

# TE KAKARA

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Working together to  
protect our waterways



Whakamārama Marae



Te Uru Raukawa



Matariki Planting Project

# RST Chair Message

Welcome to the winter edition of your Raukawa pānui - Te Kakara. This edition looks at this quarter's mahi and captures some of the key highlights and achievements for our whānau and for our Raukawa Charitable Trust (RCT) team.

Before introducing you to our pānui, I would like to take this time to acknowledge the passing of two of our Raukawa Settlement Trust (RST) trustees.

Earlier this year, RST and RCT trustee Jennifer Hughes (Bubby) passed away in March. Bubby diligently served her marae, Tāpapa, and her people of Raukawa to the highest degree over many years.

Bubby never wavered in her passion and role as a trustee and was wholly committed to furthering the aspirations of our people. Bubby was involved in a wide range of RCT mahi, especially the areas of Treaty settlements and the environment.

Bubby was a member of the Raukawa Environment Reference Group, her active involvement as an environmental advocate and kaumātua is reflected in the many plans and policies that seek to uphold the Raukawa view of a sustainable environment for current and future generations.

In addition, I would like to also acknowledge another stalwart for Raukawa, a man passionate about the success of his whānau, marae and iwi, and a former chairperson of ROTAB, the original commercial organisation for the RTB.

John was chairperson of Ōwairaka (Rāwhitiroa) Marae, a long-time member of the RTB, and also briefly served as chairperson. John was a passionate advocate especially in economic development for Raukawa as a trustee of the RST and as a director of Raukawa Iwi Development Ltd (RIDL).

John was also chairperson of the Aotearoa Farm Trust, and his insight and knowledge of the farming sector were invaluable in the decision by RIDL to purchase an almost half share in Ranginui Station earlier this year, which consists of 2,135 hectares, milking 3,500 cows. John has been a strong and passionate voice for Raukawa and his wisdom, knowledge and experience, not only for Raukawa but across the takiwā, will be sadly missed.

In this edition we report on a Matariki planting event held in Tokoroa to plant native trees to celebrate the dawn of Matariki. The event which brought together the RCT team and South Waikato District Council staff set a new record this year, planting more than 1300 plants in one hour along the banks of the Whakauru Stream next to the Tokoroa Memorial Sports Ground.

Also in this edition, is coverage of Ō-Rākau commemorations held in April, when more than 100 of our whānau braved grey and stormy conditions to visit this battle site to acknowledge the sacrifice of many including our ancestors who fought to defend our rangatiratanga.

This battle and other key engagements of the New Zealand Wars are important and it is crucial that the sacrifice, skill and bravery of those who fought and died is memorialised and acknowledged. Currently there are discussions being held between iwi and the Crown to determine how these important events in our national history can be better acknowledged and remembered. Raukawa historian and Kākano Whakatupu Manager, Nigel Te Hiko reports on this within our pānui.

Included in this edition is a report from our environment team on Heathy Rivers Wai Ora, a collaborative project that sees all five Waikato River Iwi and the Waikato Regional Council partner alongside the Community Stakeholder Group, in a plan that aims to have the rivers safe for kai gathering and swimming, along their entire length by 2096.

Protecting and nurturing our natural resources and our commercial resources for this and future generations is a fundamental driver of all that we do across the Raukawa Settlement Trust. Building our capability and supporting our people are crucial to our success moving forward. I encourage you to take in the mahi and achievement of our whānau in this edition of Te Kakara and I wish you a safe and prosperous Matariki!

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



Rev. Ngira Simmonds leading the karakia for the Ō-Rākau commemorations, 2nd April 2016.

## Raukawa Commemorate Ō-Rākau

On the 2nd April 2016, 152 years after the event, the people of Raukawa returned to the Ō-Rākau battle site, Kihikihi.

It was a day of contradiction. A day of both sorrow and pride. Sorrow for those descendants who had gathered to reflect and contemplate the loss of their respective tūpuna and pride in knowing that those tūpuna stood up for what was right and just. That they had given their lives so that we, their descendants could enjoy the freedoms that had been denied them.

The Raukawa Charitable Trust (RCT) team began their work early that day, battling the early morning rain to prepare the area in time for the official ceremony. By 10am, as the Raukawa whānau gathered, the weather cleared, as if on cue, and the iwi was greeted to a glorious occasion. There were approximately 100 to 150 people present consisting of Raukawa kaumātua, trustees, members of the Te Uru Raukawa programme and Te Wharekura o Te Kaokaoroa-o-Pātetere.

Following the whakatau, Rev. Ngira Simmonds of Pikitū marae, led the prayer. In his kauwhau, Rev. Ngira poignantly posed the question “Who won this battle? Māori? No. The Crown? Maybe. But the real winner of this were the evils of jealousy and greed. Today, we have the opportunity to right these wrongs.”

The Raukawa Settlement Trust Chairperson, Vanessa Eparaima, was the first official speaker and she reflected upon the sacrifices made by our tūpuna at Ō-Rākau. She urged the Ministry for Education to give serious consideration to the inclusion of the New Zealand Land Wars into the national curriculum. Of this she said “I am reminded of the Crown apology to Raukawa which says the Crown deeply regrets its actions during the New Zealand Wars of the 1860s, which resulted in the loss of life and was

*destructive and demoralising to Raukawa. It is perhaps time for the Crown to put action to those words.”*

Looking into the future she spoke of our discussions with the Crown in respect of the future management and care of the Ō-Rākau battle site.

Nigel Te Hiko, gave a historical account of the battle. He spoke passionately of the adversity the Raukawa tūpuna faced and the resoluteness of the Raukawa tūpuna. Of this he said “Hitiri remembered the conditions they faced within the pā. He spoke of the lack of food and water and how the people would try to extract water from sucking on a potato... and how the people substituted bullets with peach pips and bits of wood. Despite all that the defenders at Ō-Rākau endured”.

Following on from Nigel’s kōrero the gathered group were treated to experiences of the local farmers who lived next to the Ō-Rākau battle site. They advised of their connection to the area and expressed their delight that the history of Ō-Rākau was being commemorated by the iwi.

Finally, the day was rounded off with a stunning kapa haka performance by the students of Te Wharekura o Te Kaokaoroa-o-Pātetere. They stood proudly where once their ancestors had fought and died. They sang with pride. Their voices cutting through the peaceful countryside.

Although our tūpuna have left this world, their deeds and accomplishments will continue on within the land that is Ō-Rākau.



# Matariki provides opportunity to Strengthen Relationships



*Restoration planting at Whakauru Stream was completed by the Raukawa Charitable Trust and South Waikato District Council for Matariki 2016.*

As Matariki, a faint cluster of stars more commonly known as Pleiades, rises in the early morning skies, whānau across the country celebrate the Māori lunar new year, renewing ties of friendship, kinship and aroha.

The South Waikato District Council and the Raukawa Charitable Trust celebrated the lunar new year with gumboots and spades. Staff from both organisations came together to collaboratively plant 1300 native rākau (plants) at Whakauru Stream in Tokoroa.

This stream, located by the Tokoroa Memorial Sports Ground, is named after Te Puke o Whakauru, better known as Colson's Hill. The iconic hill that overlooks the township was home to an old pā site and the Whakauru Stream itself held numerous pā tuna (eel weirs).

Friday 10 June saw staff brave the wet weather to take part in the second restoration project to date. Last year, the two groups planted 2000 native rākau along the southern edge of Lake Moananui, Tokoroa, in an effort to enhance the mauri of our urban environment.

This year, the addition of 10 new native species to the banks of Whakauru Stream will help increase biodiversity and attract more native birds to the area.

The day kicked off with a health and safety briefing and planting demonstration. Both organisations worked together as a whānau by following the flow of the awa to complete the task ahead. A true demonstration of the principles of noho tahi, kōrero tahi, mahi tahi, kai tahi!

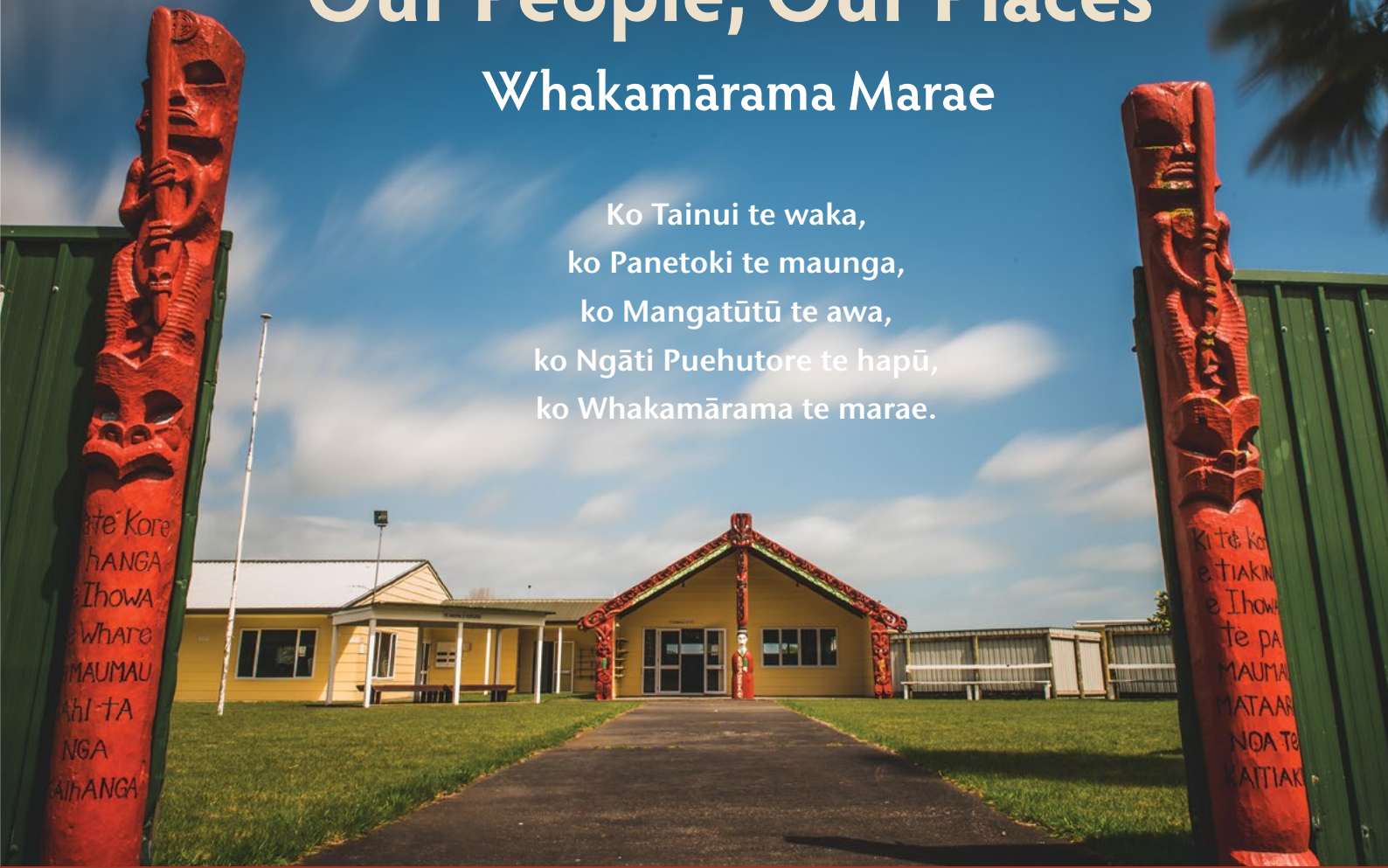
While this annual event helps both organisations celebrate Matariki through the restoration and increase of our local biodiversity, the event also provides an opportunity to strengthen and acknowledge our existing working partnership. Both organisations look forward to planning next year's event.



# Our People, Our Places

## Whakamārama Marae

Ko Tainui te waka,  
ko Panetoki te maunga,  
ko Mangatūtū te awa,  
ko Ngāti Puehutore te hapū,  
ko Whakamārama te marae.



**W**hakamārama is one of 16 marae mandated to the Raukawa Settlement Trust (RST) and is located 19km south of Te Awamutu. Whakamārama is the youngest of the four other Raukawa marae located in Wharepūhanga and was opened in 1993. The other Raukawa marae within Wharepūhanga being Aotearoa, Ōwairaka (Rāwhitiroa) and Pārāwera.

Descendants of the apical ancestor Wairangi, the people of Whakamārama also affiliate to Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Rahurahu, Ngāti Kearoa/Ngāti Tūara, and Ngāti Tahu/ Ngāti Whaoa.

The marae was founded on the whakataukī of the late Hinepare Rangimoeakau, who said

*“Hangaia he marae mō koutou kia kīa ai koutou,  
ae, he tāngata”*

*“Build a marae for yourselves so it will be said of  
you, yes, a people”*

The name of the whare tupuna is Te Rangimoeakau, and the left carvings represent their Te Arawa lineage and the right their Raukawa lineage. The central figure of the poukaiāwhā (central post) is the ancestress Waiarohi. Raukawa Charitable Trust Deputy Chairperson, Kataraina

Hodge, hails from Whakamārama Marae and is also the RST representative for the Marae. Kataraina says, “our Marae, Whakamārama, is the very centre of our people, a sanctuary, it holds a very special place in our hearts”. Kataraina goes on to acknowledge Hinepare Honiana, Phil Rye, George Nolan, Lloyd Gower, Nuki and Tom Takerei and the many Auckland and Te Awamutu whānau for their role in establishing and building the marae.

### He Waiata nā Whakamārama Marae

Tākiri mai te ata

Hura mai te rā ki te pae o Wharepūhanga

Tū mai rā Panetoki

Te okiokinga te okiokinga o ngā tūpuna

Kauria te wai marino o Mangatūtū

Manaakihia ngā rau o Raukawa

Toi te mana o Takhiku

Hikina te mauri o Whakatere

Honoa te pito o Puehutore

Kawea ngā ōhākī ki Te Rangimoeakau

Kia tū māia ki Whakamārama



# Collaborating for Healthy Rivers Wai Ora

The Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River/Te Ture Whaimana o Te Awa o Waikato (Te Ture Whaimana) has arisen from the Treaty Settlements of the Waikato and Waipā River iwi (Raukawa, Waikato-Tainui, Maniapoto, Tūwharetoa and Te Arawa River Iwi). Te Ture Whaimana sets a strong high level goal of restoring and protecting the health of the Waikato and Waipā rivers.

Healthy Rivers Wai Ora is a collaborative project to give effect to Te Ture Whaimana in the Waikato Regional Plan. All five River Iwi and Waikato Regional Council are partners in the project. The goal is to have the rivers safe for kai gathering and swimming, along their entire length, by 2096.

Raukawa are actively engaged in the project. Raukawa Charitable Trust Deputy Chairperson Kataraina Hodge is co-chairperson of the Healthy Rivers Wai Ora committee and Pūtake Taiao Group Manager Grant Kettle is part of the project management team, Te Rōpū Hautū. Kataraina and Grant have also been regularly attending the meetings of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group (CSG) which comprises a range of stakeholders from across the community and is developing the proposed change to the Regional Plan.

The project is approaching an important phase with the proposed plan change due to be recommended to River

Iwi, the Healthy Rivers Wai Ora committee and the Waikato Regional Council in August and September 2016. The CSG has focused on the control of discharges of nitrogen, phosphorous, sediment and e.coli to restore the health of the rivers. Ideas developed for inclusion in the plan change include:

- excluding stock from waterways;
- resource consents for certain types of land use change and intensification;
- property plans for intensive land users who are part of a certified industry scheme;
- resource consents and property plans for intensive land users.

The RCT held hui in November 2015 and February 2016 to inform and engage with uri on the Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora project. The hui have been opportunities for kaumātua, marae representatives, trustees, land trusts and uri to be informed about the project's progress and provide their feedback. A third hui is due to be held in August, with a final date to be determined once the CSG has delivered the proposed change to the Healthy Rivers Wai Ora committee.

More information and updates on the project can be found on the Waikato Regional Council website:

<http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/healthyrivers/>

## Waikato River Authority – Five Year Review

The Waikato River Authority was established in 2010 as the custodian of, and advocate for, The Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River/Te Ture Whaimana o Te Awa o Waikato. The Authority is also the body responsible for overseeing the implementation of the clean-up of the river as the trustee of the Waikato River Clean-up Trust.

In March, the Authority, as required by legislation, completed a review of its effectiveness over the last five years and reported the outcomes to the five Waikato and Waipā River iwi (Raukawa, Waikato-Tainui, Maniapoto, Tūwharetoa and Te Arawa) and the Crown. Raukawa Settlement Trust (RST) Chairperson Vanessa Eparaima and Pūtake Taiao Group Manager Grant Kettle meet with Authority Co-Chairs Tukoroirangi Morgan and Hon John Luxton to discuss the review.

*“We wanted to acknowledge the many areas where the Authority has been successful”, says Vanessa “such as setting up funding infrastructure and the funding of restoration and rehabilitation initiatives. But we also wanted to draw attention to some functions, such as advocacy for Te Ture Whaimana, which are not covered by the review”.*

To help remedy this and refocus activity, RST have suggested the Authority hold a workshop/strategy session with River iwi. *“This will be a great opportunity to work collectively with River iwi partners to plan for the next five years”* says Vanessa.

## Joint Management Agreement Governance Committee Hui ā-Tau

The Raukawa Charitable Trust has six Joint Management Agreements (JMA) covering South Waikato, Waipā, Rotorua, Taupō and Otorohanga District Councils and the Waikato Regional Council. Under each JMA an annual Governance Committee meeting is to be held.

Following on from the success of the inaugural Governance Committee meeting held last year, Waipā District Council and Pūtake Taiao will be co-hosting the second Hui ā-Tau at Pārāwera marae on 13 July 2016. This Governance Committee Hui ā-Tau will include all Raukawa JMA partners and will focus on actions to achieve Te Ture Whaimana for the year ahead.

The JMAs provide the foundation for an enduring relationship between the Trust and the six Councils; and strengthens the commitment to co-governance and co-management for the Waikato River.

The Governance Committee Hui ā-Tau provides the platform for a kanohi ki te kanohi governance level relationship with JMA partners and provides the opportunity to discuss our shared obligations under Te Ture Whaimana and other matters of mutual interest.



## Working Together to Protect our Waterways

The Fonterra Mātauranga Māori project has arisen from the resource consents required for the expansion of the Fonterra Litchfield Dairy Manufacturing site. The project involves monitoring of the Pokaiwhenua and Ngutuwera streams which will feed into the overarching Ecological Monitoring Plan for Fonterra. The Mātauranga Māori project is using a Cultural Health Index (CHI) assessment to meet the consent condition requiring Mātauranga Māori monitoring. The monitoring will occur over the 25 year lifespan of the resource consent.

The methodology to use the CHI assessment was determined following consultation with Pūtake Taiao.

The monitoring was undertaken using both the CHI and western scientific methods. Freshwater Solutions Ltd. (FWS) were contracted by Fonterra to do the western science methodology and opted for a CHI assessment initiated firstly by Dr. Charlotte Severne and finalised by Dr. Gail Tipa.

The monitoring took place over two days in May. On day one of monitoring uri in collaboration with FWS monitored the two upstream sites (control sites). On day two the team monitored the ecological condition downstream – past the Fonterra Litchfield Dairy Manufacturing site.

Uri from Ngātira, Mangakaretu, and Whakaaratamaiti worked closely with FWS at the monitoring sites to document their observations through CHI and western scientific methods. This gave opportunity for uri to collect samples which will be included as data in the written reports to come. Kōura, tuna, kōkopu and other living creatures were found while monitoring – which was encouraging in terms of healthy waterways.

Ngātira endorsed marae kaitiaki representative, Tracey Whare, got her gumboots wet working alongside FWS exploring the western scientific monitoring method. *“Spending time monitoring the cultural health of our freshwater and working with passionate scientists was a great experience. The fieldwork included places I had never been to before. It certainly gave me a greater appreciation of our responsibilities as kaitiaki and the importance of knowing our own lands and waterways.”* Tracey says.

The next part of the project will involve a discussion based wānanga where endorsed marae kaitiaki representatives (from Ngātira, Mangakaretu, and Whakaaratamaiti) can comment on the draft report written by Dr. Gail Tipa and FWS. The reports will be based on the samples collected from monitoring undertaken in May.

During the wānanga, to build uri capability Dr. Gail Tipa and FWS will show the process undertaken to translate the collection of samples from monitoring into a written report.



# Top 10 Tips for Learning the Māori Language



Kia ora rā! Are you struggling to paddle your language waka? Does it feel like you're paddling upstream? Check out these helpful hints that will steady your waka and give you that renewed burst of energy to get you through the rapids.

## 1. Understand why!

Truly believing and committing to the reason why you've decided to start learning and eventually speaking the Māori language will be the key motivator to keep you on track when things get tough.

## 2. Kōrero, kōrero, kōrero! Speak, speak, speak!

Speak as often as you can, to as many people as you can, about as many things as you can. This will start off slow at the beginning but just keep building on what you know.

## 3. Find a Kōrero Buddy!

Find some positive mates or whānau members to practise with and learn with. Everyone needs mates to speak and practise with. Set some simple fun ground rules and goals you and your 'hoa kōrero' can progress. Eg. We will only greet each other in te reo Māori. We will text each other in te reo Māori only. We will test each other's knowledge of new words.

## 4. Don't sweat the mistakes!

There's no way around it, when you start off you are going to make mistakes. Work on correcting them and as time goes by they will disappear.

## 5. Learn those words!

Building your vocab' is key to understanding others and eventually building sentences. Focus on the practical day to day words first – start with 50 of the most common and then the next 50 and so on. Flash cards (Māori word on one side and English on the other) are easy to make and are a fun way to learn. Small labels around the home and workplace are also very good.



## 6. Get on the learning waka!

This could be a programme at one of your local wānanga, night class or marae. The programmes available these days are awesome. The support of a teacher and their learning resources will help a lot. A formal class will assist with grammar, pronunciation and useful phrases.

## 7. The must have resources

Everyone needs a good dictionary. Any of the main brands will suffice or apps on your phone. Once you have progressed along a bit the H.W. Williams, Dictionary of the Māori Language is invaluable.

## 9. Watch and listen!

Find as many opportunities as you can to watch and listen to the language. Either real life opportunities or on television, radio and the internet. As time goes by your understanding will develop and you'll amaze yourself at how much you know.

## 8. Hit the Books!

When we were young at school learning we read books every day. Reading reo Māori often aloud is a great way to build your speaking confidence, vocabulary and comprehension. Start with children's books and slowly make your way up the ladder.



## 10. Use your technology!

Technology today can assist your learning in so many ways. Record conversations, waiata, karanga and whaikōrero, take notes on a new kupu, sentence or whakataukī, look up a new word in the dictionary, take a photo of your whakapapa, video your pepeha. The list is endless!





# Te Tau Hou o Te Uru Raukawa

Nō te 2 o Paenga-whāwhā i tū ai te wānanga tuatahi o Te Uru Raukawa o te tau nei. Mā pahi mātou i Tokoroa ki te tiki i ngā ngare i Putaruru, i reira ki ngā whakahekenga i Te Awamutu, ka mutu, ka hoki whaka-te-uta ki te whakamaumaharatanga ka tū i Ō-Rākau Paewai. Nō mātou i te tāhuna-ā-tara rā ka rongō i ngā kōrero a te momo o tētehi i haere ki Ō-Rākau pakanga ai. Mutu kau ana āna kōrero me ngā karakia a Reverend Ngira Simmonds i hoki ki te pahi, ā, i kotahi atu Te Uru Raukawa ki Te Nehenehenui.

I roto nā Doug Ruki mātou i arataki i tērā wāhanga o te haerenga. 36 mātou, kaumātua mai, pākeke mai, tamariki mai. Heoi anō tā mātou he āta whakarongo, he whakamīharo ki te mātauranga Māori i whakapuakina ai e Doug. Mō te mōhio ki ngā kōrero o taua rohe me ngā tūpuna, kāore he painga i a ia. Me uaua kē ka rangona ēnei momo kōrero, ā, waimarie katoa ana a Te Uru Raukawa i ngā kōrero mō Tāwhao, rātou ko Tūrongo, ko Whatihua, ko Ruapūtahanga, ko Rereahu, ko Te Ihingārangi, ko Kinohaku, ko Raukawa, ko Maniapoto me te huhua noa atu o ngā tūpuna o Tainui waka. Waihoki i pau i a mātou ngā haora e whia kē nei ki tērā wāhi tapu, ki tērā wāhi tapu. Toimaha hārukiruki ana ngā kete kōrero i ngā kōrero hou nei, ā, tūrangahakoa ana tērā ngā tauira i te mutunga iho.

Ko te tuarua me te tuatoru o ngā wānanga i tū kē ai i te Poari i Tokoroa. Nō mātou te whiwhi i te whakawāteatanga mai o tētehi mātanga reo o Tokoroa nei i a ia anō ki te whakahaere i tētehi wāhanga o te wānanga tuarua o Te Uru Raukawa. Karakia mai, wetewete reo mai, kāore i kō atu kāore i kō mai i a Jarred Boon. Ko te pānga mai o te Ā me te Ō ki ngā rerenga kōrero te aronga nui o āna mahi. Koirā tētehi āhuatanga o te reo i whakapōrearea ai i te nuinga o ngā tauira i a rātou e kōrero ana, e tuhituhi ana rānei i te reo. Me te aha, e ono hāora pea mātou e paopao ana i tēnei kaupapa kia kite atu ai i te paku hīnātoe i te kōmata o te rangi.

Nā Māria Murray ngā uakoau ki te reo i manaaki i ēnei wānanga e rua, ā, māna hoki rātou e āwhina i te roanga ake o tēnei tau. Ko waiata, ko katakata, ko rākau karakara ētehi o āna kaiāwhina i roto i ngā wānanga. Ki te whakarongo ki a rātou e ako ana ka pōhēhē te tangata he pāti noa iho tā rātou e riwha nei. E ai ki tā ōku taringa i pērā rawa te pai o te noho a ngā tauira ki tōna taha ako ai, wānanga ai. I te 11 o Pipiri i tohatoha ai i ngā pukapuka hei rauemi mā ngā tauira. He kupu hou, he karakia, he kiwaha, he whakataukī, he waiata anō hoki kei roto i te pukapuka hei kai mā wai mā kia ngata ai tō rātou hiahia ki te kai a te rangatira.

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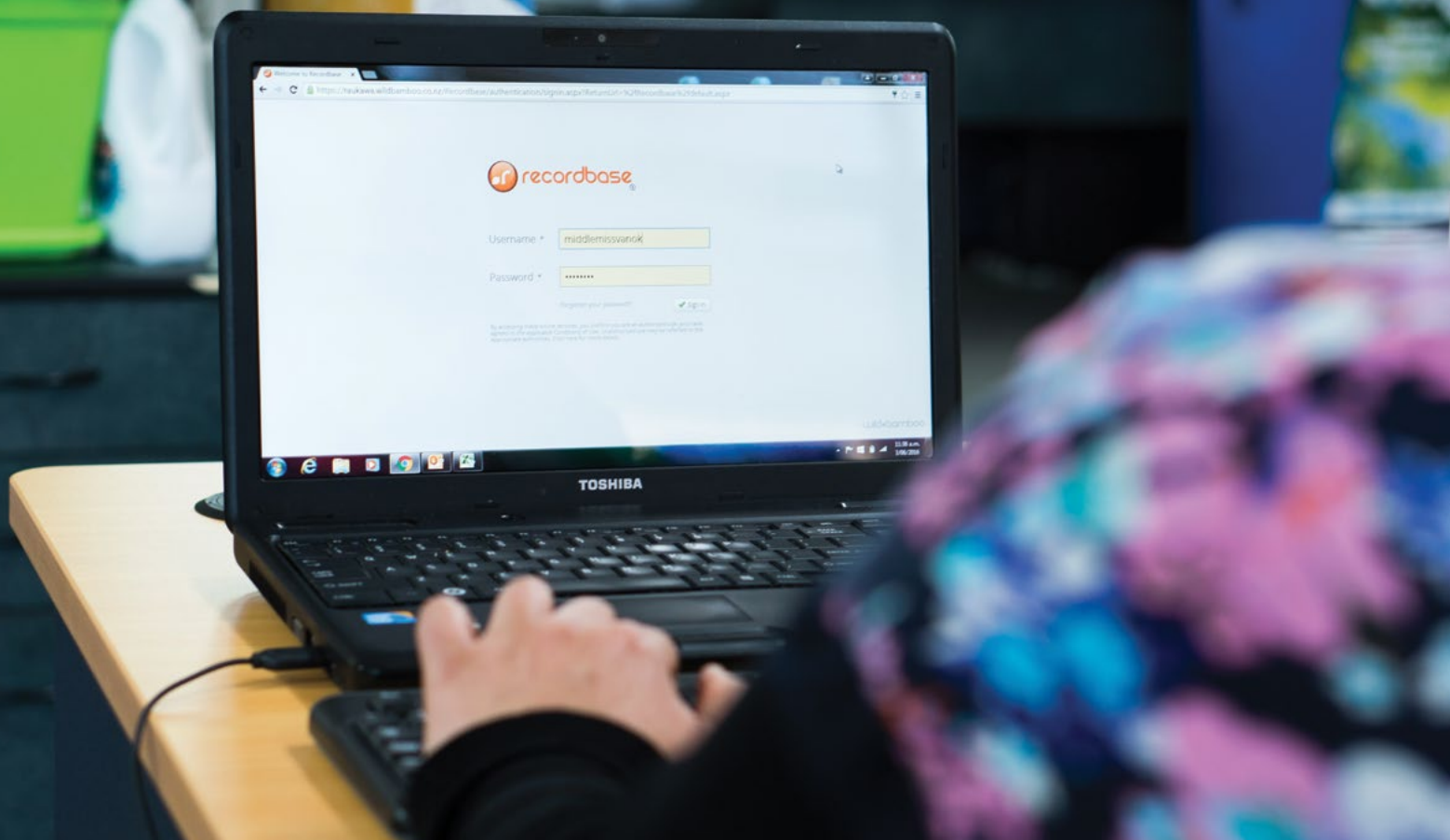


Ētehi tauira e whakarongo pīkari ana ki a Māria Murray.



Ngā huruhuru o ngā waewae o Te Uru Raukawa e āmio ana i te Nehenehenui.





## New System to deliver Better Outcomes for Iwi & Community

Tiwaiti Hauora, the Raukawa Health & Social Development Group, recently implemented a tailored client management system (RecordBase) that aims to optimise our services both in terms of administration and delivery.

After a long and considered approach, the team decided to partner with software company Wild Bamboo as we sought to reform our IT infrastructure. Wild Bamboo is an industry leader who has been working with community-based organisations in mental health, addiction, wellbeing and disability sectors in New Zealand, Australia and the United Kingdom.

With 16 services provided by Tiwaiti Hauora throughout the South Waikato District, the organisation recognised the need to ensure that our IT infrastructure allowed our staff to deliver the best outcomes possible for our iwi members and the wider community that we serve. Through a number of workshops that identified staff needs and funder requirements, a new platform was tailored to meet our growing needs, now and into the future.

RecordBase went live in early June and allows our staff to track and trace their performance at the click of a button. The system also lets the team continually tweak the platform as our needs change and will help us to standardise core processes such as client entry, waiting lists and exits.

Engaging smart information systems has been a deliberate step for the organisation, RecordBase ensures that we are transparent and auditable to our funders. Being a web-based system, it allows our staff to connect even when they are out and about on the road delivering care to clients.

While the system is relatively new, our staff have already put the new tools to task and have adapted quickly.



# Ka Whawhai Tonu Mātou. Ake! Ake! Ake!

During the middle half of the 19th century, New Zealand underwent dramatic social change in the shape of the New Zealand Land Wars. The events of the Land Wars were transformative of the cultural landscape at the time and their impacts upon the iwi of Raukawa were felt generations after. Today, Raukawa still keenly feels the aftermath of the wars.

The effects of the New Zealand Land Wars upon the iwi have been highlighted in submissions to the parliamentary Māori Affairs Select Committee looking at a petition into the commemorations of the Land Wars. In 2015, a petition was organised by students of Otorohanga College, collecting over 12,000 signatures in support.

The petition has three aims:

- to raise awareness of the importance of the Land Wars in the history of our country;
- to have the land wars included as a course of study within the New Zealand curriculum; and
- to memorialise the Land Wars with a statutory day of commemoration.

The Raukawa Settlement Trust, the Raukawa Charitable Trust and a member of the Kaunihera Kaumātua have all lodged a submission in support of the petition.

## Overlapping Claims

The Kākano Whakatupu team are in ongoing overlapping claims discussions with the following groups:

### Hauraki Iwi Collective

A wānanga will be held on the 25th July 2016 at the Raukawa Charitable Trust Office, Campbell Street, Tokoroa from 10am to 12noon to provide an update in respect of the Hauraki Settlement, particularly the the Waihou River catchment.

### Ngāti Tūwharetoa

There are a number of issues that have arisen since the signing of the Tūwharetoa Agreement in Principle. The team are working through those issues with the Tūwharetoa Hapū Forum and the Crown.

### Ngāti Hinerangi

We are currently working through the overlapping claims issues.

The team is working closely with each group and the Crown to help expedite their respective settlements whilst ensuring that Raukawa interests are properly acknowledged. We wish all negotiating groups well in their settlement discussions.

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# General Notices

## Election Result – Tāpapa Marae Representative 2016

The Raukawa Settlement Trust (RST) would like to thank all nominees for agreeing to stand in this year's election process. As the Returning Officer for the RST Marae Representative Election process, I declare the following results:

Voting papers sent	Voting papers received	Special Voting papers received	Valid Votes	Invalid
279	75	1	72	4

Nominees	Votes Received
Nina Hireme	51
Susan Stewart	21

I hereby declare Nina Hireme to be the successful nominee for the position of Tāpapa Marae Representative to the Raukawa Settlement Trust Board.

Richard Fisk  
Returning Officer

## Grants Notices

Applications are now open for Short Course Study completed between January to June 2016. Applications close 31 July 2016. We encourage all eligible iwi members to apply, for an application form and more information, please visit [www.raukawa.org.nz](http://www.raukawa.org.nz) or call **0800 RAUKAWA (0800 728 5292)**.

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