

# TE KAKARA

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# RST Chair Message

Welcome to winter edition of Te Kakara. I hope the cooler temperatures and increasingly turbulent weather have not caused too much disruption and burden.

I want to begin by acknowledging the passing of much loved kaimahi of our Tiwai Hauora team Lynda Ormsby who died suddenly on May 4th.

Many from our team joined with Lynda's whānau and friends to farewell her at Papa O Te Aroha Marae. Lynda was a well-respected and valuable member of our Health and Social Services team and she is sadly missed.

There are a range of stories in this edition of Te Kakara which capture key highlights from our Raukawa kaimahi and from across our Raukawa whānau over recent months.

I want to acknowledge all who have been involved in the admirable work to ensure that the Battle of Ō-Rākau is recognised for the significance it has not only for our iwi but for the country. Great work is continuing to ensure commemoration of this battle and the site where it occurred, receives national importance and acknowledgement. There is an article in this edition which covers some of the good work being progressed to advance this very worthy kaupapa.

Also covered in this edition is coverage of the first "*Me Maumahara Tātou*" hīkoi, which involved tauira and kaiako from schools from Tokoroa, Putaruru and Matamata.

The two hīkoi carried out in mid-May, were part of the Raukawa Charitable Trust's commemorations of Te Pūtake o te Riri – the New Zealand Wars. The events held throughout the country provide an opportunity for New Zealanders to commemorate and reflect on the New Zealand Wars and the impact they have had on the course of our country's history.

Also included in this edition is coverage of the wonderful work of our business units including our Whānau Ora and Environment team. There is much need among our whānau and within our communities. We are committed to do what we can to help our whānau and those in need especially as we enter the colder more turbulent months of winter.

I want to acknowledge our team and our marae representatives who guide the strategy and focus of our kaimahi.

I also want to thank you, our whānau, for allowing us the opportunity to support our people, and I encourage you to take in the wonderful mahi of our people through the following pages.

Nā Vanessa Eparaima  
Raukawa Settlement Trust Chairperson



# Protecting Ō-Rākau



The Battle of Ō-Rākau holds special significance to both Raukawa and Ngāti Maniapoto. For many years, uri have fought to have the event and the special nature of the site recognised as being of national importance. Progress has been made towards achieving this.

In 2015 the government purchased the battle site from its previous private owners. The land is currently being held in the Crown's land banking process. Future title of the land is still to be determined.

The Raukawa Settlement Trust in conjunction with the Ngāti Maniapoto Māori Trust Board are working with the Crown to develop a process that recognises the connections of all parties that were involved in the battle.

Nigel Te Hiko, Acting Group Manager, Kakara Whakareī says *“Ō-Rākau presents a unique situation, one that will require a unique solution. Determination of title to the land sits outside of the Treaty Settlement process and as such should have its own special mechanism or legislation to deal with it. To develop this mechanism will take a little bit more time and a lot more discussion.”*

The Raukawa Settlement Trust and the Ngāti Maniapoto Māori Trust Board have been working collaboratively with the Crown on an approach to recognise all those who were connected to Ō-Rākau.

Nigel states *“Raukawa and Maniapoto are the two iwi that share this area and it is only right that we should lead the discussions with the Crown. We owe it to the memory of all those who fought there to take the time to engage and collate the views of everyone.”*

Currently the approach being discussed by the iwi include the creation of a Tūpuna Title over the land with associated bespoke legislation. This approach also provides for the inclusion of Statements of Association capturing the iwi kōrero and perspectives. In terms of the day to day management of the area, this is still to be considered.





## Te Kura Reo o Raukawa 2018

Nō te Rāhina, te 23 o Paengawhāwhā, ka pōkaia nuitia te pae whenua nei o Tokoroa e ngā manu kōrihi, e ngā manu taupua me ngā manu kōrahoraho hoki o te urutapu nui a Tāne, e whai haere ana i te kakara o te reo Māori, i tau rawa rā ki te marae o Papa o te Aroha, ki te Kura Reo o Raukawa i tēnei tau.

Ringa poto ki te 9, ringa roa ki te 12 ka rite ai te ope Rurunga ki te whakaeke mai ki te kaupapa. Rere ai ngā kupu karanga a te haukāinga, whakahokia mai ai he kupu karanga e te hunga manuwihiri, ā, ka karawhiua hoki te haka pōwhiri e ngāi tuaiti, e te hunga taiohi o Te Wharekura o Te Kaokaoroa o Pātetere. Koia rā hoki tā rātou kai i te ao, i te pō.

Ka whakatika ake ki ngā tāne noho i te paetapu, ā, ka mihi nuitia a Te Mātāwai nā runga i te manaakitia o te kaupapa e rātou, ka mutu, ko te Kura Reo nei tētehi o ngā manu tuatahi kua pūhia ake i te pae o wawata noa ki te ao marama nei. Ki konei a Pānia rāua ko Tātere, rātou katoa ko ngā mema o te poari o Te Mātāwai, whakamānawa nuitia ai e ngā waha kōrero, e ngā upoko whakaae tahi hoki o te iwi whānui, Raukawa mai, manuwihiri mai hoki.





140 ngā taura katoa, mātāpuputu mai, pakeke mai, tamariki mai hoki i tatū ki te wharenuī, ki Te Matapihi o te Rangi. Ko Tātere MacLeod, ko Te Heketū Blake, ko Hēmi Kelly, ko Pānia Papa, ko Ngaringi Katipa, ko Pakake Winiata, ko Jarred Boon rātou ko Paraone Gloyne te rāngai whakaako i ngā kaupapa i te roanga ake o te wiki.

Herite tonu te kitenga o mānatunatu, o whakatāuteute i te rā tuatahi, engari, ka piki ake te wairua o ērā raka i te roanga ake o te nohonga tahinga, ā, ko māia, ko pakari, rātou ko rīrā kē ka puta i tua atu o te awe māpara. I kaha kōrerotia hoki te pai o te wairua e ngā ākongā me ngā kaiako. Ki a au nei, i pai ai nā te kounga o ngā kaiako ka tahi, ka rua nā te minaka nui o ngā ākongā ki te ako, ka toru nā te urunga mai o ngā tamariki i te mutunga o ngā karaehe o ia rā.



I te Pōapa i tū ai te tautohetohe i te wharenuī, he kakari ā-kupu a ngā wāhine ki ngā tāne e mea ana, 'me tū ngā tāne ki te karanga'. Ko Te Amomai, ko Te Rua rātou ko Amīria i te taha whakaae, ko Ngairo, ko Mau rātou ko Paiheretia i te taha whakahē. Hika mā, mō te tū mātātoa i te kauhanga riri, ko rātou a Runga! I te taunga o te puehu, i toe tonu a Ngāti Whakahē i runga i te kaha o ngā pakipaki a te hunga whakarongo. Kia hoki noa ake ki ērā kupu rongonui, i tōna mutunga e hoa mā ē, ko te reo i toa!

Kāore i roa atu i te tautohe, ka tū a Piripi Smith ki te whakakōrero i ōna wheako mō ngā mahi whakaterere waka. I whakaatuhia mai e ia ngā haerenga i te moana nui ki Hawaii, ki Rapanui, ki wāhi kē atu rānei me te āwaiā hoki a ētehi i te nui me te kino hoki o ngā ngaru i ētehi o ngā whakaahua. I whai wā hoki a Piripi ki te kōrero mō ngā whetū me te whakatauiria i ētehi āhuatanga matua me whai mena e arataki ana koe i te waka, kāore āu nā taputapu hangarau o te ao hōu nei. He aha i tua atu i te mahi a ō tātou tūpuna?

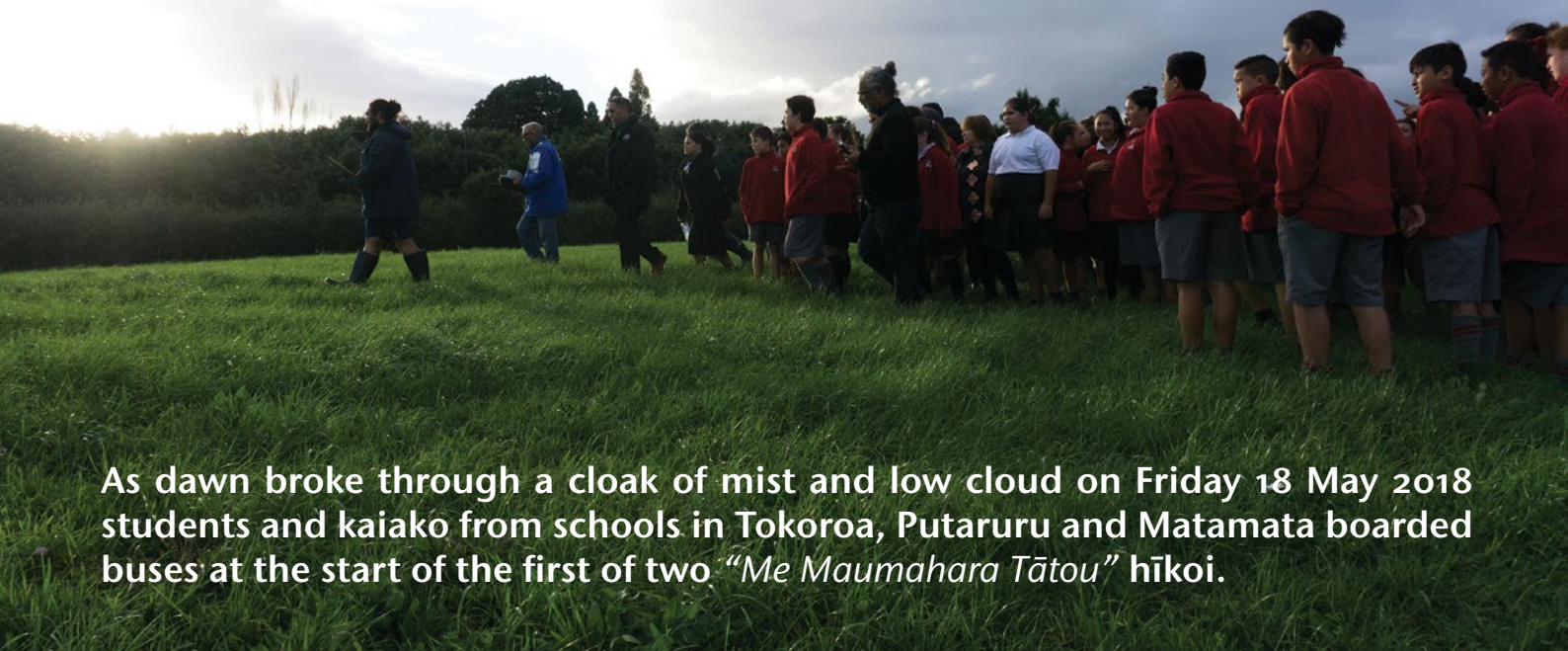


I te paunga o ngā karaehe katoa i te pouputanga rā anō o te Paraire, whakakakao mai anō ai te iwi ki te tari o te ora, ki te hākari, ki te mihimihi, ki te hiki tonu i te kaupapa. Ko Wharemakeo o Rangitāne te māngai whakamihi i a Ngāi Tapī Poumatua, arā, te rōpū kuki a Paora Haitana, nō te marae o Mangakaretu, i hāpai i te whāngaia o te iwi. Ko te kōrero whakamutunga a te iwi kāinga, ko tēnei 'Ko te hokinga mai te tino mihi, nō reira, auraki mai rā koutou ā tōna wā!' Nā Paraone te karakia i taki hei whakakapi ake i te kaupapa ki tōna anō mutunga, kia hoki tū atu, kia hoki Māori tonu atu te iwi ki ō rātou anō wāhi noho.

**Nā Charlie (Tiare) Tepana**



# Me Maumahara Tātou



As dawn broke through a cloak of mist and low cloud on Friday 18 May 2018 students and kaiako from schools in Tokoroa, Putaruru and Matamata boarded buses at the start of the first of two “Me Maumahara Tātou” hīkoi.

The two hīkoi, were part of the Raukawa Charitable Trust’s commemorations of Me Maumahara Tatou, Te Putake o te Riri – New Zealand Wars. The events held throughout the country provide an opportunity for New Zealanders to commemorate and reflect on the New Zealand Wars and the impact they have had on the course of Aotearoa/New Zealand’s history.

As an iwi, Raukawa was involved in several theatres of war that raged across the country during the 1860s, becoming embroiled in the war in Taranaki, Waikato and then Tauranga. The hīkoi was a way for the iwi to commemorate the impact of the wars upon Raukawa.

Each hīkoi visited battle sites where Raukawa tūpuna fought and fell during the New Zealand Wars commencing at Rangiaowhia before moving onto the battle site of Ō-Rākau. From there the tour shifted to Tauranga where the battles of Pukehinahina (Gate Pā) and Te Ranga were remembered.

For many of the nearly 400 people including 180 rangatahi taking part the hīkoi was the first opportunity they had had to learn about the experiences of Raukawa tūpuna during the New Zealand Wars.





For Raukawa Kaimahi Phyllis Tahere the impact on the attendees, in particular the students, was obvious

*“you didn’t have to look hard to see people’s reactions to the kōrero they heard. It was really moving watching and listening as students spontaneously started singing waiata on the bus ride home from Tauranga.”*

For many attendees, the day held special significance because they heard accounts of the battles from the descendants of the survivors. The kōrero was poignant and moving whilst challenging and inspiring. What stood out most from the day for Matamata College history teacher Yasmin Mahagna was hearing about the impact of colonisation at a personal level,

*“hearing those personal stories of how these events affected, and continue to affect, whānau was powerful. It highlights that history is not just an abstract thing that happened in the past, it has ongoing real life effects.”*

Those who participated in the hīkoi took away some very important lessons. Says Yasmin *“the day reminded me of the importance of questioning who is telling the story and whose story or perspective is missing, and that’s something I want to instil in my students.”*





## Kaumātua Olympics Success

On Friday the 31st May, a team of kaumātua representing Raukawa went to compete against 15 other kaumātua teams at the fourth Kaumātua Olympics in Hauraki. Held at the Silver Fern Farms Event Centre in Te Aroha, the games saw teams compete in eight activities, including noodle soccer, silent noughts and crosses and cup stacking.

At the end of the day the Raukawa team came out *“te rōpū tino toa”*. Across the eight events the team lost just seven points.

Being short of team members through late withdrawals, John Hemara-Wahanui, Koroua and Kuia Coordinator, stepped in to make up the numbers. He described the team as a bit of a motley crew, *“but what a team, bowing down to nobody and having fun to boot.”*

The Kaumātua Olympics are a highlight of the year for Koroua and Kuia Programme participants. John says the event is an excellent opportunity for kaumātua to engage in activities that support their physical and mental wellbeing.

*“social isolation is also a real issue for many of our kaumātua, and the Kaumātua Olympics present a wonderful chance for them to develop lasting friendships with other participants.”*

Shortly after this event long time team member Homai Uerata passed away. John says *“The passing of Homai will leave a big gap in the team. He has been a regular member of not just the Kaumātua Olympics team, but also the Koroua and Kuia programme for some time and will be greatly missed”*.







## My Whānau Ora Journey

Destiny Toto is a mum of 12 and a qualified home executive who originally hails from Tauranga. Along with her whānau she has resided in Tokoroa for the last 15 months, where she currently has 5 tamariki and 2 mokopuna living with her. Her husband Dion Toto suddenly passed away 10 months ago, Dion was the primary caregiver for their children with a lot of support being given to their 5 year old son who has Down syndrome.

The decision to migrate from Tauranga to Tokoroa was not easy to make, it meant leaving the support of extended whānau and the city that they called home. Having exhausted all their options in Tauranga, Dion's brother offered an alternative, move to Tokoroa and live with them in the interim, until a home became available.

Due to Dion's illnesses Destiny's whānau first had contact with Raukawa through the nurses. The nurse found that the whānau were living in an unhealthy situation and there was a need to address this to support the health of the whole whānau. The nurse referred Destiny so the focus could shift to addressing the needs of the whole whānau.

The team were able to work with Destiny's whānau and social service providers in Tokoroa. With support from the Salvation Army and Work and Income, Destiny became a priority within Housing New Zealand's waitlist. This helped Destiny and her whānau to secure a four bedroom Housing New Zealand home in Tokoroa.

Destiny says the Whānau Ora service was helpful in many different ways, "we were new to town and felt that we were embraced and become motivated in finding hope. The Whānau Ora Service came across as not being judgemental of our situation, but resourceful in many different ways."

She continued "my whānau and I would recommend Whānau Ora to others. We had to put our pride aside and let the team in as we worked to re-establish new goals and alternative avenues to achieve them, but the team supported us to plan a way forward."

As recipients of Anti-Rheumatic Fever resources rolled out by Raukawa in the South Waikato the family received items ranging from brand new beds, linen, blankets and oil heaters. Through Whānau Direct they were able to access firewood, fire guard and reduce their power bill.

Destiny said "these items helped us manage the move into our new home, and my whānau were very humbled by new beginnings that have allowed us to establish stability and security."

Having the Whānau Ora team just a phone call away supports Destiny, and her whānau, to work through the everyday issues that they face.

"I like the meaning of Whānau Ora and everything that it stands for, Māori concepts and why Māori protocols matter. I have the tools to aspire to my moemoea, and I am working towards becoming a qualified adult teacher of te reo and I know this is what I'm supposed to be doing and where I am meant to be going. I've accepted our trials and tribulations, now it's time to focus on our future".

"Te Ao Māori is a priority for us, from kapahaka to kura kaupapa, it is who we are and we strive to do our best every time."

**You can learn more about Whānau Ora by calling us on 0800 RAUKAWA or on our website.**



# EDUCATION Grants

To support the development and future of our iwi, registered iwi members are able to apply for education grant funding to support their mātauranga journey. Depending on your studies, eligible iwi members may be able to apply for education related support for short courses, undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD studies.



*Tamati Peni is busy finishing his PhD at Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato. His PhD explores improving the way that cancer care is provided for our people. The education grant has supported Tamati to visit over 100 study participants from within the Waikato District Health Board area kanohi ki te kanohi to identify and understand the strengths and needs of the breast cancer care pathway.*

**To learn more about our education grants visit:**

<http://bit.ly/RaukawaEducationGrants>

# KUIA & KOROUA WELLBEING Grants

Registered iwi members aged 60 years and over are able to apply for wellbeing and healthcare related support worth up to \$1000. The annual grant looks to alleviate the costs associated with wellbeing and health care such as eye, dental, hearing, and podiatry treatments, GP visits, pharmacy prescriptions, mobility equipment, heating needs and ambulance fees.

*For Lorna Pope the grant helped cover the costs of prescriptions and doctors visits. This meant that she was able to enjoy a greater quality of life and take a more active part in marae activities.*

*She was part of the Raukawa Charitable Trust team that attended the Kaumātua Olympics in Hamilton in 2017.*



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# Protecting Sites of Significance



Honouring our past while working towards a better future is central to the work of the Raukawa Charitable Trust (RCT). This is exemplified by the work RCT is undertaking with the Ngā Wāhi Tūturu Te Ngā Tāonga Tuku Iho o Raukawa Project (Ngā Wāhi Tūturu).

Throughout the Raukawa rohe there are sites and landscapes that are of significance to our tūpuna that for many reasons our iwi members have lost connection with. Protecting and re-establishing connections to these sites is one of the key objectives of the Ngā Wāhi Tūturu Project.

Our kaupapa builds on the work carried out during the Treaty settlement process. Together these two programmes of work have resulted in a database of over 2500 sites of significance within the Raukawa rohe.

Raukawa kaimahi, Anaru Begbie, is continuing to document these sites, and ensure the kōrero survives.

*“Identifying and documenting the sites and landscapes is just the first step, to re-establish the connection our tūpuna had with them, as well as protecting them into the future, we must collate and maintain the kōrero of these sites.”*

For some sites it is not just the kōrero that has been lost, but the original site names. To remedy this the RCT has facilitated Tapa Whenua Wānanga to help find culturally appropriate names for these sites.

The focus of the next stage of the project is to ensure protection, reconnection and restoration of the 2500 sites. One of the ways RCT is doing this is by working with our local authorities and land owners to explore options for the protection of these sites. This includes potential changes to district and regional plans to provide both recognition and protection of these sites.



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