

Te Kakara

o te Hinu Raukawa



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Te Kura Reo o Raukawa

Strengthening our Reo through Marae-based Wānanga



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The Raukawa team preparing for closing submissions for the CNI adjudication process. From left, Nigel Te Hiko, Baden Vertongen, Vanessa Eparaima.

Welcome to the winter edition of Te Kakara. Winter marks the arrival of Matariki a time to reflect on the past and look to the future. The marking of Matariki has seen a revival in recent years which has coincided with a broader renaissance and appreciation for the taonga that is Te Ao Māori.

It is a reflection of this renaissance that has continued for our iwi Raukawa, in part supported and enhanced by the return of some of the resources and assets through the Treaty of Waitangi settlement process. As you will know from our last edition of Te Kakara, our historical claims settlement legislation passed into New Zealand law earlier in the year. We are in the early stages of post settlement development, and we are making careful early steps to returning our people as a major social, cultural and economic force in our tribal rohe.

I would like to take this time to acknowledge and applaud the success of Mōtai Tangata Rau, ably led by Paraone Gloyne, who took out the 2014 Tainui Waka Kapa Haka competition earlier this year. This was a momentous event for the team and the work, commitment and skill shown by our whānau is a credit to them. My congratulations go out to the entire team.

I was humbled to join with many of our people, who were among the hundreds, including Prime Minister John Key and Governor-General Jerry Mateparae, who took part in the 150th anniversary commemoration of the battle of Ōrākau, the most significant battle of the New Zealand wars which took place in 1864. The

commemoration was held on Arapuni Road south east of Kihikihi in the Waikato.

The battle was a tragedy which saw the loss of many of our ancestors who fought alongside Maniapoto, Waikato, Tūwharetoa, Tūhoe and Tauranga Moana. The battle saw the loss of life of half of the 300 brave fighters who stood against a colonial force of 1500 troops. The battle marked the final clash of the Waikato land wars.

I would like to welcome and acknowledge Koro Wikeepa (Ngāti Awa/Ngāti Ruawai) who started as the Raukawa Charitable Trust (RCT) General Manager in May. Koro brings an impressive range of skills to the role of general manager and I know that staff and trustees are looking forward to working with Koro as he transitions into his new role.

Lastly, I would also like to take the time to welcome Marama Tahapehi who was appointed Youth Service Manager earlier this year. Marama similarly brings a wealth of experience and has been a valuable addition to our management team. Marama and her team feature among the range of reports in this edition of Te Kakara, I encourage you to take some time to enjoy the progress of our Raukawa units and our iwi.

Nā Vanessa Eparaima
Raukawa Settlement Trust Chairperson



Queen's Birthday Honour

We would like to congratulate Vanessa Eparaima for being recently made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to Māori and her invaluable work for the Raukawa Group.

At first, Vanessa was rather uneasy about the honour and was almost about to turn it down. After talking with kaumātua, Vanessa finally decided to accept the honour on behalf of Raukawa.

She said there were so many others who had put their "heart, soul and life working with their people...Everything I do has been done with a group of very experienced people and I have been given great guidance by our kaumātua so this is more a recognition of Raukawa," Mrs Eparaima said.

The New Zealand Royal Honours system is the system of orders, decorations and medals which are awarded to recognise achievements of, or service by, New Zealanders or others in connection with New Zealand. For a full list of 2014 recipients, please visit gg.govt.nz

Raukawa set for New Branding Launch this Year

The Raukawa Settlement Trust (RST) and the Raukawa Charitable Trust (RCT) are delighted to announce that we will be launching a long awaited rebrand and communications strategy that is all about improving how we communicate with our iwi members and stakeholders.

Both entities have undertaken a lengthy and well considered consultation process to bring about a necessary rebrand strategy for both organisations. Over the remainder of 2014, we will be looking to implement our new look and feel branding strategy, however, our core commitment of providing quality services to our iwi members and the wider community will continue as usual.

This strategic process began in late 2012 and sought to affect a visual and organisational branding change to help each entity to not only distinguish ourselves from the wider groups of iwi providers and post settlement entities, but to also bring about a larger strategy to help us better communicate with you, our iwi members and stakeholders.

The current logo is held by our Kaumātua Kaunihera; and will also serve as a continual historical reminder of

our early beginnings as the Ngāti Raukawa Trust Board in 1987.

Our shift in branding also reflects the renewed focus of the Raukawa Group as a whole, which is comprised of the RST, the RCT, and also our investment company RIDL. As a post settlement group, Raukawa now enjoys better capacity, resources and a strengthened resolve to focus its efforts away from historical negotiations, but towards a new horizon of positive growth and development for our iwi.

Over the coming months you can expect that a whole range of mediums will start to change out, such as new building signage, vehicle signage, print publications and online communications. For more info or queries about our brand change, please contact our Communications Manager Tomairangi.Smith@rauakawa.org.nz

Kia Mau Kia Ora!

- Education Grants
- Kuia & Koroua Wellbeing Grants
- Marae Grants

We would like to encourage all eligible iwi members to apply for grants. Grants for Undergraduate Degrees, Postgraduate Degrees, and Masters have closed for the year; however they will reopen from January to February 2015. Funding for Kuia & Koroua Wellbeing Grants is still available throughout the year and submitted applications are considered bimonthly. For more info call us on our free phone 0800 RAUKAWA or visit www.raukawa.org.nz to download an application form.

New General Manager



“...it’s all about providing quality outcomes that resonate best with our iwi members...”

On April 30, kaumātua, staff, and trustees gathered at the Tokoroa main office to provide a warm welcome to our newly appointed General Manager, Koro Wikepa. Koro brings an impressive range of skills to the role, with almost 30 years’ of experience in financial, corporate and business management positions across the commercial and public sector.

Koro will be leading our management team and staff here at the Raukawa Charitable Trust (RCT) as we move into the next phase of our development. Koro says that he looks forward to consolidating the immense progress that Raukawa has currently achieved to date and looks forward to further progressing our systems and structure to ensure a vibrant and successful iwi organisation.

Koro is a proven leader who brings a strong skill set and invaluable experience working with and for a wide range of Māori organisations across a range of senior management positions including the health, education and finance sectors. With such a robust background in business and leadership, Koro is driven by clear expectations around best practise and smart strategies to achieve the best potential for the RCT.

Prior to his appointment, Koro worked for Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi as General Manager Corporate and also for the Waikato Institute of Technology in Hamilton as Chief Financial Officer. In terms of qualifications, he holds a Bachelor of Commerce and Administration from Victoria University and is also a qualified chartered accountant.

His appointment followed a robust employment process which attracted a high calibre and number of applicants. The recruitment panel included the Raukawa Settlement

Trust Chairperson Vanessa Eparaima, RCT Deputy Chairperson Kataraina Hodge, Kaumātua Ruthana Begbie and Basil Pakaru, and employment specialist Michelle De Beer.

After his initial pōwhiri, Koro says that “I was moved by the warmth of the welcome that I and my whānau received. It was something that really resonated with me, everyone is extremely friendly here”.

It’s been almost two months now since his transition into the helm of the RCT, and when asked about his aspirations for further strengthening the organisation he says that

“...it’s all about providing quality outcomes that resonate best with our iwi members, it’s a journey that I am personally looking forward to as our staff and senior management team work together to deliver the best possible outcomes for Raukawa.”

The RCT is the health and social development arm of the Raukawa Group and employs over 60 staff members who deliver over 30 services, projects and initiatives throughout the South Waikato. The RCT is based in Tokoroa, with three branch offices in Putaruru, Te Awamutu and Matamata. Today, the RCT is one of the largest Māori health and social service providers in the country.



Youth Development Team



CLUBsters pose for a photo during their weekly CLUBs night in Tokoroa.

Strengthening our Community

The South Waikato Social Sector Youth Trials (Trials) coordinates cross agency resources, local organisations and government agencies to deliver collaborative social services. The Raukawa Charitable Trust is one of 16 providers involved in Trials, which are funded by the Ministry of Development. I am pleased to say that the 34 Youth Interventions that we have implemented have made a significant impact in the South Waikato District.

The Trials focus on reducing youth truancy, offending, alcohol and drug abuse, and increasing greater participation in education, training and employment. Here in the South Waikato, the Trials have been extended to 2015; also the shift in focus from 12-18 year olds to 5-18 year olds will encourage an early intervention approach.

An integral part of the Trials is Youth Workers in Schools (YWIS). YWIS mentors young people with the aim of improving their overall wellbeing and creating positive social changes in their home and at school. Their work is unique as they engage with rangatahi during their own time to help them identify and overcome challenges and

work towards achieving their own aspirations. Search [Tokoroa Youth Hub](#) on You Tube to learn more about the fantastic mahi undertaken by the YWIS Team.

Another key initiative that drives the progress of the Trials is the Community Youth Hub. We often find that providing a safe, youth friendly and positive community space for young people is essential towards helping them grow and reach their potential. Our Community Youth Hub provides just that, it's a unique space where rangatahi can engage with positive role models in a facility designed to help foster their creativity and self-confidence.

The Youth Team will continue to drive positive social change throughout the South Waikato as we work towards strengthening our community; we look forward to bringing you more of our progress in the next edition of Te Kakara.

Nā Marama Tahapehi
South Waikato SST Project Manager

CLUBs
Youth Mentoring Programme

Making a Positive Difference!

CLUBs is a fun, dynamic, loving and safe environment for young people aged 12 to 18 years old to hang out with their peers and learn new things that are youth oriented. CLUBs happens every Tuesday from 5:30pm (pick up times) to 9:00pm (drop offs) at Te Pūtahi ki Te Kaokaoroa o Pātetere 71 Ashworth St Tokoroa. Call **0800 RAUKAWA** to learn more on how to become a CLUBster!

Health & Social Services

Tree Planting Strengthens Collaboration within the Local Health Sector

Raukawa Health and Social Services, along with several other local health providers gathered on April 1st to plant a symbolic tree at the Tokoroa Medical Centre in anticipation of its official opening later that day by Minister of Health Tony Ryall.

The new centre aims to increase the viability of health services in rural areas, as well as providing a more convenient grouping of health providers for local patrons. Local GP's, our Kaumātua Mirimiri Service and a range of other services will be offered from the newly renovated ward 4 space.

Four trees were planted by the participating health providers, our delegation planted a Raukawa sapling to commemorate the event. Raukawa also provided aesthetic design services for the new Centre which can be seen on the artwork of its windows and throughout the facility.



Totara Initiative Gets Underway

An initiative aimed at providing for long-term Raukawa cultural resilience commenced recently in the Kinleith Forest east of Tokoroa. One of our key external stakeholders Hancock Forest Management (HFM), members of the Kaumātua Kaunihera, uri and the Environment Team have been working together to develop a number of dedicated Totara plantation areas within the wider plantation forest.

These stands of Totara will be planted on land administered by HFM, however the mature trees will be exclusively for Raukawa to culturally harvest. The project is an inter-generational one, with trees that will be planted over the next five years ready for harvest in the first decade of 2100. With sustainable harvesting, the project seeks to make Raukawa self-sufficient in its Totara needs for whakairo, repairs of existing whareniui and new building projects. Herein lays the connection to Raukawa future cultural resilience – ensuring

Environment Group

that subsequent Raukawa generations will have their cultural timber needs provided for.

Costs of the project will be shared equally by HFM and the Raukawa Charitable Trust, with management of the plantations to be undertaken by HFM forest expertise. Crown forest research agency SCION is also involved in planning and sourcing of the trees, and these plantations will provide research opportunities that will be of benefit to other Māori groups that wish to embark on similar ventures.

Ceremonial planting of a small number of totara specimens took place early May immediately adjacent to a significant wetland area (Kaikore Roto) south-east of Ngātira Marae. This first plantation has been named Waione after the traditional name of the surrounding area, with remaining Totara to be planted in 2017.

Nā Steph O'Sullivan
Environment Group Manager

Te Kura Reo o Raukawa 2014

I te 27 o ngā rā i te marama o Paenga-whāwhā i pōi mai ai te mātotorutanga e takahi ana i te ara ki te reo kia tika, ki te reo kia rere, ki te reo kia Māori.

Ko te reo tonu te kuru pounamu ka ngaro i roto i te wā i te korenga o tūmatanui e hurikiko mai ai. He wā pea tōna ka eke te reo ki tō te moa ngaro, engari kāore tētehi mea kotahi i tae atu ki te Kura Reo o Raukawa i paku whakaae ki ō te ware huatau. Kī kē mai nei a te pionga tangata, “ko kūware kē te mea ka ngaro,” ā, ka toko ake a ngākaunui i roto i te hunga i tere pīpī whākao mai ai ki te Kura Reo.

Ko te taenga tuatahitanga tēnei o Kīngi Kiriona ki a mātou hei kaiako. Ko harikoa rāua ko matakuihui ōna hoa haere. I a ia e kōrero ana ko whakarongo pīkari ā mātou mahi.

Nō te Rātū ka tau iho mai a kōnehunehu rāua ko māeke. E ngana ana rāua ki te whakapōnānā i tā mātou kaupapa. Ehara! I ponitakatia nei mātou e ngā ringa tutungi ahi, arā, ko Timoti Kāretu, Pānia Papa, Pakake Winiata, Ngāringi Kātīpa, Jarred Boon, Kīngi Kiriona, Paraone Gloyne rātou ko Tiare Tepana. Nō reira me pēwhea e kore ai e rongō i te pūāhurutanga o te noho ahakoa te anu mātao kei waho.

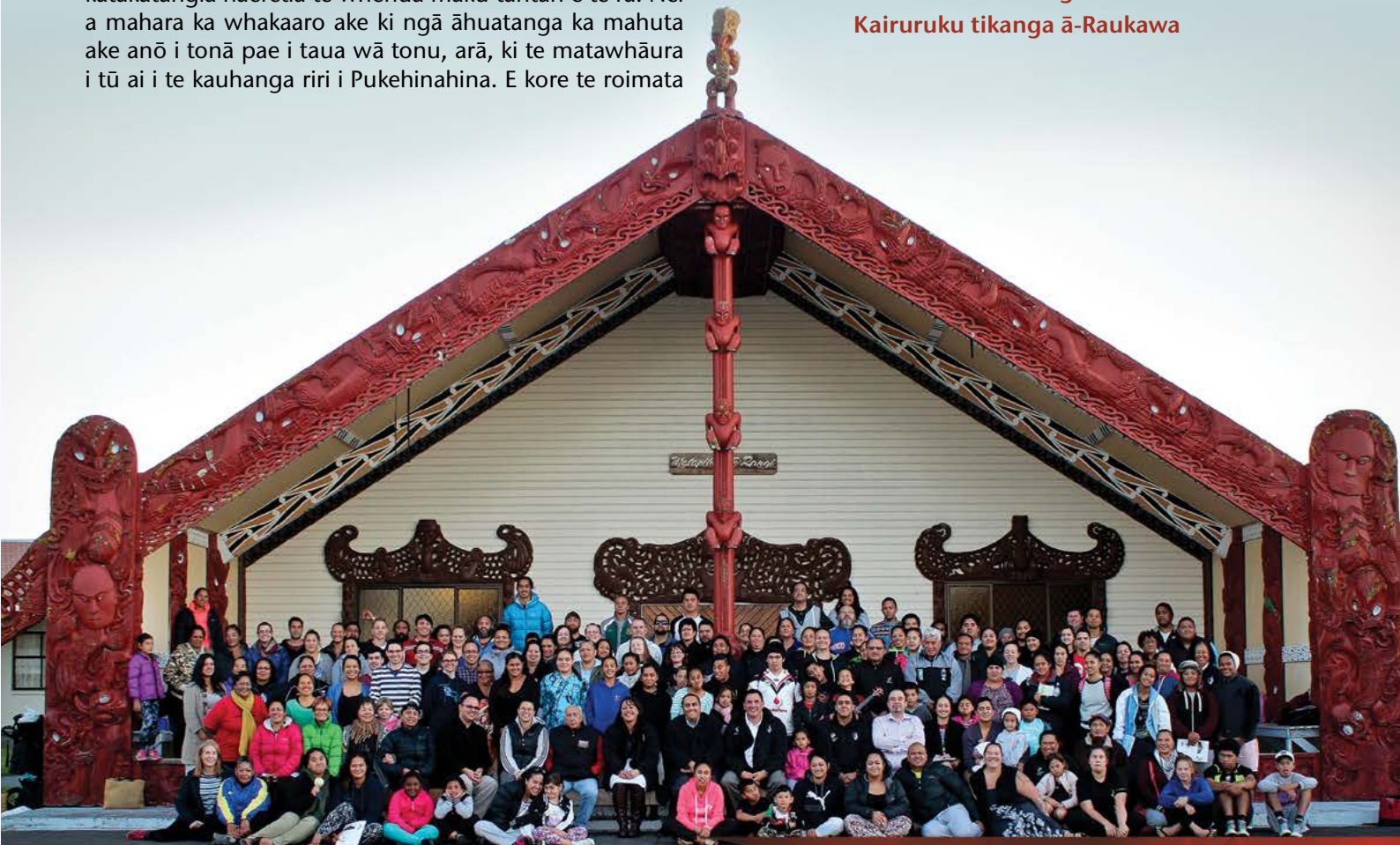
Ko te paki o Hewa ngā rangi nō muri mai. Nā konā i katakatangia haeretia te whenua mākū taritari e te rā. Nei a mahara ka whakaaro ake ki ngā āhuatanga ka mahuta ake anō i tonā pae i taua wā tonu, arā, ki te matawhāura i tū ai i te kauhanga riri i Pukehinahina. E kore te roimata

nei e māhaki i te pākikini o te ate, i te rau tangata i taka me he rau tītapu ka riro. Ko te tū ngātahi tērā o Ngāi Māori, o whea waka, o whea waka kei mua i te aroaro o ngā ringaringa me ngā waewae o te Kāwanatanga.

Kei noho tātou ka whakaaro kua mutu kē te pakanga. Kei te whawhaitia tonutia e ngā uri o rātou i hinga atu i ngā tau 150 o mua. Mō te aha te take, mō te mana motuhake, te whenua me te reo. Ko ngā mea e toru i puritia whānuitia i te wā i tū ai ngā pakanga. Kua tāharahara haere, kua tānoa haere, kua tāromaroma te reo, me te aha paraheahea ana, tērā te nuinga o ngā waihotanga iho.

Heoi, ehara i te mea e kore e taea te pēwhea. Mā te manawa kai roke, mā te ringa whawhati kō, mā ngā kaupapa pēnei i ngā Kura Reo e whakamāui ake ai te reo me ōna āhuatanga katoa. Hei aha rā, hei kaiwharawhara mō te pūtiki, hei māpihi maurea mō ngā taringa. Kia kī noa atu au i konei, e kore a muri e hokia. Nō reira, kia kaha rā tātou o muri nei kia kore ai tēnei huia kaimanawa e ngaro, kātahi rā te parekura ko tērā.

**Nā Louis Armstrong
Kairuruku tikanga ā-Raukawa**



Governance Notices

Raukawa Charitable Trust - Proposed Changes to the Deed

After a review of the RCT Deed, the RCT Board has proposed amendments that require Uri members' approval. The amendments relate to clauses 4.1 - 4.3 of the RCT Deed. The changes allow for a reduced number of trustees appointed to the RCT Board, which aligns with the reduced number of trustees now sitting at the RST (as already approved by uri) and also provides for the ability to appoint independent trustees (a maximum of 2).

A Special General Meeting will be called once a date has been confirmed. For your information, the RCT Deed Amendment table and a copy of the RCT Deed is available on www.raukawa.org.nz

Raukawa Trust Board – Transition to Wind up

The RTB continues to work on the agreed transition plan that was put in place in 2008. The transition plan revolves around the following steps:

1. Establish a new Post Settlement Group Entity
2. Uri approve the transfer of the Mandated Iwi Organisation (MIO) status from RTB to the new PSGE
3. Assets attached to MIO status to be transferred to new PSGE
4. Wind up of the RTB Commercial Board – ROTAB
5. Wind up of Raukawa Trust Board

Steps 1-4 have been successfully completed. For step 5, a Special General Meeting will be held to seek RTB Uri members approval to dissolve the RTB. This will complete the transition plan. More information will be provided once a date for the meeting has been confirmed.

CNI Mana Whenua

“To find a way forward is a huge challenge.” This was the sentiment echoed recently during the presentations to the CNI Adjudication hearing held in Rotorua. On the 1st May 2014 the Raukawa Treaty team presented the Raukawa mana whenua claims within the Reporoa Crown Forest Licensed lands located within the Kaingaroa Forest estate.

Appearing before the three man Panel were speakers, Raukawa Treaty Manager Nigel Te Hiko, RST Chair Vanessa Eparaima and legal advisor Baden Vertongen. Supporting the team were Trustees, kaumātua, uri and staff. Vanessa Eparaima states *“Raukawa have been one of the iwi in CNI that have not wanted to be part of this day of adjudication... however this day is upon us and we have chosen to take this day and look upon it as an opportunity to provide our kōrero and to have our kōrero recorded”*.

Treaty Team

The CNI mana whenua adjudication process began in earnest in April 2014 with a week of opening statements by each of the interested iwi. This was followed by site visits and a week of oral presentations given by each of the iwi that focused on respective mana whenua interests. From 9 June 2014 the CNI iwi will present closing submissions before the Panel. The Panel will adjourn to consider the evidence and produce their findings. We expect that a decision will be advised by the end of June 2014.

Nā Nigel Te Hiko
Treaty Manager/Co-negotiator

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