

TE KAKARA

Te Kakara o te Hinu Raukawa - Your Raukawa Iwi Newsletter

RAUMATI EDITION
Pānui 30 | 2015



Tōtara Legacy Project

3000 native trees take root



Website Relaunch



New Premises Underway



Ngā Tohu Reo o Raukawa

RST Chair Message



Welcome to the summer edition of Te Kakara, and our final issue for the year.

It has been another solid year of progress for our iwi, which is captured in this edition, and which will also be reflected in the results presented at the Annual General Meeting on December 12 to be held at the South Waikato Sports and Events Centre.

This year we are holding our Raukawa Day following the AGM where we will come together as an iwi to celebrate and embrace being Raukawa, to acknowledge and celebrate the conclusion of our historical settlement negotiations and the significant progress we have made as an iwi. It is also a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge all of those who have played a part in supporting the strong momentum Raukawa has made in the years since the formation of the Raukawa Trust Board.

I hope you all can make it to these events, where we can come together as an iwi and connect, reconnect and celebrate.

For those who cannot make it on the day, we will upload a copy of the annual report online and post an update and photos from the celebrations on to our website in the days following.

There are also a number of other positive developments in this edition which are covered in greater detail in the pages ahead. This includes the announcement of the purchase of a new building to house the Raukawa Settlement Trust (RST) and Raukawa Charitable Trust (RCT) operations and services.

This is a significant step which will see the development of a fit for purpose venue to house our staff and clients, to provide an appropriate venue to welcome and support our manuhiri and our uri members and a secure and suitable place to display our taonga.

Also included in this edition is an update on progress around discussions being led by Raukawa with Maniapoto and Waikato-Tainui, the Ō-Rākau Heritage Society and the Crown to determine how best to ensure the Ō-Rākau battle site is appropriately protected and presented to acknowledge its importance as a significant historical site for all people of Aotearoa.

I encourage you to take in the wonderful mahi and progress that continues for our iwi which is reflected in these pages. I would also like to take this time to wish those who can't make it to the AGM and Raukawa Day this month and I will not see before the end of the year a very Merry Christmas and best wishes to you and your whānau for 2016.

May you get plenty of quality time to share and enjoy whānau in the weeks ahead and some well-deserved time to unwind and recharge in preparation for the New Year.

Nā Vanessa Eparaima
Raukawa Settlement Trust Chairperson



New Premises Underway



New building recently purchased by RIDL, currently known as Grayburn House on Leith Place Tokoroa will be redeveloped into the new headquarters for Raukawa.

Redevelopment has begun on a building that will soon become the new headquarters for the RST and RCT. The new building currently known as Grayburn House is on Leith Place in Tokoroa.

RST Chair Vanessa Eparaima said it was a privilege to announce that the search engaged by Raukawa Iwi Development Ltd (RIDL) has resulted in successfully securing a suitable location to house RST and RCT staff and clients.

“It has been a long and deliberate search to find a location that can be developed to provide an appropriate venue for our visitors and our people as we seek to support and advance the social, cultural, environmental and economic aspirations of our people.”

Vanessa said it was hoped that redevelopment of the site would be completed by the middle of 2016.

“This is a significant step for Raukawa and has been a key focus for the Raukawa Group in recent years to identify and progress

the development of a base that will be the focal point for our social and cultural development for many years to come.

The desire to improve the working environment for our staff and to provide an appropriate venue for our people has required a group approach. The RCT undertook a needs analysis while RIDL has carried out due diligence and provided a comprehensive report to the RST board whom provided the approval to finalise the purchase.”

In the weeks ahead the focus is now on ensuring that the location is imbued with wairua to support and nurture our staff in the important mahi that they do, to be an appropriate venue to welcome and host our manuhiri, and to provide comfort and pride among our Raukawa whānau who wish to come and take in the mahi of the various business groups and the taonga that this new location will more appropriately house and display.

An update on the development will be provided on the website and in future pānui.



Website Relaunch

We are pleased to announce the launch of our brand new website over the month of December! The website is the result of a lot of work undertaken by our Communications and Management Team here at Raukawa, visit our new and improved site at www.raukawa.org.nz

The new website provides our visitors with an easier way to learn about Raukawa, the iwi organisation and the many services and initiatives that we provide. The website is both responsive and interactive and will provide our people, stakeholders and wider community with up to date news and stories that can be viewed anywhere, anytime on any device. Over the coming months we will continue to grow and foster our online communications.



RAUKAWA CHARITABLE TRUST OFFICE CLOSURE NOTICE

The Raukawa Charitable Trust offices will be closed for two weeks during the 2015 Christmas and 2016 New Year break.

From Monday 14th December our office hours will be as follows:

| DATE | OPEN | CLOSE |
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| Monday 14th December, 2015 | 8am | 5pm |
| Tuesday 15th December, 2015 | 8am | 5pm |
| Wednesday 16th December, 2015 | 8am | 5pm |
| Thursday 17th December, 2015 | 8am | 2pm |
| Friday 18th December, 2015 | 8am | 2pm |

These hours will affect all Raukawa Charitable Trust offices.

Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday 5th January, 2016.

For any urgent Raukawa Health Services enquiries, please contact:

Tokerau Putai for Drug & Alcohol - 027 226 4422 and

Mireka Aloiai for Mental Health - 027 450 6300

Please note that availability will be limited.

For any Health emergencies please call 111.



Raukawa Day 2015

12th December

South Waikato Sports & Events Centre, Mossop Road, Tokoroa

Come one, come all. An open invitation to celebrate being Raukawa, join the fun and festive activities as we celebrate Raukawatanga and whānau.

The day begins at 9:00am with a Parade, followed by a celebration of the achievements of the Raukawa Settlement Trust with this year's Annual General Meeting. Following the AGM the iwi will join a festival of being Raukawa. Events

will commence immediately following the conclusion of the AGM. The events include, the Raukawa Super 7's. A cluster of 7 tasks for members of our marae. Obstacle courses, fun and music for all the whānau.

So gather everyone, 12th December 2015, South Waikato Sports & Events Centre, Tokoroa - for a day of being Raukawa. Mauri ora ki a koutou katoa.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 12 December 2015

South Waikato Sports & Events Centre

Mossop Road

TOKOROA

9.30am

Raukawa Settlement Trust Group Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes from 2014 RST and RTB Annual General Meetings
4. AGM reports and presentations
5. Annual accounts for the year ended 30 June 2015

For any enquiries please contact Kim Blomfield, 0800 Raukawa (0800 728 5292) or email Kim.Blomfield@rauakawa.org.nz

A copy of the 2015 Annual Report can be viewed at www.raukawa.org.nz





NGĀ TOHU REO O RAUKAWA 2015

Ko te hunga manawanui ki te reo me te whakaminenga whakamātau i te waihua nui o te reo tēra, i tūpatere haere nei ki te takunetanga, ki te kaupapa whakamānawa i te arero tupuna o Raukawa, i tū anō ai ki te whare hākinakina nui o Tokoroa i te Pōmere, i te tuarua o Whiringa-ā-nuku. Ko tōna 240 ngā tāngata i pōi mai nei, i tatū mai nei hei whakakanohi i te aroha nui tonu ki te reo me ō rātou anō kaiwhakawhirinaki, kaiwhakaupa hoki, kua whai wāhi mai ki te rārangi whiringa whāiti o te pō. Kaiako mai, taura mai, kaumātua mai, rangatahi mai, tohunga mai, tauhou mai, kaupapa mai, pakihī mai, katoa katoa, i takahi i te nuku o te whenua ki Te Kaokaoroa o Pātetere kia tukua e rātou ngā kupu whakamihimihi, kia kitea rā anōtia e rātou ko wai ka whakaihuwaka i mua tonu anō i te aroaro o te hākerekere, o te iwi whānui tonu o Raukawa.

I rangatira kē mai nei te pō i te taenga mai o ngā ihorei rongonui o te ao reo Māori, arā, a Kairangi Wayne Ngata, te Toihau o Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori rāua ko Ahorangi Rāwinia Higgins, he mema nō ngā poari e rua, arā, te poari o Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori me Te Māngai Pāhō. Kāore e āriarika ngā mihi ki a rāua. Kia tōai noatia ake ngā kupu a Tākuta Wayne Ngata i whakapuakina e ia nōna e tū ana hei kaikōrero matua o te pō. ‘Kei te rongō ake i te kakara o te hinu o te reo o Raukawa.’ ‘Me panipani ki te ihu o tēnā, ki te waha o tēnā, ki te rae o tēnā, kia pā anō rātou ki tangata kē atu.’ He mihi nui tēnei nāna ki te rau ngerongerō, ki te nui i tae mai, rātou i whakawaewae mai hoki i te rahinga tē kitea ā-kanohi nei i taua pō engari e nui tonu ana te mahi hāpai. Heoi anō, katoa ērā, kei raro iho i ngā parirau rarauwhe o te Rautaki Whakarauora Reo ā-Iwi a Raukawa, arā, Whakareia te Kakara o te Hinu Raukawa, e karawhiu haere ana i te reo i te takiwā o Raukawa huri noa.

Ka rere hoki ngā mihi ki ēnei e whai ake nei, arā, ngā kaituku tohu o te pō, ko Don Scarlet o Mighty River Power, ko Tauhe Jefferies o Iwi Investors, ko Tākuta Roger Lewis (kaiarotake i te Rautaki Reo a Raukawa i tēnei tau), Ko Amīria Stirling (tētehi o ngā kaiwhiriwhiri i ngā tonu), ko Te Heketū Blake (He kaiako o Te Panekiretanga o te Reo me ngā Kura Reo), ko Jarred Boon (He kaiako i Te Whare Takiura o Waiariki, waihoki ngā Kura Reo), Ko Wiremu Barrett (I riro i a ia te taonga nui whakaharahara, Te Whītiki o te Kī i te tau 2009) me Kataraina Hodge (tētehi o ngā taratī o Te Poari Matua me Te Poari Manaaki o Raukawa).

Ā kāti, mō te whakamiharo, kāore i tua atu i te taiea o te hunga rūruhi, i te ātaahua rirerire o te hunga tae māi ki te pō. Kua whakairihia ake ngā pūeru noa o ia rā, ka kuhu kētia ko ngā nama tahi, e kore te kaha kitea mai i te kaupapa noa. I tū tānekaha hoki te rōpū whakangahau o te pō, arā, ngā tamariki o Te Wharekura o Te Kaokaoroa o Pātetere. Mō te reo rōreka e hoa mā, ko rātou kei tawhiti!

Heoi anō rā, e te iwi, kua tō te rā ki te kaupapa i tēnei o ngā tau, ka ara ake anō hei te tau 2017 rā anō. Ka nui ngā kōrero a ngā rōpū me ngā tāngata i tae mai, ka kī, ‘he nui ngā painga o te pō.’ He kaupapa hou ka kitea hei whakamātau pea, hei whakahou ake rānei mā tētehi, hei whakapai ake rānei mā ētehi. Ko te mea nui tonu, ko te piki haere tonutanga a te iwi me te haporī whānui tonu kia eke te reo ki taumata kē o te ora, o te kōrerotia pāraweranuitia.

**Nā Charlie Tepana
Rau Ahurea Group Manager**





NGĀ TOA O TE PŌ

NGĀ TOHU WIKI REO MĀORI

TE TIRA UMANGA

Tokoroa New World

TE HAPORI WHĀNUI

South Waikato District Libraries – Tokoroa

TE HUNGA WHAKAAKO KURA AURAKI

Tokoroa High School

TE HUNGA WHAKAAKO KURA MĀORI

Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Hiringa

TE AO PĀPĀHO

Te Awamutu Courier

NGĀ TOHU MOTUHAKÉ

TE TOHU KAIWHAKAAKO KURA MĀORI

Mōrehu Pēwhairangi – Te Kōhanga Reo Tuatahi o Tokoroa

RANGATAHI KAIHAO

Huriana King – Te Kōhanga Reo Puāwai o Te Awamutu

TE WHAKAIHUWAKA O TE REO

Paraone Gloyne

TE MANAWA WHAKAŪ

TE HUNGA WHAKAAKO KURA AURAKI

Tokoroa High School

TE HUNGA WHAKAAKO KURA MĀORI

Te Wharekura o Ngā Purapura o Te Aroha

TE HAPORI WHĀNUI

Mōtai Tangata Rau

NGĀ TOHU RANGATIRA

TE TOHU RANGATIRA MŌ TE WIKI REO MĀORI

Tokoroa High School

TE TOHU RANGATIRA MŌ TE MANAWA WHAKAŪ

Te Wharekura o Ngā Purapura o Te Aroha



Tōtara Legacy Project Planting Day

Pūtake Taiao and project partners Hancock Forest Management and SCION held the first of our scheduled planting days for the Tōtara Legacy Project on 27 August. This project is an innovative and truly intergenerational Raukawa project which will provide future generations of Raukawa uri with plantations of tōtara for their exclusive use in around 120 years time.

With the collective efforts of the South Waikato District Council, South Waikato Forest and Bird, Mighty River Power, tamariki, kaiako and kaiawhi from Te Wharekura o Te Kaokaoroa o Pātetere and Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Hiringa, members of the Kaunihera Kaumātua and the active tautoko of the broader RCT team, around 3000 native trees were planted at the first of our tōtara plantation areas, located near the site of the historic Te Whetu village in Kinleith Forest east of Tokoroa.

The day was highly successful and fantastic feedback was received from all participants during and after the event. A particular highlight of the planting day was the presence of around 100 participants from the two kura, and their enthusiasm, energy, kōrero Māori and waiata filled the surrounding valley and added significantly to the wonderful wairua that flowed through the entire day.



Community, partners and staff plant 3000 native trees as planting gets underway for this inter-generational project.

A pou whenua has been installed at the site as part of the project works and the Project Team is currently organising material to include in a time capsule to be buried at the Taranaki planting site. This watertight capsule will include images from the day, project documentation, messages from Raukawa kaumātua and our RST Chairperson, and material from the tamariki present on the day. The time capsule will protect this information for future generations of Raukawa to retrieve when harvesting of the timber commences in 120 years' time, around 2135.

The day was a great demonstration of a Pūtake Taiao led, highly collaborative project that delivers environmental and community benefits, with specific long-term benefits for Raukawa uri. Pūtake Taiao are currently working with our Council partners and the Ministry of Primary Industries to formalise regulatory approvals for the plantations.



Nā Grant Kettle
Pūtake Taiao Group Manager



Kākano Whakatupu

Raukawa Treaty Group

Taonga Tūturu Project

“Prior to gaining access to the areas of interest I had growing concern for the historical and archaeological values of the sites and the impact that harvesting in the area would have upon them” was the worry expressed by archaeologist Perry Fletcher in his recent report to the Raukawa Charitable Trust (RCT).

Mr Fletcher was commissioned by the RCT, as part of the Taonga Tūturu Project, which will add to our record of the history of a number of taonga tūturu that the Trust is kaitiaki of. Project lead researcher, Phyllis Tahere said the information that has been recorded for each of the taonga is a vital addition to the knowledge continuum of Raukawa as a people.

The fully illustrated report contains reflections by Mr Fletcher describing each of the taonga and a narrative of their find. It also highlights who was involved with the taonga and a particular emphasis on Raukawa kaumātua that conducted the blessings for each. Kaumātua statements have also been recorded recounting their engagement with each of the taonga.



A pounamu found by Perry Fletcher – one of many taonga currently held by the Raukawa Charitable Trust.

RST Chair Vanessa Eparaima says the project has been a timely opportunity to capture greater detail on taonga for this and future generations.

“The beauty of this project is that it provides us with an opportunity to learn more about ourselves. It enables us to strengthen our resolve to meet our obligations and responsibilities as kaitiaki within our takiwā.” She noted that many of the find sites are within 10kms of Tokoroa.

Ō-Rākaupaewai

In a previous edition of Te Kakara we reported on developments that have seen the previous owners of the Ō-Rākau battle site approach the Crown with an offer to sell the land. The Crown recognising the national significance of this land which is within our Raukawa rohe, have since bought the property and have land-banked the land pending discussions with all interested parties.

On September 19, the Kākano Whakatupu team together with Raukawa kaumātua and Trustees attended a wānanga hosted by the Ō-Rākau Heritage Society at Parawera marae. The purpose of the wānanga was to explore a pathway forward with regards to the Ō-Rākau Battle site.

Workshops were held throughout the day and the Raukawa team were able to deliver our view around the kaupapa. The Raukawa presentation was well received and support was given to the RCT to progress discussions with all parties including Maniapoto and Waikato Tainui. Vanessa said it was a very productive day and Raukawa are humbled to be able to take a lead in discussions on what happens with a very important historical site for not only Raukawa but all people of Aotearoa.

“We are looking forward to expressing our view to our close whanaunga from Maniapoto and Waikato Tainui. We recognise that together we can achieve the dreams and aspirations of all those that gave their lives in defence of our lands and people, during a turbulent period in our history.”

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Nā Nigel Te Hiko

Kākano Whakatupu Group Manager & Co-Negotiator



Tīwai Hauora

Raukawa Health & Social Development



Waka Taua facilitators, Haami (left) and Mana Winikerei, standing in front the the waka - Te Timatanga.

The Waka Taua Wellness Programme offers a Māori World view to addressing the complex issues our male youth are presented with today in regards to mental health and addiction. The programme creates a therapeutic environment that allows clinical insight and traditional concepts to merge together in a healing capacity.

The programme recognises its participants as our rangatira of tomorrow, they are our future fathers and kaumātua. Accordingly we encourage our taitamariki to strive to be the very best they can be which is achievable through discipline, motivation and walking the path of the peaceful warrior. Waka Taua subscribes to the kōrero that healthy whānau create strong hapū which lead to a strong and vibrant iwi.

The ten weekend, marae based programme is available to all male youth between the ages of 13 and 20, people outside of these ages who are interested in the programme may still apply or be referred, however, acceptance is based upon available space, urgency and need.

Waka Taua wānanga can be challenging for some because they involve and require active participation, whether it be listening and communicating to cooking and cleaning, or hoe waka and hīkoi. The programme encourages kōrero about respecting cultural values and karakia to heal our spirits, kōrero whakamana to build mana, positive self-esteem and confidence, positive practise around maintaining physical wellbeing, whānau ora and our personal contribution to the whole.

Taitama will get a better understanding of themselves and their actions. They learn that there are “many ways to get to the top of the mountain” but they require a level of discipline, skill and know how, commitment, motivation and courage to achieve it.

Our marae are the hub of our tikanga and all the wairua elements are there; “ngā takahanga tapuwae o nga tūpuna” so they are the ideal place for us to reinforce wellness kōrero and kaupapa.

Waka Taua has been involved in many iwi and community events over the past few years; the most recent was in September at the Gallagher Great Race in Hamilton where we lead out the Waikato men’s and women’s teams prior to their individual races.

Previous events and highlights include the Raukawa Treaty signing at Whakamaru, the opening of most of the Waikato River Trails and particularly at the Little Waipā Reserve where the Prime Minister officially opened that part of the trail. Our involvement at Koroneihana, the World Rowing opening and closing at Karāpiro, a waka launch at Kāwhia Moana, Christmas parades in Tokoroa, Putaruru, Cambridge and Mangakino and the many school visits during that time.

All of these events involve intensive training and focus, a positive attitude and a willingness to work together so it is especially pleasing and gratifying to witness the kaha and determination these taitama put in to their mahi and despite the different levels of positive progress “aha koa he iti he pounamu”.

A whānau member recently spoke about a particular tuakana taitama who was partially disabled and unable to speak properly as a result of a work accident. She observed how much he had grown in confidence and that his wairua seemed to be “bursting out of him” which she believed was due to an acceptance and non-judgemental approach to his wellbeing by the programme.

Nā Kataraina Hodge
Tīwai Hauora Group Manager



General Notices

Education Grants

The next rounds of Education Grants are now open.

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| Now Open | Short Courses, Certificates, Diploma Study | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Study period July 15 – Dec 15• Closes 31st January 2016 |
| Now Open | Undergrad/Postgrad/Masters | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Study period 2016 academic year• Closes 29th February 2016 |
| Now Open | PhD Study | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Study period 2014/2015/2016 academic years• Closes 29th February 2016 |
| Due to open April 2016 | Short Courses, Certificates, Diploma Study | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Study period January 16 – June 2016• Closes 31st July 2016 |

Kuia & Koroua Wellbeing Grant – 2015/2016

There is only one grant round per year for the Kuia & Koroua Wellbeing Grant. This round is now open and closes on the 31st May 2016. All expenses claimed must have been incurred between 1st June 2015 – 31st May 2016. The Grant covers a number of costs in areas associated with your wellbeing. Please see our policy and application form which are available upon request or visit our website.

www.raukawa.org.nz

Marae Grants 2015-2016

The grant amounts have been approved for each of our RST marae for the 2015/2016 financial year. We invite our marae whom have completed their previous year's accountability report to apply for the new Grant. If marae are unsure of the status of their reporting please contact the Aka Tauwhiro Group Manager – Maria Te Kanawa on **0800 RAUKAWA (0800 728 5292)**.

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