

TE KAKARA

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Enhancing the mauri of
our urban environment



RTB Commemoration



Te Kura Reo o Raukawa



Staff Day Out

RST Chair Message

Welcome to the spring edition of Te Kakara. It has been a particularly chilly and wet winter over the last few months, which makes the arrival of the warmer weather and sunshine of spring even more welcome.

While spring is a time of new growth and new beginnings, in late June we marked the final leg of the journey of the Raukawa Trust Board which has laid the foundations for our new post-settlement iwi structures.

In June last year Ngā Uri o Raukawa voted for the Raukawa Settlement Trust to replace the Raukawa Trust Board as the Mandated Iwi Organisation. The decision by iwi members marked the conclusion of the Trust Board, from its humble beginnings to the organisation and structure that represents our people today. Due to the immensity of what was achieved by the Trust Board and the many who were associated with it, it was essential that we all came together at Mōkai Marae where it all began, and to celebrate the achievement of the trust board one last time.

We touch on the importance of this day on the adjacent page, however, I want to take this time to further acknowledge all of those visionaries and workers who had the foresight and determination to lay the foundations of the bright future that lies before our iwi.

Also in this edition are a range of milestones and activities that our business groups and some of our representatives have taken part in since the last pānui. It has been a busy period that included the launch of the Raukawa Environmental Management Plan, as well as the Matariki planting ceremony in conjunction with the South Waikato District Council, all of which are covered off in the following pages.

I encourage you to take in the wonderful mahi and progress that continues for our iwi. I would also like to take this time to thank all those who provide your kind words and support for this pānui and the work being undertaken by the various business groups of our iwi.

Your words are appreciated, and your feedback is always welcome.

Nā Vanessa Eparaima
Raukawa Settlement Trust Chairperson





Te Wharekura o Te Kaokaoroa o Pātetere perform at the Raukawa Trust Board Commemoration Event.

RTB Commemoration at Mōkai Marae

On June 27, iwi members, staff, trustees and friends gathered one last time to celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of the Raukawa Trust Board (RTB) at Mōkai Marae. Over 200 people attended the event to remember and pay tribute to the many people that built the foundations of our current iwi organisation. It was here at Mōkai Marae that our people gathered almost 30 years ago to lay the founding kaupapa that would form the RTB, and eventually its post settlement successor the Raukawa Settlement Trust (RST). Today the RST continues to carry that sacred kaupapa of advancing the collective interests of Raukawa and its iwi members.

Nigel Te Hiko, Raukawa historian and presenter at the event, commented that the day was

“...recognition of our past and honouring those kaumātua who set us on the pathway to where we are now, a thriving, vibrant Iwi. Te Aonui was an acknowledgement of the struggles suffered by our kaumātua in establishing the Board, of their trials and tribulations. Our people got to hear the stories of what those elders of yesteryear had to endure to uphold, uplift and revitalise the identity of our tūpuna Raukawa.”

Many agreed that a highlight of the day was the kapa haka by Te Wharekura o Te Kaokaoroa o Pātetere, who graced the stage with waiata and haka that would make our tūpuna proud in the knowledge that our reo and tikanga are being carried forward by the next generation.

The day also provided an opportunity for our staff to engage directly with our iwi members and to showcase the wide range of mahi that the organisation undertakes on their behalf. We would like to thank all those who attended the celebration and acknowledge the hard work of our organisers and volunteers.



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Pūtake Taiao

Raukawa Environment Group

Raukawa have developed traditions, tikanga and kawa that have a strong relationship and respect for the flora, fauna, landscape and all life within our takiwā. The relationship is reciprocal and an interdependent relationship between people and the natural world. The health and wellbeing of people can only be sustained through a healthy and thriving environment. The Raukawa Environment Management Plan (REMP) provides a contemporary context to connect the legacies of our tūpuna with the social, cultural, environmental and economic wellbeing of Raukawa. It is through the REMP that Pūtake Taiao will be able to connect these important values and knowledge in the care for the environment.

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The REMP was successfully launched in April 2015 at Ruapeka Marae. This was a highlight for the team, concluding five years of comprehensive work and was attended by a large number of Raukawa Charitable Trust (RCT) staff, trustees, stakeholders, and iwi members.

The REMP has been a culmination of hard work from our iwi members, stakeholders, the RCT and Pūtake Taiao over the past 5 years. An important component of the project was engagement with our rangatahi. Rangatahi were encouraged to participate including being part of the Kaitiaki Forum and uri workshops. The perspective of youth heading into the next generation of environmental protection, enhancement and restoration was a paramount factor to consider. The REMP needed to be grounded in relevance for the future of Raukawa. The internal Raukawa engagement and support for the REMP is well provided for throughout the document, within specific parts of the plan based on what their needs were. External support and engagement has brought councils, industry and partners along the REMP journey. Stakeholder involvement has been crucial in developing the plan and it has been the widest and most consistent engagement on a strategic document for Pūtake Taiao.



Raukawa representatives and rangatira from the REMP Stakeholder Group outside Rangimarie at the Raukawa Environmental Management Plan Launch, Ruapeka Marae.

The purpose of the REMP is to provide a statement of Raukawa values, experiences, and aspirations pertaining to the use and management of the environment. The REMP is unique as it is one of the only Iwi Management Plans to balance what we expect and require of our stakeholders in achieving our outcomes, with what we expect of our selves. Raukawa through the development of the plan wanted to be a driver and not just a participant in the protection, restoration and enhancement of the environment. It was important for Raukawa uri to be able to do their part in caring for the environment at home with their tamariki and kaumātua.

The REMP is a living and practical document that will assist Raukawa to proactively and effectively engage in and shape: current and future policy, planning processes and resource management decisions. Hence, the plan has vast sections on technical policy that will initiate change with our external stakeholders.

The focus of the REMP is on enhancing, through practice, the relationship between Raukawa and the natural world. In implementation of the REMP, Pūtake Taiao intend to be proactive in undertaking actions by Raukawa, for Raukawa, that reflect cultural preferences and priorities.

Nā Grant Kettle
Pūtake Taiao Group Manager

Rau Ahurea

Raukawa Cultural Development

Ko 12 o Paenga-whāwhā te rā, ko te Papa o Te Aroha te marae, ko ngā karangatanga maha o te ao pīkoko ki te reo te tira whakaeke, ā, ko te Kura Reo o Raukawa te kaupapa.

I āhua kotahi rau ono tekau nei te tokomaha o ngā tāngata i puta ake ki te Papa o Te Aroha, ki Tokoroa. Ki reira hoki kite-ā-kanohi ai i te hunga e ngākaunui ana ki te reo me ōna katoa. Ko ngā ringa rehe ngao mō te Kura Reo nei: ko Wharehuia Milroy; ko Leon Blake; ko Ngāringi Kātīpa; ko Jarred Boon; ko Pakake Winiata; ko Hemi Kelly; ko Paraone Gloyne; ko Tiare Tepana. Nā rātou nei ngā kaupapa ako i kawē e tū rangatira ai tēnei kaupapa.

Hāunga ngā tāngata kua huaina i runga ake nei, i whai wāhi mai ētehi ihumanea o iwi

kē me ētehi ihu kua puta kē i te Panekiretanga o te Reo. Me te aha i reira te mahi a te hunga whakarāwai kupu kaiako mai, tauira mai.

Ko ngā mahi i whāia ka hoki atu ki aua kaupapa anō rā. Heoi, he māringanui nō te iwi nei i te taenga mai o te kotahi o roto mai i te tokotoru a Paewhiti. I tae mai te koroheke me ōna hoa haere. Ko raweke kōrero, ko reo mīere, ko uruhau anō hoki. Koirā katoa i rangona puta noa i te hākerekere i pōi mai ki mua tonu ki tōna aroaro. Ko tāna atu, “Mā wai tō whare e kōrero?” He whakatenatena noa iho pea tēnei



Ko ngā kaiako me ngā tauira e whakarongo ana ki te tautohetohe.





Te iwi manawa nui ki te reo - Kura Reo o Raukawa 2015.

ki ngā mātua kia kōrerotia tonutia ngā kōrero o te whare, o te hapū, o te iwi, o kaupapa kē atu rānei. Kei mōumou ngā kupu a tūnohunu mā, kei mōumou te pango!

Kāti, kua kore anō he hararei. Nā konā e whakamānawa atu ana a Raukawa ki te werawera i heke, ki te wairua pai i rangona. Heoi anō tā Raukawa he whakarongo, he whakamīharo ki ngā mahi i tutuki i a koutou, i a tātou me kore e eke te reo ki te kōmata o te rangi.

Waihoki e rongu tonu ana te waha i te tāwara o te kai a te rangatira i horahia e ngā punenga reo i te Papa o te Aroha me te mōhio iho hei ā kō ake nei tū anō ai te Kura Reo ki Ōtaki. Tēnā, hoake tātou ki tai, ki reira whakamātau haere ai i te hinengaro me kore ā rātou kai e pupuru tonutia e kēkeke tonutia ki te whatumanawa hei whatu tongarerewa.



Nā Louis Armstrong
Rau Ahurea - Cultural Projects Coordinator



Mucking in for Matariki

This year the South Waikato District Council and Raukawa Charitable Trust (RCT) marked the Māori Lunar New Year with a collaborative project that sought to improve our natural environment and bring our community closer together. The project involved the planting of indigenous rākau to enhance the mauri of our urban environment at Lake Moananui in Tokoroa.

With gumboots, wet wear and shovels in hand, staff and community volunteers braved the elements to plant 2000 native rākau along the southern edge of the lake. Once the planting commenced, it gave kaimahi from both organisations and volunteers the opportunity to work side-by-side (in pairs) to get to know one another a little better. The sharing of kai was another important theme for the project, so the RCT rolled up their sleeves to prepare a hangi for those that came down to the event.

We would like to acknowledge the Waikato River Authority, Mighty River Power and the South Waikato District Council for their time, effort and sponsorship of this marvellous event. We would also like to thank our community volunteers, Richard Gaby and the Parks and Reserves team, as well as our RCT staff.





New managers join the Tīwai Hauora team: left, Susanna Uerata and Donna Leger.

In terms of our health and social development aspirations as an iwi, the Raukawa Charitable Trust (RCT) delivers a wide range of iwi-led health and social services throughout the South Waikato and surrounding areas. Once again, it has been a busy time for our staff as they continue to provide quality services that help to further our important mahi in the community.

As you may remember from previous editions of Te Kakara, we have been working through a realignment process to better focus our health, youth and social services to meet the future goals and needs of Raukawa. As a result we have appointed two new members to our team, Donna Leger (Whānau Ora Clinical Manager) and Susanna Uerata (Whānau Ora Social Services Manager).

I would like to warmly welcome our newest team members who joined us in March – together we will focus on continuous improvements to our services within Raukawa. Donna is a local resident of Tokoroa and brings over 20 years of experience in the health industry. Donna's working career has been largely with the Waikato and Lakes District Health Boards as a mental health clinician.

Susanna hails from Kāwhia Moana and her professional background is grounded in social work, clinical supervision, operations management and training. Susanna brings over 15 years of experience and has

worked in the NGO sector as well as child protection services in Hamilton and the Hauraki area. Susanna has a strong passion for social justice and has been involved with developing two community agencies in both Rotorua and Hamilton.

In terms of our youth focused services, we continue to progress the goals of the South Waikato Youth Social Sector Trails which has been extended to 30 June 2016. The mahi that we undertake in this area plays an important role in the Tokoroa and Putaruru communities as we strive to make a change that inspires positive growth and wellbeing for our children and young people.

Over the next three months we plan to further solidify our infrastructure and I look forward to bringing you further updates on our progress.

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Nā Kataraina Hodge
Acting Tīwai Hauora Group Manager



Kākano Whakatupu

Raukawa Treaty Group



“Ahakoa he iti, he pounamu – Although small, it is still a treasure” a whakataukī to introduce a new project conducted by the Kākano Whakatupu team. The Taonga Tūturu Project is a project that continues to build upon the legacy of the Raukawa Trust Board.

In November 2000, the Raukawa Trust Board (RTB) was certified as a collector of artefacts and had the ability to hold ancient taonga on behalf of the Crown. Phyllis Tahere, project lead researcher, says that “Raukawa Settlement Trust (RST) and the Raukawa Charitable Trust (RCT) have both been registered as collectors in place of the RTB, as it ensures that the taonga are not only properly cared for, they are also available for public display”.

The Taonga Tūturu project aims to review and record further history and critical details of each taonga. This will include reflecting upon who was involved with the unearthing of each item, who assisted in the retrieval of each taonga and capturing of kaumātua memories of the taonga. Says Phyllis “The team hopes to reproduce a catalogue of all the taonga containing all the critical information of the taonga with a view to perhaps building an on-line access point where whānau from around the world could view these beautiful artefacts. They truly tell our stories as a people.”

The Kākano Whakatupu team has been ably assisted in the project by contract archaeologist, Perry Fletcher, who jumped at the opportunity to work once again with the taonga that he and others had located many years ago.

Says Perry on the locating of a Motoi pendant “I took Rangi Jacobs, Robin Black and others to the rock shelter. Once there I put the point of my ‘talking stick’ on the dead punga, leaves and pine needles, telling them that such ground cover can conceal anything at such sites. Rangi then brushed them away, and at the exact spot, exposed the pendant”.

Perry has a close relationship with the Raukawa Trust Board and the Raukawa Settlement Trust and is widely remembered for his works at places like Tikitiki Gorge and Pohaturua.

Nā Nigēl Te Hiko
Kākano Whakatupu Group Manager



Mid-Year Staff Day Out

Once again we rallied the troops here at the Raukawa Charitable Trust and set off mid-winter for our Staff Day Out! Our mid-year outing provides our staff the opportunity to relax, regroup and refocus ourselves as we enter the new financial year which also happens to be the start of the Māori Lunar New Year. We not only focus on team building and whanaungatanga, but we also celebrate staff success and achievement.

We arrived early at Tōtara Springs in Matamata and quickly divided into five teams - this is where the competitiveness kicked in. Each team fought their way through a series of challenges that tested leadership, team work and quick thinking. Over lunch our management team presented their business group strategy plans to staff, this gave the opportunity to learn more about what each of our departments will be focussing on over the next 12 months.

Our 70 plus staff work across five different towns, so this event brings our kaimahi together again – one of our staff members commented on the day and said “... the staff day out was awesome!! I enjoyed getting to know colleagues outside of our mahi and from different teams. We should keep staff day out, as it shows us we are appreciated by the organisation we work for and it’s also an opportunity for staff to unwind and build stronger relationships...”

Whanaungatanga would be the best word to describe the whole day which was demonstrated by all and made the day really enjoyable. Our next outing will be in the warmer summer months closer the end of the year.



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.

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