

TE KAKARA

Te Kakara o te Hinu Raukawa - Your Raukawa Iwi Newsletter

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Ngā Tohu Kaimahi



Mana o te Whenua



Manaaki Taiao

RST Chair Message



Welcome to the first edition of Te Kakara for 2015. I hope the New Year and the summer months have been positive for all of our Raukawa whānau. The New Year is an opportune time to set fresh goals and to implement planning for the year ahead.

As we move into the Autumn season, the prime focus for Raukawa will remain on continuing the solid progress we have made in recent years, and further refining and continuing to improve all that we do. As we continue to expand our business and service offerings to our people and to the communities we serve, then we will need to consider expanding our premises to better reflect the significant economic, cultural and social entity that we are in the South Waikato.

In the coming months our board, in conjunction with management and other expert advice, will progress our thinking around what our iwi requirements are for an appropriate head-office now and into the future. Also among our thinking will be identifying processes and opportunities to continue to up-skill our people, and our future leaders - to ensure we have, and are growing, the skills among our people to match the diverse and increasingly complex range of services and functions we now provide as an iwi, as a significant social service provider and as a significant economic entity in the region. We have taken strong, firm and deliberate steps, and this approach will continue in the year ahead. Raukawa is firmly anchored in these lands and we will set out our planning with that understanding embedded in our thought process.

This year will also provide an opportunity for us all to come together to celebrate our Raukawa Day and to acknowledge the significant achievements we have made, and to pay respect to the many who have helped ensure we reached the outcomes and milestones that we have achieved in recent years. Further up dates will be provided in the months ahead, but I look forward to catching up with you all then.

Many of you will have heard the term - the “Gull effect”. If you have not, it is what happens when Gull, who are the country’s biggest petrol discounters, come to town and the resulting drop in petrol prices that follows as a result of other petrol stations responding to their low prices.

We are pleased to have played a big part in helping to ensure the Gull effect came to Tokoroa, and helped ensure we now have some of the lowest petrol prices in the Bay of Plenty and Waikato, with the opening of a self-service station on our land on Bridge St, Tokoroa. The former site was home to derelict buildings, now it has been developed into an attractive landscaped retail site. The development is the first property development for our commercial company and is one which ensures a strong and prominent tenant that provides strong returns for the use of our land.

I look forward to sharing further developments as they occur from our commercial company Raukawa Iwi Developments in the year ahead.

Nā Vanessa Eparaima
Raukawa Settlement Trust Chairperson





Five apprentices start at the Fonterra Lichfield site. Left: Matt Osborne, Toby Tawhi-Amopiu, Viv Mathews, Eddie Craig, Shyro Begbie.

Effective Partnership brings Opportunity

Fonterra, in collaboration with the Raukawa Settlement Trust (RST), have been working to provide fantastic opportunities for registered adult members of the RST. As you may already know, Fonterra is a global, co-operatively owned company that contributes considerably to our local and national economy. Their core business is based on sourcing secure, high-quality milk and producing more than two million tonnes of dairy, specialty ingredients and consumer products each year.

Fonterra has several manufacturing sites within the rohe of Raukawa, and a large portion of their milk supply is collected from the broader Waikato region. In January, Fonterra advertised two Apprentice

roles out to eligible uri applicants at their Lichfield Site. The electrical and mechanical roles offered the opportunity to develop skills and knowledge in a specialised profession through formal and on the job training. We would like to congratulate three successful uri members, Matt Osborne, Toby Tawhi-Amopiu and Shyro Begbie, on gaining acceptance. We wish all of the apprentices the very best and would like to acknowledge Fonterra for providing fantastic opportunities for our iwi members and the wider South Waikato community. Fonterra and Raukawa look forward to further building their relationship by developing a strong and effective partnership together.

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General Manager



Staff members receive due recognition for their hard work and dedication in the long service awards category – Left: Haami Winikerei, Anita Moke, Mana Winikerei, Rondase Edgecombe and Emere Murfitt.

Over the last few months we have honed our focus towards the development and further refinement of our 5 year strategic plans which cover the period of 2016 to 2020. This important mahi forms a part of our wider astute planning process to ensure that we continue to deliver quality outcomes to our iwi members and the wider community. Over the course of many months our Executive Management Team (EMT) have held a number of workshops to develop our strategic planning, along with the Raukawa Settlement Trust and RCT Boards, to ensure a holistic approach is developed to provide a clear and progressive pathway forward for our iwi.

As a part of this mahi, our EMT embarked on a mission to Christchurch to meet and learn from the success of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu. Our South Island whanaunga has achieved many milestones in various sectors of business and social development. Our management team were graciously hosted by Ngāi Tahu, where each of our managers met with their counterpart as an opportunity to learn, discuss and ultimately help further our own strategic development as an iwi. This invaluable experience will help to enrich both our planning and personal development within our own infrastructure. I would

like to express my gratitude to Arahia Bennett (CEO), Tā Mark Solomon (Kaiwhakahaere), Lisa Tumahai (Deputy Kaiwhakahaere) and the entire staff of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu for their hospitality and openness, nei ra te mihi nui.

Lastly, in late December of last year we celebrated the inaugural Ngā Tohu Kaimahi – Raukawa Staff Awards, an event to formally acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of our staff. A fantastic night was had by all and was attended by staff, trustees, sponsors and kaumātua. This was the first Staff Awards of this nature hosted by the RCT where 7 award categories – each celebrating an intrinsic value of the organisation, sought to give due recognition to our hard working staff. I would like to acknowledge our staff for their diligent mahi and also acknowledge the support of our sponsors, Westpac, SVS Consulting Services, Boffa Miskell, KPMG, GHA Ltd and Mighty River Power. I look forward to bringing you more updates in our next edition of Te Kakara.

Nā Koro Wikeepa
Raukawa Charitable Trust
General Manager





Celebrating staff success at Ngā Tohu Kaimahi – Staff Awards in Tokoroa.

Rau Ahurea Raukawa Cultural Development

Te Pātaka Whakairinga Kōrero o Raukawa

‘Tē taea te tangata te pupuru mō te ake ake, engari anō te kōrero āna ka taea!’

Koinei te ngako o te kaupapa nei, o *“Te Pātaka Whakairinga Kōrero”*, he kohikohinga maharatanga i ō tātou kaumātua, i a rātou e tupu ake ana i roto i tō rātou ake ao tawhito, tae noa ki te ao hurihuri e noho nei tātou.

I ahu mai te kaupapa nei i te Rautaki Reo a Raukawa, *“Whakareia te Kakara o te Hinu Raukawa”*. Kua kaha hiahia te iwi ki te hopu, ki te rarapu i te reo o ngā kaumātua, hei rauemi mātauranga mā ngā uri whakaheke ā haere ake nei. I te tau rua mano mā rima, i kōkiritia ai te kaupapa nei ki ngā marae maha o Raukawa. I kaha tonu atu mātou ki ngā kaumātua o ia marae ki te tautoko i te kohinga i ō rātou huahuatau, ō rātou reo, ō rātou wheako whaiaro o ō rātou nā whakatupuranga.

I whakaae mai ngā kaumātua pērā i a Haki Thompson, Te Ao Katoa Tawhi, Parehuroro Sutton, Rita Henare, Tūmanako Gray, a wai atu, a wai atu. Neke atu i te toru tekau ngā koroheke me ngā ruruhi o tō tātou rohe, o tō tātou iwi i uiuia i tērā wā. He nui tonu rātou kua riro ki te huihuinga o te kahurangi, ki te pō. Koia nei te aroha, engari kei te rangona tonutia ā rātou kōrero, ō rātou whakaaro.

He kūaha tēnei mā tātou ki te ao o nehe. Mārakerake ana te kitea, ā rātou mahi nō rātou e tamariki ana, ā rātou mahi i roto i ō rātou kāinga, i te marae, i waenganui hoki i ō rātou whanaunga, hapori me ngā kura. I kaha kōrero rātou mō ngā āhuatanga o ō rātou ake kaumātua, pakeke, me ngā piki me ngā heke o tērā wā. Ka rongo koe i ngā kupu kāore i te rangona whānuitia i ēnei rā. Ko ngā kiwaha, ngā wāhi, ngā kaupapa o te wā, ngā waiata, ngā nekenekehanga rerekē o taua wā rā. Koinei ngā āhuatanga katoa i makere noa iho nei i ngā ngutu o ērā kaumātua. I ētehi wā he hātekehi te kōrero, he hari, he koa, i ētehi wā he hōhonu, he kōrero tūhonohono i ngā marae maha o Raukawa, hapū, me ngā whānau maha.

He puna mātauranga, he puna roimata, he puna maharatanga te Pātaka Whakairinga Kōrero nei, mā koutou.

Ā kāti, kia waiho ake tēnei rerenga hei whakaarotanga māu. I a tātou e whīkoi tonu ana i tēnei ao hurihuri, kōrerotia ngā kōrero a pēperekōu mā, waiatatia ngā waiata a whēteke mā, hei oranga ngākau, hei hiringa wairua mōu, kia ora tonu ai rātou i roto i ā tātou nekeneke o te wā.

Nā Tangiwai Tepana
Administrator / Project Coordinator



Pūtake Taiao

Raukawa Environment Group

In this edition of Te Kakara we thought we would share some 'sound bites' of work that our team has been focused on. It's kind of like 'speed dating – speed reading' so that you get a taste of lots of aspects of what we do....

Raukawa Environmental Management Plan

Since the Raukawa Settlement Trust (RST) and Raukawa Charitable Trust (RCT) ratified the draft REM Plan in November 2014, Lisa te Heuheu and the team have been working on final edits, ensuring te reo and Raukawa tikanga are accurate, responding to final feedback and ensuring a good 'flow' within chapters, whilst not altering the core content of the document. We have also incorporated the design elements of the document, which really 'shoosh' it up!! We look forward to launching the REM Plan in April!

3 Raukawa Apprentices Selected for Fonterra at Lichfield Site!!

As a result of this growing relationship, we were able to secure apprenticeships for 3 young Raukawa men at the Lichfield site. This is an exciting opportunity for both the apprentices and as an example of how we can work successfully with corporate organisations.

Te Waotu Cultural Landscape Protection

Our team has been working closely with Ngāti Huri and SWAPS quarry representatives to find solutions to protect the cultural landscape along the Waikato River at Te Waotu – Lake Arapuni. This area is a rich and diverse cultural landscape, exemplified by the fact that an entire new pā site was identified in early 2015 by Phil Wihongi (RCT Projects & Implementation Advisor) and Perry Fletcher (Archaeologist).



Developing relationship with Fonterra - 3 Apprentices selected for Fonterra Lichfield Site

We have been working more closely with Fonterra over the past few years and building a stronger relationship. As a result of this we are now looking to develop an MoU with them. On the ground however we have worked closely with Fonterra on the consenting process for the expansion of their operations at the Lichfield manufacturing site and related farming operations. We would like to thank the whānau and hapū rep's who attended the field trip in November 2014 to look over the Fonterra operations and understand the impacts on the environment.

Regional Policy Statement, South Waikato District Plan & Waipā District Plan Reviews

The Strategy & Policy team within Pūtake Taiao are really pleased to be coming to the end of these three major policy review processes. These are important planning documents where we have ensured that Raukawa interests and values are reflected. This will then help shape how activities over the next 10 years are carried out within our takiwā to ensure, that as much as possible, they align with our environmental aspirations.

Pine to Pasture Conversions in our Takiwā

Linked with the conversation about water quality, is the continuation of conversions from Pine Forests to pasture farming in our area. I would like to acknowledge the many folks who have raised their issues and concerns with us. We are working very closely with the regional council and dairy sector, and some of the landowners themselves, to consider all options around managing both the conversion process itself and the ongoing environmental effects. Managing the effects of intensification of the dairy sector generally is a major issue in the Upper Waikato Catchment and the Raukawa environmental team are working hard to find successful and durable solutions.

Healthy Rivers Plan for Change

The five River Iwi continue to work closely with the Waikato Regional Council on this very important regional plan change for Water Quality in the Waikato and Waipā River Catchments. Covered in the last Te Kakara, this project is critical for ensuring better water quality in our rivers and streams in the future. Watch this space for hui coming to our takiwā so you can be involved... I encourage you to attend hui and have your say about the health and wellbeing of our water.

Ministerial Accord & Joint Management Agreement Implementation Plans

The Strategy & Policy team have been developing and ensuring quality implementation plans for both our Crown Ministerial Accords and the Joint Management Agreements. The implementation plans are important as they provide a focus for identifying the key outcomes we want to achieve from these agreements. We are about to finalise implementation plans for our Accords with Te Puni Kōkiri, Ministry for the Environment and Ministry of Primary Industries.

Sustainable Farming Fund Projects

Along with Headlands Consultants, and Raukawa farm trusts; Kōkako Trust and Te Raparahi Trust, we have secured Sustainable Farming Fund (SFF) project monies to allow for another years benchmarking of these farming operations. We acknowledge these trusts for the leadership and farming best practice that they demonstrate. We are also working with two trusts in Te Poi to utilise funding from SFF to complete a feasibility study on alternative land options.

Ngā Wāhi Tūturu Project

Finalist in the National Pride of Place Awards – 2015 Landscape Architecture Awards - A big congratulations to Phil Wihongi, Grant Kettle, Lisa te Heuheu, Hori Deane and everybody involved in the Ngā Wāhi Tūturu project, as it has been named a finalist in the Te Kārangā o te Tui section of this year's NZ Landscape Architecture Awards. This is well deserved recognition of a project demonstrating leadership, innovation and best practice in cultural landscapes identification, protection, and communication. *CONGRATULATIONS TEAM!!*

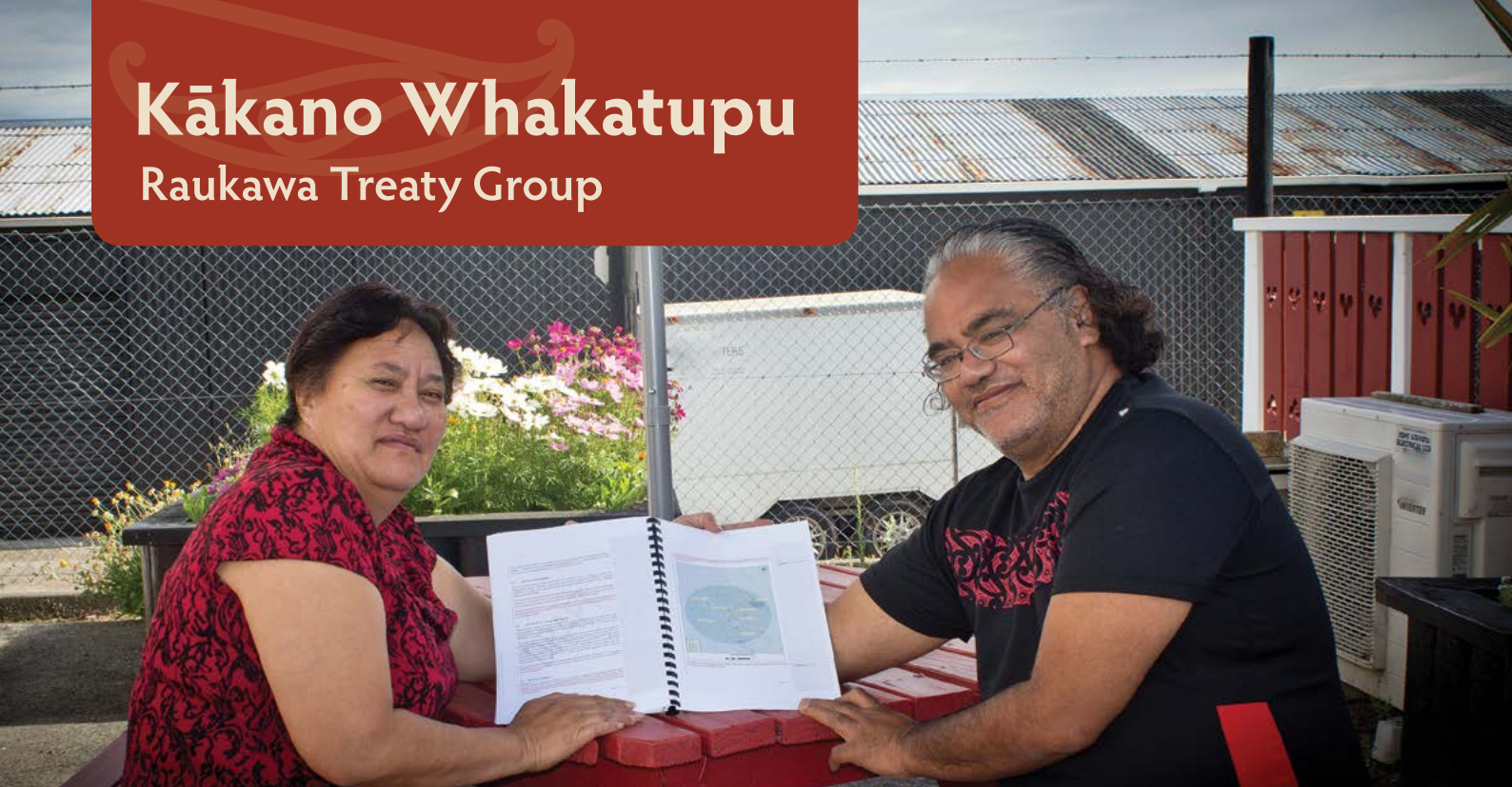
Working with our Partners

A key part of what we do, and the success of the Raukawa environmental objectives is working closely with key partners. A great example of this shown in this photo where Phil Wihongi, is out with Robin Black from Hancock Forest Management and Alan Sinton's Crew 14, sharing Raukawa aspirations for best practice operations in the forest and related cultural landscape issues. We acknowledge the passionate and consistent support from the likes of Robin Black and Sally Strang over the years in keeping the partnership strong and actively working to support Raukawa.



Kākano Whakatupu

Raukawa Treaty Group



Kākano Whakatupu staff members Phyllis Tahere and Nigel Te Hiko present the Ōrākau – Raukawa Traditional Association and Mana o te Whenua Report.

There are moments in history that truly impact upon iwi. It is the moment that defines who we are as a people and determines the course of the people for generations. For the iwi of Raukawa one such moment was the battle of Ōrākau.

In 1864 the battle of Ōrākau was joined on a small knoll near the township of Kihikihi. 300 Māori, men, women and children, young and old, predominantly of Raukawa, held at bay the might of the British Empire for three days from the 31st March to the 2nd April.

With little ammunition and food, and surviving on water perilously gathered under the cover of darkness, our people were forced into an untenable situation. They faced their impending doom with dignity and pride. Branded as rebels on their own land many of our great leaders died during the course of that battle. History records the defiance of the people at Ōrākau. Of the great challenge of the defiant Ahumai Te Paerata, who stood above the ramparts and decried to her adversaries ‘Mehemea ka mate ngā tāne, me mate hoki ngā wahine me ngā tamariki’ and as one voice our people cried ‘Ka whawhai tonu mātou ake, ake, ake!’

Today, we reflect on those times and commemorate the bravery of our tūpuna. Last year we celebrated the sesquicentennial of the battle of Ōrākau in a fantastic ceremony hosted by the Ōrākau Heritage Society. Now with the successful completion of the commemoration, iwi with a mana o te whenua association to Ōrākau have turned their attention to the next phase of the Ōrākau journey.

During a hui with a number of people who have an interest at Ōrākau we came to the understanding that while there was a significant amount of written material available on the battle itself there was little in writing regarding the underlying land. We offered to provide a report detailing our traditional kōrero, highlighting our associations and mana o te whenua to the land at Ōrākau. Therefore a report was commissioned to convey a Raukawa view on the topic. The report covers the Raukawa traditional history and association to the land at Ōrākau, take whenua and what that means in terms of traditional Raukawa land tenure and the impact of the Crown upon traditional land tenure.

The report does not go into detail about the war itself, but instead concentrates on the associations of Raukawa to the land. It does not take away from the kōrero that other iwi may have relating to that area.

Currently in draft, the report was authored by Nigel Te Hiko and Phyllis Tahere of the Kākano Whakatupu team in conjunction with a group of learned kaumātua, trustees and uri.

Nā Nigel Te Hiko
Co-negotiator/Manager



Race to the Finish Line



Members of Raukawa Cool-Running's make it to the finish line in the 155km Great Lake Relay.

Once again the Raukawa Charitable Trust staff, whānau and friends rallied to show their support for the New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation by taking part in the New Balance Great Lake Relay. The event is an amazing running/walking event around the length of Lake Taupō that draws over 4500 competitors! It's renown for being a fantastic team building exercise – with teams consisting of 10 to 18 members who either walk or run a leg of the race.

Our team, Raukawa Cool-Running's, had an awesome day with the first leg of the race starting at 11pm. Jess Karipa, one of the competitors, said "...the day was awesome, it was great to see how everyone supported each other especially as each person crossed the line of their leg." Keeping the team coordinated, alert and fed were our special ops team of camp mothers – Rondase Edgecombe, Doreen Flavell and Donna Deane. For more info about the event or how to join, visit www.eventpromotions.co.nz





Liz Pirato – Accounts/Payroll Clerk, Maria Te Kanawa and Te Paea Riki-Pahewa – Senior Accounts Clerk.

New Aka Tauwhiro Group Manager appointed

Maria Te Kanawa has been appointed the Aka Tauwhiro – Raukawa Corporate Services - Group Manager.

Maria who was born and bred in the South Waikato, has Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngā Puhī and Danish ancestry, and has been Acting Corporate Services Manager & Finance Manager for the past 19 months.

The appointment is a further promotion within the organisation for Maria who started her journey with the then Raukawa Trust Board as Senior Finance Clerk in September 2008.

Maria was appointed as Finance Manager in May 2012 and set about developing a strong finance team and improving the RCT and RST organisation's systems and processes to achieve best practise across financial controls, monitoring and reporting for governance, management and ultimately uri.

RCT Co-Chair and Acting RCT Co-General Manager Kataraina Hodge said the RCT was grateful to have someone of Maria's considerable skill to appoint from within the existing team.

"Maria brings many years' experience in finance and leadership to the role, she also has an excellent

understanding of all facets of our operation."

Kataraina said that the more than 18 years' experience across of office administration/management including payroll, staff recruitment and training, accounts payable / receivable, accounting and project financial management made Maria an invaluable addition to the Raukawa team.

Maria said she was grateful for the opportunity to play a further part in supporting the success of the RCT and Raukawa.

"I have now been with the organisation for a number of years, and I have seen significant changes and improvements in that time. I acknowledge the great work of the previous Corporate Services Managers who left sound foundations to continuously build upon and improve."

"I am proud to be part of a passionate and dedicated team, and through continuous reflection, team and individual professional development, and action, I am confident we will become the BMW Engine Room that we aspire to be for the uri".

Nā Kataraina Hodge & Vanessa Eparaima
RCT Co-Chairs





Kuia Ruthana Begbie stands on her marae-ātea at Pikitū Marae in Te Waotu.

Raukawa Marae Distributions

Our many marae form the anchor point for our people, a place where whānau and hapū connect, share and restore their bonds of kinship. Our marae are unique places that we all hold close to our hearts. Helping our iwi members to sustain the vitality of their marae is a key commitment made by the Trust.

The Raukawa Settlement Trust provides an annual marae distribution grant that supports the maintenance and development of our 16 marae members. In our last distribution delivered in the

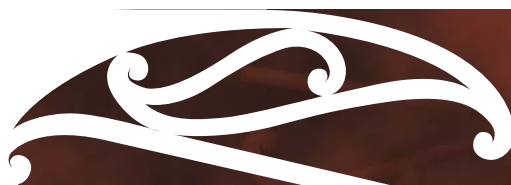
2014 financial year we were privileged to be able to support our marae with just over \$300,000 in total funds.

The distributions are managed through the Raukawa Charitable Trust—our social services arm, and the funds are derived from the profits made by our investment company – Raukawa Iwi Development Ltd. In June we will begin a new round of funding. For more information on all of our grant funding, contact us on **0800 728 5292**.

Register with Raukawa!

If you can whakapapa to the ancestor Raukawa and belong to one of our 16 RST affiliated marae, then we encourage you to register with the Raukawa Settlement Trust. There are a wide range of benefits by becoming a registered member, such as the ability to stand as a trustee at elections, to cast votes for special resolutions and trustee elections, and the ability to apply for grants that you may be eligible for.

For a registration form visit www.raukawa.org.nz or call 0800 RAUKAWA (0800 728 5292).



General Notices

Koroua & Kuia Wellbeing Grants

In recent years we have been fortunate to be in a position to help support our koroua and kuia with financial support through Koroua & Kuia Wellbeing Grants. Since 2011 we have distributed over \$91,000 in wellbeing grants to successful applicants. The grants have been very popular and we have experienced increasing demand with a record number of applications for assistance this year. Because of this high demand we have made the following amendments to help ensure this fund is shared fairly and equitably, as best as possible, across all our koroua and kuia who apply for support. As a result the new process is as follows:

- All applications will now be considered once per year, in early June, when the Koroua & Kuia Wellbeing Grants subcommittee will meet to consider all applications. This was required to ensure the fund was distributed fairly and equitably.
 - Koroua and kuia are able to submit multiple applications throughout the year.
 - Applicants will receive a letter of acknowledgement of receipt of application.
 - Application forms are available from our offices (26-32 Campbell Street, Tokoroa 07 8850260) or can be downloaded online at www.raukawa.org.nz
 - Applications close May 31 each year.
 - All applications will be advised of the outcome by the end of June.
- We will continue to look at ways to improve our processes to ensure that we reach and assist as many of our uri as possible.

2015 RFA Permit for the Kāingaroa Forest

Did you know that a registered member of the Raukawa Settlement Trust (RST) can get the hunting fee (Forest Access Permit) for the Kāingaroa Forest waived? Simply fill in a **Verified Land Owner** form (currently available because you are a registered RST member), and provide this form with a copy of your driver licence to our delegated Iwi representative based at the Raukawa Charitable Trust main office in Tokoroa.

Once formal verification has been completed, the **Verified Land Owner** form will be given back to you. Note: the RST provides you with verification of RST membership allowing the Forest Access fee to be waived. We do not issue the Forest Access Permits) Take the Verified Land Owner form plus your completed **2015 Recreational Forest Access Permit** application and registration form to 'First Security' who issues the permits.

Forms and more information can be downloaded from the Timberlands Website <http://www.tll.co.nz/permits> or by contacting Jess by email

reception@raukawa.org.nz or phone 0800 728 5292.

To be guaranteed a Forest Access Permit for opening weekend (2 May 2015), completed forms must be returned to 'First Security' by 10 April 2015.

Please note:

- A Verified Land Owner form only needs to be completed once.
- This form only applies for Kāingaroa Forest. A hunting fee is still payable if you want to access the Rotoehu Forest
- Registrations are valid from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016
- The hunting and fishing season will run from 2 May 2015 to 27 September 2015.
- The Game Bird hunting season will run from the 3 May 2015 to the 30 August 2015.