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Welcome to the spring edition of Te Kakara, our Raukawa pānui focused on providing a window on some of the key developments for our iwi in recent months.

I want to take this time to acknowledge any whānau who have experienced loss in recent months and this year. I send my thoughts to you and wish to acknowledge the legacy and contribution of all those who have left us.

It has been a busy and productive period and I want to thank all those across our whānau, marae, kaimahi, and our trustees, for the excellent mahi and support provided, that has helped continue the solid progress and achievement for our iwi.

In June, Raukawa hosted the Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, Minister of Māori Development - Nanaia Mahuta, Minister for the Environment - David Parker, officials and River Iwi beside the Waikato River in Karāpiro, to focus on collective statements relating to our co-management responsibilities regarding te mana o te awa.

It was an opportunity for me, on behalf of the River Iwi, to urge the Crown to continue to be bold and to continue to show innovation and an outcome focus, to seek a durable, fair and lasting solution, which leverages the skill and expertise of iwi as kaitiaki, alongside the resources of the Crown, to support the health and wellbeing of the Waikato and Waipā rivers.

I understand that the hui was seen to be successful and there will be further engagement which puts the health and well-being and te mana o te awa at the heart of all deliberations.

On July 2, Raukawa again met with the Prime Minister and other ministers and officials, for our individual Ministerial Forum in Auckland, where we explored opportunities for our people to ensure that the voice of Raukawa is informing government policy and budget decisions, especially with regard to wellbeing and the wellbeing of our whānau.

There are a number of positive and encouraging stories and developments across the coming pages of our pānui and I urge you to take time to read and take in the wonderful mahi and achievement of our whānau, marae and kaimahi.

I also hope you all stay safe and enjoy the warmer months of spring.

Nā Vanessa Eparaima
Raukawa Settlement Trust Chairperson





New Wharekai for Parawera Marae

Situated on the corner of Arapuni Road and Owairaka Valley Road, Parawera Marae originally named Ure Para Wera is located 15 kilometres southeast of Te Awamutu.

December 2018 saw the Parawera Marae community complete mahi on the first stage of a Marae Development Plan with the opening of a new wharekai, Te Waenganuitanga o Te Iwi II, to replace one that no longer met the needs of the marae community. The new facilities are equipped with modern kitchen facilities, double glazed windows and doors throughout, pre-wiring for additional heating, interior sound dampening, as well as new tables and chairs for up to 300 people.

The project faced a number of challenges along the way, including the site of the wharekai straddling the boundary of two different land blocks. This was addressed through the voluntary amalgamation of the two titles via the Māori Land Court.

While the path to the opening started 10 years ago for Trust Chair and Marae Committee Chair Warren McGrath, he has not walked alone, *“a project like this is not just about building a new building, it is about bringing the whole whānau together to complete the work and making sure we are best serving their needs”*.

The new wharekai will play a key role in events held at the marae by allowing the marae community to focus on growing itself, instead of how to keep an old wharekai open.





RST/RCT Chairperson, Vanessa Eparaima, greets Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern.

Realising the Economic Potential of Freshwater

On Wednesday 12 June Raukawa hosted a collective engagement opportunity for the River Iwi (Waikato-Tainui, Maniapoto, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Te Arawa River Iwi and Raukawa) with the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, the Minister for Māori Development the Hon Nanaia Mahuta, and the Minister for the Environment, the Hon David Parker.

The engagement raised the collective aspirations and economic potential of freshwater in the Waikato and Waipā River catchments.

“We believe that the way freshwater is managed needs to change. We need to find more sustainable pathways and frameworks for our communities into the future. These frameworks must recognise the special and unique relationship of the River Iwi to the Waikato and Waipā Rivers and must appropriately recognise and provide for our interests and responsibilities as River Iwi.”

“We were grateful to host the hui beside the awa which ensured it remained in sight and its presence and wellbeing guided the kaupapa of the hui” – RST Chairperson Vanessa Eparaima.





Durable lasting solutions require strong foundations.



Vanessa said the hui was productive, with iwi working in unity to seek boldness from the Government in finding solutions for protecting and ensuring the health and well-being of the awa, she continued:



“Durable lasting solutions require strong foundations. They require a genuine commitment from all involved to work tirelessly to travel that pathway. A pathway that acknowledges the mana and expectations of others, a pathway which seeks to acknowledge the mana and history of others, and to understand that any solution must be fair and sustainable. The settlements that are at the heart of today’s gathering, are powerful examples of partnership. They sought a new innovative solution, which sought to leverage the inter-generational knowledge and connection, and sacred role of kaitiaki, of iwi, and to combine them with the resourcing, expertise and the control of the political levers and of the laws of the land.”

Each of the five River Iwi held one on one Ministerial fora with the Crown in early July, which provide an opportunity to discuss important matters for individual iwi.



RST/RCT Chair, Vanessa Eparaima, leads discussions.



Raukawa Commemorates Ō-Rākau



On 31 March 2019, Raukawa once again journeyed to the Ō-Rākau Battle Site on Arapuni Road to commemorate the events that took place there in 1864. This year's memorial commemoration was hosted by the Ō-Rākau Heritage Society Trust and supported by Ngāti Unu/Ngāti Kahu of Te Kōpua Marae, Waikato-Tainui and the Waipā District Council. RCT promoted the event via the RCT Facebook page and encouraged our people to attend the joint memorial commemorations.

The commemorations were attended by approximately 120 people from Raukawa, Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Hauā, Waikato-Tainui, Taranaki and Te Arawa. Also amongst our manuwhiri were a group from the Muslim community, who came to show their support of the kaupapa of peace and love following the atrocity faced by their community in the recent attack in Christchurch.

The ritual encounter of the pōwhiri commenced on the back field of the land and was led by Paraone Gloyne. This was then followed by a combined service led by Rev. Ngira Simmonds, supported by Imam Abdul Kadir, Rev. Rob Ritchie, Pou Eriwata of Te Ati Awa and Arch Bishop Emeritus Sir David Moxon.

The centrepiece of the commemoration was the laying of Parekawakawa rau and wreathes on the memorial, which was led by Paraone Gloyne and others from Ngāti Hauā who also led the opening and closing karakia.

“Being present at the memorial this year, was a time for me to reflect, remember and to listen to the re-telling of the stories of the many tūpuna who fought and fell here at Ō-Rākaupaewai” said Raukawa kaimahi Phyllis Tahere.

The commemorations finished with a kai that was prepared and shared by all at Te Kōpua Marae. Overall, it was a very well planned event and very much appreciated by all who attended.





RCT Tumu Whakarae Maria Te Kanawa with presenters from IRD, Community Waikato and TPK.

Sustaining and Developing Marae

Supporting RST marae is a key part of the work of the Trust. It is not just about material support in the form of marae grants, but also supporting and upskilling marae trustees and committee members so they can carry out their duties with skill and confidence. As part of this, RCT run regular marae development workshops, the first of which for 2019 was held in Tokoroa on 16 March.

The workshop looked at recent central government funding changes that will open up funding opportunities to a greater number of marae. These changes are focused on the Oranga Marae and Marae Ora funding pools. Key to these changes is that marae are able to receive funding for activities which previously would not be funded ie; feasibility studies and marae development planning.

A number of funders and community organisations presented, including Te Puni Kōkiri, Trust Waikato, IRD and Community Waikato. They presented a holistic picture of how their services can support marae to create a marae development plan, then assist them through the funding application process.

Following the presentations there was an opportunity for attendees to speak with each of the presenters to ask specific questions relevant to their marae.

For Maria Te Kanawa, RCT Tumu Whakarae, it was great to be able to offer such a holistic workshop;

“having such a range of presenters was amazing, it meant uri could gain an understanding of the process as a whole, instead of just discrete individual steps”

Keep an eye on our online events calendar for information on future workshops, or contact Maria on 0800 RAUKAWA or info@rauikawa.org.nz to learn more about them.



Maria Te Kanawa opens the workshop.



Te Mahi a Te Kura Reo o Raukawa



Over 120 participants joined us at the 2019 Kura Reo.

I muia katoatia Te Kura Reo o Raukawa o tēnei tau 2019 e ngā manu kōrero o te motu, i tau anō ai ki te wao nui o Papa o te Aroha i Tokoroa ki Te Kaokaoroa o Pātetere i te 14 ki te 18 o Paenga-whā-whā.

Ka Rātapu mai anō, i te toru karaka o te ahiahi whakatuwherahia anō ai ngā kūaha o Te Matapihi o te Rangī, te whakaruruhau ki te tinirau tāngata o ngā hau e whā, ki te tī, ki te tā, ki te iti, ki te rahi, ki a Ngāi Kura Reo, ki te hunga ngākau nui tonu ki te reo Māori me ōna āhuatanga, tikanga katoa. Ko tōna kotahi rau, rima tekau mā toru tāngata i whakakanohi mai rā i te kaupapa, i whakamahana mai hoki i te whare, pūkeikura mai, pakeke mai hoki, ākongā mai, pouwhakaako mai hoki. Katoa katoa, i takahi i te nukuroa o te whenua kia tae ā-tinana mai mō te reo te take. Ko Uruhau rātou ko Takaahuareka, ko Manawanui, ko Manawaū i uru tahi mai ki te whare i te taha o Tapepe, o Anipā, o Wahangū anō hoki i te tīmatatanga, heoi anō, kāore i roa, i te takahanga o te wā, i upoko pakaru te haere kia manamanahau i tōna mutunga ake.





Nōku e tuhi kōrero ana mō te hari o te tangata, me pēwhea e kore ai e whai whakaaro ki a Ngāhuia Kopa, koia rā tētehi wahine harakoakoa i ngā wā katoa. Me uaua ka kitea he taera rerekē ōna! Heoi, i tū ai ia hei kaiwhakaako, hei kaipikau i te kaupapa o Te Reo Auaha i tēnei tau, me te aha, inā te nui o ngā mihimihi a ngā tauira ki a ia mō tana kawē i te kaupapa. E ai ki te kōrero, koirā te akomanga hoihoi rawa atu o te Kura. Ka mutu, ki te mōhio ki a Ngāhuia, ka whakaponu ki tērā, ka tika! I ngā tau kua taha, i te noho kē ia ki tērā atu taha o te tēpu, heoi anō, kua piki tūranga mai i runga anō i te aumangea o te haere i te ara o reo kia tika, kia rere, kia Māori.

I a Jarred Boon tonu te karaehe mō Ngā Āhuetanga o te Reo i aro pū ki te 'i' me te 'ki' me ōna tikanga huhua. He nui ngā ākongā i mea mai, 'kua whakakāngia e Jarred te rama o ō rātou whare kōrero ināianei ki ērā āhuetanga!'

Nā Pakake Winiata tētehi kaupapa hōu i whakaako, arā, ko Ngā Rerenga Kōrero a Ngā Tūpuna o Raukawa. I whakaatu ia i ētehi waiata, i tētehi haka e whakakōrero ana i te wā o tāukiuki, o neherā, nō ngā tūpuna o te iwi o Raukawa e takatū nei i te mata o te whenua.

I whakaako anō a Ngaringi Katipa i te kaupapa o Te Aroā. He wāhanga tērā e whakamātau ai i te tangata ōna anō pūkenga ki te pānui, ki te rapu anō hoki i te horopaki o te kōrero i tōna whāititanga, i tōna anō whānuitanga. He rerenga hōu, he kupu hōu anō hoki hei tiki māna, whaowhia ai ki te kete kōrero.

I waimarie anō hoki te kura i te taenga mai o Kīngi Kiriona hei kaiako. Nāna te kaupapa 'Te Whakaniko i te Kupu' i hāpai. Ka mutu te pai me te nui o te hākari i horahia e ia, hei kai mā ngā tauira.

Nā Tātere MacLeod tonu te tino mahi a te kata i tō mai ki te whare. He tātā, he whakahāwea, he hahani ka rangona heoi anō, i pērā i runga i te wairua Māori, nā konā i pai ai. He rite tonu te mamae o te puku me ngā pāpāringa i tana karaehe. He aha i tua atu e mau ai ngā kōrero i te tangata?

I mīharo ngā ākongā ki ngā momo tauira me ngā ngohe a Hēmi Kelly i tana karaehe whakamāori. Ka ngana ērā ki te whakamāori ā-kupu, ā-wairua Māori anō hoki i runga anō i ngā tohutohu a te kaiako. I pai hoki rātou ki ngā rerenga waingōhia noa iho nei o ia rā e kaha nei te whakararuraru i te tangata.

He hōu te kaupapa i pīkauria mai e Paraone Gloyne, arā 'Ngā Reo o Tainui'. Ka kaha te rangona o te 'wh', te 'neki' me te 'tātou' i te kura, ā, nāwai rā, nāwai rā koia kē te reo ka puta i te waha o ngā kaikōrero e 'tātau' ana mai rā anō. Mō te whakaraukawa i te tangata, kāore he painga i a Paraone.

Ko Pourahi Rangikataua rāua ko Renee Ngāmata ngā kaiwhakahaere o te Hōtaka Tamariki. 18 ngā tamariki i whakamarumarutia e rāua i ngā hāora ako e waru o te rā, i ia rā, i ia rā o te kura! I harikoa katoa ngā tamariki, ā, i whērā hoki ngā mātua i te whakawāteatanga ō rātou kia ū kē atu ai ki ngā mahi matua o te kaupapa. I te pō o te Wenerej, i tū ai ngā tamariki ki te whakangahau i te iwi whānui ki te whakaari rongonui rā, Ngā Poaka Kunikuni e Toru. Kei whea mai e hoa mā! I autai te tū, i wana te tū, i waiata, i kōrero, i whakaari tūturu hoki rātou katoa. Nā tērā, i harikoa katoa ai ngā mātua otirā te hunga mātakitaki! Mei kore ake ngā kaiwhakahaere! I hāpaitia te mana o te kāuta e Georgia Barnett me tana māpu ahunui i te roanga o te wiki hei whakamahana i te tinana, hei whakawheti anō i a Tako. Nā te kaha o ngā mihimihi a te hunga tauira me te kaha hoki o te waiata taunaki i te mutunga o te hākari i mōhio ai ngā ringa wera i tutuki pai ai i a rātou, tā rātou manaaki i te iwi.

Heoi anō rā e mihi tonu ana ki te hunga kaiako o te tau, tae noa ki te hunga tauira i whakawaewae nei i te kaupapa kia whikoi tonu mai i te huarahi o te ora, ora rawa atu nei. E te iwi pānui, kua tō anō te rā ki te Kura Reo o tēnei tau, heoi anō ko tāku he aro kē ki kaupapa reo kē hei painga tonutanga mō te iwi. Nau mai, haere tonu mai rā koutou katoa!



Gumboot Friday



RCT kaimahi take part in Gumboot Friday.

RCT put its best gumboot forward on 5 April for the inaugural Gumboot Friday, organised by mental health campaigner Mike King and his I Am Hope charity. Raising just short of \$1m nation wide, the day aimed to raise funds to provide free mental health care to young people.

Te Paea Riki-Pahewa, Raukawa kaimahi, was proud to take part, *“it was a fun way to highlight a key issue facing our rangitahi, and help raise some pūtea to help address the issue.”*

For Wellness Committee member and event organiser Kelsi Motutere it was wonderful to see the response from RCT kaimahi.

“I was so excited to see that we raised nearly \$120 from our Tokoroa office in a single day. I look forward to Gumboot Friday 2020.”

If you need someone to talk to, you can text or call 1737 any time, 24 hours a day. You’ll get to talk to (or text with) a trained counsellor, completely free of charge.



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Developing Relationships

In April, Raukawa welcomed two new tenants to Te Whare o Raukawa in Tokoroa, Oranga Tamariki and Ministry of Education (MOE). For RST Chair Vanessa Eparaima these tenancies mark “the start of a joint journey together, a journey that aims to help our tamariki and rangatahi achieve in education and life.”

The Ministry of Education sees taking up a lease in Te Whare o Raukawa as a practical expression of the Government working with iwi.

Paula Rawiri, Director of Education, Waikato, says for the Ministry of Education it makes good business sense to us – its location is excellent in central Tokoroa, and *“the services which each organisation delivers, while different, align because we are all here to help whānau. We feel fortunate to be here.”*

At the same time Oranga Tamariki were thrilled when the opportunity to lease an office space in Te Whare o Raukawa came about.

Sonia Wilson, Manager – Youth Justice Oranga Tamariki says *“Raukawa have had some wonderful achievements in the work that they are doing to support tamariki, rangatahi and whānau in this rohe and we know that it will take all of us working together to ensure that all tamariki are in loving whānau and communities where oranga tamariki can be realised and we look forward to doing this together.”*

For Raukawa Business Group Manager Peter O’Brien, having these agencies in the same building presents a range of options that will help support clients *“being so close means that we will be able to intervene earlier in the process, helping our clients to address their concerns before the issues become too big.”*

All three organisations believe that through being located close to Raukawa and sharing the respective knowledge and expertise of each organisation, together we can deliver better services to children and whānau. Mā tou rourou, mā tōku rourou ka ora ai te iwi.



*Mā tou rourou,
mā tōku rourou
ka ora ai te iwi.*



Te Weraiti Maunga

In 2018 Waikato Regional Council notified a resource consent application by Matamata Metal Supplies to continue and expand their quarry at Ōkauia. The quarry is located on the slopes of Te Weraiti, a maunga culturally significant to Raukawa, Ngāti Hinerangi, Ngāti Hauā and others. The quarry also diverts, takes from, and discharges to tributaries of the Mangapiko Awa.

The Raukawa Charitable Trust (RCT) joined Tangata Marae and the Ngāti Hauā Iwi Trust in opposing the applications. A substantial and cohesive case was presented to the Council hearing which included evidence from RST/RCT, Tangata Marae, Senior Planning Consultant Dave Marshall and Ngāti Hauā Iwi Trust. The RCT also engaged freshwater ecology and legal expertise to support the case.

The Panel hearing the evidence stated that, *“The evidence of the Submitters (has) been compelling and informative for the Panel to understand the nature and extent of the mana whenua relationship.”*

“We presented a strong and cohesive case at the hearing”, states RST Chair Vanessa Eparaima, *“and it was very important that Kaumātua Carol Naera was able to prepare and present her evidence before her sad passing”.*

However on balance the Council decided to grant consent to the continuation and expansion of the quarry. *“While this is a disappointing result”,* says Vanessa, *“the conditions imposed by Council will significantly improve the environmental performance of the quarry and put a strong monitoring regime in place. Most importantly consent has only been granted for 15 years, not the 35 years originally applied for.”*

RCT now intends to focus on seeking improved recognition and protection for Te Weraiti and the Mangapiko Awa in the upcoming Matamata-Piako District and Waikato Regional Plan Reviews. *“This means we will have a better regulatory environment in which to argue our case”,* explains Vanessa, *“when Matamata Metals Supplies seek consents again in 2034.”*



Tangata Marae whānau and Raukawa kaumātua in front of Te Weraiti.

Mahinga Kai Enhancement Project



In January 2019, the Raukawa Charitable Trust signed a 3-year Deed of Funding agreement with the Waikato River Authority for the Raukawa Kaitiaki and Mahinga Kai Enhancement Project (the Project). The Project aims at empowering Raukawa marae, hapū and iwi members and their environmental aspirations. Furthermore, the Project looks to restore the connection of Raukawa marae, hapū and iwi members to the Waikato River and its tributaries whilst revitalising traditional mahingā kai practises and restoring significant cultural resources that were once abundant across the rohe.

The test site for the Project will be located at Mangakaretu Marae, and specifically on the Pokaiwhenua Stream, which is a tributary of the Waikato River. The Project will focus on the traditional cultivation and harvesting of watercress and tuna as a food source for whānau whilst also serving as a mātauranga Māori monitoring tool to measure the health and wellbeing of the stream. The Project also seeks to provide our kaitiaki with the practical training and tools that they can use in future to develop a similar project at a marae or hapū level.

Through this project we envisage a future where the whole Raukawa rohe and its waterways will be abundant with watercress and tuna as significant cultural resource(s) for our Raukawa marae, hapū and iwi members.

For more information on the WRA Mahinga Kai Enhancement Restoration Project or if you would like to attend any of the associated wānanga, please contact April Haika, on 0800 RAUKAWA or email her on info@raukawa.org.nz.



Kaumātua Respond to Waste Water Spill

During July this year, three accidental sewage discharges have flowed into Lake Taupō causing considerable concern amongst iwi and the wider communities that have been impacted. The first incident occurred on July 2 with several pumps and the storage units at the largest of the Taupō pump stations used to manage the flow.

On 16 July, a further pipe failure occurred on a Lake Terrace site causing a discharge into the lake, then on July 23rd, another incident involving a blockage of the wastewater system resulted in the discharge of further waste.

Extensive testing of the lake and the river to Aratiatia has been conducted by the Taupō District and Regional Councils.

For Raukawa the priority has been to ensure all is done to protect the awa from being polluted, and that the discharge into the lake is isolated and cleaned up as soon as is possible.

Kaumātua Te Hapuku Rikiriki said *“Our priority at this stage is to look after the mauri of the river. So any Raukawa response to these tragic events must be considered and deliberate and we must not make rash decisions based on emotion.”*

On July 23rd, a small group of Raukawa kaumātua, accompanied by RCT staff members completed the pure (purification) ceremony over the Waikato River.

Commencing in the morning at Huka Falls, the group comprising of members from Te Pae o Raukawa, Te Kaokaoroa o Pātetere and Wharepūhunga surprised many early morning visitors at the spectacular tourist spot. Whaea Poihaere began the ceremony with her plaintive call and was followed by Matua Bill Simmonds who completed the first of the karakia.

When the karakia were complete the group moved to Waimahana, the home of the ancestor Rahurahu. At Mihi Bridge, the next karakia was led by Matua Emmerson Rikiriki, who also led the karakia at the next stop at Ōrākei Korako. Here the kaumātua lamented the loss of land before moving on to Ātiamuri.

At Lake Ātiamuri the group were greeted by the majestic sight of Mt Pōhaturoa in the background.

Matua Te Hapuku led the karakia, when it was completed the group continued down river to Whakamaru. The karakia was held at the picturesque Sandy Bay Reserve before the group moved on to Lake Maraetai, in Mangakino.

“The water is the lifeblood of our people and the rivers and streams are its arteries and veins” – Koro Hori Deane

It was a poignant moment for the group to complete the karakia at Maraetai as the kaumātua reflected upon the swap of the Pouakani lands between the Crown and Ngāti Kahungunu. Says kuia Poihaere Barrett;

“The purpose of the karakia is to energise and revitalise the mauri of the river because that is our obligation as the tangata whenua. No one else can do that, only we can because we have the history to the land.”

Following the karakia led again by Matua Emmerson, the group made its way to Arapuni. At Bulmers Landing, the group completed the karakia ceremony and moved on to Karāpiro, where the final karakia was conducted. Matua Anaru Begbie beamed with pride as he thanked the group for their work.

It was a long and taxing day for the kaumātua, but they completed it with dignity and pride.

The three weeks prior to the kaumātua completing this work, there had been little good news to come regarding the discharges into the lake. Whether by coincidence or by the work of our kaumātua, that very afternoon the RCT had received news that the contractors working on the spills, had successfully laid the last of the sewage pipes.

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