

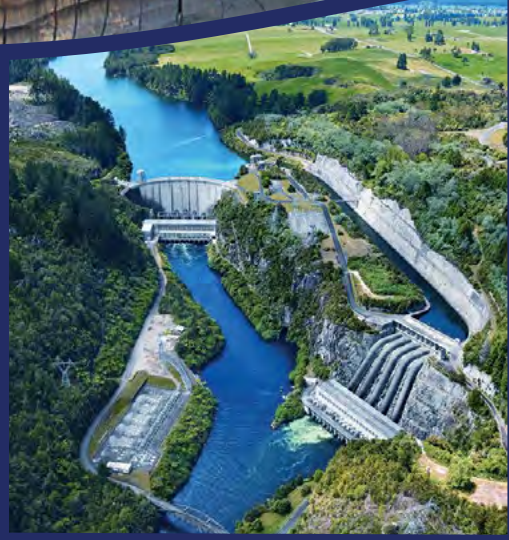
TE KAKARA

Te Kakara o te Hinu Raukawa - Your Raukawa Iwi Newsletter

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RST Chair Message

Whakatakoto iho ko Meremere-tū-ahiahi i te pō, Whakaaraara mai ko Kōpū i te ata hāpara.

E te rangatira Nigel, kōrua tahi ko tōu tuakana ko Alan, haere. Kua oti te wāhanga ki a kōrua i runga i te mata o te whenua. Nā reira, waiho mai ko āu mahi nui whakahirahira mō tōu iwi hei ōhākī māu. Moe mai, okioki mai rā.

E ngā mana, e ngā reo, tēnā koutou katoa.

The impact of Covid-19 on our people, our communities, Aotearoa and the globe has dominated this year, and looks set to continue to do so for months to come, and in the case of its economic impact, for years to come.

One of our whānau, the Te Hiko whānau, and we as an iwi, have experienced first-hand the devastation of this terrible and deadly virus in September, with the loss of much-loved brothers Alan and Nigel who were taken tragically early by Covid-19.

Alan was described as the worker of the whānau, the accolades from whānau and colleagues praising his immense hard work and desire to help others, has dominated eulogies and messages of support and acknowledgement.

For Nigel, he was a much respected and appreciated pou on our Raukawa team. He was a historian, an orator, a father figure to many, and a consistent dependable rock for whoever sought him out in the 20 years he worked for our iwi across social work, research and in settlement negotiations.

For days following Nigel's passing, our Raukawa email server and phones, as well as my personal ones, have been inundated with condolences and words of acknowledgement and sadness at his passing. Trying to put into words, the incredible feeling of loss of Nigel's passing, felt by his whānau and our iwi has been incredibly hard. His impact on so many has been reflected in the extensive media coverage and in the words of those at his tangi at Ōngaroto Marae last month.

Nigel Huirama Te Hiko and Alan Te Hiko, you have done your whānau and your iwi proud and you continue to be sadly missed. Our thoughts continue to be with the Te Hiko whānau as we recognise the immense impact Covid-19 has inflicted on your family.



I want to again thank our health workers and others on our Raukawa team for the additional work they have put in to help with Covid-19 testing following the recent outbreak, and in supporting our people and the community. As with the first outbreak in March, our senior leadership team and kaimahi swung into gear to understand how we could help and where we were best needed to deploy our efforts, our people, and a community approach to responding to the virus.

What the following pages of Te Kakara, the spring edition, show is the incredible resilience, and complexity of the mahi and support our iwi and people provide to our communities. It also shows, that even in the midst of tragedy and a pandemic, and in being required to farewell those we love and respect, we must continue on, ensuring business as usual continues and that we continue to support each other.

I encourage you to take the time to read of the many and varied developments and happenings over the coming pages, and take in the tributes to Nigel Te Hiko. May he be the last of our whānau that Covid-19 takes from us. Raukawa kia mau, kia ora!

Nā Vanessa Eparaima
Raukawa Settlement Trust Chairperson



Raukawa Services and Offices

Our services and offices continue to operate during normal opening hours, however, each service and office will continue to operate appropriate health and safety protocols to ensure the wellbeing of our staff and visitors. These protocols may be updated or change overtime as we cycle through different Covid-19 alert levels, we appreciate your understanding.

Office	Address	Hours (Mon to Fri)
Tokoroa Main Office	1-11 Raukawa Way	8:30am – 5pm
Putaruru Branch Office	15-16 Princes Street	8:30am – 4:30pm
Te Awamutu Branch Office	53 Mutu Street	8:30am – 4:30pm
Matamata Branch Office	Railside on the Green 41a Hetana Street	8:30am – 4:30pm

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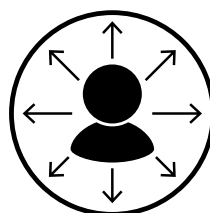
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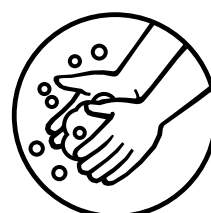
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*Te Hiko whānau,
Ngā Tohu Kaimahi o
Raukawa 2016*

Moe Mai Rā e te Rangatira



Raukawa 25th Anniversary Celebrations 2012



*Final reading of Historical
Settlement at Parliament 2014*



Ngā Tohu Kaimahi o Raukawa 2014



*Above: Ātiamuri Bridge
opening and blessing 2013*

*Historic Deed of Settlement
Signing, Aotearoa Marae 2012*



CNI Settlement signing, Wellington 2008



Pūkawa pouwhenua added to taonga collection 2018



Te Kōwhatu o Hatupatu redevelopment opening and blessing 2016



Tōtara legacy planting with whānau and kura 2015

Nigel Te Hiko, a cherished rangatira, kaimahi, historian and advocate of our iwi, played a major role here at Raukawa and will be dearly missed by all. Over his many years of service, there is not one atom of space within our iwi organisation where you won't find Nigel's presence, whether it was his leadership, guidance, words or writings, or even his unique sense of humour. In this edition of Te Kakara we thought we would farewell our dear friend with a montage of photos that show how integral he was to our organisation. These are just some of the many photos we have, please enjoy.

Walk to Work Day 2013



Matamata Civic Centre opening and blessing 2018



Raukawa Trust Board Commemoration, Mōkai Marae 2015





Covid-19 testing at the South Waikato Sport and Events Centre, Tokoroa.



Covid-19 Testing in Tokoroa

On 12 August 2020 the Auckland region shifted into alert level 3, with the rest of the motu shifting into alert level 2. The shift was in response to an Auckland Covid-19 cluster outbreak and a quick response was taken by Raukawa and our local community groups to immediately set up Community Based Assessment Centres (CBAC) to help protect our community.

Throughout August and September, multiple CBAC testing sites were opened to our community in an effort to stymie the spread of Covid-19 in our area. Raukawa, in collaboration with community groups, led the first three days of testing on 14-16 August in Tokoroa, with the support from the Māori Health Unit from the Waikato District Health Board (Waikato DHB). Raukawa kaimahi were re-deployed to this kaupapa to help protect our whānau and community.

Further testing sites continued at the South Waikato Pacific Island Community Services (SWPICS) centre and at Tokoroa Hospital, with Raukawa kaimahi and other groups providing support.

Testing results show that 2154 people were swabbed from 14 August to 4 September, however more testing has continued throughout September. Of those tested during this time, 43% were Māori and 24% were Pasifika. The Māori Health Unit played a major role in the success of the testing sites, and it was, once again, fantastic to see our community organisations coming together to support the health and wellbeing of our community. A strong feeling of pride, appreciation and whanaungatanga could be felt throughout the community during this time.

We would like to thank the Waikato DHB, SWPICS, South Waikato District Council, Tokoroa YMCA, WERA Aotearoa Charitable Trust, Pacific Sharks Rugby League team volunteers, and the many health professionals who came to support.



Helping our Whānau and Tamariki to Thrive

In the last edition of Te Kakara, we featured the beginnings of a new kaupapa Māori therapeutic social work service at Raukawa, designed specifically for whānau and tamariki who find themselves in very challenging and difficult times. The aim of this new service, Te Kei o te Waka, is to reduce the number of tamariki entering into state care.

Since our last update, our service is now in full swing, with our kaimahi working with whānau and tamariki.

In addition, a number of key staff have also joined our waka in recent times, including Margaret Bonnar, our Team Leader. Margaret has worked with Oranga Tamariki for many years and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the team. Margaret had been instrumental in supporting our Practice Leader: Social Work and Therapeutic Services, with the implementation of the model.

We are also delighted to welcome Te Hira Pere to our team. Te Hira is our Practice Advisor: Te Ao Māori and will provide cultural supervision and support to the team. We are very excited to have this level of knowledge and experience within Te Kei o te Waka. The team have settled well into Raukawa and have created some fantastic resources that will be very helpful in guiding their interactions and engagement with whānau and tamariki, including: a therapeutic parenting resource THRIVE – Trauma, Healing, Relationship, Impact, Validation and Environment. This is an educational/therapeutic approach, supporting whānau to understand their own trauma first, to then be better placed to support their tamariki through this process.

Our team recently attended training facilitated by the Open Home Foundation (OHF). This foundation developed CREATE, a therapeutic parenting programme for carers who look after tamariki out of home; referred to their service by Oranga Tamariki.

This was a three day training that was extremely helpful, bringing a strong trauma informed approach that highlighted the work done by Bruce Perry in terms of a neuro sequential therapeutic model. The team had very positive feedback about the learnings and the high level of knowledge and expertise shared by the presenters.

The team also attended a six day Signs of Safety Approach training, facilitated by OHF presenters, this was done in partnership with Oranga Tamariki. Again, a very insightful experience to attend training with our partners and learn together, a new approach to addressing safety concerns with whānau and tamariki.

Although our service has only recently started to engage with whānau and tamariki, we are very excited and encouraged by the progress made to date, as our kaimahi weave together our 3 practice streams: our “Raukawa Practice Kaupapa Framework”; our “Trauma Informed Therapy” and our “Solution Focused Social Work Approach”, as we engage with, empower and support our whānau and tamariki.

“Solution Focused Social Work Approach”, as we engage with, empower and support our whānau and tamariki.



Influencing National Policy

A key strategy for Raukawa is to influence key policy and legislative changes at a national level that impact the state of our natural environment. This important work stream seeks to influence and shape the wider regulatory framework across a number of different fronts, and works to complement our many grassroots projects that are at times more visible to our iwi members. We thought we would take this opportunity to shine a brief light over this particular mahi.

Over the last year, our team has worked to ensure our collective rights and interests are protected at a regulatory level and to also ensure iwi engagement and involvement in the decision making process occurs. Some of the key regulatory changes that we have engaged with include the:

- Resource Management Amendment Act 2020 (RMA);
- National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020;
- National Environmental Standard for Freshwater Management 2020;
- Covid-19 Recovery (Fast Track Resource Consent) Bill; and
- Taumata Arowai – Water Services Regulator Bill.

Over the coming months, we aim to engage with these regulations, monitor the impacts that they have and take appropriate action where possible.

Engaging with Resource Consents

An area that may go unnoticed by our iwi members is the significant work undertaken to engage with resource consent applications under the RMA. Once again, let's shine a brief light over this extensive work stream. Our team has engaged over 80 resource consent processes over the 2019-20 financial year. With all of these processes, we aim to protect our collective rights and interests, and where appropriate, work closely with Raukawa whānau and mana whenua groups to formulate our response to these applications.

The following are some of the most significant consents that we have focused on over this period:

- Oji Fibre Solutions – Kinleith Mill Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrades and Pond Rehabilitation;
- Ōkauia Quarry;
- Taotaoroa Quarry; and
- Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant.

As these resource consents continue through different stages of the process, our team will continue to work with Raukawa whānau and mana whenua groups to ensure our Raukawa interests are represented.

Defining a Cultural Landscape

In 2018, Raukawa successfully secured funding from the Waikato River Authority for the Waipapa ki Arapuni Wāhi Ahurei Project. The project looks to formally recognise the large number of wāhi tūturu sites that sit along the banks of the Waikato River as a cultural landscape within our takiwā. The landscape stretches approximately 14kms from Waipapa through to Arapuni.

The project sits under a broader work programme called Ngā Wāhi Tūturu, which seeks to recognise, restore and protect Raukawa sites of significance. One of the ways this can be achieved is through district council operative plans and we are currently working alongside the South Waikato District Council with this project.

In defining the landscape, our team enlisted the support of landscape architects Isthmus Group, to develop a mapping tool for the project. Bringing together maps, historical and cultural narratives, along with archaeological and recorded information, a layer and mapping process was undertaken to build and define the cultural landscape.

The mapping tool separated research into three distinctive work streams, including:

- Journey and Destination - whakapapa, pūrākau and movement within the area;
- Awa - river and stream flows, valleys and flood plains and the connection between them all; and
- Whenua - landforms, contours, place names and resources.

Through this research and with the assistance of mana whenua, we were able to identify the extent of the Waipapa ki Arapuni cultural landscape.

The mapping tool, created by Isthmus Group, has been further developed into an interactive web platform for Raukawa whānau to use. The platform has been developed to capture the mātauranga that was uncovered during the development of the project and outlines the mapping process that was also undertaken when defining the landscape. The web platform includes a pūrākau mapping section which highlights significant Raukawa pūrākau and the connection to the Waikato River. The web platform also allows whānau to trace the footsteps of our tūpuna and their movements through the motu.

The pūrākau narrators were Raukawa interns Te Iwi Ngaro Nuttall and Kyea Watene Hakaria, with audio recordings done by another Raukawa rangatahi, Paige Ruri.

The web platform will be available soon for Raukawa whānau to access via our website www.raukawa.org.nz



Raukawa Education Grant

Education Grant recipient Nikki Carter, from Paparaamu and Ruapeka Marae, has lived in Hamilton her whole life and is currently studying towards a Bachelor of Nursing at Waikato Institute of Technology, Hamilton.

Nursing resonated with Nikki as it offers the opportunity to travel, to help people, and long-term career stability, while also allowing her to follow in the footsteps of her grandmother who was also a nurse. The science and investigative aspects of nursing also appealed to Nikki, as did the interpersonal nature of nursing.

Nikki says the process of studying has not been easy; the heavy focus on reading, lectures and theory in the first year was not well suited to her particular learning style. However, on reflection Nikki says, “the first year makes a lot more sense once you are put into a placement in the real world”. She is thankful for the support her father, partner and children provide her, saying she owes her past, current and future academic success to them.

Nikki hopes to work either as a paediatric nurse in hospitals or as a nurse in high schools. Nikki says she is grateful for the education grant and has used the pūtea to pay part of her fees for the year, which has helped to ease some of the future financial burden that comes with student debt.

Each year Raukawa commits to supporting our people in their pursuit of mātauranga and has made over \$100,000 of funding available each year. In the 2019-20 financial year, we were able to support 71 iwi members who undertook a wide range of study, from short courses through to PhD level study.

Bachelor of Nursing student, Nikki Carter at Wintec, Hamilton City campus.

Raukawa Grants & Key Dates

Fill out an application form on our website www.raukawa.org.nz or contact us to have a form sent to you, **0800 RAUKAWA** or info@raukawa.org.nz

Education Grants

Depending on your studies, registered iwi members are able to apply for up to \$2000 in education related support.

Study type	Payment date	Study period that this grant covers	Applications open	Applications close	Applications considered by RCT
Short course*, certificate, diploma	Paid after completion of study	01 Jan 2020 – 30 Jun 2020	04 Jan 2020	31 Jul 2020	Aug 2020
Short course*, certificate, diploma	Paid after completion of study	01 Jul 2020 – 31 Dec 2020	01 Jul 2020	31 Jan 2021	Feb 2021
Undergraduate, postgraduate, masters	Paid before completion of study	2021 academic year	30 Nov 2020	28 Feb 2021	Apr 2021
PhD, doctoral	Paid before completion of study	2021 academic year	30 Nov 2020	28 Feb 2021	Apr 2021

* Short courses include Te Kura Reo o Raukawa and Te Uru Raukawa programmes offered by the Raukawa Charitable Trust

Sports Grants

Registered iwi members can apply for a contribution towards costs incurred while competing as an amateur sports person at a local, regional or national representative level. It is open to amateur competitors such as athletes, coaches, managers and officials (umpire, referee, judge).

Type	Payment date	Competition period that this grant covers	Applications open	Applications close	Applications considered by RCT
Sports grants	Payment will depend on application	01 Jun 2020 – 30 Nov 2020	01 Jun 2020	15 Dec 2020	Jan 2021
Sports grants	Payment will depend on application	01 Dec 2020 – 31 May 2021	01 Dec 2020	15 Jun 2021	Jul 2021

Kuia and Koroua Wellbeing Grants

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

Type	Payment date	Applications open	Applications close	Applications considered by RCT
Wellbeing grants	Payment will depend on application	01 Jun 2020	31 May 2021	Jul 2021



Te 'Epetoma o te Reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani



Our four Raukawa whare teams present their banners after karakia.

Another year has passed since we last celebrated Cook Islands Language Week at Te Whare o Raukawa. From the 2nd to the 8th of August 2020, our small rōpū of Cook Islands kaimahi led the organisation in the weeklong celebration of culture, language and everything Kūki 'Āirani.

The national theme was the aspiration for the language to blossom throughout Aotearoa, and from this, the team created their own tee shirts featuring an uto (sprouting coconut) to symbolise the spirit and meaning of this year's theme – **Kia pūāvai tō tātou Reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani i Aotearoa.**

Each morning started with a pure (karakia) and imene (waiata) followed by a team challenge to set the day. To spice things up, this year our usual Raukawa whare teams of Rātā, Nīkau, Kahikatea and Miro were split out to represent four of the 15 Islands in the Cook Islands group. These whenua were Rarotonga, Mangaia, Pukapuka and Manihiki respectively.

Each island has their own specific reo, tikanga and histories, so each of the whare teams took up the challenge to research their assigned island, create a banner and provide kōrero about what makes their island unique.

It soon became clear that each group had their own dialect, styles of greetings, flora, fauna, natural features and more. This really highlighted the diverse people and places that makes up the Cook Islands.

Just before the kai manga (hākari) to round off the week of learning and activities, our kaimahi gathered for a Kūki 'Āirani Kahootz quiz, with team Manihiki taking the win. Kaimahi Sandra Grieg said,

"It's an absolute privilege and pleasure to see my culture reflected back at me in my workplace, I mean how cool is it to be able to celebrate my reo and heritage, everyone really gives their best and the team rivalry is the best."



Team Kahikatea, (Pukapuka) present their banner.



Ngāi Reo Māori i Te Pō Patapatai ki Tokoroa.

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori ki te Whare o Raukawa

Rere kau noa ana te reo i te whare o Raukawa i Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 2020 i tēnei tau nei. I hīkaka katoa ngā ringa tōhau nui kia whai wāhi ai ki te tautoko i te kaupapa o Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, me Te Kotahi Miriona Kaikōrero Reo Māori, tae noa ki te wāhanga anō hoki ki Mahuru Māori.

Ia ata, tiro tiro haere ai ngā kaimahi ki a rātou anō i runga i te harakoakoa me te mānatunatu hoki 'he aha rawa ka kitea hei wero mā rātou ko ngā rōpū ā-whare i te wā o te karakia'. He whakataetae te mahi, he kēmu, he whakangahau, he ngohe reo hoki, he ngohe ako kōrero hoki e pā ana ki ngā pouwhenua e whā o te rohe o Raukawa. Koia nei te aronga mō ngā kaimahi me ngā kaiwhakahaere o Te Poari o Raukawa i te roanga o te wiki.



Te Whare o Nikau e kōrero ana mō Maungatautari.

I te Rāhina, i te pouputanga o te rā, tū ai ngā mahi kia tae katoa ngā kaimahi ki te taupaepae o te whare ki te tū ngātahi me te kotahi miriona tāngata huri rauna i Aotearoa e whakanui ana i te reo, me te kōrero hoki i te reo i te wā kotahi. Ka taki karakia te iwi me te karawhiu hoki i ētehi o ngā waiata reo Māori. I tae mai hoki ētehi o te hapori tatū ake ki Te Kōhanga Reo o Ruru Te Tupuna. Kei whea mai hoki e kare mā, e tai mā!

I whakarite hoki i ētehi kaikauwhau hei whakakōrero i ētehi kaupapa Māori i te wiki, pēnei i te whakatupu watakirihi, te mahi rongoā me te whakarite hoki i tētehi Rūma me Pūrere. Mō te rūma rā, nā te rapu tikanga i ngā tiwhiri reo Māori i puta ai te iwi i te rūma. I autaiā rā te mōhio o ngā kaimahi ki ngā momo tohu huna i reira.

I te pō o te Wenerei, tū ai tētehi kaupapa Patapatai Reo Māori me tōna 50 tāngata i tae whakataetae atu ki reira. Nō ngā kaupapa huhua o te taone o Tokoroa nei ngā tāngata rā. I reira ētehi kaiāwhina, kaiako hoki o ngā Kōhanga Reo, o Te Kura Kaupapa Māori me ngā mema o te Kaunihera ā-Rohe, te iwi, ngā marae me ngā kaupapa reo kua whakahaerehia nō roto i ngā tau. Ka wani kē koutou e te iwi reo Māori o Tokoroa!

I te Paraire i whakanuia te mutunga wiki (ā-kaimahi nei) ki tētehi hākari nui. Kua kī te hinengaro ki ngā kupu me ngā rerenga hōu, kua kī te whatumanawa ki te hiahia ki te kōrero, kua kī hoki te puku ki ngā momo kai Māori i whakaritea e ngā kaimahi. I reira hoki, tuku ai i ngā taonga ki ngā tāngata i huia tūrae nei te tū i ngā kaupapa o te wiki. I whakanuia hoki te tino rōpū ā-whare o ngā kaimahi i eke panuku i te wiki i ngā momo wero katoa, arā, a Rātā. Nō reira, ka nui te mihi ki ngā toa ki a Rātā!

Hei whakarāpopoto i te wiki katoa, i ū pai nei ngā kaimahi ki ngā kaupapa katoa me te harikoa o te ngākau i pērā rātou. Nā konā, e tūmanako nui ana ka noho ko te reo Māori hei kaupapa whai mā rātou haere nei te wā.



Challenging the Wairarapa Māori claim to land at Pouākani



Maraetai Dam and Power Station.

During October the Raukawa Settlement Trust (RST) will be in court taking a judicial review of the Waitangi Tribunal.

This relates to an application by the Wairarapa Moana Incorporation that asked the Waitangi Tribunal to use its binding powers to return land at Mangakino to Wairarapa Māori ownership as compensation for Crown Treaty breaches. The body negotiating the wider Wairarapa Māori Treaty of Waitangi settlement initially opposed this application, but then later changed its position to ask the Tribunal to return the land to them rather than the Wairarapa Moana Incorporation.

The difficulty for Raukawa is that the land that is in question is within the Raukawa takiwā. It is the land that part of the Maraetai power station currently sits on. This wider area was lost from Raukawa ownership as a result of the Native Land Court processes in the 1880s. Later on, in 1916, this same whenua was transferred to Wairarapa Māori by the Crown as compensation for the Crown's taking of Lake Wairarapa, about 50kms east of Wellington. But then in another shift of Crown policy, the Crown took back a portion of the land in the 1940s for the building of the dam and power station – and it is this portion of land that is being sought by the initial application of the Wairarapa Moana Incorporation.



The Crown's use of land in the Raukawa takiwā as redress for a harm done in the Wairarapa, and for a group who has no ancestral connection to our lands, was a key issue for our Treaty of Waitangi claims. However, the Crown would not allow these lands to be returned in our settlement.

As part of our settlement, the Crown acknowledged that the original taking of our land and providing this land to an iwi with no ancestral connection was a breach of the Treaty. It was described in Parliament by Hon Chris Finlayson (as Minister of Treaty Settlements) as an 'utter unfairness' and by other MPs as a 'poisonous' act, a source of ongoing mamae, and worse than a confiscation.

Raukawa objected to our lands being used as compensation for other iwi when this injustice occurred, and we have never stopped objecting, which is why the RST has opposed the current application for the return of land in our takiwā to Wairarapa Māori.

We do acknowledge that the Crown has caused harm to Wairarapa Māori, and those issues must be addressed and redress provided. However, the use of land within the Raukawa takiwā is the wrong way to do this.



Instead the RST has argued that the Waitangi Tribunal, Wairarapa Māori, and the Crown should look at other ways to provide redress to Wairarapa Māori for the harm the Crown did to them. Ideally, there would also be a way to use this process to help improve the relationship between Raukawa and Wairarapa Māori as the impact of the Crown actions on that relationship has never been addressed.

However, in March 2020 the Waitangi Tribunal issued its initial thinking that said they would be likely to order the return of Mangakino land to Wairarapa Māori.

In doing so the Tribunal said that while Raukawa were mana whenua, we had lost ownership of the land long ago and so there was no real impact if it was transferred to others. In addition, the Tribunal felt it was operating in a 'tikanga-compromised' setting. As a result, the Tribunal thought they were not required, or able, to come to an outcome consistent with tikanga or recognised mana whenua.

The RST has now gone to the High Court asking them to overturn that decision of the Tribunal. This is because of the way the Tribunal failed to apply tikanga and recognise the interests of mana whenua. Because of the potential impact on them, Mercury and the Crown have both challenged the Tribunal's decision for their own reasons. While they have been an interested party, Ngāti Tūwharetoa have largely remained silent and left it to Raukawa to fight to protect the interests of mana whenua in the Tribunal and do not intend to take an active role in the judicial proceeding.

The RST position in being supported by evidence from Professor Jacinta Ruru (Raukawa and Ngāti Ranginui) and Mihiata Pirini (Ngāti Tūwharetoa and Whakatōhea) of the Otago University Law faculty as to why the Tribunal's decision has failed to incorporate tikanga into a legal process as it needed to. Tā Tipene O'Regan (Kai Tahu) is also supporting us with evidence that the Tribunal's approach is inconsistent with tikanga and that a tikanga-based outcome is possible and must include Raukawa.

The hearings on this are set down for the end of October and early November, and we will keep you posted on progress.



Governance Notices

Nominations for Marae representative positions to the Raukawa Settlement Trust are NOW OPEN!

One (1) Marae representative is required for each of the following RST Marae:

- Ngātira;
- Whakaaratamaiti;
- Tāpapa;
- Paparaamu;
- Aotearoa; and
- Parawera

To be eligible for nomination as a Marae representative, **a candidate must:**

- **Be an Adult Registered Member** (18 years old and over) of the Raukawa Settlement Trust
- Stand in the election held on behalf of the Raukawa marae to which the candidate primarily affiliates to

The Tribal Register held by the Raukawa Settlement Trust will be the official database for the nomination and election process. Please note:

- The term for these positions is **3 years**.
- Incumbent trustees are **eligible for re-nomination**
- Nominations close on **Friday 6 November 2020**

For a nomination form and more information contact **Kim Blomfield on 0800 RAUKAWA (0800 728 5292)** or email info@raukawa.org.nz

Raukawa AGM Save the Date!

Saturday 5 December 2020

South Waikato Sport and Events Centre,
Mossop Rd, Tokoroa

Doors open 9am, AGM starts 9.30am

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