

TE KAKARA

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A Taonga Returns



Te Whare Kōrero o Raukawa



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RST Chair Message

Welcome to the Autumn edition of Te Kakara. I hope the new year has been a good one for you all.

We have had a positive and busy start to the year with the pōwhiri for our new Tumu Whakarae (GM) Bobby Bryan, good progress across our business groups and strong momentum in the build of the new premises for Raukawa.

Bobby is settling well into the role of GM supported by a strong induction and transition process for him to help ensure he is up to speed on key kaupapa and the priorities and expectations of our Raukawa people.

I want to take this time to acknowledge our team for the excellent work that went into the Festival of Cultures, which was the focal point of our community's commemorations of the Treaty of Waitangi earlier in February. We have a strong vibrant and diverse range of cultures throughout our South Waikato community. It is wonderful for us to come together to acknowledge those things which make us unique, and also the many things which draw us together as a community. Congratulations to Nigel Te Hiko and his team for making this another success and one which now looks set to be an annual event.

It has been a number of months since our last update in December, and I would like to acknowledge the excellent results achieved at our AGM and all those who attended what was another positive event. I would like to acknowledge the positive words delivered by Raukawa Iwi Development Limited (RIDL) Chairperson John Spencer at the AGM and to acknowledge the consistent, solid performance of all our entities, the Raukawa Settlement Trust, the Raukawa Charitable Trust and RIDL.

If you have not done so please go online to bit.ly/raukawa-ar to see the results for the last financial year. A copy of the speech delivered by John at the event can be read at bit.ly/johnspencer

We continue to make excellent progress on building a strong and respected platform to support the aspirations and expectations of our people for this and the many generations to come. We are an iwi that is not one to seek the limelight or heightened attention and promotion of our achievements. It is not the Raukawa way. We are a



humble people focused on doing the best we can and building enduring structures and relationships which will ensure the ongoing success of Raukawa.

We have made a solid start to the year as you will see reported in this pānui in the pages ahead. I acknowledge the good work of our team.

We will continue to do our very best to serve our people and community. In the weeks and months ahead I look forward to catching up with as many of you as possible and introducing our new General Manager.

Nā Vanessa Eparaima
Raukawa Settlement Trust Chairperson



Hei MĀPUNA,

Te Reo Māori Learning Programme

Hei Māpuna is a free te reo Māori learning programme created to form a platform for people that are either beginning on their te reo journey or looking to strengthen their reo for use on the paepae, in the home and out in the community.

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Tapapa Rebuild Progresses

Tapapa Marae is one of the 16 marae mandated to the Raukawa Settlement Trust. Located 10km east of Tīrau, Tapapa is working towards rebuilding their wharenuī. It sits within Te Kaokaoroa o Pātetere, along with Whakaaratamaiti, Ukaipō, Tangata, Ruapeka, Rengarenga, Pikitū, Paparaamu, Ngatira, and Mangakaretu.



Martin Miles, Tapapa whānau member and Project and Maintenance Manager.

The loss of the original marae points to a sad and dark part of New Zealand's history. In 1869 Tapapa Marae was burnt to the ground by government troops searching for Te Kooti, who having been forewarned, was not on site. The village and marae were rebuilt over time, with the new wharenuī named Manawanui.

The urban drift of the 1950's saw the buildings fall into disrepair and decay. The wharenuī can be remembered as last being used in the mid 50's. In 1989 the remains of the buildings were collected and buried with a ceremony. It also marked the return of the whānau to the land in an effort to rekindle the marae and its people.

Tapapa currently has just one small building on site that serves as a wharemoē, a wharekai and also a meeting room. The building has done well to provide for the needs of the whānau over the years. However, there is a need for permanent, fit for purpose facilities that will enable the community to continue its work to revitalise its marae and whānau.

The focus for the Tapapa rebuild project over the past three years has been regular hui to flesh out the thoughts, wants, and needs of its community. A central consideration has been a desire for the new buildings to integrate into the landscape, while trying to strike the balance of honouring what has gone before and the aspirations of current and future generations of Tapapa whānau members.

During this mahi, the marae community have not limited themselves to just traditional building methods. They have investigated a wide range of construction methods and materials, with a focus on eco-sustainability, form and function. These investigations have resulted in concepts utilising rammed earth construction being presented to kaumātua, trustees and whānau at various hui. These were also on display at a whānau reunion held in October 2016 to garner whānau feedback and awareness of the project.

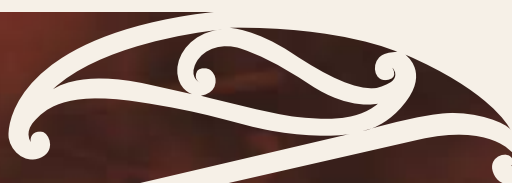
Martin Miles, Tapapa whānau member and Project and Maintenance Manager, says the response from marae members was very positive, *"Those viewing the concept drawings were impressed with the design and projections. However the underlying attitude was 'let's just get this done'"*

Even though the design side is well advanced, Tapapa plans to undertake construction work in phases to help manage both cost and risk. Undertaking the work in phases also means Tapapa will be able to utilise current and ongoing Raukawa Marae Grant distributions to fund the overall development.

Martin says he is hopeful for the future of Tapapa, and he anticipates marked change in the next 6 to 18 months.

If you would like to connect or learn more - check out the Tapapa Marae Facebook page and website.

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Bobby Bryan and whānau welcomed to the Raukawa Charitable Trust, Tokoroa.

Bobby Bryan Welcomed to the Team

The new year saw Bobby Bryan take up his role as Tumu Whakarae (GM) of the Raukawa Charitable Trust, here he reflects on the pōwhiri that welcomed him into the role.

Starting a new role, no matter where, brings out many emotions. The most common of these is excitement and nervousness. When one starts a role with a pōwhiri, another emotion is added; pride. Not just pride in yourself, though you are entitled to feel that, it is more pride in those that stand beside you, and those that stand in front. My welcome into the role of GM with the Raukawa Charitable Trust had this in an extreme way.

I wish to acknowledge those that called for me and my rōpū, those that called on our behalf, and those that spoke on both sides, for they brought this outcome. Within this, I also acknowledge everyone who was there, and those that couldn't be.

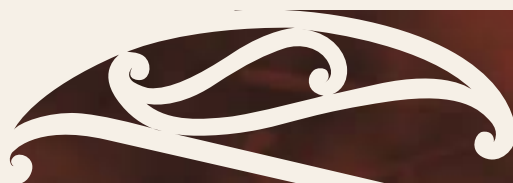
A whanaunga from Ngāti Porou was one of my kaikaranga; she let everyone know who I am, and where I am from, with a beautiful four-way call the process started. Then in a conversation that the pōwhiri allows, the kaikōrero talked about where I am from, and importantly, where I was coming to. The welcome, was genuinely powerful. I was being brought into this place, with all those that were there with me and those that could not make it.

There is something very special about this process, who you are is acknowledged, and fully accepted. Then who



you are next is given the opportunity to surface. We get to connect and grow ourselves; we get to join as one.

With this reflection, I wish to leap ahead three weeks. I found myself in conversation with another whanaunga from Ngāti Porou, and I found myself saying “*well we at Raukawa*”. The “*we*” in this sentence has its foundation in the pōwhiri afforded me, my family and friends. This is what a pōwhiri does; I am now a part of Raukawa. And this is the REAL pride.



A Taonga Returns Home



Titiraupeunga, home to the Mihiranga Stream where the taonga was discovered in 1960.

A treasured Raukawa taonga completed its journey home in February. Found near the Mihiranga Stream on the slopes of Titiraupeunga by Thomas Smith in 1960, the Stone axehead has been cared for by the Smith whānau ever since.

Upon Thomas Smith's passing four years ago, the taonga was left to his granddaughter, Victoria Hodge. Having cherished the taonga and its unique story while growing up, Victoria felt it was right that she returned it to *"its rightful owners, being Raukawa"*.

Returned on 23 February, the taonga was welcomed with a pōwhiri attended by Raukawa Charitable Trust staff, and kaumātua. Victoria said *"it was very emotional to be welcomed in such a beautiful way, as we returned this treasure to Raukawa."*

Nigel Te Hiko, Project Leader, acknowledged the care and respect accorded to the taonga by Victoria and her whānau. He says that *"Often whānau have come into possession of taonga, but are uncertain what they should do with them. If that is the case then they might consider returning the taonga to the iwi."*



The taonga, named Titiraupeunga, after arrival at the Raukawa Charitable Trust.

Nigel is hopeful that coverage of the return of this taonga may encourage others in the community who hold similar objects to explore returning them to the iwi. If you do have a taonga or artefact that you believe needs to be returned to the iwi, then please contact us on **0800 RAUKAWA** or **info@raukawa.org.nz**.





Members of the newly merged Kakara Whakareī team.

Merger to increase Cultural Growth

**Nā te kakara o te hinu Raukawa i piri ai a Tūrongo rāua ko Māhinaarangi, nā rāua ko Raukawa.
Mā te kakara whakareī anō hoki e piri ai te iwi ki tōna anō tuakiritanga, ki tōna anō
Māoritanga ā-Raukawa nei.**

Due to the large number of staff and the importance of our mahi, the Raukawa Charitable Trust (RCT) undertakes a process of continuous review and refinement of each of its five business groups. The process is focused on ensuring that the organisation has the best structures in place to drive optimal outcomes for the Raukawa people.

The latest review, which involved Rau Ahurea (Raukawa Cultural Development Group) and Kākano Whakatupu (Raukawa Treaty Group), resulted in the merger of the two teams.

The review found that each group was performing well and was meeting their performance measures, however, a merger of the two teams would allow the creation of a group specifically focussed on achieving the cultural aspirations of the iwi and which would continue to reinvigorate the identity of Raukawa.

Though the review and decision to merge happened prior to his appointment, RCT General Manager Bobby Bryan, says the merger will bring efficiencies.

"I am new to the role of GM here at Raukawa, a lot of work and thought has been put into realigning the new team to be best placed to meet the cultural aspirations of Raukawa. It's clear that the merger will bring efficiency gains to both teams who were already doing mahi that is closely related to each other...the team is excited by both the changes and challenges ahead as we continue to build the future of our iwi."

Bobby says that he is looking forward to providing oversight and direction to the newly merged team and over the next few months

the team will work on a number of goals and work streams. The new name of the merged team is Kakara Whakareī (Raukawa Cultural Growth Group), which was created with the assistance of kaumātua and reflects the idea of nurturing and enhancing the aromatic scent of the Raukawa leaf as we strive to revitalise and celebrate our unique Raukawa identity, stories, language, customs and what it means to be Raukawa now and into the future. It reflects the idea that Raukawa culture should permeate throughout the entire organisation and all of the mahi that we undertake on behalf of our people.

The te reo Māori and tikanga area of the new group is led by Charlie Tepana of Tangata Marae, who will be focussed on facilitating core programmes throughout the year including Te Uru Raukawa, Hei Māpuna, Te Whare Kōrero o Raukawa and Te Kura Reo o Raukawa.

The group also has a dedicated person in the cultural education area. Led by Louis Armstrong of Ngātira and Whakaaratamaiti Marae, the first focus point is the establishment of a cultural education and archives plan to lay a solid foundation for future initiatives. This plan will fall under the wider cultural development strategy.

Raukawa historian Nigel Te Hiko, of Ongaroto Marae, continues to lead Raukawa within the Treaty space. This broad area involves protecting the Raukawa deed of settlement, post settlement implementation, as well as engaging with overlapping claim issues. The new group, with the merging of knowledge and resources, is expected to provide more enhanced and broader cultural outcomes for Raukawa uri.





South Waikato Festival of Cultures

This year, the warm weather once again turned out for the Waitangi weekend, an important day that often encourages us to look back on our early history and reflect on the idea of nationhood and diversity.

While the country marked the occasion in many different ways, here in the South Waikato it was celebrated through a weeklong festival that culminated in the South Waikato Festival of Cultures held on Saturday February 11 at the Tokoroa Youth Park.

The collaborative festival, which is in its second year, was led by the South Waikato District Council, the South Waikato Pacific Islands Community Services Trust and the Raukawa Charitable Trust.

The first event of the week was a dawn karakia atop Colson's Hill followed by breakfast for participants at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa. The karakia set the tone for the festival, which was followed by a Leadership and Diversity Forum at the Tokoroa Library.





Leadership and Diversity Forum speakers.



Last year the forum presented a female perspective on the issue, while this year brought an all-male focus with speakers from major local organisations participating.

The week then concluded with an outdoor festival which had a great turn out of locals and visitors who enjoyed live music, cultural performances, activities for the kids and a wide range of kai from the Ethnic Village that was set up to showcase the diverse cuisine of our community.

Event kaiāwhina, Tōmai Smith, thought the day ran smoothly and praised the widespread support for the event and the volunteers who made it a special day.

“It was great to see our people, all of our people, come out to support the kaupapa. It’s important that we celebrate diversity and take time to reflect on the Treaty ... it’s lovely to see so many whānau out with the kids.”





Going the Distance for Breast Cancer Awareness

For the third year, the Raukawa Charitable Trust staff, whānau and friends have rallied to show their support for the New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation by taking part in the Traffic Management NZ Great Lake Relay. However, for the first time, there were two Raukawa teams, Kia Ora and Kia Mau, who took part in the shorter 67.5km Length of the Lake Relay.

The event is a fantastic running/walking event along the length of Lake Taupō. Each participating team consisted of 5 to 8 members, who either walk or run a leg of the race.

The teams faced rain, heat, and humidity as they made their way along the length of Lake Taupō. Kia Ora team member Louis Armstrong said *“the weather conditions added to the challenge of the event, but it was great how all the team members pulled together to support and encourage each other.”*

Both teams completed the event, in a time of 9 hours 19 minutes. These results would not have been possible without the support of our special ops team of camp mothers – Rondase Edgecombe, Doreen Flavell, and Donna Deane – who kept strength and spirits up.

For more info about the event or how to join, visit www.eventpromotions.co.nz



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Work Continues on Overlapping Interests



Taonga unearthed in the Tikitiki Gorge and Pukerimu Stream area.



The signing of the Raukawa Deed of settlement in 2012 marked a turning point in the mahi of our organisation. With the primary negotiations over, we shift our focus to a post-settlement phase.

As an iwi whose rohe has connections with many other iwi, there are areas where the interests of different iwi overlap. We work to ensure that where those iwi are negotiating with the Crown, any resulting settlement is not detrimental to the interests of Raukawa as laid out in our own settlement.

Currently, we are involved in five active areas of overlapping claims: Hauraki Collective, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Rangitahi, and Ngāti Hako.

The Hauraki Collective overlapping claims negotiations are focused on finalising a co-management agreement for the Upper Waihou and Piako Rivers, where they start in the Raukawa rohe. It is hoped that this agreement will be completed this year, with Raukawa being part of the management structure for the upper reaches of the rivers. Such an agreement would allow Raukawa to have a positive influence on the health of the awa, and to protect the awa for future generations.

Ngāti Tūwharetoa have recently initialled their deed with the Crown, and are now working through the process of finalising their settlement.

Three new sets of Treaty negotiations that overlap with the Raukawa Deed of Settlement were recently notified, Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Rangitahi, and Ngāti Hako. While these are all in the initial stages of negotiation, we have encouraged all parties to start the overlapping claims process as early as possible. This advice comes from the experience the team have built up over many years. Establishing an overlapping claims process early in the negotiations smooths the path forward for all concerned.

In the autumn of 2000, archaeologist Perry Fletcher unearthed seven artefacts in the Tikitiki Gorge and Pukerimu Stream area. The Raukawa Trust Board, and subsequently the Raukawa Settlement Trust, were appointed as custodians of taonga tūturu until the Māori Land Court could determine ownership. In 2015 a claim for ownership was lodged by Ngāti Kea and Ngāti Tuara. The team have worked diligently to prepare a case to present to the Māori Land Court, however before this could be presented in December 2016, the case was referred to mediation by the judge. Mediation took place in January and we are still awaiting a response to our offer.





Te Puna (Blue Springs) Waihou River, Putaruru.

Long Term Projects Nearing Completion

The start of the new year is a perfect opportunity to reflect on the work of the previous year. For Pūtake Taiao the latter half of 2016 was a very busy period, seeing a number of projects moving towards completion or resolution. In particular, the consent application process related to the Waihou and Te Puna, Hangahanga Pā, and the Hatupatu redevelopment.

In 2016 the development of a café/restaurant and accommodation at Leslie Road adjoining the Waihou Walkway and Te Puna (Blue Springs) was proposed. Ngātira, Whakaaratamaiti, Tapapa, and Ruapeka Marae and the Raukawa Settlement Trust (RST) submitted in opposition to this development.

The submissions were heard in December 2016 with RST Chairperson Vanessa Eparaima, Ruapeka Marae Trustee Clifton Kelly, Pūtake Taiao Senior Advisor Dave Marshall and Legal Counsel Horiana Irwin-Easthope presenting the Raukawa view, which included evidence prepared by Elthea and Basil Pakaru, to the Hearing Commissioners. Representatives from all the submitting Marae attended the hearing at which kaumātua Te Hapuku and Carle Hakaraia led karakia.

In early February the Hearing Commissioners released their decision declining the operation of a daytime café but providing for the operation of a

restaurant after 5.00 pm and accommodation for up to 15 people. In declining the daytime café, the commissioners recognised the kaitiaki role of Raukawa and the adverse effects that any increase in visitors would have on the relationship of Raukawa with the Waihou and Te Puna.

Pūtake Taiao Group Manger Grant Kettle said that as expected consent was granted despite Raukawa opposition to the application.

“However, this decision, which is not being appealed by the applicant, represents a significant outcome and compromise that will help to protect the Waihou and Te Puna. Everyone involved put in a lot of work, and should be acknowledged for the part they have played in this outcome.”

Pūtake Taiao has continued to work collectively with neighbouring iwi (Ngāti Hauā and Ngāti Korokī Kahukura) and Pārāwera Marae whānau to protect





Iwi Priorities Wānanga held at Paparaamu Marae, Tīrau.

Hangahanga Pā from quarry activities. Following strong opposition from the mana whenua parties at a council hearing, Waikato Regional Council declined an application to quarry the site in April last year. The applicants have appealed that decision to the Environment Court, and Pūtake Taiao has lodged a notice of opposition to the appeal.

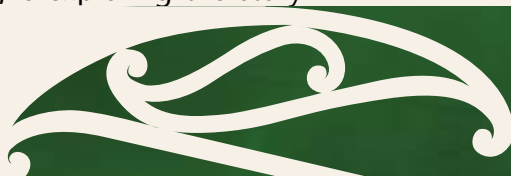
In addition to the appeal, the applicants have also sought archaeological approval from Heritage NZ: Pouhere Taonga to destroy the pā. In response, Pūtake Taiao have engaged an archaeologist to provide a critique of the applicant's archaeological report. The collective position of mana whenua has been that the matter should proceed to a court hearing. A judicial conference call was held in early 2017 with the Judge agreeing with the mana whenua position, and the matter has been set down for an Environment Court Hearing in June 2017.

Another project that is nearing completion is the Hatupatu Site Redevelopment, which has been ongoing for over two years. Work started in October with a site blessing, and has seen strong progress since. While there has been some concern in the community that the work completed so far marks the end of the redevelopment, it is only Phase One that has been completed. Preparations are well underway for the start of Phase Two. Phase Two will include extensive planting of native vegetation, and signs exploring the story and history of the

Alongside these projects nearing completion, Pūtake Taiao is launching a new Kaitiaki Rōpū. It is intended to build on the success of the Raukawa Environmental Forum, and develop a body of active, informed, engaged and passionate kaitiaki and environmental champions. Pūtake Taiao recently sent requests to all affiliated marae for nominations to this Rōpū. The establishment wānanga was held in late March.

Finally, for many Raukawa uri, and others in the region, the state of the Waikato and Waipā Rivers is a cause for concern. To address these concerns, the Waikato River Authority has \$210m available over the next 25 years to fund restoration projects in the catchments of the two rivers. In response to this Pūtake Taiao held a series of four wānanga in February to help build an understanding of what uri felt were priority areas that needed to be addressed to help restore the holistic wellbeing of the two rivers. From these wānanga Anaru Begbie, Pūtake Taiao Project Advisor, is working to develop individual projects to help realise the aspirations that uri have for the future of the rivers. These projects will be focused on allowing individual marae communities to lead them, and take an active role in restoring the awa.

There is still much work to be done on protecting the environment in the Raukawa rohe, but there is also much progress to celebrate.



Te Whare Kōrero o Raukawa

Mā wai te whare e kōrero? Koinā te pātai i tukuna atu ai e mātou ki a hinengaro kia puta he whakaaro hei whakatutukitanga mā mātou. Ko te orokohanga rā anō tēnei o te Whare Kōrero o Raukawa.

He nui ngā āhuatanga i rerekē ai tēnei wānanga i ngā Kura Reo o mua. Ko te whai wheako ki te whaikōrero me te karanga ngā whāinga matua, ka mutu ko te whakapapa me ngā kōrero o te iwi ētehi wāhanga nui i matapakihia mai i te Rātapu 22 o Kohitātea ki te Rāpare 26 o Kohitātea i Owairaka (Rawhitiroa) marae.

I pau te katoa o te rangi tuatahi i tā mātou ako i ngā tikanga me ngā āhuatanga e hāngai ana ki te whakapapa, tae noa ki tōna tapu, te tuku me te tiaki hoki i ōna anō āhuatanga.

I ngā ata, nā te reo waitī o ngā wahine i whakapiki ai te kara o te Kīngi kia eke ia ki tōna taumata kakapa ai. Kākarauri noa, hoki anō ai te iwi ki te whakaheke i te kara me te tuku karakia ki te runga rawa.

Oho ake mātou i te rā tuarua ka karakia, ka mahi hākinakina, ka kai. I whai muri mai i te parakuihi ka kotahi atu ki ngā mahi. Ko tā te wahine he aro ki te karanga, ka tā te tāne he whaikōrero kē te kai.

I te ahiahi ka tae atu ngā pahi i Te Awamutu hei kawē i tōna 90 tāngata ki te pōkai i te whenua. Ko Te Puku o te Weho te wāhi tuatahi i haere ai mātou. Kino kē ngā kōrero a Paraone mō ngā wāhi tapu me ngā pūrākau o te iwi.

I peka atu mātou ki Rurunui, ā, ko te wāhi whakamutunga i haere ai mātou ko Rangitātea. Ko te pā tērā nā ngā ringa rehe ngao o Tūrongo i whakatū hei whare mō Māhinaarangi rāua ko Raukawa.

Hoki atu hoki atu ko aua mahi anō rā i te rā tuatoru. Ko te whaikōrero tērā, ko te karanga anō tērā ka rangona ahakoa haere te tangata ki whea i te marae.



I taua ahiahi ka āmio haere anō i te whenua ki ētehi atu wāhi tapu. Nō mātou te whiwhi i te taenga atu ki Panehākua, ki Hangahanga me ētehi atu wāhi tapu kāore i kaha kōrerotia i roto i ngā pukapuka.

Pō kau ana ka tae atu tētehi tohunga tātai whetū ki te marae. Kāore he painga i a Rangī Mātāmua mō te whakakōrero whetū. Ka puta mātou ki waho, ki te pō, ā, nā Rangī i āta tohutohu ki ngā whetū me tana rama kaha kia mōhio ai mātou ko whea ko whea.

Tū ai ngā pōwhiri hukihuki i te rangi whakamutunga i te Whare Kōrero o Raukawa, ka rū te umu pokapoka a Tū i ngā ure tū, ka rere te karanga a Hine Ruhi ki te kōmata o te rangi.

Ahiahi noa i tū tētehi pōwhiri tūturu nei hei puru rourou mā tā tātou wānanga, ā, ka tae atu ētehi reiputa o Wharepūhanga hei whakakanohi i ngā kaumātua, hei whakamataku hoki i ngā tauira. I pēneitia kia kitea ai e ngā kaumātua te hua o ngā mahi a 'Te Māpu Rangatahi'. Tutuki noa ērā whakaritenga ka tau te mauri o te hunga i tae atu ki te wānanga. Tauira mai, kaiako mai, tamariki mai, kaumātua mai. Mai i te umu taoroa ki te umu pokapoka a Tū, i eke ngā āhuatanga katoa o te wiki ki te taumata i wawatatia ai e mātou. Me te aha, waingōhia ana taku kī atu, māu, māku, mā te iwi tō tātou whare e kōrero.



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Tiwai Hauora leadership team

Contract Growth a Vote of Confidence

The Tiwai Hauora team pride themselves on the quality of care and service they provide to clients and funders. The second half of 2016 proved that this belief was well founded with the securing of two new health service contracts and a three-month extension on a third.

The Tiwai Hauora team are on the front line of health and social services in the South Waikato, and have seen first-hand the dire toll that rheumatic fever has on families due to the lack of support and awareness. The team were therefore pleased when they were granted a three-month extension to the Rheumatic Fever Prevention Service which they had been delivering since late 2016. Aimed at increasing awareness of rheumatic fever, and the risk of not getting sore throats checked out, the programme also provided families with products to promote healthy sleeping arrangements.

Susanna Uerata, whānau Ora Social Services Manager, said *“we welcome the contract extension, as it enabled us to fully utilise the funding to help families in our community who are most at risk from rheumatic fever.”*

She went on to say that the extension highlights the confidence funders have in the quality and professionalism of the service the team provide.

Just as the Rheumatic Fever Prevention Service aimed to reach those most at risk, the School Nursing Service aims to provide access to primary health care for tamariki who are the least likely to have access. Based at Te Wharekura o Te Kaokaoroa o Pātetere in Putaruru, this school-based health service will work with the leadership and whānau of the wharekura to develop a model of care that is whānau centric. This model of care will include services being delivered in the core language of the wharekura whānau, te reo Māori.

Whānau Ora Clinical Services Manager, Donna Leger, says having the nurse in a child’s school means they have much easier access to primary health care, along with it being provided in a safe and familiar environment while minimising time out of class. *“All of which helps to ensure they make use of the nurse, while also maximising their ability to learn.”*

As a strong supporter of the Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 initiative, the Tiwai Hauora team are looking forward to working on the Stop Smoking Service contract. As an evolution of their earlier Aukati Kai Paipa contracts, this initiative is a solid step towards achieving the goal of a smoke-free New Zealand. The programme is designed to provide high-quality and effective evidence-based support to smokers.

Kataraina Hodge, Raukawa Charitable Trust Deputy Chairperson sees Raukawa involvement in the smoking cessation area as key to protecting the interests of the iwi. Saying *“the impact of smoking on our uri is significant, I am really pleased to see Tiwai Hauora being given the opportunity to help our uri give up smoking.”*

Alongside these new contracts, Tiwai Hauora will continue to carry out previously awarded contracts, a number of which have been granted evergreen status from funders.

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Applications are now open for:

EDUCATION

Short Course Study completed between January to June 2017.
Applications close 31 July 2017.

KUIA AND KOROUA WELLBEING

Healthcare costs incurred between June 2016 and May 2017.
Applications close 31 May 2017.

We encourage all eligible iwi members to apply, for an application form and more information, please visit www.raukawa.org.nz or call 0800 RAUKAWA (0800 728 5292).

Board of Trustees Nomination Results

At the close date of Friday 17 March, the required number of nominations were received for the following marae representative positions, therefore no election process was deemed necessary. We would like to congratulate the successful nominees who will start their respected terms immediately.

Marae	Representatives	Term
Rengarenga	Steven Oxenham	3 years
Paparaamu	Gail Hamilton	1 year (replacement position)

