

TE KAKARA

Te Kakara o te Hinu Raukawa - Your Raukawa Iwi Newsletter

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Protecting our Iwi and Community



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RST Chair Message

Welcome to the summer edition of Te Kakara, our Raukawa pānui. It is humbling for me to write this introduction, my first as chairperson of the Raukawa Settlement Trust (RST) and of the Raukawa Charitable Trust.

I want to begin by acknowledging our whānau especially those in Tāmaki Makaurau and the Waikato who have experienced even more severe lockdowns due to the ongoing disruption of Covid-19. I send my thoughts and prayers to our whānau and gratitude for our kaimahi who have continued to support our people and communities through the various stages of the latest lockdown.

It is increasingly clear that vaccination is the only path to returning to some kind of normal through this time of trouble, and I encourage all our people to get their vaccinations to protect themselves and their whānau and to ensure they are able to participate when vaccination passes become standard in the coming weeks.

I want to also take this time to acknowledge the strong work of our kaimahi led by Tumu Whakarae Maria Te Kanawa and her senior leadership team, this year, but especially during the many challenges and disruptions bought on by Covid-19. The pandemic has meant 2021 especially in the later part, has been a year of facemasks, zoom, social distancing, vaccinations and often working from home. Despite these challenges our kaimahi, supported by our trustees have continued with their mahi and continued to do what they can, to ensure the voice of our people is heard on issues that matter for them, and that we are doing what we can to help those in need when that need comes.

I was humbled to be elected chairperson at our July RST meeting earlier this year, I want to thank the trustees for their support in electing me as chairperson. I am especially aware of the immense shoes I was being asked to fill in coming in after our former chairperson Vanessa Eparaima. I worked with Vanessa in several roles over many years with the board, and I want to acknowledge the incredible work and passion Vanessa always showed in her mahi for our iwi. After 10 years as chair, Vanessa decided it was

time to pass the position on. It is a very busy role which requires many skills and the support of a strong team. I want to acknowledge Vanessa for the wonderful service she provided to our iwi and people.

In the pages ahead there are many highlights of the incredible mahi and achievement for our iwi over the year. We also acknowledge the passing of some incredible people, who are a major loss for us all, ones we continue to feel.

This year has been one marked by major changes, not just for our iwi, but for everyone across Aotearoa and the world. It is a timely reminder of the need to prepare for change, and to build our capability and capacity so that we can respond, or have new leaders to come through, when required.

That will be a major focus for me as chair, to ensure we are continuing to grow and nurture future leaders and our capacity across all our entities and operations, and especially among our trustees.

It is not in the smooth waters that the timber of your waka is tested, it is in the turbulence of the rapids. It is in these waters that the arms of your paddlers are truly tested. And so it is that our waka continues to power along, because of the unity and way that we continue to row together, and because we have clear goals of where we want to go, what we want to achieve and also where and what we want to avoid.

I wish you all a very happy and safe summer and festive season, and I hope you all can spend time with whānau. I hope we can all travel beyond our borders to be with those we love over Christmas if required, and I especially want to wish everyone a Covid-19 free Kirihimete.

**Nā Kataraina Hodge
Raukawa Settlement Trust Chairperson**





Trustee Nomination Results

At the close date of 5 November 2021 the following number of nominations were received for the marae representative positions:

Marae	Forms Received	Valid Forms
Ruapeka	2	2
Mōkai	3	3
Ongaroto	2	2
Pikitū	2	2
Mangakaretu	1	1
Rāwhitiroa	1	1

Congratulations to the successful nominees below who will start their 3-year terms from 10 December 2021

Marae	Successful Nominees
Mangakaretu	Rina Lawson
Rāwhitiroa	Paraone Gloyne

Trustee Election Process

As more than the required number of valid nominations were received for the following marae representative positions, a postal vote process will commence from Monday 8 November 2021.

Marae	Nominees
Ruapeka	Richard Jefferies and Joanne Kelly
Pikitū	Debbie Davies and Raukahawai O'Connor
Ongaroto	Nachelle Griffiths and Malvina McKenzie
Mōkai	Stanley Tawa, Timutetai Paerata and Taihako Maui

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 on verification of your registration details.

Completed voting forms must be posted and received at our Tokoroa office by **5.00pm Tuesday 7 December 2021**. 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)**. Tribal registration enquiries please contact **Thelma Reti**, thelma.reti@raukawa.org.nz or **Kim Blomfield**, kim.blomfield@raukawa.org.nz or **0800 RAUKAWA (0800 728 5292)**



Year in Review 2021

Te Whare Kōrero o Raukawa – January

Over 100 people attended the programme this year, which was held at Aotearoa Marae. The wānanga focuses on te reo Māori, whaikōrero, karanga, history of the area, karakia, waiata and marae tikanga with a unique half day bus trip to Kāwhia, visiting sites of cultural significance.



Kaikōrero on the paepae at Aotearoa Marae during the 3-day wānanga.



Raukawa kaimahi take on the Survivor Challenge in Rotorua.

Whanaungatanga – February

Each year our rōpū of busy kaimahi gather for the annual Staff Day Out, which centres on whakawhanaungatanga, learning more about our Raukawa history and wāhi tūturu along with team building activities. This year we visited Te Puna (Blue Springs) in Putaruru and Ruapeka Marae before ending the day in Rotorua with a "Survivor" themed team challenge.

Raukawa Kaumātua Games – March

Held at the Te Awamutu Events Centre ASB Stadium, thirteen teams, with the vast majority of participants being well past the minimum age of 55, were put through their paces during a series of six indoor events testing skill, guile, agility, and accuracy. The event was a major success, providing an opportunity to reconnect with one another through laughter, comradery and fun activities.



Our kaumātua athletes just before the march-past commences.

Over 130 participants attended the weeklong wānanga at Papa o te Aroha Marae.



Te Kura Reo o Raukawa – March

Te Kura Reo o Raukawa is a weeklong iwi led, marae based cultural programme aimed at uplifting the knowledge, confidence and capability of Raukawa te reo Māori speakers and learners. The kaupapa is built on teaching Raukawa history, language, whakapapa, whaikōrero, karanga, mōteatea, karakia, tikanga and reconnecting our people to our significant sites, marae and traditional practices.

Ministry of Education Kawenata – April

In collaboration with Waikato-Tainui and Ngāti Tūwharetoa, we committed to a new kaupapa with the Crown and the Ministry of Education; He Puna Wai Nui, He Ia Rere Roa. The kawenata with the Ministry of Education aims to realise iwi aspirations for Māori learners along the Waikato awa. The agreement establishes a framework for how the ministry will work in partnership with the iwi to develop initiatives, priorities and solutions. The kaupapa talks of the everlasting transition of knowledge from one generation to the next; *Mai te kōpū, ki te kōpū.*



Raukawa rōpū attends the kawenata signing at Waihi Marae near Tokaanu.

Koro Hori Deane – May

May marked the sad passing of Koro Hori Deane. Koro has served many years as the Chairperson of our Raukawa Kaunihera Kaumātua and will be remembered by many for his leadership and dedication to his whānau, hapū, marae and of course to his Raukawa iwi.

Moe mai rā e te rangatira.





Leaders from both iwi sign the kawenata at Te Whare o Raukawa, Tokoroa.

Raukawa and Tūhourangi Kawenata – May

The kawenata is in relation to the Tokorangi and Whaka forest lands that formed part of the Central North Island Forests Land Collective Settlement. The kawenata has been developed to acknowledge the historical connection between Raukawa and Tūhourangi and the unique connection each iwi has to the Whakarewarewa lands.

Raukawa and Mercury Kawenata – May

It has been 20 years since the Raukawa Trust Board and Mighty River Power signed its Memorandum of Understanding committing to support and work together to achieve agreed outcomes. Over this time, we have both honoured our commitments and continue to build a strong relationship that respects each other's values. To mark this longstanding relationship we signed a kawenata at Te Whare o Raukawa that outlines our partnership and how we collaborate to bring benefit.

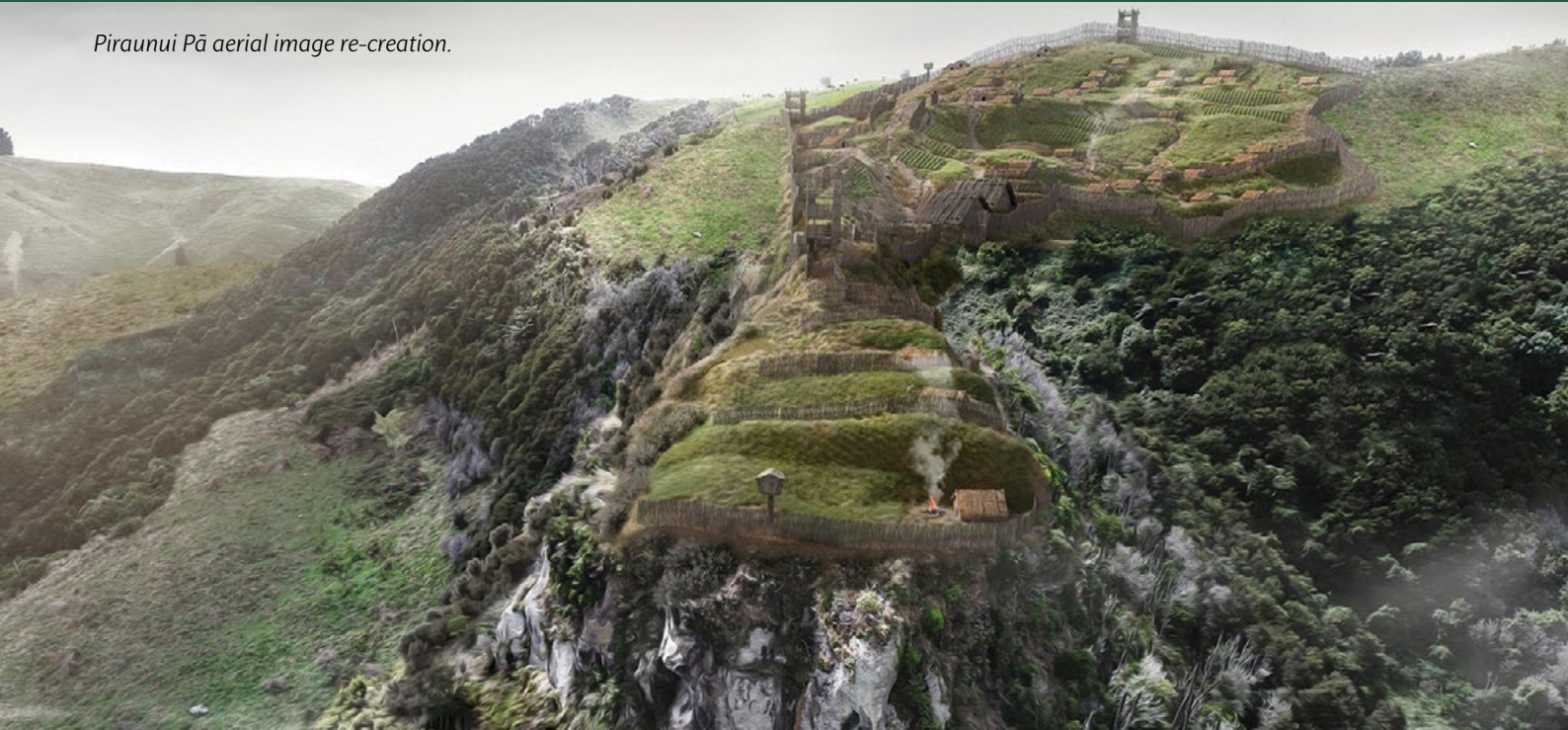


Kawenata documents signed at Te Whare o Raukawa, Tokoroa.

Waipapa ki Arapuni Wāhi Ahurei – May

In May, the Waipapa ki Arapuni Wāhi Ahurei project was completed and the online mapping tool was launched via our Raukawa website as an accessible tool to tell our stories and share why this unique cultural landscape is so special to us. The landscape stretches approximately 14kms from Waipapa through to Arapuni and the website contains a large number of wāhi tūturu sites that sit along the banks of the Waikato River.

Piraunui Pā aerial image re-creation.





Te Ārohirohi o Raukawa – June

We successfully completed the Te Ārohirohi o Raukawa Freshwater Assessment Framework and Tool, which is a resource for our Raukawa whānau that supports them to monitor and assess the health and wellbeing of freshwater in a way that reflects and prioritises the unique worldview and practices of Raukawa.

Ngā Kura o Tua Whakarere and Te Manawapouhīhiri – June

The multi-media exhibition celebrated Raukawa history, taonga and stories. Over 600 people attended the weeklong display. Attendees included stakeholders from local government, kura, along with our own kaimahi and kaumātua. Along with the exhibition, we launched the website to our education strategy - www.manawapouhīhiri.org.nz



Students from Te Whare Kura o Te Kaokaoroa o Pātetere enjoy the exhibition.





Te Tai Whakaea – July

This project was officially launched in early July to round off a very busy financial year. The new website which explores the heartache, narratives and accomplishments of our Treaty settlement journey is a multimedia online resource that will help people to gain a glimpse into our history, our settlement and also serves as an acknowledgement to the many people who worked tirelessly towards remedying the many wrongs of the past.

Whānau and stakeholders gather at the launch event for Te Tai Whakaea at Te Whare o Raukawa.



Kaimahi Chris-Arne Patena and Ebony Haare supporting the Covid-19 testing station.

Covid-19 Initiatives – August

Throughout different parts of the year, our organisation provided a number of Covid-19 related services that benefited our iwi and the wider community, from delivering hygiene and food packs, kaumātua care packs, collaborating with our partners to provide community based assessment clinics and hosting vaccination clinics at Te Whare o Raukawa in conjunction with the Waikato District Health Board (Waikato DHB) vaccination team. Our collective community approach along with our new Covid-19 resurgence storage facility proved invaluable during the August lockdown.





Community partners attend the official opening, Left: Akarere Henry (SWPICS), Kataraina Hodge (Raukawa), Kevin Snee (Waikato DHB).

Tokoroa Community Vaccination Centre – September

The new vaccination centre opened on September 13, and is a partnership between SWPICS, Raukawa and Waikato DHB. Originally scheduled to open in August, the new centre was delayed due to the lockdown, however, since opening the centre has been a pivotal piece in the wider effort to get our community and district vaccinated.

Super Saturday – October

Super Saturday, a nationwide vaccination drive, was held at the events centre in Tokoroa on 16 October. Provided by community partners, the event was ranked 4th in the Waikato with 571 vaccines administered and over 47% being Māori and Pasifika. Spot prizes and give aways were provided by local businesses to help push the drive.



Community partners, kaimahi and volunteers celebrate after a long Super Saturday that resulted in over 500 people being vaccinated.





Kuia Sandra Thompson from Ngātira Marae.

Kuia Koroua Wellbeing Grants

It was a health scare during the 2020 Covid-19 lockdown that prompted Sandra Thompson to seek help from Raukawa. The Hamilton-based kuia, from Ngātira Marae, was eligible for the Kuia and Koroua Wellbeing Grants, where iwi members 60 years and over can apply for up to \$1000 in wellbeing and healthcare related support.

Sandra had been unwell and doctors were trying to find out what was wrong. After many tests, she was told it could potentially be serious, but more tests are still being conducted. She said the grant was much appreciated, knowing she didn't have to worry about her medical and pharmacy bills during what was an anxious and stressful time.

“I am very grateful for the support this year, my medical bills have increased more frequently than I had expected over the years due to my health, so every little bit helps.”

Sandra is on the Ngātira Marae committee and is also a trustee. She has been a recipient of the Kuia and Koroua Grants in previous years for dental care and heating needs.

She knows many can be hesitant to apply and actively encourages other kuia and koroua to utilise the grant. Don't be whakamā, she says. *“I take the grant forms to our meetings, to events, to hui, anything that we have at our marae,”* Sandra said. *“Any opportunity to help, I help them fill the forms out and send them back to Raukawa.”*

The grant supports eligible iwi members to alleviate the costs with eye, dental, hearing and podiatry treatments, GP visits, pharmacy prescriptions, and mobility equipment. Grants also extend to heating needs and ambulance fees. If you need a form, call us on **0800 RAUKAWA** or email us at **info@raukawa.org.nz**



Raukawa Grants & Key Dates

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 2022 – 30 Jun 2022	04 Jan 2022	31 Jul 2022	Aug 2022
Short course*, certificate, diploma	Paid after completion of study	01 Jul 2021 – 31 Dec 2021	01 Jul 2021	31 Jan 2022	Feb 2022
Undergraduate, postgraduate, masters	Paid before completion of study	2022 academic year	30 Nov 2021	31 Jan 2022	Feb 2022
PhD, doctoral	Paid before completion of study	2022 academic year	30 Nov 2021	28 Feb 2022	March 2022

* 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 sportsperson 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 2021 – 30 Nov 2022	01 Jun 2021	15 Dec 2022	Jan 2022
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 2021	31 May 2022	Jul 2022

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



Governance Notices

Raukawa Annual General Meeting 2021

Saturday 11 December 2021

Te Whare o Raukawa, 1-11 Raukawa Way, Tokoroa

Doors opens at 9am, hui starts 9:30am

Registered Attendance Only

Your health and wellbeing is important to us, due to Covid-19 you must register prior to the hui in order to attend. Spaces limited to 60 people. Register with Kim Blomfield on **0800 728 5292** or **Kim.Blomfield@rauakawa.org.nz** by **Friday 03 December**.

Health Guidelines

Due to Covid-19, the AGM will follow relevant health guidelines such as mask wearing, social distancing, hand hygiene, distance greetings, tracer app, etc. **If you are unwell, please stay home and call your doctor or Healthline on 0800 358 5453.**

Agenda

1. Mihi and Karakia
2. Apologies
3. Minutes from 2020 Raukawa Settlement Trust Group AGM
4. Kaunihera Kaumātua report
5. Raukawa Settlement Trust report
6. Raukawa Charitable Trust report
7. Raukawa Iwi Development Ltd report and presentation
8. Annual accounts for the year ended 30 June 2021
9. Notified general business
10. Karakia Whakamutunga

General Business Items

Registered tribal members of the Raukawa Settlement Trust are invited to notify the Board in writing of any general business items they wish to raise at the RST Annual General Meeting. General business items can be sent to Raukawa Settlement Trust, AGM General Business Private Bag 8, TOKOROA 3444 or email to Kim. Blomfield@rauakawa.org.nz

General business items must be received no later than **5pm Friday 26 November 2021**.

For any enquiries, please contact **Kim Blomfield at Kim.Blomfield@rauakawa.org.nz**