

TE KAKARA

Te Kakara o te Hinu Raukawa - Your Raukawa Iwi Newsletter

RAUMATI EDITION
Pānui 37 | 2017

Highlights of 2017



He Taonga Te Wai

Supporting Movember

Welcome to the Summer edition of Te Kakara, and our final pānui for 2017.

It has been another busy and productive year for Raukawa, and I want to thank all our team, our trustees and our whānau for the part everyone has played in helping continue the success of our iwi.

In the pages ahead, you will see some of the activities of our team and our whānau in recent weeks, as well as a range of highlights from across the year.

In December we will come together for our Annual General Meeting where whānau will learn details of the performance of our various units for the year ending June 2017. It is a wonderful opportunity for whānau to come together, to meet people from our team, to learn first-hand the wide range of mahi we are involved in and that we deliver to our people and to the communities they share. It is also your chance to ask questions of what has been done, what we are doing and where we are heading.

Our commercial company, Raukawa Iwi Development Ltd, will also report on its performance for the last financial year. This year we expect to report a record year of growth and the sixth straight year of solid performance and surplus.

Also covered off in this edition is a summary of the background and outcome of an application from NZ Pure Blue Springs Limited to take millions of litres from Te Puna. The application has since been withdrawn, which is a good outcome for Raukawa, but it is unlikely to be the last time our environment team, supported by our trustees, marae and whānau will be required to respond to those looking to capitalise on this and other taonga within our rohe.

This is the reality for Raukawa, we have many things we want to achieve, and we need to be engaged in, but we have a limited amount of pūtea and manpower to do all that is required to support our people. This is the challenge for the trustees to determine where we prioritise our skills and resources. We do a wonderful job with what we have. We have a passionate group of kaimahi who do the best they can to meet the expectations of our people.

As we head into the summer months and the celebrations of Christmas and the new year, I want to pay tribute to you all for helping Raukawa to achieve all that we do today. If I do not see you at the AGM, I want to wish you all the best for yourself and your whānau. I hope we all get plenty of time to enjoy the gift that keeps on giving – whānau.

Koa Kirihimete!

Nā Vanessa Eparaima
Raukawa Settlement Trust Chairperson



Pure Blue Application Withdrawn

In late August NZ Pure Blue Springs Limited (Pure Blue) withdrew its application to take water from Te Puna, (the Blue Springs). This followed the Raukawa Settlement Trust (RST) decision to oppose the application and not give written approval for to the application from NZ Pure Blue Springs Limited.

The Raukawa decision followed a period of extensive engagement with Trustees, marae, uri and kaumātua. Vanessa Eparaima, RST Chairperson, said Raukawa supported and encouraged endeavours which brought value to the region and its communities and which had potential to bring much-needed jobs and economic development, however,

“Raukawa formed the view that the potential benefits of this proposal did not outweigh the significant impacts the application would 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 for this and future generations.”

The decision by Pure Blue to withdraw the application shows that they had heard the concerns about and the broad range of opposition to the proposal, not just from Raukawa, but from the wider community within the South Waikato, and around the country.

Raukawa have endured some criticism and unwarranted accusations simply for fulfilling our role as kaitiaki, an inter-generational responsibility that we take incredibly seriously. For generations, we were excluded from having a say on lands, taonga and resources that we once had complete domain over. We are grateful that the mindset and ideology that sought to exclude iwi has diminished and that we are acknowledged as kaitiaki across our tribal rohe.

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2017 Highlights

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

Raukawa celebrated Māori Language Week with a number of initiatives and collaborative events held throughout the week.



Festival of Cultures

Raukawa co-hosted the second South Waikato Festival of Cultures in Tokoroa that celebrated the Treaty of Waitangi and the cultural diversity of our rohe.

Ō-Rākau Commemorations

Raukawa and iwi members commemorated the Battle of Ō-Rākau with a service at the site followed by a viewing of Rewi's Last Stand at Pārāwera (Te Taumata) Marae.



Taonga Return to Iwi

A whakairo (carving) from Waikato Museum and a toki (adze) from Tīraupenga were returned to the care of the iwi.



New Zealand Wars Select Committee

Raukawa supported and responded to the petition to create a day commemorating the New Zealand Wars and its inclusion within the national education curriculum.





Raukawa/Ministerial Forum

The annual forum took place in Wellington and provided allowed Raukawa to talk directly with the Prime Minister and senior Ministers on a range of issues that are important to our iwi.

Photo courtesy of Office of Rt Hon Bill English.



Te Tai Whakaea

Raukawa completed filming interviews that tell the story of our Treaty settlement journey. The interviews were coupled with a 12,000-word publication, and drone filming of sites of significance throughout our rohe.



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.

Joint Management Agreement (JMA) Governance Hui ā-Tau

The hui ā-tau was held at Pārāwera (Te Taumata) Marae and co-hosted by the Waipā District Council. The hui ā-tau provided a platform for Raukawa and all JMA regional and district council members to reflect on the past 5 years of collaborative work undertaken by all and an opportunity to further align work programmes.



Hangahanga Pā

The protection of Hangahanga Pā has been a key project since 2015. Joint efforts with Ngāti Hauā and Ngāti Korokī Kahukura continue as we protect this heritage site from a resource consent application that could lead to its destruction. Mahi to secure this area in perpetuity will likely continue well into 2018.



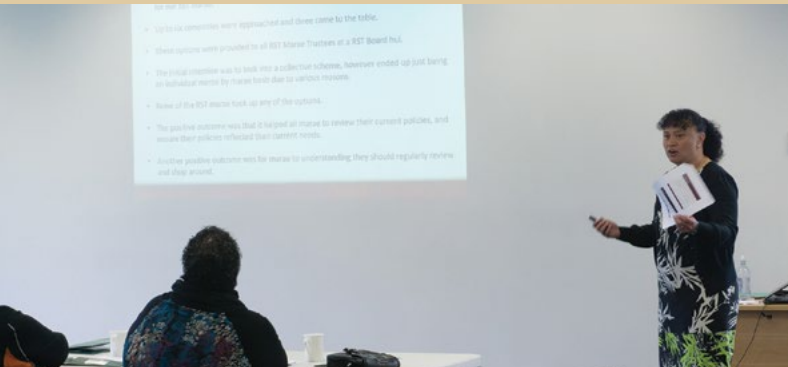


Waihou and Te Puna

Raukawa remains active as kaitiaki as we continue to work with iwi members, hapū, whānau, kaumātua and marae in upholding the interests of our iwi in addressing the impact of high visitor numbers, by seeking better management, and through resource consent applications.

Te Kōwhatu o Hatupatu

Raukawa played a key role in the collaborative redevelopment of this site of significance. The project saw 2,500 native rākau planted, information signs sharing the rich history of this landmark along with landscaping and safety improvements.



Marae Development Workshops

Workshops continued throughout the year and focussed on strengthening the knowledge and skill set of our marae officers and haukāinga. This year we explored collective marae insurance, new health and safety regulations, iwi registrations and grants.

Annual Distributions Increase

Raukawa allocated over \$600,000 for marae, kuia koroua and education grants this year. The number of applicants have been very high in the last two years and the budget will be increased by \$90,000 from next year.



Ka Pai Kai

Established in 2015 with support from Raukawa, Ka Pai Kai provides healthy, nutritious and affordable lunches to 90% of the primary and intermediate schools in Tokoroa.

They recently received a Momentum Waikato grant that will allow them to provide lunches to schools over a wider area.



Raukawa Fisheries Regulations

The previous issue of Te Kakara highlighted the approval of the Fisheries (Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Raukawa, and Te Arawa River Iwi) Regulations 2017 by the Governor General. These regulations cover the upper Waikato River, and in the case of Raukawa include the Wharepūhunga sub-catchment of the Waipā river.

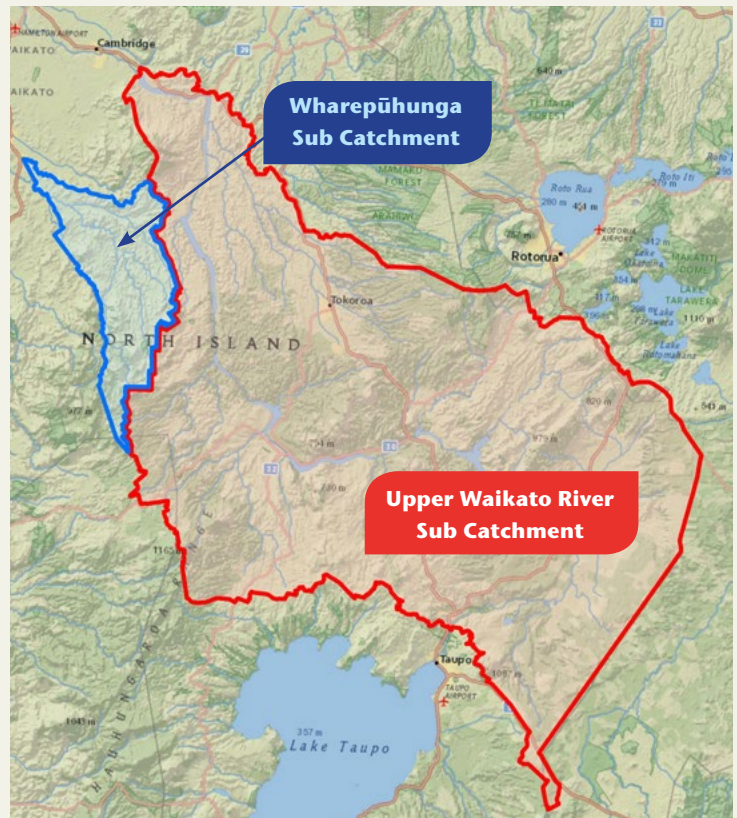
The desired outcome of the regulations is to protect, restore, manage, and enhance the fisheries resources of the Waikato River, including the Wharepūhunga sub-catchment. In doing so, enabling customary practices that are consistent with the tikanga and kawa of Raukawa.

The regulations cover the duties, functions and obligations of both the Raukawa Settlement Trust (RST), kaitiaki and holders of customary permits that must be adhered to at all times. Only marae affiliated to the RST within the area shown in the map may nominate a marae member to become a kaitiaki under the Regulations.

The RST is required to appoint, manage and support the nominated kaitiaki, including ensuring they meet all training and criteria requirements before their appointment as kaitiaki. While each individual Upper Waikato River iwi have the responsibility to appoint their own kaitiaki, there will be no lines on maps – it is envisioned that kaitiaki will train, wānanga and work together.

Pūtake Taiao is planning to engage further with marae, hapū and uri on the regulations including potential criteria for decision making (approving or declining applications for customary authorisations) and criteria for kaitiaki in early 2018. Part of the engagement will include the customary take for all water bodies within the Raukawa takiwā.

Currently, Kataraina Hodge is the kaitiaki responsible for issuing customary authorisations under the Amateur Fishing regulations for waterways within the RST's takiwā.



Fisheries Regulations 2017 Area.

Raukawa have secured funding from the Waikato Clean-up Trust to support the implementation of these regulations as part of the wider Raukawa Kaitiaki Freshwater Project. This project is about providing the opportunity for Raukawa marae, hapū and uri to re-establish their cultural practices through a series of practical wānanga focused on wai Māori and taonga species management.

This funding will facilitate the holding of eight wānanga over the next twelve months, with four of those wānanga focusing on fisheries and the provisions and implementation of the regulations.



Promoting a Healthy Life Style

It is widely known that Aotearoa is facing the fast-approaching wave of an obesity epidemic, which is going to have long-lasting effects on the health and wellbeing of our communities. On the front line of efforts to help stem the flow of this wave is Raukawa Charitable Trust (RCT) Kaimahi KC Maaka. KC has been with RCT for ten years, with eight of those years being in her current role of Health Promoter in Nutrition and Physical Activity.

The Health Promotion Service aims to address two of the key factors in weight gain, nutrition and lack of exercise. These factors are not addressed just on an individual level but across the whole whānau and community.

KC Says *“it is important to get the whole whānau involved as early as possible. Doing so means they can support each other, and we see better overall outcomes.”*

As part of this mahi, KC has been involved in with Ka Pai Kai (KPK) from its early stages. KPK is supported by RCT, South Waikato District Council, Tokoroa Council of Social Services and the Tokoroa Club. It provides healthy, affordable school lunches to nine schools, three Kōhanga and one early learning centre in Tokoroa. During the first three terms of the 2017 school year, KPK provided over 10,000 lunch orders. It has also been a training ground for 20 Year 11 and 12 students as part of the Gateway

Programme that supports students into their chosen career path. KC says *“it has been rewarding to see the schools acknowledging the benefits of healthy lunches and the associated increase in orders.”*

On the physical activity front, KC has continued to work on promoting a revival of kī-o-rahi within the Raukawa rohe. This is the seventh year the kaupapa has been operating, and it's still going strong.

Over the past few months, KC has visited seven schools, introducing over 330 students to the sport.

KC says *“The schools consider kī-o-rahi significant as it allows for the involvement of all students who are willing to take part. Without the disparity in skill levels that is seen in rugby and soccer.”*



Christmas Office Closure Notice

The Raukawa Charitable Trust offices will be closed for two weeks during the 2017 Christmas and 2018 New Year break. From Monday 19th December our office hours will be as follows:

DATE	OPEN	CLOSE
Monday 18th December, 2017	8am	5pm
Tuesday 19th December, 2017	8am	2pm
Wednesday 20th December, 2017	8am	2pm
Thursday 21st December, 2017	Closed	Closed
Friday 22nd December, 2017	Closed	Closed

These hours will affect all Raukawa Charitable Trust offices.

Normal office hours will resume on Monday 8th January, 2018.

For any urgent Raukawa Health Services enquiries, please contact:

Regina Mueller for Alcohol & Drug - 027 590 1725 and
Mireka Aloiai for Mental Health - 027 538 6213

Please note that availability will be limited.

For any Health emergencies please call 111.



TE WHARE KŌRERO

o Raukawa

TE WHARE KŌRERO O RAUKAWA is a week-long iwi led programme aimed at uplifting the knowledge, confidence and capability of Raukawa te reo Māori speakers and learners.

The kaupapa is built on teaching Raukawa history, language, whakapapa, whaikōrero, karanga, mōteatea, tikanga and reconnecting our people to our significant sites and traditional practises.

21-25 January 2018

Registrations Open

bit.ly/WhareKorero18

Kakara Wakarei Six Months On

Six months on from the establishment of the Kakara Whakarei – Raukawa Cultural Growth Group, the team are delivering strong results for Raukawa. Kakara Whakarei came about through the merger of the Kākano Whakatupu (Raukawa Treaty Group) and Rau Ahurea (Raukawa Cultural Development Group) teams as part of the regular reassessment of the structure of Raukawa Charitable Trust (RCT).

While the new group works primarily across three broad work streams, Treaty and Research, Te Reo and Tikanga, and Cultural Education, the team aims to support the mahi of the wider RCT at every opportunity,

Within the Te Reo and Tikanga space, the team have completed the first stage of the State of Te Reo survey. This mahi included 13 video interviews with kaikōrero and kaikaranga from the affiliated RST marae, as well as 140 respondents that completed an online survey.

Te Reo Maori and Tikanga Lead Charlie Tepana says

“The results of this project will help to inform the team of the work needed to protect and grow the use of te reo and tikanga within our rohe.”

In the Cultural Education space, over the past six months, the team completed work on developing the regulations for the Raukawa Settlement Trust Mercury University of Waikato Scholarships in conjunction with the Kouru Whakahaere team, Mercury and Waikato University staff. This scholarship is open to registered iwi members attending the University of Waikato.

In addition, the team has also secured a commitment from Victoria University Wellington to match any education grants dollar for dollar. This means grant recipients would receive double the amount paid to them

via this arrangement. The team are in dialogue with other universities about the possibility of similar offers. Cultural Education Lead Louis Armstrong says:

“These scholarships and grant matches will make it easier for our rangatahi to obtain a university education. This will have a positive flow-on effect within the iwi.”

In regard to the Treaty and Research, planning has commenced for commemorating Te Pūtake o te Riri – Commemorating the New Zealand Wars. Funding has been secured through Te Puni Kokiri for the event, a two-day field trip encompassing a number of sites where Raukawa had direct involvement in battles that form part of the New Zealand Land Wars. The event is likely to be held in April 2018 on a date to be confirmed.

The team are also gearing up for the Waitangi Celebrations – Festival of Cultures 2018. This is an annual event that the RCT leads in collaboration with the South Waikato District Council and South Waikato Pacific Island Community Services. The weeklong event will be held from 6 February 2018 to 10 February, commencing with a morning karakia and breakfast on 6 February. The celebrations will end with a fun-filled festival of cultures to be held on 10 February in Tokoroa.

Kaimahi Support Movember



Raukawa kaimahi get into the light hearted spirit of Movember.

In the name of raising awareness of, and funds for, men's health eight Raukawa Charitable Trust tane sacrificed their face for the month of Movember. Kicking off the month freshly shaven, the tane worked on growing the best mo they could.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among New Zealand men, with 3,000 new cases and about 600 deaths a year. While it rarely occurs in men younger than 55, one in 13 men will develop prostate cancer before they turn 75.

Louis Armstrong, Programme Lead Cultural Education says,

"Taking part in Movember has been a light-hearted way to raise awareness of the serious issues that are seeing too many men die young."

Fundraising activities included selling chances to help shave Nigel Te Hiko 1 November after he arrived with his beard intact as well as hosting a fundraising lunch catered by the tane.



The mo's have been a talking point around the office, with discussion on the best style of mo for each participant, the exchanging of tips, as well as encouraging more open discussion of the health issues facing men.



SATURDAY 10 FEB 2018 | 10am-3pm | TOKOROA MEMORIAL SPORTS GROUNDS



Trustee Nomination Results

At the close date of 27 October 2017, **the required number of nominations** were received for the following marae representative positions:

Marae	Nominees
Ngātira	Rachel O'Connor
Pārāwera	Gaylene Roberts
Aotearoa	Constance Hui
Tāpapa	Nina Hireme

Congratulations to the successful nominees who will start their 3-year terms on 10 December 2017.

Trustee Election Process

At the close date of 27 October 2017, **more than the required number of nominations** were received for the following marae representative positions:

Marae	Candidates
Whakaaratamaiti	Elthea Pakaru and Juanita Temarama
Paparaamu	Gail Hamilton and Rawiri Koperu

A postal vote commenced on **Monday 6 November 2017** with voting forms due back on **Wednesday 29 November**. Keep an eye on our website for the results.

RAUKAWA SETTLEMENT TRUST GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Saturday 9 December 2017
South Waikato Event Centre
Mossop Road
TOKOROA
9.30am

Raukawa Settlement Trust Group Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes from 2016 Raukawa Settlement Trust Group AGM
4. Kaunihera Kaumātua report
5. Raukawa Settlement Trust report
6. Annual accounts for the year ended 30 June 2017
7. Raukawa Iwi Development Ltd report
8. Raukawa Charitable Trust report and Executive Management Team presentations
9. General business

General Business Items

Registered tribal members of the Raukawa Settlement Trust are invited to notify the Board in writing of any general business items they wish to raise at the RST Annual General Meeting. General business items can be sent to Raukawa Settlement Trust, AGM General Business Private Bag 8, TOKOROA 3444 and must be received no later than **Friday 1 December 2017**.

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

An electronic copy of the 2017 Annual Report can be viewed at **www.raukawa.org.nz** and hard copies will be available upon request.

NAU MAI HAERE MAI

