

TE KAKARA

Te Kakara o te Hinu Raukawa - Your Raukawa Iwi Newsletter

RAUMATI EDITION
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10 Year Celebration



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RST Chair Message

Welcome to summer edition of Te Kakara, our Raukawa pānui, I hope you and your whānau are travelling well as we move into the festive season and warmer months.

It has been another period of progress and achievement for our iwi since our last pānui, with several key developments and events, some of which are covered in the following pages.

Most prominent in this edition is coverage of the 10-year anniversary since the formation of the Raukawa Settlement Trust, our post-settlement entity. In December we will come together to celebrate this milestone and to also take in progress for the last financial year with our AGM.

The last ten years have been a decade of consistent and considered progress and achievement, as we have set about a long-term plan to build strong foundations and support systems to nurture and support our people now and into the future.

There are too many whānau to acknowledge and many highlights and milestones over the last decade, some of which are covered off in this pānui, and others which will be touched on during our celebrations in December.

We have made a wonderful start in the new phase of our iwi development, and we are well placed to make further gains as we continue to advance the aspirations of our people and to do what we can to support them to achieve their social, cultural and economic potential.

In the pages ahead we capture a range of the many highlights and kaupapa from recent months. Included is a report on the more than \$700,000 that has been allocated in grants to marae and iwi members in the last year. More than \$70,000 was distributed as education grants this year, supporting 75 iwi members in their pursuit of mātauranga. The grants provide support to those undertaking study from short courses all the way through to PhD level study.

Also covered off is a story on the Raukawa internship programme which saw the commencement of seven interns, working across our operations which was a wonderful opportunity to nurture the talent and leadership of our future leaders and kaimahi. I want to congratulate all involved in this wonderfully worthy kaupapa.

Also included is a story on koroua and kuia who travelled to Hamilton and Rotorua to take part in the Rauawaawa Kaumātua Olympics and the Te Arawa Kaumātua Olympics. There is much to read and take in, across the following pages. Please take the time to read our pānui, and I look forward to welcoming many of you to our 10-year celebrations and our AGM on December 7.

Nā Vanessa Eparaima
Raukawa Settlement Trust Chairperson



TE KAKARA O RAUKAWA

2019

10 YEAR CELEBRATIONS

*Nau mai, haere mai ki runga i te kaupapa
whakahirahira mō te iwi o Raukawa*

It's been 10 years since the establishment of the
Raukawa Settlement Trust.

You are warmly invited to come along and join with
us in celebrating this joyous occasion.

Before the festivities start, we will also be holding
our Annual General Meeting at the same venue -
(9:30am-11:30am) - doors open at 9am.

Kai Stalls . Kapa Haka . Fun Activities for Tamariki and Whānau + Much More!

DECEMBER / SATURDAY

07



SPORTS & EVENT CENTRE
MOSSOP RD / TOKOROA
11:30AM - 2:30PM
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2009-2019

10 Year Highlights

2009

Raukawa signs the Deed of Settlement in relation to the Co-Management of the Waikato and Waipā Rivers – signed at Lake Whakamaru.



2009

Establishment of the Raukawa Settlement Trust (RST) whose kaupapa is to advance the collective interests of our members and to ensure that the benefits of our Treaty settlements are enjoyed by our members now and into the future.



2009

Raukawa together with seven other Central North Island (CNI) Iwi celebrate the handover of the CNI Forests Land assets at Herangi Marae, Tūrangi. The CNI Forest Deed of Settlement was signed at parliament on the 24 June 2008.





2010

Raukawa Charitable Trust (RCT) established. The RCT delivers a wide range of iwi-led initiatives across the health, social, cultural and environmental sectors. The RCT distributes over \$700,000 of annual funding for marae, education, and kuia and koroua wellbeing grants, on behalf of the RST.

Raukawa Iwi Development Ltd (RIDL) established. RIDL manages the commercial assets and interests of the iwi and is responsible for commercial investment and growth. In 2019 the company reported a profit of \$9.4m from assets of \$148m. The company has increased in value by almost \$70 million, since it was formed, distributing almost \$20 million to the RST in that time.



2012

Raukawa celebrates the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Raukawa Trust Board (RTB). The RTB would eventually be wound down in 2015 as the RST took over many of its functions going forward.



2012 Raukawa signs the Deed of Settlement in relation to the Comprehensive Historical Claims of Raukawa – signed at Aotearoa Marae.

2013

Raukawa signs five historic Joint Management Agreements with five district councils at Ngātira Marae. The agreements focus on restoring and protecting the wellbeing of the Waikato and Waipā rivers.

2013

The RST, with uri approval, became the Mandated Iwi Organisation (MIO) for Raukawa in relation to the Māori Fisheries Act 2004.



2014

Raukawa whānau, uri, trustees and kaimahi travel to Wellington for the third and final reading of our Treaty settlement which led to the historic Raukawa Claims Settlement Act 2014.

2014

Raukawa and five other CNI iwi joined forces to buy a 2.5% stake in New Zealand's largest forestry business, Kāingaroa Timberlands. The investment is one of the biggest ever involving an iwi collective.



2015

Launch of the Raukawa Environment Management Plan at Ruapeka Marae. This Iwi Management Plan provides a statement of Raukawa values, experiences, and aspirations pertaining to the use and management of the environment.

2016

The Tōtara Legacy Project – Time capsule to be unearthed in 120 years' time was planted beneath a pouwhenua; the capsule included a taonga, photographs, documents and messages from Raukawa and partners to future generations.



2017

Te Kura Reo o Raukawa celebrates its tenth year; this wānanga is a mainstay on the national calendar for te reo Māori learners across the motu.



2018

Raukawa relocate to its new purpose-built premises 'Te Whare o Raukawa' located on Leith place in the Tokoroa CBD.



2018

20 Years of Waka Taua – Our wellness programme continues on the waka 'Te Timatatanga'. The programme has helped many rangatahi towards positive change and wellbeing over the last 20 years.

2018

Tōtara Legacy Project – Final stage of the project where over 1300 Tōtara seedlings planted on-site for future cultural harvest in 120 years' time.



2019

Waikato River Iwi Collective Ministerial Forum held at Karāpiro and hosted by Raukawa. The engagement raised the collective aspirations of the five River Iwi and economic potential of freshwater in the Waikato and Waipā River catchments.



Today!

Our organisation has grown from humble beginnings; we now have over 60 staff members who work across five different offices. To date, the RST has distributed over \$4.3m in grants to our 16 Raukawa marae, and through education and kuia koroua wellbeing grants. Our organisation continues to support and further advance the collective aspirations of our people – Raukawa Kia Mau, Kia Ora!



Ngā Mihinui

A big thank you to the many people, staff, trustees, whānau and kaumātua over many years who have all contributed to the revitalisation of our iwi!







Action Plan for Healthy Waterways

On Thursday 5 September, the Ministry for the Environment launched the Action Plan for Healthy Waterways, with a proposal for the national direction for the Government's Essential Freshwater setting clearer expectations for all New Zealanders to contribute to protecting and restoring freshwater.

"Our rivers, lakes and wetlands are under serious threat after years of neglect. We can't continue to go on like we are. If we don't fix things now they only get worse and will be more expensive to fix," Environment Minister David Parker said.

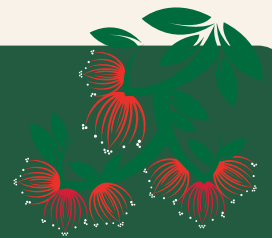
"Our Action Plan for Healthy Waterways aims to stop the degradation of our rivers and lakes, achieve a noticeable improvement in five years and restore our waterways within a generation."

<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/government-launches-action-plan-healthy-waterways>

The proposed changes have been developed with a view to upholding Te Mana o te Wai.

The Raukawa Charitable Trust, along with other Waikato and Waipā River Iwi, will be working collectively to ensure Raukawa aspirations and mana whenua values are considered on all matters.

Alongside the Essential Freshwater programme, the Government is also undertaking the Three Waters Review of drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services to ensure these are managed in environmentally sustainable ways.



Ngā Wāhi Tūturu

The Ngā Wāhi Tūturu project works with Raukawa uri and other stakeholders to identify, inform, protect and manage sites and areas of importance within the Raukawa landscape, according to Raukawa tikanga and kawa.

The District Plan recognition and protection of sites project is a specific means of delivering the goals of the wider project. The primary means of recognition and protection sought is identification of the sites in District Plans prepared by Councils under the Resource Management Act 1991 (the RMA), and the application of appropriate rules to the sites.

In this sense, the project provides for the modern-day expression of Raukawa mātauranga and kaitiakitanga through the RMA and District Plans.

The Raukawa Charitable Trust (RCT) are currently working with the South Waikato District Council on recognising thirty-eight category A sites include eight marae within the Council operative district plan. This will require site narratives and information. As part of this process, the RCT are looking to engage with whānau around what kōrero is appropriate to be shared, and possible rules that might be used to protect these sites. To achieve this, the RCT are looking to attend marae hui to kōrero with whānau on this kaupapa.

If you are interested in contributing to this kōrero, feel free to contact Anaru Begbie (Project Lead, Projects and Implementation)



2019 Raukawa Ministerial Forum

On Tuesday 2 July, the 2019 Annual Raukawa Ministerial Forum was held in Auckland and addressed significant topics for Raukawa to ensure the maximum benefit of working with the Crown on matters and issues of importance.

The Individual Accord built on the Collective River Iwi and Crown kōrero from June 2019, and involved significant discussion on a Justice and Corrections partnership, Oranga Tamariki and Whānau Ora kaupapa and the Wai 85 hearings currently underway regarding Pouakani and the remedies application by Wairarapa Moana Incorporated.

Raukawa has opposed the binding remedies application by Wairarapa Moana Incorporation for land at Pouakani. This land in question is whenua within the Raukawa takiwā and includes the site of the Maraetai Dam and associated power stations. The original Crown grant of land at Pouakani to Wairarapa Māori was a core part of our Treaty claims and is specifically acknowledged in the Raukawa settlement. As a result, any return of land at Pouakani to Wairarapa Māori could be seen as repeating that grievance. Raukawa have been considering whether there are pathways forward that would avoid this while still providing appropriate redress for Wairarapa Māori.

Raukawa has engaged with Ministers on a number of occasions regarding the development of a Raukawa approach to issues in the justice sector. We understand from officials that these have been well received and work is in progress to move this forward. The Raukawa Charitable Trust has a respectful working relationship with Oranga Tamariki including providing support and assistance to Oranga Tamariki on matters associated with te ao Māori. We are mindful of the changes to the governing legislation of Oranga Tamariki which place a greater emphasis on these issues. We have also seen the recent media coverage of issues associated with the uplift of tamariki. We continue to offer our assistance where we are able to help them address these challenges with an aim of ensuring tamariki remain connected with whānau, hapū, iwi, marae and whenua.





RAUKAWA SPORTS GRANT

Apply today for the 2019/2020 application round!

The new Raukawa Sports Grant is available as a contribution towards costs incurred while competing as an amateur sportsperson at local, regional or national representative level. It is open to amateur competitors such as athletes, coaches, managers, and officials (umpire/referee/judge).

To learn more about eligibility requirements, visit our website www.raukawa.org.nz to download an application form, or call us on our free phone number to have one posted to you.

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Education Grants



Israel Hepi from Pikitū Marae is in the third year of her degree.

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Grant recipient Israel Hepi, from Pikitū Marae, is a mother of two who lives in Te Awamutu with her fiancé Mark. She is in the third year of her Bachelor of Primary School Teaching. Upon graduation, she aspires to work in the English medium/mainstream primary school sector.

“I hope to nurture the growth and development of our tamariki and contribute to improving Māori educational success.”

For Israel and her whānau, the grant she received in 2018 and 2019 has provided not only financial assistance as she studies towards her qualification, but she says that it *“has reconnected us to our whakapapa”*.



Kaumātua Olympics



September saw our Koroua and Kuia Service travel to Hamilton and Rotorua to take part in the Rauawaawa Kaumātua Olympics and the Te Arawa Kaumātua Olympics respectively. The teams were very competitive throughout the day and gave their best despite the strong competition. New friendships were made and most importantly, all enjoyed themselves and had a lot of fun.

The event aims to encourage kaumātua to remain both mentally and physically active as part of an active and fulfilling life.

Both times a number of last-minute withdrawals meant the team had to find additional members to make up the minimum team of eight.

Across the two events, the team took part in activities such as tukitukia (skittles), corn hole, memory, dartboard, hoopla, noodle hockey, kiwi pong, jigsaw puzzle and Jenga. The teams had a really enjoyable time, with plenty of highlights.

There was a close finish at the Te Arawa Kaumātua Olympics. Our team, Kakara o Raukawa placed 4th, with Raukawa kaimahi John Hemara-Wahanui saying *“Our scorekeeper/player said it would be a close finish in the final places.”* Which it was, with just eight points between first and fourth.

For the team, these events are perfect preparation for the Raukawa Kaumātua Games that will be held early in the new year.



Raukawa Internships



Our interns take a quick selfie just below Panehakua Pā site after doing research on the wāhi tūturu.

On 15th July 2019, Raukawa launched an internship programme which saw the commencement of seven interns.

The internship was created in partnership with Raukawa and Te Ngira Whānau Ora Collective - Impact Innovation initiative, which aims 'to increase household disposable income through education and employment'.

It provided a unique opportunity for interns to experience a professional and culturally responsive work environment across four of the RCT's business groups.

The interns were supported to work on projects which utilised their current strengths while growing their knowledge and experience in an area aligned to their preferred career path.

The internship has proved to be a great success growing the capabilities and capacity of the interns, helping them move into part-time or full-time work, set up their own business, or return to study with a clearer direction.

Raukawa Intern Paige Ruri says she really enjoyed the internship *"it was a great and rare opportunity to work in a Māori organisation, I've learnt so much while I have been here"*.

We bid farewell to all of the interns mid-October however we will look to stay connected with them in the future.



Cultural Growth Gets Boost

Raukawa welcomed Tui Kaa into her role of Kakara Whakareī Group Manager on Monday the 30th of September. As our cultural growth group, Kakara Whakareī undertakes a range of programmes, projects and initiatives that work to revitalise and celebrate Raukawa identity, stories, language, customs and what it means to be Raukawa now and into the future.

Tui grew up in the small rural settlement of Dannevirke where she says *“everybody treated each other like family”*. She and all her siblings had turns being raised at the “big house” around Nan and Koro and as the family shearing business expanded, so did the whare.

Everyone that came into the home was either aunty or uncle, even if they were no relation, or had just landed in the town to work on the main shear, help with fencing, or were roped into fundraising to build the wharekai on the marae. He uri whakatipu tēnei o Ngāti Kahungunu o Waikato hoki.

Fast forward and Tui is still grounded in her culture, on the marae and with whānau. She has worked at all levels of the Ministry of Social Development spanning 15 years’ service alongside whānau, hapū and iwi. She left the Ministry to take up mahi at Waikato-Tainui overseeing the marae development portfolio.

While at Waikato-Tainui, Tui joined a whānau of graduates of the Masters of Business Administration programme at the Waikato-Tainui College for Research and Development in partnership with the Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato.

Tui has been based in Whāingaroa over the past ten years and has held roles as the Chair of her hapū commercial arm, as well as administration and accounts roles, and until last month Chair of her Marae.

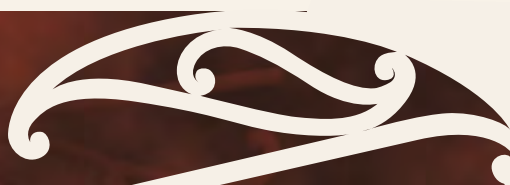
During her first three weeks in the position, Tui has been able to see that the group have built a very strong platform for future developments. She is committed to recognising and celebrating that success, then building on that platform. She



Tui Kaa joins the team.

is determined to be clear about our value and push out so that we are confident we are doing everything we can to get reach. This mentality can be summed up as shoot for the moon, even if you miss you will land amongst the stars.

She says *“moving into the role of Kakara Whakareī Group Manager is refreshing and exciting. I am looking forward to the journey ahead, Raukawa Kia Mau, Kia Ora!”*.



Taku Rama, Taau Toi: Ora Te Reo



Here at Raukawa, it's important to celebrate the diversity of our community and the diversity of our many staff members, which is why in early August Te Whare o Raukawa took on a distinct Cook Islands feel as Raukawa and the wider community celebrated Cook Islands Language Week 2019.

The 'Epetoma o te reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani: Cook Islands Language Week is an opportunity to celebrate the important role Pacific languages play in the daily lives of our communities and the national theme for 2019 came from our own local Cook Islands community here in Tokoroa. The theme was **Taku Rama, Taau Toi: Ora Te Reo – 'My Torch, Your Adze: The Language Lives'**. The kaupapa resonates easily with our own familiar whakatauaikī - Naku te rourou, nau te rourou: ka ora ai te iwi.

With the theme set, our Cook Islands staff led a series of fun filled events throughout the week, which included daily pure akamata - 'morning karakia and hīmene', team challenges, and a pi'a muna – 'escape room challenge', which was a highlight for many.

Raukawa kaimahi Marian Ruri really enjoyed the Hotel Raro themed escape room, *"it was so well done, and was a great brain teaser that really made you stop and think"*.

The week culminated in a kai manga – 'shared lunch' on the Friday, which was a great opportunity to eat fantastic kai, but also to come together as a team.

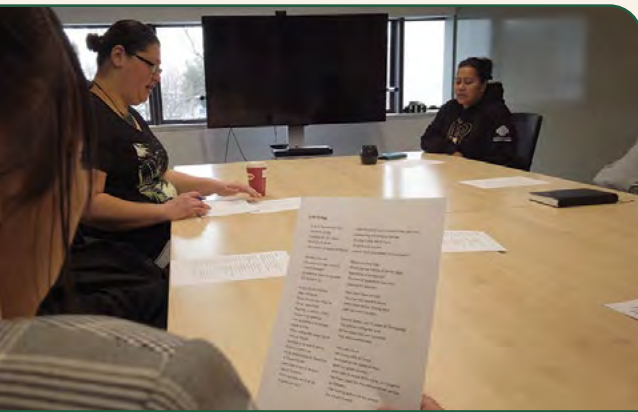
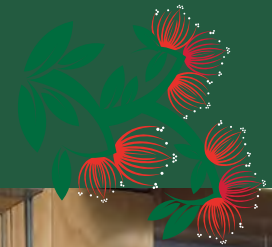
During the week Raukawa was also visited by Puna Vai Ora from Tokoroa High School as they went around town on their koni raoni – 'dance round', treating the community to an awesome performance.

Raukawa kaimahi, Te Paea Riki-Pahewa says it was great to see workmates being engaged in such new and creative ways,

"I always look forward to Cook Islands Language Week, and every year we do this it just gets and better."



Te Pikinga o te Kaha o te Reo Māori



I aro pū te Poari Manaaki o Raukawa me ōna tāngata katoa ki te whakakaha i te kōrerotanga o te reo Māori i tōna anō wiki whakanui i tēnei tau 2019 hei kaupapa matua mā ngā kaimahi. Nā te whakamahinga o ngā kēmu me ngā tūmomo ngohe i ia rā i tino rongō i te pai o te reo me te whakapiringa tāngata ki te kaupapa. Mā te aha i te whakataukī kotahi o ia rā, he kupu hōu rānei, he kiwaha rānei, he kaupapa patapatai rānei. Heoi anō i tino ū a Ngāi Matatau, a Ngāi Kōrero, a Ngāi Tauhou anō hoki ki te reo, ki te whare kōrero hōu tonu hoki me tōna anō mana nui. Ka tū whakahihī pai katoa ngā paetara o te whare ahakoa he wiki kotahi noa iho nei i te nui o ngā waha reo Māori e mahi ana, e kōrero ana, e ako ana, e taki kōrero hōu ana i runga i te harakoakoa me te ngahau. I whai wā ngā kaimahi katoa ki te kaupapa nei, kia whai wheako pai ai rātou ki te ako, ki te kōrero hoki i te reo matapopore o ngā mātua tūpuna. Ahakoa ōpaki nei te nuinga o te karawhiu o te reo e rere ana he nui rawa atu ngā hua i kitea, i rangona hoki e tēnā, e tēnā.

I ia ata hui ai ngā kaimahi ki te taki karakia, ki te waiata tahi me te wero anō hoki rātou i a rātou i roto i ngā ngohe reo Māori. Ahakoa te iti o te reo o ētehi o ngā kaimahi i hikina te mānuka kia wetekina ngā here o te whakamā. I tōna mutunga i mau ki te kōrero o te wiki, arā, 'Kia kaha te reo Māori'.

Ko ētehi kēmu i ngana ki te wero, ki te whakararu rānei i te hinengaro me te arero o te tangata, pēnei i te 'Kōrero Whīwhiwhi', me te kēmu 'Rapua te kupu ngaro i te waiata Māori'. Ko te hunga i whai wāhi mai ki ēnei kēmu i tino whakaatu i te wairua whakataetae me te ngana kia tū hei toa. Heoi anō, kia hoki anō ki taua kōrero rongonui rā, 'ahakoa te aha ko te reo tonu te toa o te wiki'.

Ahakoa te poto o te wiki rā, i kitea e ngā kaimahi te ātaahua tonu o tō tātou reo kāmehameha. Nā reira e mihi ana. E whakapae ana, ka noho tonu ērā wheako pai hei kākano i te whatumanawa e tupu haere ana, ā, ka puāwai ake ā tōna wā.



**SAVE
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Diversity of the South
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10am - 2pm 2020

**ARTS & Cultural Entertainment
CRAFTS ETHNIC FOOD**

South Waikato Sport and Events Centre

Nau mai, haere mai! Everyone welcome!



TRUSTEE NOMINATION RESULTS



At the close date of 25 October 2019, the following number of nominations were received for the marae representative positions:

Marae	Forms Received	Valid Forms	Invalid Forms
Tangata	1	1	0
Rengarenga	2	1	1
Mōkai	1	1	0
Whakamārama	2	2	0
Ūkaipō	2	2	0

Congratulations to the successful nominees below who will start their 3-year terms from 10 December 2019

Marae	Nominees
Tangata	Te Ao o te Rangi Apaapa
Rengarenga	Stephen Oxenham
Mōkai	Vanessa Eparaima

TRUSTEE ELECTION PROCESS

As more than the required number of valid nominations were received for the following marae representative positions a postal vote will open from Sunday 3rd November 2019.

Marae	Nominees
Whakamārama	Kataraina Hodge and Marion Hohepa
Ūkaipō	Cheryl Pakuru and Stirling Henare

Those adult members, **18 years and over**, that affiliate to the marae in the election process are eligible to vote.

The RST Tribal Register is the official data base for the voting process. Voting papers will be issued to the last known address of those adult members on the Tribal Register. If you do not receive a voting pack please contact our office to check your address details.

If you are not registered, you may register and vote by requesting a registration form and special voting form. Votes will count if your registration details are verified.

Completed voting forms must be received at our Tokoroa office **by 5.00pm Friday 29 November 2019**. An external Returning Officer will be appointed to manage this process.

For voting enquiries, please contact **Kim Blomfield**, kim.blomfield@raukawa.org.nz or **0800 RAUKAWA (0800 728 5292)**. For tribal registration enquiries please contact **Thelma Reti**: thelma.reti@raukawa.org.nz or **0800 RAUKAWA (0800 728 5292)**.

Raukawa Charitable Trust Office Closure Notice

The Raukawa Charitable Trust offices will be closed for two weeks during the 2019 Christmas and 2020 New Year break. From Monday 17th December our office hours will be as follows:

DATE	OPEN	CLOSE
Monday 16th December 2019	8am	5pm
Tuesday 17th December 2019	8am	5pm
Wednesday 18th December 2019	8am	5pm
Thursday 19th December 2019	8am	2pm
Friday 20th December 2019	8am	2pm



These hours will affect all Raukawa Charitable Trust Offices.

Normal office hours will resume on Monday 6th January 2020.

23rd-29th **Clarissa Fletcher**: **0273437666** (Mental Health), **Regina Muelle**: **0275901725** (Drug and Alcohol)

30th-5th **Mireka Aloiai**: **0274206300** (Mental Health), **Merin Joy**: **0272388221** (Drug and Alcohol)

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