

TE KAKARA

Te Kakara o te Hinu Raukawa - Your Raukawa Iwi Newsletter

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Tumu Whakarae

New General Manager Appointed



Marae Revitalisation



First Māori Law Professor



Ngā Tohu Reo Māori

RST Chair Message

Welcome to the summer edition of Te Kakara, as we near the end of what has been another busy and productive year for Raukawa.

In the following pages, we provide details on some of the key developments for our iwi in recent months and some of the highlights for the year.

As an iwi we have continued to make good progress, supported by passionate whānau and staff who work very hard to achieve the aspirations and expectations of our people.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Robert (Bobby) Bryan as Tumu Whakarae. The appointment of our new general manager followed a long and robust process to find the best person to lead our team in the years ahead. We provide further details around this key appointment in the pages ahead.

Also in this edition are details of the work being carried out by Aotearoa Marae led by Kaumātua, Motunau John Katene Kopa and supported by Connie Hui, Aotearoa Marae RST Trustee, and the marae trustee committee to revitalise the marae and its community. The revitalisation work is a two-pronged approach; working on the wharenuī itself, and secondly focused on encouraging people to reconnect with their marae.

Also in this edition is the acknowledgement of the achievement of our staff with the Ngā Tohu Kaimahi o Raukawa - Raukawa Staff Awards held at the South Waikato Sports and Event Centre in Tokoroa. The biennial event, held on December 2nd, recognised the wonderful work of our sixty plus staff to further the vision and mission of our iwi.

We also share the incredible success of Paparamu Marae whānau member Professor Jacinta Ruru, who holds the honour of being the first Māori Professor of Law in New Zealand.

I was fortunate to represent our iwi when Professor Ruru delivered her Inaugural Professorial Lecture (IPL), on 12 September at Otago University. The lecture explored the theme of "*Toitū te Whenua. Toitū te Mana*" a whakatauki that can be translated loosely as "the land remains, the authority remains" which has underpinned Jacinta's research since the start of her academic career as an assistant lecturer in 1999.

There are many other stories and updates in the pages ahead including confirmation of the re-appointment of



Marae representatives Kataraina Hodge (Whakamārama), Cheryl Pakuru (Ūkaipō) and Waimatao Smith (Tangata) and myself (Mōkai) to the Raukawa Settlement Trust. I would also like to welcome Paraone Gloyne onto the RST who was appointed for Ōwairaka - Rāwhitiroa Marae.

At our AGM on December 10, whānau heard of the continued strong performance across our different entities and business units. We continue the theme of solid and consistent performance as we further refine and improve what we do and how we perform as a post settlement iwi organisation.

Details of our results for the year can be found on our website at: www.raukawa.org.nz/rct/annual-reports/

Finally, on behalf of myself and our trustees I want to wish everyone a very Meri and safe Kirihiemete for this festive season to you all and your whānau. I hope everyone gets quality whānau time and the chance to take a break and reflect on the year past and on the new year ahead. Be safe whānau, and do what you do best in caring for each other over the summer season.

Nā Vanessa Eparaima
Raukawa Settlement Trust Chairperson



Raukawa Highlights 2016



March saw Raukawa staff, kaumātua, stakeholders and community bury a time capsule at the Tōtara Legacy planting site.

Te Rau Kawakawa

The taonga Te Rau Kawakawa gifted by the Pouakani Trust marks the formation of a major partnership after the purchase by Raukawa of a 47.5 per cent stake in the 2,400ha Ranginui Station, located 15kms west of Mangakino.

The symbolic taonga celebrates the joint venture partnership and depicts the humble Raukawa leaf. Made from ancient mītai timber, the taonga reflects the values of kotahitanga, aroha, kaitiakitanga and manaakitanga.



South Waikato Festival of Cultures

The successful and well received week-long event, led by Raukawa, local council and the South Waikato Pacific Islands Community Services, celebrated both the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi and the cultural diversity of our community.





◀ Kura Reo ā-Motu, ā-lwi

Both the reo ā-Motu and ā-lwi were well attended this year, both being led by our Cultural Development team, Rau Ahurea. This was the first year that Te Kura Reo ā-lwi was facilitated and was targeted at supporting Raukawa uri.

▶ Tōtara Legacy Project Time Capsule

Following on from the successful planting held last year, Raukawa whānau, stakeholders and community gathered to plant a time capsule to be unearthed in 2135, which is the time when the first stands of tōtara should be ready for cultural harvest.



◀ Ō-Rākau Commemoration

152 years after the event, the people of Raukawa and the wider community returned to the Ō-Rākau battle site, near Kihikihi, to commemorate the sacrifice and bravery of our tūpuna.

▶ Matariki Planting

The South Waikato District Council and the Raukawa Charitable Trust celebrated the lunar new year with gumboots and spades, planting over 1300 native rākau at Whakauru Stream in Tokoroa.



◀ Taonga Tūturu Project

The Taonga Tūturu Project led by our Treaty team, Kākano Whakatupu, and archaeologist Perry Fletcher provides a fully illustrated report that will add to our record of the history of a number of taonga tūturu that the Trust is kaitiaki of.



Fonterra Mātauranga Māori Project

This collaborative project involves monitoring of the Pokaiwhenua and Ngutuwera streams and involves Western scientific methods and mātauranga Māori converging to protect our waterways with the help of marae kaitiaki.



Joint Effort to Protect Heritage

Raukawa, Ngāti Hauā, Ngāti Korokī Kahukura and the whānau of Pārāwera Marae have worked together over the last two years to protect Hangahanga Pā and the Mangahoi Stream from destruction by successfully opposing a private application for resource consent.



Hatupatu Redevelopment Starts

Raukawa and others gathered to officiate a blessing over the iconic Hatupatu site as redevelopment gets underway to provide greater protection to the site, increase safety and beautify the area.



Healthy Rivers Wai Ora

Work continues to protect our waterways, especially through the Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Project – a collaborative initiative involving all 5 River Iwi and the Waikato Regional Council.

Marae Development Workshops

Workshops were held throughout the year aimed at helping our marae trustees, uri and haukāinga in a number of fields, such as insurance, accounting, funding, uri grants and governance.



New GM Appointed

Following a thorough and robust recruitment process, we are pleased to welcome Robert (Bobby) Bryan as the Raukawa Charitable Trust (RCT) Tumu Whakarae (General Manager).



The appointment of Mr Bryan, who has a strong background in social services from general manager, to tutor through to social worker, followed a robust and thorough process to find the very best General Manager to lead our RCT team.

Mr Bryan, who is married to Karmen, has more than 30 years' experience working across the spectrum of social service delivery from residential social work, consultancy, senior management, through to training.

He has worked for not-for-profit organisations through to Government departments including Corrections, Ministry of Health, the Office of the Children's Commission and CYFS (formerly department of Social Welfare).

Mr Bryan, who is of Ngāti Porou descent, has excellent experience and understanding of operating in a Māori environment, and in applying a kaupapa Māori approach to service delivery.

He is in his final year of an MBA with Waikato University, has a year remaining on his Masters in Māori Management (Te Kura a Raukawa) and has a post graduate diploma in Social Work (Victoria University).

As a registered social worker with experience of working, and managing, in health and social services, both within government and non-government organisations, and as

a Social Work Practice lecturer at Wintec, Mr Bryan has an excellent knowledge across the social work industry.

The recruitment panel was very impressed by the way Mr Bryan presented during the interview process. He has excellent people skills and brings excellent networks and understanding of leadership and industry to the role of General Manager. He demonstrated a clear empathy for people, a strong experience working in a Māori environment and working with boards, and showed a good ability to think outside the square when required during the employment process.

When asked about his appointment to the role, Mr Bryan says that he is incredibly humbled to hold the role of Tumu Whakarae.

"I very clearly see my job as making sure that everyone else in the Trust can do theirs. Together, with the Trustees, key stakeholders and the Raukawa people we can make a difference to our combined communities."

Mr Bryan draws his thoughts from kōrero tuku iho, *"Mā whero, mā pango, ka oti ai te mahi - With red, and black, the work will be complete."*

The Trust looks forward to officially welcoming Mr Bryan in to the role at a pōwhiri to be held on January 16th 2017.

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Aotearoa Marae revitalisation project

Aotearoa Marae is one of the 16 marae mandated to the Raukawa Settlement Trust (RST). It also hosted the historic Raukawa Deed of Settlement signing held in June 2012.

Located 25km south east of Te Awamutu, Aotearoa is known for its striking black and white carved whareniui, Hoturoa. It sits within Wharepūhanga, along with Pārāwera, Rāwhitiroa (Ōwairaka), and Whakamārama.

Recent years have seen the marae committee working hard to revitalise their marae and its community. The revitalisation work can be broken into two sections, the first has been work on the whareniui itself, the second has focused on encouraging people to reconnect with their marae.

As with many whareniui around the country, Aotearoa has experienced deterioration in some of its carvings due to natural aging. This not only puts the carvings themselves at risk, but presents a safety hazard to those using the marae. The koruru (carved face on the gable) and amo (bargeboards) have been identified as posing a significant risk requiring careful management.

To this end, Aotearoa has completely replaced the koruru, with the next stage being the replacement of the amo. Connie Hui, Aotearoa Marae RST Trustee and Chair of Aotearoa Marae Committee, says that the completion of the amo phase of the project to replicate the historical carvings will largely depend on when the carvers are

available. Being able to source the right material (tōtara) and carvers has been the biggest challenge in this entire process.

Kaumātua, Motunau John Katene Kopa recognised the importance to preserve and nurture the marae for future generations and consequently commenced the refurbishment of the whareniui in 2004. This latest project complements the work already done.

Following the completion of the project a decision will then be made by the marae kaumātua about what will be done with the historical carvings.

Alongside this work to revitalise and protect the whareniui and its carvings, the marae committee also encourage people to reconnect with their marae to help ensure its ongoing viability.

These efforts have included making the marae available for both private and business functions, and helping to promote the kaupapa that the marae forms the traditional centre of the community. Alongside this, the committee has worked to improve its website on naumaiplace to make it easier for people to find out information – bit.ly/AotearoaMarae

The marae has also hosted and supported a wide range of events such as te reo and tikanga wānanga and sporting events – with plans to start rāranga (traditional weaving) in early 2017.





Winners of Te Tohu Whakaihūwaka: left - Maria Te Kanawa, (Acting GM Vanessa Eparaima), Kim Blomfield, and Vikki Hayes.

Celebrating Staff Success

December 2nd saw a night of celebration to mark staff achievement and success at Ngā Tohu Kaimahi o Raukawa - Raukawa Staff Awards held at the South Waikato Sports and Event Centre in Tokoroa. The biennial event formally recognises the tremendous work undertaken by our sixty plus staff to further the vision and mission of our organisation.

There are six award categories, each celebrating an intrinsic value of the organisation. These are sponsored by some of our partners - Fonterra, GHA Ltd, KPMG, SVS Consulting, Westpac and the Mercury Raukawa Partnership. The event also acknowledged eight staff for their long service and Special GM awards.

Event organiser, Vikki Hayes, said that the lead up to the event required a lot of planning and hard work by the organising committee and others, however, the night was truly worth it.

“acknowledging our staff who consistently go above and beyond is really important, the night was fantastic and it’s a great way to show our appreciation as an organisation, ... seeing each person standing up on stage and learning about why they were nominated showed just how committed our staff are to the kaupapa here at Raukawa”

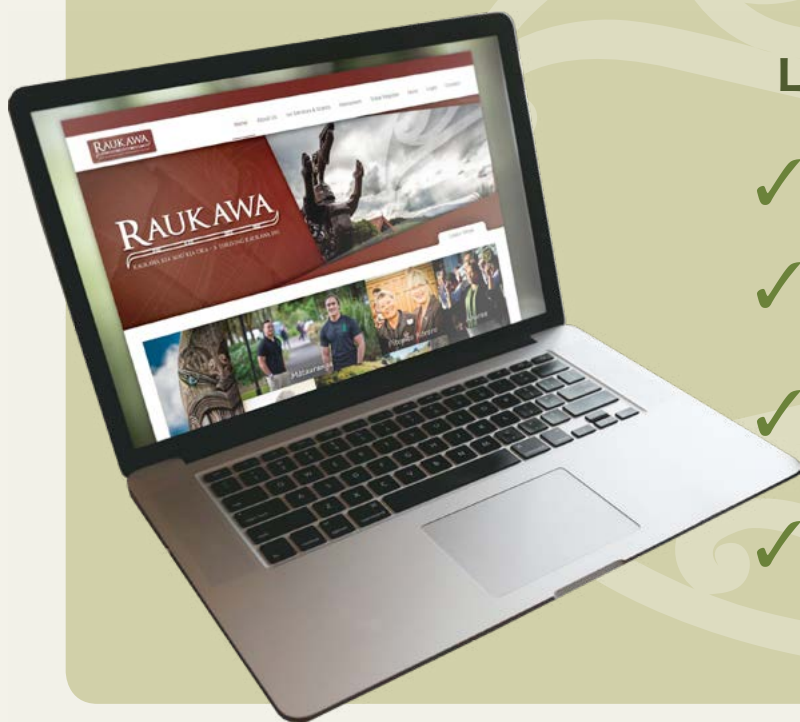


Uri Portal Launches January

Making it easy to connect with Raukawa and manage your information is a key priority for the Raukawa Settlement Trust. In January 2017 we will be introducing our Uri Portal which will allow registered iwi members to log in via our website and view/update all of your contact details. You will also have the option to subscribe to our quarterly newsletter Te Kakara, and opt into notifications about events and other important notices that you may be interested in.

Throughout 2017 we aim to further develop the Uri Portal to allow iwi members to apply for education and Kuia Koroua wellbeing grants online. The portal will also allow you to track and view any previous grant applications. Keep an eye on our website news blog for its launch and details on how you can sign up to use the new online tool at www.raukawa.org.nz.

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Para Kore at Whakamārama Marae

Kaumātua Jerry Takerei is doing his part for the environment at Whakamārama Marae by living the Para Kore philosophy.

Whakamārama has been a Para Kore marae for more than three years, an approach working with marae and communities to reduce waste using the 4 R's of recycling.

THE R'S ARE:

- ✓ **Refuse** is the first R where whānau say no to plastic shopping bags or plastic packaging when it is offered at supermarkets.
- ✓ **Reduce** by reducing waste at the marae by growing, catching or seeking out food that is mostly unpackaged.
- ✓ **Reuse** plastic packaging for leftover food containers and other uses on the marae.
- ✓ **Recycling** which is seen the final step after applying the first three options, plastics, glass, cardboard, food scraps are sorted and taken to the local recycling facilities.

Jerry is passionate about Para Kore and recycling at Whakamārama marae. Whenever there is a pōwhiri, he points out the signage to the manuwhiri and where all the crates and wheelie bins are for recycling waste.

Pine Campbell a waste advisor for Para Kore in the Waikato region is grateful for the passionate volunteers who maintain systems like Para Kore on their marae.

"We can only encourage marae to not give up on the kaupapa that looks after the health of the people, marae and Papatūānuku."

Jerry has created compost piles, one of which is rested for this year's planting season. Vegetable peelings and outer leaves from the kitchen are thrown on the latest pile. The compost will go on raised gardens created by Gracelands a Tokoroa trust. Graeme Hodge assisted Gracelands and also built a Pallet Compost for the marae.

Recycling and waste to landfill data is collected from all regions that have signed up to Para Kore. The marae kaitiaki post this data on the marae's tracker in Google Docs. Others like Jerry send a text message to Pine detailing the recyclables and waste that Graeme has taken away to the district's recycling outpost at Korakonui School. The marae is currently diverting around 75% of their waste. They have recycled 25 wheelie bins of plastic, glass and cans and 13 woosacks of cardboard.

Data Collection and Monitoring are crucial for programmes like Para Kore as this information is presented to our funders so we can continue to deliver this free kaupapa to marae and communities.

Jerry returned to Whakamārama marae from Māngere many years ago and loves the peace and quiet here. He says he will continue to encourage whānau to do their part in recycling to protect the environment.



Kaumātua Jerry Takerei and Marae Chair Kataraina Hodge.



Para Kore signage at Whakamārama Marae.



Whakamārama Marae Trustees.



Garden boxes created by Gracelands.



Inaugural Lecture for First Māori Professor of Law

Paparamu Marae whānau member Jacinta Ruru from the University of Otago holds the honour of being the first Māori Professor of Law in New Zealand, a title that completely astounded her at the time, but one that certainly compliments her already long list of academic achievements.

Professor Ruru recently delivered her Inaugural Professorial Lecture (IPL) as the first Māori Professor of Law. Intended to provide an opportunity for a new professor to showcase their research and expertise, the IPL also allowed the University to introduce Jacinta to the wider public.

The lecture, delivered on 12 September at Otago University, explored the theme of “Toitū te Whenua. Toitū te Mana” which has underpinned Jacinta’s research since the start of her academic career as an assistant lecturer in 1999.

Her legal career, and her inaugural lecture, have both been shaped by three key moments: the passing of the Ngāi Tahu Settlement Act 1998, a Court of Appeal decision in 2002 on the transfer of Māori land, and the 2003 foreshore and seabed decision by the Court of Appeal.

These decisions, and the wider history of how the law was used as a colonising tool that adversely affects indigenous peoples, means that at times Jacinta has found the discipline of law very difficult. This has driven her research, which focusses on how the law can better recognise and embrace indigenous peoples, especially in terms of natural resources.

A particularly difficult time for her was during her LLB when she was unable to reconcile the message that the law is objective and just, with the experience of Raukawa land dispossession in the 1860s which was facilitated by “insidious legislation and local government rules”. This experience still informs how she teaches all her students, and her passion to support both Māori law students and academics.

Jacinta is the co-director of Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga, New Zealand’s Māori Centre of Research Excellence and she plays a key part of a growing network of Māori academics, both at Otago and across the country. She also finds inspiration in her students, describing them as amazing, and an incredible honour to support them in their journey of learning.

Jacinta saw the IPL as a wonderful opportunity to reflect on her research career, and to lay out a path for her future research, as well as a timely opportunity to catch up with former Māori law students who travelled to be with her and her whānau for the evening.

In attendance for the lecture was Raukawa Settlement Trust Chair Vanessa Eparaima, who saw it as a great honour to have been there to represent the iwi.

“it is wonderful to see how successful Jacinta has been in her chosen career, her success should be an inspiration to all Raukawa uri, that they too can achieve success like Jacinta. I am looking forward to seeing the mahi that she will undertake to advance the understanding, and inclusion, of Māori legal principals within New Zealand law”



Giving Families the Best Start in Life



Family Start | *Helping families to get the best start in life.*

Family Start is a health service with a professional tikanga Māori approach that focuses on improving health, learning, and relationships for tamariki.

Raukawa Charitable Trust's (RCT) Family Start service now works with over 100 whānau, with our service now extending into the Piako area. Our team provides an intensive, home-based support service for whānau to ensure that their children have the best possible start in life. The level of support Family Start provides is based on need, capacity, and complexity. Family Start supports whānau to strengthen family circumstances and environmental safety. Families are eligible to join Family Start from pre-birth until their child is 12 months old and can remain on the programme until their child starts school.

The path to a stronger family often starts with a whānau plan, which can seem like a daunting task at first. But the act of putting dreams to paper can help inspire whānau members to get started on a journey that helps the whānau grow the needed skills to thrive. Part of the process of developing the whānau plan involves breaking down goals into small changes that make a world of difference in helping whānau to be more self-sufficient and self-confident. It's about whānau determining their aspirational journey, and our team providing support along that pathway.

Family Start whānau workers are well placed to support family members as they work towards reaching the goals in their whānau plan. For many whānau the goal is being

able to support themselves through to employment. These steps may range from obtaining a driver's license to completing education courses that help whānau become more employable in the marketplace.

Our whānau workers act as a mentor, advocate, and coordinator supporting a whānau to reach their short and long term goals.

The team spends a lot of time networking and building relationships to ensure that Family Start whānau have all the necessary support measures, which can include working with a range of entities such as Plunket, Tamariki Ora, local GPs, WINZ and the Salvation Army.

Family Start are also members of the Care and Protection Panel and Family Violence intervention response team.

Throughout the country there are 36 Family Start services, the RCT Family Start team has been identified as one of the top three performing services in the country. Furthermore, due to the hard work of our dedicated team, a huge focus on building community and industry peer relationships and with a reprioritisation of funding at a national level into Family Start, the RCT Family Start service now works with higher numbers of families over a larger area.





From Left to Right: Karen Berger, Sonia Winikerei, Angela Orr, Danielle Russell, Robyn Renata-Ngaika, Frances Deane, Susanna Uerata.

Introducing our Family Start Team

The RCT Family Start team is dedicated to delivering a high-quality service to whānau. The team is made up of:

Susanna Uerata

Tiwai Hauora Social Service Manager, over 20 years' experience in social services. Susanna has also worked for Tipu Ora Family Start and Kirikiriroa Family Start.

Angela Orr

Supervisor, over 20 years' experience in the education sector, and has been with the Family Start team for 3 years. Angela's passion and dedication has been instrumental in the revitalisation of the Family Start service.

Frances Deane

Whānau Worker, Frances also has a Bachelor of Social Work Degree and joined Family Start three years ago after completing her degree. Frances has a passion for working with young families and has lived in the South Waikato for three years.

Sonia Winikerei

Whānau Worker, 15 years' experience in the Kura Kaupapa education sector. Sonia joined the Family Start team two years ago, and is passionate about the whānau she supports.

Danielle Russell

Whānau Worker, Danielle has experience in health promotions and after school activity programmes. Danielle joined Family Start 18 months ago, bringing her strength in connecting whānau with different community groups.

Robyn Renata-Ngaika

Whānau Worker, Robyn has a background in youth mental health and employment. Robyn has returned to Raukawa with the Family Start team, having been with Raukawa previously.

Karen Berger

Whānau Worker, Karen has a background in early childhood education. Karen is the most recent addition to the Family Start team, having previously worked as a Parent As First Teacher co-ordinator.





Ko te Karaehe Kaumātua Reo Māori i Tīrau i whakawhiwhia ki te tohu Toa Reo Māori - Hapori.

Ngā Tohu Reo Māori 2016

Nō nā tata nei takahi haere ai tētehi apataki o Rau Ahurea, ngā uri o Raukawa me te hapori anō hoki ki Ngāmotu, ki Ngā Tohu Reo Māori o te Motu i tū i te Rāmere, i te 11 o Whiringa-ā-rangi.

Hei tā Tiare Tepana, Kaiwhakahaere o Rau Ahurea, “Matawai ana te whatu i te tirohanga ki ō mātou kaumātua e noho tahi ana me ngā punenga reo i te kaupapa. Kua komo kākahu rerehua, ā, ka noho tō mātou pōkai tara i waenga i ētehi toa reo Māori o Aotearoa nei.”

E toru o roto mai i te rima o ngā tautapahanga a Rau Ahurea i whai wāhi atu ki ngā kōwhiringa toa. Nā wai rā, ka momoho, ā, ka riro te tākura i a rātou. Ko te Karaehe Kaumātua Reo Māori i Tīrau te te whakaihuwaka tuatahi o te pō. I whakawhiwhia rātou ki te tohu Toa Reo Māori – Hapori. Tū ana a Wiremu Barrett me te whakatakoto whakaaro mō ngā piki me ngā heke, te ngākaunui ki te reo me ētehi mahi hangareka a rātou wiki atu, wiki atu.

E ai ki a Tiare, i whakaeke ngā kaumātua ki te atamira i runga i te ngākau māhaki me te huatau. Kīhai i taro, ko Aaron Koopu tērā e karangahia ana ki te atamira. I riro i a ia te tohu Toa Reo Māori – Rangatahi. Ka tākina e ia ngā kōrero kauanuanu mō te hua o te reo me tō te reo wāhi ki te ao o ā tātou tamariki i te wā o te kura, ā, whā karaka puta noa.

Hei te mutunga iho, ka eke tō tātou Kaunihera ā-Rohe ki te taumata angitu o te tohu Toa Reo Māori – Kaunihera ā-Rohe.



Nā Tiare Tepana i waewae atu ki te tiki i te tohu mā rātou. Ko te manawanui o te Kaunihera ki te whakamāori haere i ngā tohutohu puta noa i te rohe te take matua i riro ai tēnei hōnore i a rātou. Waingōhia ana te kōrero a te Tumu Whakarae o te Kaunihera, a Craig Hobbs, arā, “ka mau te wehi!”

“Me whakanui i ngā rinaringa me ngā waewae o te Kaunihera ka tika. Me kore ake te Poari o Raukawa hei āwhina mai i a mātou kia eke panuku, eke Tangaroa.”





New Premises in Progress

Work continues at the new Raukawa headquarters on Leith Place in Tokoroa.

Completion of the project has been delayed until the new year due to unforeseen circumstances, however, excitement remains high for the quality build, that when completed will be known as Raukawa House, and will host our whānau, manuwiri and be the base of our Raukawa Charitable Trust team.

The building which is on a prime SH1 facing location will further transform a former eyesore for Tokoroa into a premier building which will also house other high quality tenants.

The fit for purpose refurbishment will mean that the building will be customised to the needs of Raukawa in

a way that resonates with our vision – Raukawa Kia Mau, Kia Ora – A Thriving Raukawa Iwi. While the upper floor will be reserved for Raukawa operations, a number of commercial tenancies will be available on the first floor. For more information on these visit www.propertygroup.co.nz/raukawahouse.

RST Chairperson Vanessa Eparaima said that while it was disappointing that completion had been delayed it was not an exceptional situation, and had not impacted on RCT operations as the team continued as usual at the present Campbell Street headquarters.

“The priority is to complete a high-quality build that will meet the needs of our iwi now and into the future. As the saying goes, ‘all good things take time’,” she said

Raukawa Education Grants

Short Courses/Certificate/Diploma Study

Applications now open for students that have completed study from 1/7/2016 – 31/12/2016
Applications for this round close 31/1/2017.

Undergrad, Postgrad Degrees and Masters Study

Applications now open for students whose study period begins in 2017
Applications for this round close 28/2/2017

PhD Education Grants – 2017

Applications now open for students whose study period begins in 2017
Applications for this round close 28/2/2017

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Celebrating the Signing of the Treaty of Waitangi 2017

Planning is underway for next year's Waitangi Day celebration. Dubbed "Waitangi Day; A Festival of Cultures", the event aims to improve upon the wonderful and very well received celebration held earlier this year.

The 2016 Festival of Cultures was an enormous success with over 1000 people participating throughout the week. The festival also provided an opportunity for Raukawa to showcase our history and traditions, whilst also acknowledging the many different cultures that reside within the takiwā.

Lead organiser, Kākano Whakatupu Manager Nigel Te Hiko said the event was a major success and involved key community groups working together.

"The event was a collaborative effort between the Raukawa Charitable Trust, South Waikato District Council and the South Waikato Pacific Island Community Services. A celebration of this kaupapa amongst all sectors of our community is critical in recognising the Treaty as the founding document of our nation."

The Festival of Cultures will be held in Tokoroa and will begin with a morning karakia and breakfast on Monday,

6th February 2017. The karakia will begin at 6:00am on Colson's Hill followed by a breakfast to be held at the Raukawa Charitable Trust Office.

"One of the lessons we had taken from the 2016 event was that the karakia and breakfast set the tone for the week-long festival, which flowed with little bother or fuss thereafter" says Nigel.

The week-long celebration begins on Monday February 6 and concludes Saturday February 11.

There will also be a midweek event, with details still to be finalised. The Festival of Cultures will conclude with an outdoor concert hosted by the three organisations on the 11th February. On display, will be a range of local talent, cultural performances, international food and fun activities for kids of all ages.

There will also be opportunity for marae, whānau and charitable organisations to hold fundraising stalls. If marae or whānau want to hold a food stall, you will need a permit from the District Council. It is suggested that organisers contact the District Council prior to the festival date to organise a permit and to get food safety rules required when operating a food stall.



On the 27th October 2016, as kanohi ki te kanohi discussions between Raukawa and affiliates of Te Pūmautanga o Te Arawa (TPT) recommenced in respect of the Horohoro and the Whakarewarewa/Tokorangi Crown Forest Licensed Lands. The lands in question are located in the Maraeroa Oturoa block, Pātetere South region and Whakarewarewa/Tokorangi.

The team, on behalf of Raukawa demonstrated our clear mana whenua interest in Maraeroa Oturoa and in the Pātetere South block. This was, however, rejected by the TPT affiliates and the matter will go to adjudication. The process of adjudication is still to be determined by the parties.

Taonga Tūturu

In related news, the Māori Land Court was the venue for the hearing of an application filed by Heritage New Zealand, on the application of Ngāti Kea Ngāti Tuara, for the determination of six taonga tūturu found within the Tikitiki Gorge /Pukerimu area. Tikitiki Gorge and Pukerimu are located within 7kms east of the town of Tokoroa. The matter has now been adjourned for mediation in the near future.

Crown Overlapping Claims Process

Since the last pānui, the Kākano Whakatupu team have continued to engage in the Crown's overlapping claims process. The purpose of the engagement is to ensure that the current Crown/iwi Treaty negotiations are;

1. Consistent with the overlapping claims process we undertook with the Crown during our Treaty settlement negotiations;
2. The overlapping claims of other iwi in direct negotiations did not negatively impact upon our Treaty settlement.

The Crown continue their negotiations with neighbouring iwi groups;

Hauraki Iwi Collective

The team have met on several occasions with the Crown in respect of the Hauraki Iwi Collective settlement and we have voiced some concerns with regarding plans for the co-management of the Waihou River catchment. We have worked closely with the Crown to mitigate these concerns

and hope to report back to the affected Raukawa marae within the new year.

Ngāti Tūwharetoa

We plan to meet with the Tūwharetoa Hapū Forum to collaborate on the drafting of sections of their Deed that will affect the interests of Raukawa. We look forward to continuing the rangatira ki te rangatira discussions with Tūwharetoa as they move forward towards the finalisation of their settlement.

Ngāti Hinerangi Trust

The team have met with the negotiators of the Ngāti Hinerangi Trust. The Kākano Whakatupu team have always been committed to assist those iwi groups moving towards settlement by sharing our negotiations and settlement experiences with them. To this end, the team have committed to sharing our experience with the Ngāti Hinerangi Trust negotiators in the hope that they will be of some support and assistance to them as they progress their negotiations.



Hatupatu Blessing



On Tuesday 25 November, kaumātua, Raukawa whānau, RCT, NZTA, J Swaps and other iwi came together to bless the site before on-site work begins.

The blessing was officiated by Rev. Ngira Simmonds who led a karakia to help protect the site and all those involved in the redevelopment. The redevelopment will see the carpark moved north along State Highway 1 to a new location a short walk from Hatupatu, with a meandering pathway to be planted with native trees in the new year. Also to be included in the new design are story boards from Raukawa and other iwi involved

The aim of the project is to provide greater protection to the site, enhance the beauty of the area, but also with the new storyboards educate visitors about the history and significance of the taonga to Raukawa, other iwi involved and the wider community.



Mātauranga Māori Project – Fonterra Lichfield

Pūtake Taiao facilitated a wānanga in October that marks the last one for this round of the monitoring of Pokaiwhenua and Ngutuwera streams as part of the Fonterra Lichfield discharge resource consent. The monitoring programme, lasting 25 years, was a condition placed on the granting of the resource consent for the expansion of Fonterra's Lichfield Dairy Manufacturing site.

The wānanga is a follow up to the monitoring undertaken in May 2016 by Freshwater Solutions Ltd and Raukawa marae representatives. The wānanga provided an opportunity for marae representatives from Ngātira, Mangakaretu, and Whakaaratamaiti to come together to review, discuss and finalise the draft Cultural Health Indices report produced by expert Gail Tipa from the samples taken during the May monitoring. The main conclusion of draft cultural health indices report was that the irrigation of wastewater from the Fonterra Lichfield plant to land was not a major risk to the cultural health of the streams which aligned with the western science report. However, the report does provide recommendations to Fonterra regarding riparian margin clean up and planting



October wānanga with Raukawa uri and Marae kaitiaki to discuss the CHI Indices Report.

Raukawa Kaitiaki Rōpū

The first of a series of marae engagement hui on the proposal to re-establish the Raukawa Kaitiaki Rōpū (Rōpū) was held on 16 November. The purpose of the hui was to present and discuss with marae representatives the proposal and project plan to re-establish the Rōpū. The concept for the Rōpū builds on the success of the Raukawa Environmental Forum used for the development of Te Rautaki Taiao. Pūtake Taiao propose the Rōpū as an appropriate mechanism to build the capability of Raukawa uri by developing environmental skills, knowledge and experience, and as a vehicle to assist in the delivery of the Te Rautaki Taiao and the Raukawa Fisheries Plan. It is proposed to seek nominations from each marae in early 2017, with an establishment hui for the Rōpū will be held in February/March 2017.

Health Rivers Wai Ora Plan Change Notified!

Waikato Regional Council has notified the Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Plan Change. This Plan Change gives effect to Te Ture Whaimana o te Awa o Waikato (the Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River) by putting in place Regional Plan provisions to reduce the levels of nitrogen, phosphorous, sediment and harmful bacteria being discharged to the Waikato and Waipā Awa.

The Raukawa Settlement Trust has been actively engaged in the Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Project at both a governance and management level. Raukawa Charitable Trust Deputy Chairperson Kataraina Hodge was co-chair of the Healthy Rivers Wai Ora committee and Pūtake Taiao Group Manager Grant Kettle has been part of the project management team, Te Rōpū Hautū. Kataraina and Grant also regularly attended the meetings of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group which comprised a range of stakeholders from across the community and developed the Plan Change. Notification of the Plan Change was supported by the Raukawa Settlement Trust as a partner in the project.

Notification provides the opportunity for Raukawa uri and the community to make a submission on the Plan Change. Submissions close on 8 March 2017. More info on the plan change and how to make a submission can be found on the Waikato Regional Council website or visit: bit.ly/WRP-WaiOra

The Pūtake Taiao team will be holding a workshop on making submissions in early 2017.



Trustee Nomination Results

At the close of nominations, the required number were received for the following marae representative positions:

Marae	Representative	Term
Whakamārama	Kataraina Hodge	3 years
Mōkai (Pakaketaiari)	Vanessa Eparaima	3 years
Ūkaipō	Cheryl Pakuru	3 years
Tangata	Waimatao Smith	3 years
Ōwairaka – Rāwhitiroa	Paraone Gloyne	2 years (replacement position)

We would like to congratulate the successful nominees who will start their respected terms from 10th December 2016.

No Nominations Received

No nominations were received for the Rengarenga marae representative position to the Raukawa Settlement Trust. From 10 December 2016, this position will remain vacant until the Raukawa Settlement Trust elect to run the nomination process again.

For any enquiries, please contact Kim Blomfield, kim.blomfield@raukawa.org.nz or **0800 RAUKAWA (0800 728 5292)**.

Christmas Office Closure Notice

The Raukawa Charitable Trust offices will be closed for two weeks during the 2016 Christmas and 2017 New Year break. From Monday 19th December our office hours will be as follows:

DATE	OPEN	CLOSE
Monday 19th December, 2016	8am	5pm
Tuesday 20th December, 2016	8am	2pm
Wednesday 21st December, 2016	8am	2pm
Thursday 22nd December, 2016	Closed	Closed
Friday 23rd December, 2016	Closed	Closed

These hours will affect all Raukawa Charitable Trust offices.

Normal office hours will resume on Monday 9th January, 2017.

For any urgent Raukawa Health Services enquiries, please contact:

Regina Mueller for Alcohol & Drug - 027 590 1725 and
Rondase Edgcombe for Mental Health - 027 538 6213

Please note that availability will be limited.

For any Health emergencies please call 111.