

TE KAKARA

Te Kakara o te Hinu Raukawa - Your Raukawa Iwi Newsletter

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RST Chair Message

It has been a busy and productive period for our iwi, and I am as always grateful for the efforts of our team, our trustees and whānau for playing their part to ensure our waka continues to surge forward.

Water and its sanctity, and its importance to Raukawa has been a strong focus for our people not just in the last few months but over recent years.

We have some of the most pristine waters in Aotearoa within our rohe, with Te Puna or the Blue Springs attracting the attention of many who have or are keen to seek to benefit from these natural taonga.

Most recently we have considered an application from NZ Pure Blue Springs Limited who want to take 6.9 million litres a day from Te Puna for a proposed water bottling plant in Putaruru.

Following engagement with our marae, uri and kaumātua, who sent a very clear message that the application and its proposed activity is not wanted in the area, the Raukawa Settlement Trust (RST) board unanimously supported a resolution to oppose the application.

Our conclusion was that any potential benefits from this application do not outweigh the significant impacts it will have on Te Puna.

The conversation around water is a very important one for Raukawa. Water is a taonga that we have a duty to protect. We must manage it alongside the range of resources - which include our natural, cultural, financial and people resources - that must be protected and nurtured for this and future generations.

We must do so while also acknowledging the expectations of those in the communities we share, and in balancing the economic and environmental impacts, whilst also accepting that there are limitations to what we are able to influence an outcome on as tangata whenua.

In the most recent example involving Te Puna, it was through the Resource Management Act (RMA) that we were able to successfully exercise our rights as an affected party and not give our written approval. This now means that the Waikato Regional Council will decide whether the application will be notified and/or go to hearing.

In this edition of Te Karaka we have an article detailing how the RMA works and the mechanisms available to Raukawa as tangata whenua in influencing decisions within our rohe on resources important to our people. We will not always have the legal avenues to prevent activities we oppose.

These processes are also time and expense intensive as we need to allocate staff, often supported by legal advice to ensure Raukawa interests and values are upheld. We must also manage the often wide expectations among our whānau. We must attempt to do so fairly so it is not just the loudest and most persistent voice that influences the decision for our iwi but the voices of reason and balance.

The issue of water consent has also resulted in harsh political criticism and unwarranted accusations against Raukawa from NZ First leader Winston Peters and others across the public. This is the reality for iwi when we take a position.

For generations, we were excluded from having any say on lands, taonga, and resources that we once had complete domain over. We are grateful that the mindset that sought to exclude iwi has diminished and that we are acknowledged as kaitiaki across our tribal rohe today.

This change is a situation that benefits all and it is a return that is very important for Raukawa and we will continue to work very hard to ensure we demonstrate wisdom and care on decisions important to this and future generations.

Please enjoy this edition of Te Karaka, and take in the wide and wonderful work being carried out by our whānau.

Nā Vanessa Eparaima

Raukawa Settlement Trust Chairperson





Turu mō Ongaroto Marae

Taking up the role of chairperson of any committee for the first time is a daunting task for anyone, but at 25 years old Nicola Ratima has taken it all in her stride.

Nicola is coming to the end of her first “challenging, but enjoyable” year as chairperson of the Ongaroto Marae Committee, following her being elected to the role in November 2016.

Nicola was first elected onto the Marae Committee in 2014. The Marae Committee is responsible for the day to day running of the Marae, which includes overseeing utilities, managing bookings and maintaining the complex on behalf of the Marae Trust.

Nicola was raised alongside her grandparents on the Marae, travelling everywhere with them, attending tangihanga, marae meetings and trust meetings.

She says travelling with her grandparents helped to instil a deep sense of connection to her community, her whakapapa and te reo Māori from a very young age.

Nicola says her marae upbringing helped prepare her well to fully immerse herself in the mahi needed to support the aspirations of her Marae community and the various opportunities and challenges the Marae Committee faces. The backing of her whānau members, especially her nan and mum, has played a big part in her achievements.

They have provided guidance as she has grown her understanding of the issues the Marae and its community face. Some of these issues include a lack of active membership from certain age groups and how to encourage the uptake of innovative methods around marae operations.

Her advice to rangatahi with an interest in standing for election, now or in the future, is to not be shy.

“Go along with your parents, aunties, uncles, cousins. Pluck up the courage to go inside and be at the meeting, even if it’s just for a kai. You have to start somewhere and start off slow.”

For Nicola being chairperson of the Marae Committee is about giving back to her community.

“Giving back to the Marae is something more important than myself, it is the continuation of the mahi of my tūpuna to uphold the tikanga and kawa of our Marae,” She says.



Resource Management Act Consent Process

With a number of high profile Resource Management Act (RMA) applications making the headlines recently, many of our iwi members may not understand the consent process and how Raukawa ensures that our collective interests and values are heard. Here we take a brief look at the process and how we engage.

The RMA is an Act to restate and reform the law relating to the use of land, air, and water. The RMA was passed in 1991 and promotes the sustainable management of natural and physical resources such as land, roads, air and water.

The RMA applies to the use of resources by people. It allows for people to apply for permission to use a specific resource in a certain way. It also provides the opportunity for the public to have a say about an application, although this right is determined by the consent authorities deciding who will be affected by an application.

In recent years, there have been several high-profile RMA consent applications within the Raukawa rohe. It is likely there will be many more to come in the future as people look to use the resources available around them. When these applications have the potential to impact upon the values and interests of Raukawa, the Raukawa Charitable Trust works to protect those values and interests, both directly and also through supporting affected Raukawa marae to engage in the RMA process. This mahi has led to a number of applications having conditions placed on them to help protect the environmental and cultural interests of Raukawa as well as applications being declined due to adverse effects on cultural values and interests.

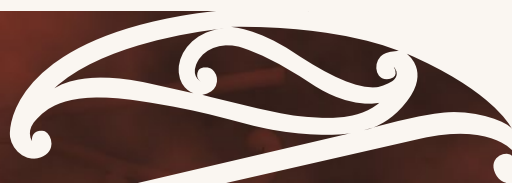
The consent process is very detailed and is often misunderstood. The issues dealt with under the RMA can be complex, which can make the process appear more difficult than it really is.

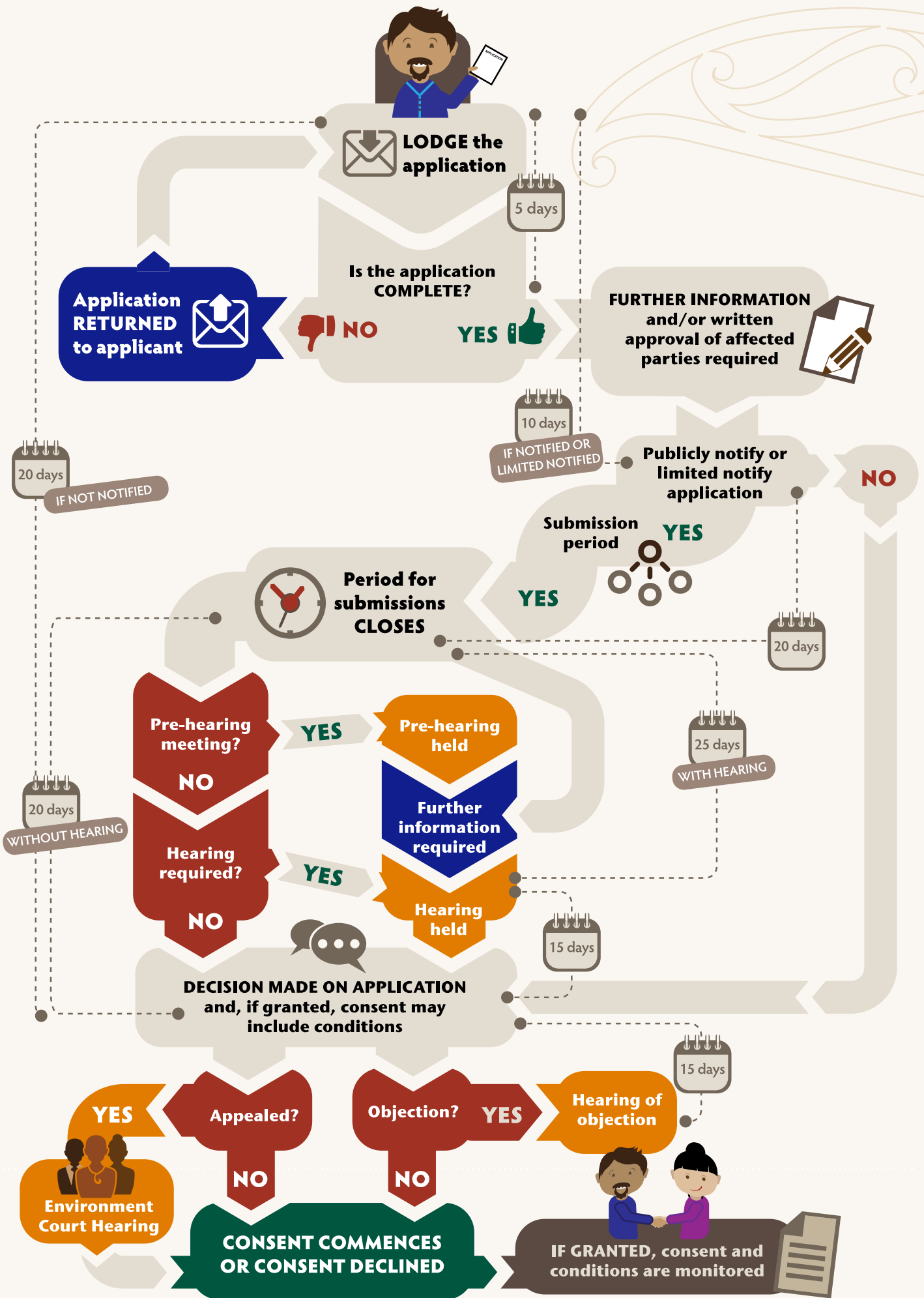
The process that all consent applications follow is outlined in the RMA. Once a complete application (i.e. containing all the necessary information to allow a decision to be made) is lodged with a consent authority (e.g. district or regional council), it is assessed by the authority to see if it has all the required information. The consent authority will also determine if there are any affected parties for the purposes of deciding whether the application should be notified.

In cases where Raukawa are deemed to be an affected party, the role of the Raukawa Charitable Trust is to support the Raukawa Settlement Trust and marae through the application process to fulfil their role as kaitiaki. This can be done through attending meetings on the application, drafting and lodging submissions and ensuring ongoing engagement occurs.

It can also involve going to any relevant hearings that may be required.

For more information about the RMA visit bit.ly/everydayguidetoRMA or talk with one of our team members on **0800 RAUKAWA**, or on info@raukawa.org.nz







Raukawa kaimahi: (from left) Frances Ellis, Donna Deane, Katrina Middlemiss-Vano, Anita Moke and Raewyn Tai.

Raukawa Help Manage Chronic Conditions

Living with a chronic disease can be extremely challenging, with significant impacts on a person's ability to do the things that they enjoy.

The Raukawa Charitable Trust's (RCT) Whānau Ora Mobile Chronic Disease Management Programme (MCDMP) and Community Outreach Nurse Service consist of three nurses, Anita Moke, Raewyn Tai and Frances Ellis, and two kaiāwhina, Katrina Middlemiss-Vano and Donna Deane. The programmes support people to self-manage their chronic illness through assessment and monitoring while delivering education to help whānau to live a healthier life.

With over 50 years' experience between the nurses and kaiāwhina all of the staff are driven by a strong desire to make a difference in the lives of those who suffer chronic conditions.

For Frances Ellis inspiration to become a nurse came from *"seeing the many great nurses that supported my father during his 20 years on dialysis."*

Alongside this personal passion and collective professional experience, with support from the RCT, the team continues to upskill throughout their time here.

Having completed a Diploma in Oranga Hinengaro at Te Wānanga o Raukawa and a Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science at the University of Auckland, Registered Nurse Anita Moke from Aotearoa Marae says,

"supporting clients with chronic conditions is complex with many factors influencing their actions. It is important that we continue to upskill so we can provide the best care to our clients."

While for Raewyn Tai completing her Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing at Waikato Institute of Technology means she can help build the capacity of *"our RCT nursing services and remain up to date with the ever-changing pace of nursing practice."*

Katrina Middlemiss-Vano and Donna Deane work alongside the nurses to help facilitate access to any additional social or health services that clients may be in need of. These can include education about their condition and nutrition or their eligibility for financial support, as well as supporting people to access specialist health care services including hearing tests and podiatry services.

To learn more about the work of our nurses and kaiāwhina and how they might be able to support you with your chronic condition contact us on **0800 RAUKAWA** or **info@rauakawa.org.nz**



New Fisheries Regulations come into Force

The Waikato River co-management arrangements allows river iwi to develop regulations governing fisheries within their respective rohe. The Raukawa Charitable Trust (RCT) has been leading this mahi, along with the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI), Ngāti Tūwharetoa and the Te Arawa River Iwi Trust (TARIT) for the Upper Waikato River catchment. In early July, the fisheries regulations were approved by the Governor-General Patsy Reddy and have come into force.

The fisheries regulations cover the Upper Waikato River catchment and the Wharepūhunga sub-catchment of the Waipā River. It provides each iwi with the ability and responsibility of managing their own customary fishery.

To enable this, the regulations allow each river iwi to develop bylaws, appoint kaitiaki and issue customary permits to take fish for tangihanga, hui, pā tuna, pātaka kai, and to sustain other marae functions. Additionally, the regulations allow for catch permits to support educational, environmental and restoration research.

The RCT is now working with Ngāti Tūwharetoa, TARIT and MPI to implement the regulations and assist marae, hapū and uri to understand what the fisheries regulations provide, the customary take process, and the roles and responsibilities of each iwi and the criteria/ selection process for kaitiaki. A series of wānanga will be held throughout 2017-18 to provide this information to Raukawa iwi members.



Tuna caught in tributary of Waikato River near Pikitū Marae.

RCT Programme Lead Projects and Implementation Celia Witehira, says the new regulations are a significant step for Raukawa in the management of our resources and having an active role as kaitiaki.

“The new regulations give Raukawa, as an iwi, a legal tool to allow marae, hapu and uri to exercise their responsibilities as kaitiaki.”

Tokonui, Pukerimu and Whiti Te Marama Pā Consent

In late 2016, the RCT received notification from Ōtorohanga District Council that an application to continue and expand quarry actives at Ostern Quarry had been lodged by J Swaps Ltd. The quarry site adjoins three pā sites that are significant to Raukawa: Tokonui, Pukerimu and Whiti Te Marama Pā (collectively known as the Three Sisters).

All three pā sites have been subject to varying degrees of damage from past quarrying and farming activities. Whiti Te Marama Pā is subject to ongoing damage from grazing activities. However, a great deal of the structure of Tokonui and Pukerimu Pā remains.

At the consent hearing, held 10-11 April 2017, the RCT presented a co-ordinated and consistent approach which focused on protecting the Pā sites, maintaining the integrity of a buffer zone around the Pā, allowing access to mana whenua groups and recognition of Raukawa in the ongoing management of the quarry.

The decision of the commissioners to allow for the expansion of the quarry was released on 29 June 2017. The decision places conditions on the expansion to protect Whiti Te Marama, Tokonui and Pukerimu Pā, and allow mana whenua groups to exercise kaitiakitanga.

RCT Senior Planner Dave Marshall, says it was a good outcome for Raukawa.

“While not all of our proposed conditions were imposed, the ones that were imposed will provide strong protection for the three historic pā sites and provide for the ongoing involvement of mana whenua groups in their management.”



Celebrating the Dawn of Matariki



Rejuvenation was again the key theme for Raukawa and our whānau and friends who came together to mark the dawn of Matariki.

*Nau mai, haere mai, e tau ana ki te awa o Waihou
Ki te whakatō rākau hei whakanui i te wā o Matariki
E tūhono ai te taura tāngata i waenga i Te Kaunihera o
Waikato ki te Tonga me Te Poari Manaaki o Raukawa.*

The above kupu drew 65 people from the Raukawa Charitable Trust (RCT), the South Waikato District Council, Dairy NZ, local marae whānau and kura communities to the Leslie Road entrance to Te Waihou Walkway on Friday 14 July to celebrate the dawn of Matariki.

The day involved a day of manaakitanga through the planting of trees and the sharing of kai. Together 1700 native rākau were planted adjacent to the walkway.

The days activities began with a karakia welcoming everyone onto the site, followed by RCT kaimahi Phyllis Tahere outlining the importance of Matariki.





Group Manager Pūtake Taiao Grant Kettle said the day provided another opportunity for Raukawa to collaborate with one of our partner councils and others from our community.

“These native rākau will help enhance the mauri of the awa, and will stand as a testament to the mahi carried out today,” he said.



Raukawa Settlement Trust Chairperson Vanessa Eparaima said the theme of new life and enhancing our environment were ideal ones to mark the beginning of Matariki.

“I applaud all who took part in this wonderful event, and we look forward to working alongside our whānau and partners through the new year that Matariki marks the beginning of.”



Tai Whakaea: The Raukawa Settlement Journey

As mentioned in the last issue of Te Kakara, the Raukawa Charitable Trust has been working with the Ministry of Culture and Heritage on Te Tai Whakaea: The Raukawa Settlement Journey. Part of this mahi included the production of a comprehensive narrative of our journey to settlement. The narrative covers the period from 2007 to 2012, helping to place our settlement journey in a wider context.

Nigel Te Hiko, Treaty Lead, says the narrative is a taonga for Raukawa.

“the narrative documents an important period in the history of our iwi, it is something that we will treasure for years to come. It is important that the narrative is made as widely available as possible.”

Here we are reproducing extracts from the narrative.

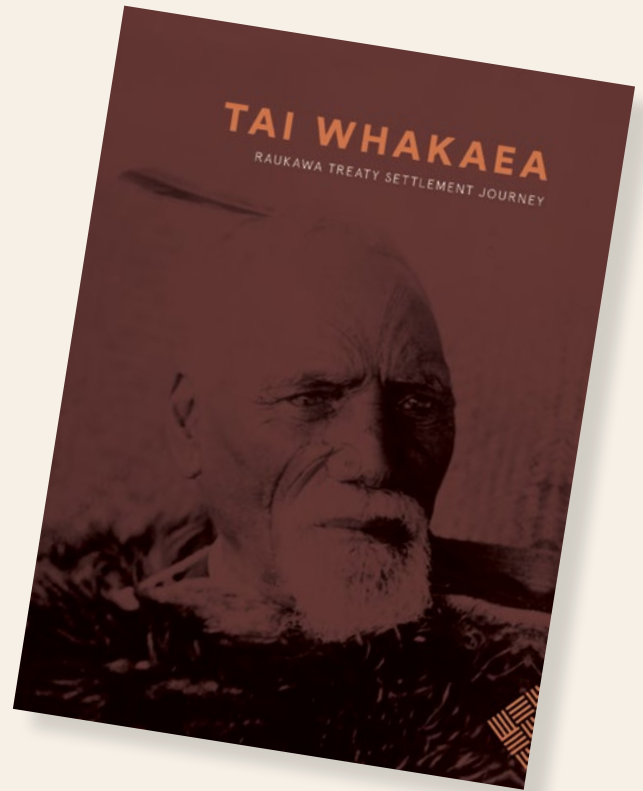
2008 | Central North Island Forest Deed Signing Ceremony

On the 24 June 2008, on a cold, rainy early winter’s morning, over 150 iwi members gathered at the Raukawa Trust Board offices in Tokoroa to prepare to depart for parliament to participate in the signing of the Central North Island Forest Deed the next day. The emotion felt by the gathered throng was palpable. People mixed and mingled, the old and the young all immersed in the moment.

The three coaches filled to capacity, slowly wound their way down the middle of the island to the Kāpiti Coast. Hosting the iwi at Ōtaki overnight, were whānau from Raukawa marae, Te Pou o Tainui and Te Wānanga-o-Raukawa.

Overlapping Claims

Within the space of one short hui with the Office of Treaty Settlement (OTS), Vanessa Eparaima immediately seized upon the opportunities that presented themselves, adroitly dealt with each situation as they arose. She showed uncanny ability to manoeuvre through the minefield that was the Crowns overlapping claims process whilst at the same time keeping the RST and the iwi focussed upon the main goal, reaching settlement.

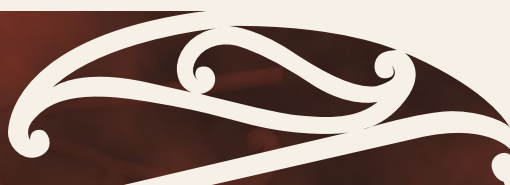


2012 | Signing the Comprehensive Settlement

On a cool winters morning, as the rays of the June sun swathed Aotearoa marae in its gentle embrace, the iwi of Raukawa assembled before Hoturoa, the mighty ancestor of the Tainui waka. Kaumātua, pakeke, rangatahi and tamariki all gathered to participate in the signing of the Deed of Settlement of the Raukawa historical treaty claims. Smiling faces, hearty laughter and excited discourse from long unseen friends and relations filled the air, adding to the growing excitement of the day.

To many, the signing of the Deed was the culmination of the aspirations of Raukawa kaumātua that lodged the original iwi claims in the Waitangi Tribunal in 1989. To others the day meant being a part of an event that will shape the future of the iwi.

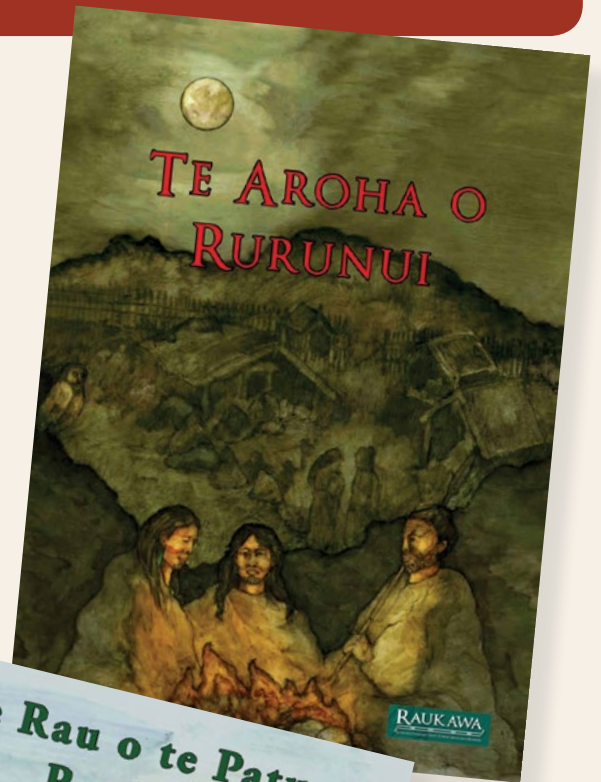
A poignant moment during the pōwhiri [for the iwi] was the laying of a greenstone mere, named “Raukawa” by Ngāti Korokī Kahukura, Karaitiana Tamatea, upon the marae atea. As Paraone Gloyne lithely strode across the marae to retrieve the gift, he carried with him the humble Raukawa tree which he presented to Ngāti Korokī Kahukura in reciprocation. This was a humbling exchange one deeply felt by all present.



Ngā Pakiwaitara a Raukawa Series Three Launches

Following the success of the first two series of Ngā Pakiwaitara a Raukawa, the Raukawa Charitable Trust released series three as an online only resource at the end of July. Each story in the series is available in te reo Māori as well as English.

The stories featured in series one and two are intended for pre-school to primary aged tamariki, while series three is intended for intermediate and high school aged readers. This is reflected in the stories used, with series three featuring more complex stories.



All the stories featured in Ngā Pakiwaitara represent key elements of Raukawa iwi whakapapa, tūpuna names and historical accounts including significant sites still seen throughout the lands within the Raukawa rohe. Series three features Te Aroha o Rurunui, Kurungaituku Te Kaitiaki o Te Ngahere, and Te Rau o te Patu a Raukawa.

While Ngā Pakiwaitara is useful for those learning te reo, Kakara Whakarei Te Reo Māori & Tikanga Programme Lead Charlie Tepana, says a focus is also on telling the stories of Raukawa.

“Using approachable illustration and easy to follow story lines helps bring the stories of our tūpuna to life, and opens a doorway to the lives and culture of yesteryear. This helps give iwi members and readers a greater depth of understanding of, and connection to, Raukawa culture.”

All three series are available as **FREE DOWNLOADS** from our website, bit.ly/raukawastories



Nominations for Board of Trustees

Nominations for Marae representative positions to the board of the Raukawa Settlement Trust OPEN on Monday 9 October 2017

One (1) Marae representative is required for each of the following RST Marae:

- Ngātira;
- Whakaaratamaiti;
- Tāpapa;
- Paparaamu;
- Aotearoa
- Pārāwera (Te Taumata)

To be eligible for nomination as a Marae representative, a candidate must:

- Be an Adult (18 years old and over) Registered Member of the Raukawa Settlement Trust
- Stand in the election held on behalf of the Raukawa marae to which the candidate primarily affiliates to
- The term for these positions is 3 years.

The Tribal Register held by the Raukawa Settlement Trust will be the official data base for the nomination and election process.

For more information contact Kim Blomfield on 0800 RAUKAWA (0800 728 5292) or email kim.blomfield@rauakawa.org.nz



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