

TE KAKARA

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Festival of Cultures



Te Whare Kōrero o Raukawa

Kaitiaki Rōpū Wānanga

RST Chair Message

Welcome to the Autumn edition of Te Kakara. I hope you all were able to enjoy some quality whānau time in our summer of extremes which has seen high sunshine and humidity through to intense storms.

Last month marked 178 years since the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi. Commemorations of the signing were held across Aotearoa, including Tokoroa where a week-long series of events culminated on Saturday, February 10 with the South Waikato Festival of Cultures held indoors at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa.

Also covered in this edition is a report on the Annual General Meeting held in December last year which ended the year on a high for our iwi, reporting strong results across our organisation. This has set us in good stead and provided strong momentum for 2018, as we continue with the achievement and progress that has been consistent in our post-settlement development.

Raukawa has taken a careful and considered path in our post-settlement phase, guided by clear expectations that while we must do what we can to support the cultural, social and economic expectations of our people, we must manage and protect our pūtea and resources to ensure we have a significant taonga to pass on to nurture the next generation.

We are mindful of the significant need across many of our whānau. While we do what we can with our limited resources, and with our services to support whānau, we also work with and lobby local and national government to ensure support and services are being directed where they are most needed, and that decisions are influenced by the expectations of our iwi members.

The start of this year also marked the move of our Raukawa Charitable Trust team into our new headquarters - Raukawa House on Leith Place, Tokoroa.

The development of Raukawa House has taken longer than expected due to the unfortunate failure of the first developer that we engaged, and then further delays and cost over-runs with the second contractor brought in to complete the significant development.

It has been an often frustrating process, but we are now grateful to have our team in the new building and providing the support and services that they do from a new purpose built headquarters. In the coming months, we will populate our taonga room with our Raukawa treasures and other significant items and historical documents. This taonga room will be open for our Raukawa whānau to come through and visit when they are in Tokoroa or are passing through. They can also pay a visit to Raukawa House, which is a building designed to raise the profile and awareness of Raukawa within our tribal rohe. We will announce more details on this in the weeks ahead.

We are off to a good start for the year whānau. Please take some time to read through the articles of the Autumn edition of Te Kakara and take in the mahi of our people and the progress of Raukawa.

Nā Vanessa Eparaima
Raukawa Settlement Trust Chairperson



A Better Future for the Environment and Iwi



Wānanga participants at Mangakaretu Marae.

Established in early 2017 the Raukawa Kaitiaki Rōpū (RKR) kicked off the new year with its fourth wānanga in January 2018. While part of the role of the RKR is advisory, it has a strong focus on enabling members to lead their whānau in undertaking practical projects to protect the environment.

To this end the January wānanga, held at Mangakaretu Marae, introduced RKR members to the Stream Health Monitoring Assessment Kits created by the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research. In the hands of RKR members, these kits will allow marae to undertake their own long-term monitoring of the health of their traditional waterways.

RKR facilitator April Haika says that since the first wānanga the growth in skills across the group has been impressive.

“the RKR now presents a strong and competent voice for the environment not only within the iwi but in the wider community. Members now have a skill that allows them to undertake their own monitoring enabling them to be more proactive in their mahi to protect the environment.”

We will post details of future RKR Wānanga on [facebook.com/raukawacharitable](https://www.facebook.com/raukawacharitable).



Delivering Warm Healthy Homes

Many whānau in New Zealand struggle to maintain a warm and healthy home, leading to a wide range of medical and social issues. To help address these issues the Ministry of Health has rolled out its Healthy Homes Programme, which the Waikato District Health Board has implemented as Whare Ora.

As a provider of both the Family Start Service and the Whare Ora Programme the Raukawa Charitable Trust has been well placed to connect families across the services. This is making a tangible difference in the lives of Raukawa Charitable Trust clients.

For mother of two Chanelle, the Whare Ora process was quick and easy.

"I was referred to Whare Ora by my Raukawa Support Worker at the time. The process went really smoothly."

During the visit by the Raukawa Whare Ora Kaimahi not only was the house assessed for what was needed to make long term improvements, but Chanelle was provided with advice on how to address issues in the short term.

"I use that advice daily to help keep my home healthy for myself and my two daughters," said Chanelle.

Following the assessment, Chanelle was provided with a new bed and bed rail for her eldest daughter, a panel heater, draft stop tape and a range of cleaning supplies and products to prevent mould growth.

"The draft stop tape has been extremely useful; it has helped stop the drafts I had coming in around the doors making it much easier to keep the house warm."



Chanelle shares her Whare Ora journey.

Raukawa Kaimahi Maarama Follas says the impact of the Whare Ora Programme on the health and wellbeing of Chanelle and her whānau has been fantastic.

"With the house being kept warmer and drier Chanelle's tamariki are in better health as they grow and develop."

**If you would like to learn more about Whare Ora
call us on 0800 RAUKAWA.**





More Space, More Opportunities

Ngātira Marae sits astride the historical route from Putaruru to Rotorua over the Mamaku Range, 18 km southwest of Putaruru. The primary hapū of the marae is Ngāti Āhuru. The whareniui is named Te Tikanga a Tāwhiao and the wharekai is Hine Te Kakara.

Ngātira has an active and strong community, regularly hosting events ranging from poukai to Te Whare Kōrero o Raukawa, and everything in between. With the steady flow of events, the marae committee saw the need to implement the addition of a deck area alongside Hine Te Kakara. This project was completed towards the end of 2017 in time for the annual poukai at Ngātira.

Running the full length of the building, the covered deck provides a significant increase in usable space. Along with the shade provided by the roof, drop down rain curtains allow the deck to be used in less than ideal weather. Also, the new ramp leading up to the deck and wharekai allows easier access for whānau and visitors with limited mobility.

Project manager, and Marae Committee member, Wilfred O'Brien says,

“projects like this have a significant impact on the usability of our facilities and the Raukawa Marae Grants are an important source of funds that allow us to complete them.”

While attending the recent Te Whare Kōrero o Raukawa, held at Ngātira, wānanga participant Matthew Beveridge found the deck a nice place to relax between busy classes.

“The shade provided by the deck was a welcome respite from the heat of the sun, but you were still able to see, and engage with, what was happening on the marae.”



Raukawa Settlement Trust Chair Vanessa Eparaima said it was positive to see the work going in to enhance our many Raukawa marae.

“I want to applaud the work of Wilfred and the Ngātira whānau. It is also a timely opportunity to acknowledge the immense work and support provided by Wilfred in his many years as an RST trustee.”

Wilfred retired from the board in late 2017 and was replaced by Rachel O'Connor in elections held late last year.



Festival of Cultures 2018



Waitangi Day is an important day to commemorate the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi, an event that had a profound effect on tangata whenua, and which resulted in massive change for our people.

Despite the turbulent February weather, Waitangi Day commemorations continued to grow in size and scale to reflect its importance to all in our community.

While the country marked the occasion in many ways, in the South Waikato it was celebrated through a weeklong festival that, despite a last-minute change of venue caused by the weather, culminated on Saturday, February 10 with the South Waikato Festival of Cultures held indoors at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa in Tokoroa.

In its fourth year, the festival is the result of a collaboration between the Raukawa Charitable Trust, the South Waikato District Council, the South Waikato Pacific Islands Community Services and Te Wānanga o Aotearoa.

The week of events started on Coulson's Hill with a morning karakia on February 6, which was followed by breakfast at the recently opened Raukawa House in Leith Place. This was followed by a Treaty of Waitangi Workshop held the next day at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa in Tokoroa.

The Festival of Cultures had a great turn out of locals and visitors who enjoyed live music, cultural performances, children's activities and a range of kai that showcased the diverse cuisine of our community.

Event attendee, Newton Thompson, was impressed by the widespread support for the event shown by the community and the volunteers who made it a special day.

The week of events has become firmly established as a regular feature of the year for the whole South Waikato community.





“It’s lovely to see so many whānau out with their kids at the festival celebrating the many cultures in our community, says Newton.”



Growing Te Reo Confidence





Whare Kōrero attendees at Te Pou o Mōtai, Te Poi.

A passion to protect and grow te reo Māori drew 116 students together at Ngātira Marae in January for Te Whare Kōrero o Raukawa. Students ranged from beginner to advanced Māori language fluency levels, and from teenagers through to kaumāuta.

Running over five days the wānanga covered grammar and vocabulary as well as whaikōrero and karanga. On Tuesday students visited a number of sites of significance around the Tokoroa, Putaruru and Matamata areas, including Te Pou o Mōtai, Te Tokotokoroa o Mataraua, Taitaia Urupā and Takahua (the previous pā site of Ngāti Āhuru before the current Ngātira Pā was established). While on the Wednesday and Thursday students put what they had learned into practice preparing for a pōwhiri to welcome guests for the hākari. These aspects enabled students to connect what they had been learning with the real world outside of the classroom.

For Raukawa Kaimahi Aroha Riki-Hamana, who is a beginner, the environment at the wānanga was positive and supportive.

“It was wonderful being in a space where we supported each other at our own stages of our journey but together as one.”

For wānanga participant Maria Te Kanawa the highlight of the week was being able to take part in the karanga.

“The classes provided the support and challenge I needed to be able to progress to the point where I was confident enough to take part in the karanga on the Thursday.”



Another Strong Performance Reported at AGM

Applause and warm acknowledgement was the key theme from Raukawa iwi members who gathered at the South Waikato Sport and Events Centre on Saturday 10 December last year for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Raukawa Settlement Trust (RST).

The AGM was an opportunity for iwi members to hear about the mahi of the RST, Raukawa Iwi Development Ltd (RIDL) and the Raukawa Charitable Trust (RCT), which together make up the Raukawa Group.

RST Chair Vanessa Eparaima said she was honoured to be able to present such strong results to whānau.

“It was once again a privilege to be able to report on another year of strong results for the Group and a healthy outlook going forward.”

A highlight for many was the tour of our new headquarters on Leith Place. Whānau also enjoyed the presentations from the RCT business groups which included Tiwai Hauora passing its funder audit with flying colours, Pūtake Taiao successfully ensuring the protection of Hangahanga Pā and the Waihou River, and Kakara Whakarei holding many events to protect and promote the Raukawa identity, history, reo and tikanga.

RCT Tumu Whakarae Bobby Bryan said he was pleased with the response and feedback from those in attendance.

“The feedback from whānau was very positive, with many impressed at the quality and range of mahi carried out by our kaimahi throughout the year”.

Vanessa said whānau were also grateful for the presentation from RIDL Chair John Spencer and RIDL Manager Andrew Harrison.

“The message was clear from our commercial arm that results for the last five years have been consistently strong and that we have had some excellent results and growth. However, Mr Spencer rightly cautioned that this won’t always be the case, because of the volatility of national and international markets, however the company takes a long-term pragmatic approach to managing the assets and wealth of the iwi.”

For the last financial year RCT revenue increased to \$6.2 million for the year up from \$5.86 million the year before with costs remaining the same as 2016 at \$5.73 million resulting in a surplus of almost half a million dollars for the year.

The Raukawa Group achieved revenue of \$9.28 million for the last financial year, with costs and distributions of almost \$6.6 million resulting in a surplus for the year of \$3.66 million.

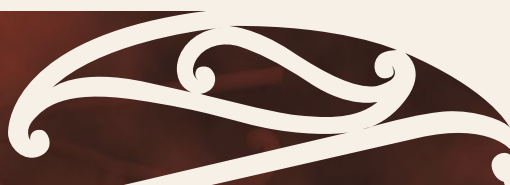
This year RIDL continued its strong performance achieving its sixth year of surplus. The asset base of our iwi has grown to \$138 million, capping off another year of strong results and the continued economic growth of our iwi.

Over \$580K Distributed in 2017

Education Grants

Level of Study	No# Applicants
Bachelor Degree	53
Masters	5
Doctorate	1
Postgraduate Diploma	2
Certificate	2
Short Course	2
Total	65

\$68,250 DISTRIBUTED



Marae Grants

Aotearoa	\$22,617
Mōkai (Pakaketaiari)	0
Ongaroto	0
Paparaamu	0
Pikitū	\$35,512.60
Ruapeka	\$24,829.10
Tāpapa	\$25,731.30
Whakaaratamaiti	\$28,231.40
Mangakaretu	\$23,355.30
Ngātira	\$27,783.60
Ōwairaka (Rawhitiroa)	0
Pārāwera (Te Taumata)	0
Rengarenga	0
Tangata	0
Ūkaipō	\$24,168.05
Whakamārama	0
\$212,229 DISTRIBUTED	

Notes: At the time the Annual Report went to print, eight (8) marae were yet to complete reporting requirements before allocation of funds.

Kuia Koroua Wellbeing Grants

Type of Relief	No# Applicants
Dental Treatment	29
Eye Treatment	38
Firewood	26
General Practitioner	77
Hearing Treatment	11
Heating (exc firewood)	4
Mobility Equipment	4
Pharmacy Prescriptions	68
Podiatry Treatment	6
Radiology	2
Ambulance Fees	4
Total	269
\$80,000 DISTRIBUTED	

Raukawa Election Results

The Raukawa Settlement Trust would like to thank all nominees for agreeing to stand in the 2017 election process.

As the Returning Officer I can confirm the following information:

Marae	Voting papers sent	Voting papers received	Special Voting papers received	Valid Votes	Invalid
Whakaaratamaiti	403	95	4	99	0
Paparaamu	257	58	0	58	0

As the Returning Officer I declare the following results:

Marae	Nominees	Votes Received	Successful Nominee
Whakaaratamaiti	Juanita Temarama	55	Juanita Temarama
	Elthea Pakaru	44	
Paparaamu	Gail Hamilton	40	Gail Hamilton
	Rawiri Koperu	18	

Congratulations to Juanita Temarama and Gail Hamilton. Their three year term as an RST Marae representative will commence from 10 December 2017.

Brian Nicholas
Returning Officer



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