013 saw registered members unanimously agree to recognise the Raukawa Settlement Trust (RST) as the Mandated Iwi Organisation (MIO). Te Ohu Kaimoana Trust Limited has confirmed that the RST have met the Māori Fisheries Act 2004 requirements and approved the transfer of the fisheries settlement quota and income shares from RTB to RST.

This process is part of the steps that, the RTB alongside the RST, are working towards to complete the merging of our entities and consolidating assets for the benefit of all members registered with RTB. In time, a General Meeting will be called of all members registered with RTB to vote on the future plans of the RTB. More details will be sent to members and advertised in local papers once a date has been confirmed.

