

# TE KAKARA

Te Kakara o te Hinu Raukawa - Your Raukawa Iwi Newsletter

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Ngā Rauemi Hou



Community Youth Hub



Kuia Koroua Wellbeing

# RST Chair Message



**Welcome to the Summer edition of Te Kakara. 2014 has been another year of progress and the achievement of key milestones for our iwi, and it is a pleasure for me to introduce the final pānui for this year.**

**T**his time of year is the season where we prepare for Christmas and time to share with our whānau. It is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the year and to take pause before considering the year ahead.

There are so many highlights and people to acknowledge, and the space I have to provide my thoughts would never be enough to capture the essential people who have played a huge part in the year of further progress and momentum for Raukawa.

This year we welcomed Koro Wikeepa as the Raukawa Charitable Trust General Manager. Koro has hit the ground running and has done admirably in getting up to speed with the key aspects and the diversity of our various business groups.

On the 13th of March 2014, a delegation of our people travelled to Parliament to witness the passing of the third reading of our settlement legislation. The settlement included an agreed historical account, Crown acknowledgments and apology to Raukawa, and financial redress. The vote in Parliament, which gave effect to our Treaty settlement with the Crown, was greeted by a waiata from those Raukawa members present. It was a moving moment and one to cherish for all our iwi, as we turned our sights from the long and arduous process to seek justice for the wrongs inflicted on our people and the losses endured to focusing on the opportunities before us to lift the cultural, social and economic opportunities for our people.

In the weeks following the third reading of our settlement legislation the country was reminded of the devastation meted against our ancestors, when the nation's eyes focused on the 150th anniversary commemoration of the Battle of Ōrākau. I was proud to be among a delegation from Raukawa who joined the hundreds of people, including Prime Minister John Key and Governor-General Jerry Mateparae, to mark this significant event. The Battle of Ōrākau, the most renowned of the New Zealand Wars, took place in 1864. It was a tragedy which saw the loss of many of our ancestors who fought alongside our iwi relations from Ngāti Maniapoto, the East Coast, Waikato and Hawke's Bay. Three hundred brave men, women and children stood against a colonial force of 1500 troops in the final battle of the Waikato Land Wars. We must never forget the ultimate sacrifice made by our courageous ancestors, and it is a reminder of the importance of every aspect of our settlement. It underlines the duty we have to serve Raukawa to the best of our ability.

A key story in this edition of Te Kakara is about the investment provided to our whānau through the Kuia & Koroua Wellbeing grants. These grants, alongside our education and marae grants, are provided each year from the distribution made by our commercial company, Raukawa Iwi Development Ltd (RIDL).

It is pleasing to see the benefits flowing to our iwi members as a result of our grants policy. As an iwi, we have grappled long and hard with how we are best able to distribute fairly to our people when we have such high and





One of the major highlights of the year was the passing of our Treaty settlement into New Zealand law in March 2014.  
Left: Kaumātua Ruthana Begbie and Lorna Pope with MP Denise Roche.

varied needs in contrast to the limited pūtea that we are able to distribute. As an organisation, we look to improve the lives of our people and our communities through the many health and social development initiatives that we provide throughout the South Waikato and surrounding areas. We also look to ensure that we are having our say and playing our part to protect and nurture our natural environment for this and future generations.

Our cultural team works to enhance knowledge and use of our Reo Māori and our Raukawatanga. Our treaty team works to ensure that the injustices of the past inflicted against our tūpuna are acknowledged and that our histories and our voice is heard in righting the wrongs of the past.

We have received the bulk of our settlement assets and monies. RIDL has been put to work to manage these assets, to protect and to grow our collective iwi wealth for this and future generations. Each year more than \$2 million is distributed to support our people through grants and programmes and also our governance, with the remainder of profits returned to the company to continue its growth. Overtime the distribution will continue to grow.

In October iwi members voted to wind up the Raukawa Trust Board (RTB) at a special General Meeting held in Putaruru. As notified, this resolution was passed with the implementation of this decision being planned.

Amendments to clauses 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 of the Raukawa Charitable Trust (RCT) Deed as presented at a special general meeting was also received and put to vote. This

resolution was also approved by uri. The RCT Deed will be amended to reflect the approved changes and sent to the NZ Charities Commission for registration.

The heart and focus of the RTB will always be with us; therefore, it is a timely opportunity to acknowledge the visionaries who set Raukawa on our new direction with the formation of the RTB in 1987.

Raukawa has made immense progress in the almost 30 years since the creation of the RTB. We have made proud strides in working to improve the opportunities for our people and to ensure our voice is heard by those who make decisions that impact on our communities.

We have achieved much, yet we have much to do and an exciting future before us. I would like to take this time to acknowledge all those who went before us, who laid the foundations, and who set the standards and the focus which will continue as the driving force for the RST now and into the future.

I would also like to take this time to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all the very best for the New Year. I thank you all individually for the support provided to myself and to all on our board, and our staff. I acknowledge the collective goodwill from all our Raukawa whanaunga that empowers us to continue our positive progress. **Raukawa kia mau, kia ora - A Thriving Raukawa Iwi.**

**Nā Vanessa Eparaima**  
**Raukawa Settlement Trust Chairperson**



# A Year in Highlights



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



## Sept 2013 - Joint Management Agreements (JMA)

Five Joint Management Agreements were signed with the South Waikato, Waipā, Taupō, Rotorua and Otorohanga District Councils. The JMA's will work to restore and protect the health and wellbeing of the Waikato and Waipā Rivers for present and future generations.



## Oct 2013 – New Representation Structure Approved

Trustees and Uri approve a structural change that promotes better efficiency and refines our board numbers from 26, made up of hapū and marae representatives to one of 16 marae representatives.



## Oct/Nov 2013 – Celebrating Te Reo Māori

The Raukawa Māori Language Awards were held in October, also the Raukawa Charitable Trust won recognition at the National Māori Language Awards for their work within the community category, particularly for our mahi in providing Te Uru Raukawa, Te Kura Reo o Raukawa and Ngā Tohu Reo Māori o Raukawa.



## Dec 2013 – MIO Approval

The Raukawa Settlement Trust, with Uri approval, became the Mandated Iwi Organisation (MIO) for Raukawa in relation to the Māori Fisheries Act.



## Jan 2014 – REMP Rangatahi Forum

Twenty rangatahi attend the forum held at Maungatautari which aimed to ensure rangatahi aspirations for the future of our environment are captured as we work towards completing our Raukawa Environmental Management Plan (REMP).

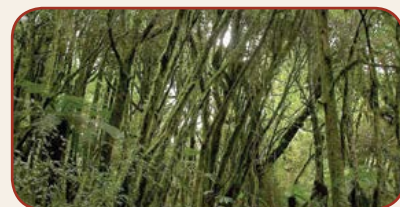




*Te Kura Reo o Raukawa held at Papa o Te Aroha Marae in Tokoroa is an annual highlight where 120 students gathered to further develop their language skills.*

### **Feb 2014 – CNI Forests Agreement**

Our Treaty Group was successful in finalising an agreement on two Central North Island forests with Ngāti Tūwharetoa.



### **Feb 2014 – Kāingaroa Investment**

Six central North Island iwi, including Raukawa, 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.



### **Mar 2014 – Treaty Settlement & Battle of Ōrākau**

Raukawa uri celebrate the third and final reading of our Treaty settlement in Parliament, which gives legal affect to our settlement. March also saw the 150th Commemoration of the Battle of Ōrākau.



### **April 2014 – Te Kura Reo o Raukawa**

Over 120 students gathered at Papa o te Aroha Marae in Tokoroa for the annual week long Kura Reo wānanga. The annual course provides marae-based Māori language immersion to further develop and revitalise our reo.



### **May 2014 – Totara Legacy Project Gets Underway**

Stands of Totara are being planted on land administered by Hancock Forest Management over the next five years, the trees will be exclusively for Raukawa to harvest for cultural purposes as the trees come to maturity.



# General Manager

Since joining the Raukawa Charitable Trust (RCT) earlier this year I continue to be amazed by the capacity and drive of this organisation to strive for positive outcomes for the iwi. Raukawa is fortunate indeed to have very passionate, skilled and experienced managers and staff to successfully deliver a wide range of services to our people. It is certainly a privilege for me to lead the RCT staff as we do our part in driving forward the long term vision and strategic goals of the wider organisation.

This pānui will provide you with highlights of what has been occurring over the past six months, but I thought I might mention some of the activities we have undertaken. I would like to acknowledge the work completed by all the RCT business units over the last two quarters and I particularly want to thank Lulu and the Health and Social Services Group who are currently undertaking a review of their services and exploring opportunities to improve those services to the iwi. I also congratulate Steph and the Environment Group as they continue to progress the Raukawa Environment Management Plan (REMP).

Over the past few months I have availed myself of the opportunity to learn more about the iwi that we serve. To this end, I was fortunate to join our RST Chair Vanessa Eparaima and Treaty Group Manager, Nigel Te Hiko, during a presentation where we covered topics such as; why we entered the Treaty process, what the Raukawa Treaty settlement is and what it is not, who the settlement is for and the principled approach taken by our iwi in achieving its settlement by maintaining a collective, holistic approach.

In response to this, Nigel in his presentation spoke about Raukawa history and Crown actions against the iwi. He talked about the Crown apology and the importance of that defining moment, giving Raukawa the opportunity to remember the past and move into the future. Nigel also said that the settlement provided compensation to us for the Crown's wrong-doing and that this pūtea provided Raukawa with the resources to recover from the impact of past Crown actions and take steps to achieve our cultural, social and economic aspirations.

He went on to explain that the settlement was not about Raukawa being the answer for all the social woe within the wider community. Nor was the settlement a warrant for local and national government to abdicate their responsibilities to Raukawa. As Nigel said *"We are citizens of this country"*.

These have been exciting times for me as the General Manager of a vibrant and progressive organisation that is the RCT. I look forward to continuing the positive mahi of our organisation, and I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.



**Nā Koro Wikeepa**  
**Raukawa Charitable Trust General Manager**



# Kuia & Koroua Wellbeing Grants



Left: Landells Douglas and wife Rangiauraki are both Kuia Koroua Wellbeing grant recipients. They are joined by their mokopuna Ruby and Douglas.

**Supporting the health and wellbeing of our kaumātua is a key commitment that the Raukawa Settlement Trust undertakes as part of our wider health and wellbeing strategy. The Trust offers wellbeing grants for iwi members who are 60 years or over – who can apply for up to \$1000 in health and wellbeing related support.**

**E**ligible applicants can apply for a wide range of support for a number of treatments such as eye, dental, hearing, podiatry, heating, mobility, ambulance fees, GP visits and prescriptions.

Already we have had a fantastic response with over 40 applications received in the last financial year, and another 34 received in the last three months alone. The overwhelming number of applications this year meant that a pro rata approach to fund distribution was the best way to ensure that we could meet the needs of as many successful applicants as possible. Nevertheless, we would like to thank all applicants for taking the time to reach out to your iwi organisation for support.

Landells Douglas (Tangata Marae) and his wife Rangiauraki Douglas (Ūkaipō Marae) are both recipients of the Kuia Koroua Wellbeing grant.

Landells says that *“...the grants are great, including the education grants which really help our young ones to succeed. Both myself and my wife applied for the wellbeing grant this year and it really makes a big difference in helping us to meet the cost of maintaining good health as we get older...my whānau and I are both grateful for the support of the Trust.”*

Along with the Kuia & Koroua Wellbeing Grants, our social services arm, the Raukawa Charitable Trust, also provides six specific services aimed primarily at supporting our kaumātua. For more info on these services or how to apply for education or wellbeing grants – call us today on **0800 RAUKAWA**.



# Hauraki Kaumātua Olympics



Members of our Koroua & Kuia Service take 2nd place accolades at the Hauraki Kaumātua Olympics.



About 200 kaumātua, supporters and family members gathered in Whangamatā on June 27 to celebrate and take part in an event that centres on wellbeing, friendship and a whole lot of laughing! Kaumātua came from Tokoroa, Taumarunui, Te Kuiti, Hamilton and Hauraki to take part in a wide range of low impact games such as seated volleyball, hula hoops and the precision ball sport of boccia!

In its second year, the Hauraki Kaumātua Olympics is a great way to get upright and active and is organised by a rōpū of kaumātua on behalf of Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki.

The Raukawa Charitable Trust Koroua & Kuia Service sent forth a team of eight battle-ready kaumātua to compete at the biennial event and with just over three weeks to prepare (for activities unknown to us at the time); our kaumātua began in earnest to practice a range of waiata and low impact activities to tackle the mystery challenges ahead. On the day, 12 teams entered the event to vie for the glory of gold – and with lady luck on our side we successfully navigated through several sporting events to eventually take the “Moehau” trophy home as second place winners! Top accolades went to first place winners Moehau (in blue) who took home the Marutūahu taonga, and Whangamatā (in green) who came in at third place. Hauraki Co-ordinator Hariata Adams said that the event was a huge success “It was awesome...Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini!”



Our team thoroughly enjoyed the activities and on behalf of the Raukawa Charitable Trust we would like to thank all the volunteers and staff members who came together as supporters and organisers to make this event a truly special occasion. We would also like to extend our warm thanks to Tokoroa New World for their kind donation to help our team on the day. The next games will be in Paeroa 2016, but until then our trophy is displayed in our Taonga room at the Tokoroa main office for all to enjoy.





# Pink Walk & Ribbon Street Appeal

Once again our staff adorned themselves in every hue of pink imaginable as we got to work raising awareness and funds for breast cancer awareness month in October. We started last year by joining in on Pink For a Day Campaign, this year we ramped it up a notch or two by joining the Pink Walk Campaign and Pink Ribbon Street Appeal.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer for women affecting many New Zealand women over their lifetime. While uncommon, men can get breast cancer too. On any given day, an average of seven New Zealand women will be diagnosed with having breast cancer. Most will survive five years or longer if the cancer is detected early enough but tragically, more than 600 women die of the disease every year.

With such an alarming index, the organisation wanted to get more involved to help raise greater awareness within our local community, and to help raise funds to support the fight against breast cancer. So 30 of our Raukawa staff along with their tamariki and mokopuna walked the talk by dressing up in pink. Many of our staff purchased the pink "Help a Sister Out" t-shirts to help in the fund raising effort. As we hit the streets of Tokoroa we first stopped by the local council office to show off our threads as a peer challenge to our council brethren before continuing on towards the local Countdown where we had set up a colourful fundraising booth.

Danielle Russell, our Co-ordinator for the Pink Walk, commented on the successful day, saying "...it was a great event, one that our staff really enjoyed! The organisation and staff did a fantastic job in promoting the event, and I would like to encourage everyone in our community and across the country to join in the campaign next October."

We would like to thank everyone for their participation; the generous donations we received totalled to over \$600 and were then donated to the New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation. If you or your organisation is interested in joining the effort to fight breast cancer – then please visit the



New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation website at [www.nzbcf.org.nz](http://www.nzbcf.org.nz).

It is important to keep in mind that most breast changes are not breast cancer but 1 in 9 New Zealand women will develop the disease in their lifetime. Today, breast cancer is highly treatable if detected early, so start mammograms at 40 and act on changes at any age.

In the effort to promote early detection, we would like to encourage our readers to visit your local doctor for a check-up, or you can visit [www.anychanges.co.nz](http://www.anychanges.co.nz) for a helpful guide on the issue.



## Ramping up the REMP

We are delighted to report that after recent hui with the Raukawa Reference Group, Stakeholders Forum and kaumātua representatives, the Raukawa Environmental Management Plan (REMP) was sent out for consultation and feedback to ensure that we have a robust planning document to enhance and protect our environment. This is an exciting stage for the project, after a lot of behind the scenes writing and crafting.

We spent Oct/Nov reading and analysing feedback and incorporating suggestions where appropriate. An important part of the next stage is to also complete the design stage of the project which will give our plan the look and feel of Raukawa and our takiwā. Desna Schollum (DSW Design), who is the current Chair of Ngā Aho – Network of Māori Design Professionals, is assisting with this work and we look forward to the creative juices flowing! We anticipate having a final REMP for the RCT and RST Trustees to approve in late November with the document then going to the printers for final production. With some final checking of both the hard and E version we will be planning a launch for February 2015.

Finally, we would like to thank again the members of the Raukawa Reference Group and the Stakeholders Forum who have been so dedicated in their efforts, time and contribution to the REMP. A huge thank you to you all.

## National Water Issues

As a member of the Freshwater Iwi Leaders Group (ILG) the Chair of the Raukawa Settlement Trust and members of the Environment team has been involved in discussions with the Crown on several national water issues, including engagement on iwi rights and interests in freshwater.

The ILG have are currently engaged with the Crown on the common understanding that the resolution of iwi rights and interests in freshwater is essential to the continued development of a robust, enduring and equitable framework for managing freshwater. The Crown has agreed to enter into discussions with the Freshwater Iwi Leaders Group (ILG) and iwi on rights and interests in water in early 2015. This engagement will include discussions on how iwi rights and interests in freshwater could be provide for. In preparation for this conversation, the ILG are working on options and models to assist with this engagement. As part of this engagement, RCT will be looking to hold hui with uri to discuss any potential options in late early 2015.

The Environment Group has also been engaged with the Crown on several national policy matters, including Resource Management Act reform, National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management and the National Objectives Framework.



# Healthy Rivers Project



## The Raukawa Charitable Trust is a partner in a major project working to help restore and protect the health of the Waikato and Waipā rivers.

The Healthy Rivers: Plan for Change/Wai Ora: He Rautaki Whakapaipai project is working with stakeholders to develop changes to the Waikato Regional Plan. The proposed plan change is due to be publicly notified for submissions in November 2015. The public can then view the proposed plan change and make a submission on it, and speak at a public hearing if they wish.

The project plays a part in restoring and protecting the health and wellbeing of the rivers for current and future generations, as required by the Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River/Te Ture Whaimana o Te Awa o Waikato. It will help achieve reduction, over time, of sediment, bacteria and nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus) entering water bodies (including groundwater) in the rivers' catchments.

Collaboration with stakeholders and the community is key in developing the plan change and achieving lasting outcomes. A 25-strong Collaborative Stakeholder Group (CSG) is representing stakeholders and the wider community in the project and will recommend solutions to decision makers. The wide-ranging group includes Māori interests, farming and

environment/NGO representatives.

The CSG is part of the wider project which River iwi and Waikato Regional Council are co-governing and co-managing.

The CSG attends monthly workshops around the river catchments, and in June 2014 was hosted by Raukawa Charitable Trust in Tokoroa. The Trust's Environmental Group Manager Stephanie O'Sullivan presented to the group on the importance of the Waikato and Waipā River catchments to Raukawa.

Raukawa Charitable Trust is leading Raukawa involvement in the project and iwi members will be able to get involved in a range of ways. To date this includes feedback given at the Raukawa Agribusiness Forum in June 2014. The Raukawa Environmental Management Plan, once complete, will also feed into the project.

More information is available at [www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/healthyivers](http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/healthyivers), where you can also subscribe to an e-newsletter to receive the latest news on the project in your inbox.





Nei mātou ko Paraone Gloyne me Ngāhuia Kopa ā muri i te karakia i ngā rauemi, ngā pukapuka me te kōpae waiata.

## He Kōpae Hou, he Pukapuka Hou!

Ki te kore he whakakitenga ka ngaro te iwi! Koinā tētehi kōrero e irihia ana ki te poti o te ngutu o te hunga whakarauora reo i tō tātou rohe. Waihoki, me pēwhea rā e kaha anō ai te kōrerotanga o tō tātou reo, te waiatatanga o ngā mōteatea nō tua whakarere, nō aku kaumātua.

Whakaaro atu, whakaaro mai, i te mutunga iho i whakatakotohia he rautaki hei rarautanga iho mā ngā ringaringa me ngā waewae o Raukawa.

Ko tā mātou, he whakarite kōpae me ngā pukapuka e tō mai ai, e hī ake anō ai i te waiata, i te mōteatea, i te haka me ngā kōrero o mohi rawa ki te ao hurihuri e noho nei tātou. Mā tēnā ka aha? Mā tēnā ka whakatinana i te kōrero, 'He tamaiti e ako ana ki te kāinga, tū ana ki te marae, tau ana'.

Tuatahi ake, i tiotio atu ki ngā manu kākā, ki ngā manu kōrihi. Nā wai, nā wai koekoe nei te Tūī, ketekete nei te Kākā, kūkū nei te Kererū, ā, ka hopukina mai te tangi a ngā manu rā. Riro ana mā tēnei kōpae te mōteatea, te waiata me te haka e hahu ake i te kai o mua hei ō atu mā te Rourou Iti ā-Haere. Ko te kōpae hou tērā e kawē nei i ngā waiata o nehe hei whakarongotanga, hei waiatatanga mā ngā uri. Nō Tainui whānui ngā kai o roto, ā, ko te whāinga ia, ka rangona whānuitia ēnei momo i ngā marae o Raukawa.

Tuarua, nā Paraone rāua ko Tiare ngā pukapuka e whā i tito. Ko Te tuna Nui i Taiparipūhā, Te Whare Wairua o Raukawa, He Rākau Raukawa Tēnei, E kui,

Ko Wai a Raukawa ngā pukapuka e kōrerotia ana. He whakatutukitanga tēnei nō roto i te Rautaki Reo a Raukawa kia whakamōhio atu i ngā kōrero tuku iho, i ngā pakiwaitara ki ngā pīpī paopao meī kore noa e tangata whenua ai ērā kōrero ki ō rātou whatumanawa. Tuhia ai ēnei pukapuka ki te reo Māori, ka mutu, kua reo rua ngā pukapuka kē atu anō hoki. Mā konā e whai wāhi ai te hunga e takahi tonu ana i te ara o te reo Māori.

Mā wai ngā kōpae me ngā pukapuka? Māu, māku, mā te Kōhanga, mā te Kura, mā te hunga e kaingākau ana ki ngā āhuatanga o nunui mā, o roroa mā. Me pēwhea au e nanao atu ki ērā taonga? Me whakapā mai koe ki a Tangiwai, me waea rānei koe ki **0800 RAUKAWA**. Me aha au ina riro i ahau ngā pukapuka me te kōpae? E hoa mā, taiākotikotihia ngā whārangi o ngā pukapuka, waiatahia ngā waiata o te kōpae mō te hemo tonu atu. Koinā tāu, karawhiua atu!

Nā Louis Armstrong  
Kairuruku tikanga-ā-Raukawa





## Making a Difference in the Community

Our Youth Hub monitors are an important part of the Tokoroa community and through their mahi, are making a change that inspires positive growth and wellbeing for our children and young people. Our team is working together with tamariki and rangatahi towards the larger four goals of the Tokoroa Social Sector Youth Trails:

- Decrease truancy and increase attendance,
- Decrease offending by children, young people and family,
- Decrease children, young people and family use of alcohol and drug,
- Increase participation in education, training and employment and Support collaboration, co-ordination and communication

Yannis Mea and Morgan Hayes are both Youth Hub monitors who work tirelessly to help our youth as they spend time down at the Youth Hub on Ashworth St in Tokoroa. So we asked our Team for a few words about the Youth Hub and the kaupapa of their mahi - and here's what they have to say:

**Yannis** – “The Youth Hub is a space where our young people can come and be themselves, can feel safe, feel loved and know that no matter what is going on in their lives, someone cares for them. I understand the challenges they face every day and I want young people to know that they matter, that they are not useless, that they are not a waste of space because they aren't! How humbled I feel that I can contribute and make a meaningful difference to someone's life. Wow I have the best job ever!”

**Morgan** – “Every day I'm here, I learn that it is not easy being a young person. There are so many challenges that we face – bullying, name calling, pressures to deliver what is required at school, having true friends, social media antics and just understanding the different stages of growing up. I'm lucky to have a supportive family behind me and that's what drives me to be here at the Youth Hub every day; to give back, to be a positive role model and to show young people that we all have challenges in our lives however it is up to you and your attitude towards making a positive change for your future.”

Call us on **0800 RAUKAWA** to learn more about the Tokoroa Youth Hub.

**Nā Marama Tahapehi**  
South Waikato SST Project Manager



# A Busy Year for our Treaty Team

## CNI Mana Whenua Adjudication

As reported in the last pānui, in April-June 2014 Raukawa and the other CNI iwi participated in an adjudication process to determine mana whenua interests within nine Crown Forest Licensed lands (CFL) in the Kāingaroa licensed estate. Raukawa claimed an interest in the Reporoa CFL.

The adjudication panel consisting of three members found that Ngāti Rangitihi, and Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa had substantive interest in Reporoa and that Ngāti Manawa and Tūwharetoa had limited interests. They found that Raukawa, Tūhoe and Ngāti Whakaue did not have an interest.

Vanessa Eparaima, Chair of the Raukawa Settlement Trust and lead negotiator commented that *“Although the result was disappointing, the process was very important as it accorded us with the opportunity to present our kōrero and our associations to the whenua, something that was denied to us by the Native Land Courts.”*

Despite a disappointing result in this process, during the kano ki te kano stage, Raukawa together with Ngāti Tūwharetoa were the only two iwi to come to a finalised agreement in respect of two of the CFL’s namely Marotiri and Pureora South. Furthermore, Raukawa continues to assert interests in other Central North Island CFL’s. Negotiations for those CFL’s will continue into the future.

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## Overlapping Claims

Currently the team are in discussions with the Crown, Ngāti Tūwharetoa and the Hauraki Collective regarding their respective comprehensive settlements. Both iwi had hoped to sign their agreements in principle prior to the 2014 General Elections; however they were unable to achieve this timeframe and the signing was deferred. The team continues to support these iwi to achieve their Treaty aspirations by working proactively with them and the Crown.

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## Ngāi Tūhoe Celebrate their Settlement

Our Treaty Team also attended the Crown apology to Ngāi Tūhoe recently held at Tāneatua. In a moving ceremony, lavish with pomp and tradition, Minister Chris Finlayson delivered to Tūhoe a heartfelt Crown apology. The return of historic taonga was a major feature of the occasion. These taonga included a taiaha carved by the Tūhoe carver Kereru and given to the Premier, Richard Seddon. It was a poignant moment that the great-great grandson of Kereru should receive the taonga back from the great-great grandson of Seddon.

**Nā Nigel Te Hiko**

Treaty Manager/Co-negotiator

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*Iwi members listen to Connie Hui (RTB Chair) at the RTB Special General Meeting held in September.*

## Raukawa Settlement Trust (RST)

As per the RST Trustee Rotation Policy, trustee elections occur every year with at least 1/3 of the 16 representative positions becoming available. This year nominations opened on 20 October 2014, and we are pleased to announce the following results.

Marae	Elected Representative	Marae	Elected Representative
Ngātira	Wilfred O'Brien	Whakaaratamaiti	Elthea Pakaru
Tāpapa	Jenifer Bubby Hughes	Paparaamu	Laurence Moeke
Aotearoa	Still to be appointed	Pārāwera (Te Taumata)	Gaylene Roberts

## Annual General Meetings – AGM

We would like to invite all iwi members to attend the Raukawa Group AGM on **Saturday 13 December, 9:30am** at the CNI Kindergarten Association, Putaruru.

## Raukawa Asset Holding Company (RAHC)

As part of the Post Settlement Governance Entity structure the RAHC was established to hold the Raukawa fisheries assets and quota. RAHC is a wholly owned subsidiary of RSTL, on behalf of RST. As agreed by RTB uri the fisheries assets and quota were transferred from ROTAB Investments Ltd (ROTAB) to RAHC on 15 April 2014.

The RST has delegated the management of RAHC to Raukawa Iwi Development Ltd (RIDL). RIDL is charged with the management and growth of Raukawa assets. The RST has recently ratified the appointments of Jon Stokes, John Spencer and Vanessa Eparaima as the Directors of RAHC.



## Special General Meeting's resolution outcomes

On Saturday 6 September 2014, the RCT and RTB Boards held separate Special General Meetings to present resolutions to their individual registered members to vote on.

### Raukawa Trust Board (RTB)

The last step in the transition plan as approved by uri in 2009 was to consider the wind up of the Raukawa Trust Board (the Board). Therefore RTB adult registered members were asked to vote upon the resolution to wind up the Board. The resolution was passed by a majority of 92.86%.

	Proposed Resolution:	Agree	%	Disagree	Did not vote	Result
1	THAT Iwi members approve the wind up of the Raukawa Trust Board as per the terms that have been provided by public notice and by presentation to Iwi members on Saturday 6 September 2014.	39	92.86	3	0	Passed

### Raukawa Charitable Trust (RCT)

After a review of the RCT Deed, amendments were proposed which would align it to the RST Deed. The changes made to clauses 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 allow for a smaller, more effective and cost efficient board and also provide an opportunity to appoint external trustees if required. This resolution was put to those adult members registered to the RST and passed by a majority of 96.97%.

	Proposed Resolution:	Agree	%	Disagree	Did not vote	Result
1	THAT the amendments to clauses 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 of the Raukawa Charitable Trust Deed as presented at the Special General Meeting held Saturday 6 September 2014 are received and approved.	32	96.97	1	0	Passed

## RAUKAWA CHARITABLE TRUST OFFICE CLOSURE NOTICE

The Raukawa Charitable Trust offices will be closed for two weeks during the 2014 Christmas and 2015 New Year break.

From Monday 15th December our office hours will be as follows:

DATE	OPEN	CLOSE
<b>Monday 15th December, 2014</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>5pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 16th December, 2014</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>5pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 17th December, 2014</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>5pm</b>
<b>Thursday 18th December, 2014</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>2pm</b>
<b>Friday 19th December, 2014</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>2pm</b>

These hours will affect all Raukawa Charitable Trust offices.  
Normal office hours will resume: 8.30am 5th January, 2015.

For any urgent Raukawa Health Services enquiries, please contact:  
Regina Mueller for Alcohol & Drug – 027 5901725 and  
Mireka Aloiai for Mental Health – 027 4506300

Please note that availability will be limited.  
For any Health emergencies please call 111.

