

TE KAKARA

Te Kakara o te Hinu Raukawa - Your Raukawa Iwi Newsletter

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RST Chair Message

Welcome to the summer edition of Te Kakara, it's a season where we appreciate the mahi of the past year and look forward to the challenges that the new year brings.

It's an ideal time to reflect on our actions and priorities over the last quarter here at Raukawa.

My thoughts and aroha continues to reside with our whānau who are navigating the challenges of building and returning to a life unencumbered by Covid-19, however, with the easing of restrictions we can see a marked shift within our community and the country as a whole. I want to recognise and acknowledge the many initiatives and the effort of our iwi and community to bring joy, excitement and support during these times.

Over the last few weeks we have enjoyed the luxury of reconnecting with each other with hui ā-kanohi which brings back a familiar warmth that has long been absent due to pandemic restrictions. The resilience of our people has allowed us to return to normality but with a new sense of appreciation and excitement.

This edition is a special one, as it marks our 50th issue of Te Kakara. Originally, Te Kakara was created as a form of communication out to our people in the early years of our iwi organisation. At the time it had a heavy focus on keeping our people updated with the progress of our Treaty settlement that we were negotiating at the time. Today, Te Kakara continues to share the mahi that we do for our people, but don't forget that you can always connect through our Facebook for timely updates in between each issue of Te Kakara. The name of our newsletter underpins our kaupapa, and comes from the kōrero "*whakareia te kakara o te hinu Raukawa*", which means to enhance the aromatic fragrance of the Raukawa perfume. Similarly, Te Kakara disseminates the kōrero, news and updates throughout our takiwā. I hope you enjoy this edition, and I look forward to many more to come.



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As I reflect on the recent weeks and especially the Ministerial Forum, I am reminded of our responsibility to sit at the table with local and national leaders and ensure that the voice of Raukawa continues to inform and shape changes in the health and social sector, the environment and all other areas that affect our uri. I want to acknowledge the work of our environment team who continue to show excellent leadership in this area along with our senior leadership team and Tumu Whakarae Maria Te Kanawa for the mahi that was undertaken during this annual forum.

Speaking of accolades, I want to congratulate all of our staff who were recently recognised and celebrated at Ngā Tohu Kaimahi o Raukawa. It was a wonderful event, one that comes every two years that acknowledges all the hard work of our kaimahi. The event was marked by special awards including acknowledgements for long service. I want to make special mention of the 30 years of service from Mana Winikerei and the mahi that he does with our waka – Te Timatatanga. You have changed the lives of many many rangatahi over the years e hoa, thank you for your dedication and commitment to our iwi. I am both amazed and humbled by our staff who each day put in the work to help our iwi to thrive now and into the future.

We are excited to introduce a new set of initiatives in our culture and identity space that will reconnect our uri to our tupuna Raukawa and to their whenua with the launch of Te Oriori o Raukawa. It is also my pleasure to see the release of our kōhanga learning packs that we will be incorporating into our newsletter for our mokopuna to enjoy.

I hope you enjoy reading through this edition of Te Kakara as we observe how our iwi organisation is moving and see what important things are happening around us in our rohe, our marae and our community.

Nā Kataraina Hodge
Raukawa Settlement Trust Chairperson





Ministerial Forum 2022 held at Te Whare o Raukawa, Tokoroa.

Raukawa Ministerial Forum

In August, we hosted our annual Ministerial Forum here at Te Whare o Raukawa. The annual hui is an opportunity to meet and discuss relevant kaupapa and concerns directly with the Prime Minister, Ministers and government officials.

The forum was attended by Prime Minister Jacinda Arden along with her rōpū, as well as kaumātua, uri, kaimahi, trustees and our senior leadership team.

The forum was an opportunity to share our successes and showcase some of the mahi that we deliver to our whānau and the wider community across our takiwā. It was an opportunity to acknowledge shared understandings and strengthen our partnership between Raukawa and the Crown.

It was also an opportunity to reaffirm our shared commitment to upholding the mana and integrity of our Treaty settlements and to remind our Prime Minister and the Crown of their responsibilities and commitments to Raukawa.

Our kaumātua welcomed the Prime Minister and officials with a pōwhiri before moving into a hui that spoke to the kaupapa of the day. Presentations and kōrero were led by our Chairperson Kataraina Hodge, Tumu Whakarae Maria Te Kanawa and senior leadership team.



Donna Dixon, Akamorunga Reeder, Ruthana Begbie.

**Raukawa kia mau,
kia ora!**





Raukawa Leadership Team.



Ministerial Leadership Team.

Raukawa Chairperson Kataraina Hodge says that *“our 2022 Ministerial Forum between Raukawa and the Crown was a critical opportunity for us to reconnect and rekindle relationships with the Prime Minister.”*

We shared our settlement journey and the wider historical context of who we are, and what we aspire to achieve as an iwi, honouring our past, informing our present and determining our future. We shared our aspirations, priorities and concerns along with key kaupapa for a data driven approach to wellbeing.

We were heartened by the response from our manuwiri who recognised our many strengths as an iwi. They were well prepared to respond in a positive manner with a commitment for continued exploration and growth across the ways we work together to support and drive improved wellbeing for our whānau, taiao and wider community.

We are reminded of the foresight of our tūpuna. It is their dedication that has driven the growth of our iwi and led us to our proven success today.

For us, it’s about bringing real and meaningful benefit to our people through holistic and transformative change. Raukawa kia mau, kia ora.



Charlie Tepana, Minister Willie Jackson, Kataraina Hodge.



Cliff Kelly, Mark Ruka, Marian Ruri, Jo Kaponga, Martin Miles.



Ngā Tohu Kaimahi o Raukawa



On Friday 7 October, we celebrated our kaimahi at the Raukawa Staff Awards 2022. The event was a tribute to all of our shining stars here at Raukawa and the mahi they have undertaken over the last two years. The day was spent in appreciation with awards that acknowledged a vast set of contributions including those who embody our values, leadership, innovation, engagement and excellence. We currently have over 100 kaimahi working across four offices, with eight special awards given out on the night.

Award recipient Marian Ruri spoke about how, *“true leadership is the responsibility to grow leaders.”* Her mahi over the years has resulted in a strong and dynamic environment team who strive for excellence in all that they do.

We were also able to celebrate a number of long service award recipients who have dedicated many years to our organisation. Mana Winikerei received an award for his dedication having served 30 years at Raukawa in the waka taua wellness space. This was a touching moment as Mana acknowledged his wife who he says has made the greatest commitment and sacrifice over the years.



The dedication of our kaimahi remind us that our commitment to Raukawa, to our iwi and its many aspirations is an ongoing responsibility that is carried by many over many many years. Kei te toka tū moana, me mihi ka tika.

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Award		Recipient	Sponsor
Te Tohu Pūkenga Hautū	Emerging Leadership	Tony Rikona	Te Onewa Consultants
Te Tohu Manawanui	Raukawa Values	Chris-Arne Patena and Ebony Nicholas	Westpac
Te Tohu Auaha	Innovation	Missy Lord	SVS Consulting
Te Tohu Manaaki	Support Services Brilliance	Vikki Hayes	Baden Vertongen
Te Tohu Kanohi Kitea	Community Engagement	Aroha Riki-Hamana	Mercury and Raukawa Partnership
Te Tohu Pouwhakawhirinaki	Unsung Hero	Shashank Jangra	Raukawa
Te Tohu Arataki	Leadership	Marian Ruri	JV Systems
Te Tohu Whakaihuwaka	Excellence	Marian Ruri	Raukawa



Te Waihou Planting Day



Raukawa community planting day at Te Waihou.

On Friday 16 September, Raukawa put the karanga out to join our community planting day where we went into the taiao, got our fingers paru and planted native rākau at Te Waihou Walkway. This marked the first community-based project for our Te Mauri o Waihou restoration project. This kaupapa was born out of the Jobs for Nature programme by Manatū mō te Taiao and was a way of creating opportunities for our whānau that was affected by Covid-19.

This project is being led by Mihiwātara Hohepa and her team of Kaitiaki Rangers (Charles Tiare and Mark Ruka) who are all committed to creating healthy waterways in the Raukawa takiwā. This was a hugely successful day as we were able to connect with the community through a kaupapa that would have great benefits for generations to come.

Mark Ruka says that, *"the amazing thing today was seeing our rangatahi come onto the whenua and being able to share with them this experience with the hopes that they carry on this whakaaro because this is about them. This is for the rangatahi and our next generation"*.





When asked about the day, Mihiwātara had this to say, *“We wouldn't have been able to do it without everyone's contribution and to smash out 2,000 plants in less than two hours is a massive effort.”*

The planting day was only one step in working towards our goal of increasing biodiversity along the awa. We are also engaged in pest control along the Waihou and continue to be guided by our values in the hopes that Raukawa does what it can in the environment to become a thriving iwi.

We would like to thank our community and the many volunteers who turned up with their gumboots and spades, ready to make a difference along our awa tupuna. A special mihi to Transform Aotearoa, Te Papa Atawhai (Department of Conservation), South Waikato District Council, landowners along the Waihou, our rangatahi and everyone else involved for their support, tēnā koutou katoa.



To watch our video of the event, visit www.bit.ly/waihouplanting or scan the QR Code





Jarred Boon, Charlie Tepana,
Louis Armstrong, Paraone Gloyne.

Launch of Raukawa Rauemi

"Orioritia taku orokohanga kia puta ki te whaiao, ki te ao mārama."

Earlier this year in July, we celebrated the launch of our oriori and kōhanga learning packs. The event saw kaumātua come together with our mokopuna, māmā and pāpā who shared in the rich experiences of the day.

The creation of the learning packs, "*Ngā Mahi Mātātoa a Raukawa*" was led by Tangiwai Tepana who was inspired by her mokopuna. She says that, "*with the birth of our moko, this was even more prevalent for me. Not just for my moko, but for all our tamariki, so that they can have something that's fun and belongs to them*".

Our tamariki are familiar with how Raukawa looks in these packs, they will see the colours of our kapa haka Mōtai Tangata Rau and be able to distinguish young Raukawa and Waitete as their very own characters from home who they can grow up with.

Through this mahi Tangiwai hopes that learning about their culture and identity would be more fun and less of a chore.

The kōrero about our mokopuna having new companions opened the door to our next speaker, Paraone Gloyne who started a wānanga by asking the question, "*What is an oriori?*" To which he answered, "*it is a curriculum that contains tribal histories, environmental and geographical knowledge passed down from generation to generation stretching all the way to ancient times*". He speaks about how the lyrics of these oriori transplant and transfer all of this knowledge to our babies as they are developing within their mother's kōpū and also after they are born. "*It is a framework for intergenerational transmission of mātauranga.*"





Te oriori o Raukawa collects 12 verses of kōrero tuku iho pertaining to different aspects of a child's development. The challenge is of course for parents and children to learn the entire oriori so that they can use this as a tool to not only educate but to promulgate tūpuna wisdom contained in this oriori.

The 12 verses contain a wide range of Raukawa knowledge so Paraone hopes to release a supplementary pukapuka in the near future that will explain in further detail the stories and sites of significance mentioned in the oriori. The challenge is for us to learn the 12 verses in anticipation of this launch so it can be performed on the day. Kaimahi Mal McKenzie says, *"What an exciting prospect that is, an entire building of Raukawa uri singing our stories of creation into existence for the world to hear"*.

We have distributed over 400 kōhanga learning packs to date, for more information about the learning packs please contact our team on 0800 RAUKAWA or via info@raukawa.org.nz

E hoa, he aha te ara tika ki ōku mātua?

Raukawa! Hoki mai koe e tama!

Raukawa, kei whea koe e tama?

E hoa, āwhinatia mai, kia tae pai atu māua ki a Raukawa!

Kei konei pāpā! Kei te ngahere ahau e tākaro ana!

To listen to the oriori, visit www.bit.ly/raukawaoriori or scan the QR Code





Te Whare Kōrero o Raukawa

Te Whare Kōrero o Raukawa held at Ruapeka Marae, from left, Whakarongotai Hohepa, Whāingaroa Mauriohooho, Taihakoā Maui, Mal McKenzie and Kyle Amopiu.



On Monday 3 October, we kicked off our weeklong wānanga, Te Whare Kōrero o Raukawa, at Ruapeka Marae. It was a welcome return to holding this wānanga ā-kanohi now that Covid-19 measures have relaxed, and it was awesome to be able to hold it at Ruapeka which has recently opened after months of renovations.



The wānanga attracted over 100 students from all over the motu, from Te Waipounamu, Raukawa ki te tonga and everywhere else in between. Our taura gathered to improve their knowledge, confidence and capability as reo speakers and learners, with over 90% of students being Raukawa uri. With a heavy focus on Raukawa history, language, whakapapa, whaikōrero, karanga, mōteatea, karakia and tikanga, the event provides a supportive space to get in your Raukawa gains.

If you missed out, don't worry, we will be holding another wānanga in **JANUARY 2023**, so keep an eye out on our Facebook page for more updates.





Project Manager, Martin Miles at Tāpapa Marae.

Marae Renovation Project

Our team at Raukawa are working hard to bring funding, jobs and opportunities to ensure that our marae and uri are cared for well into the future.

One of the ways our environment team achieves this is through the Raukawa Marae Renovation Project. This is one way to help empower our marae communities to build and renovate their kāinga. It also demonstrated a potential pathway that can be utilised by all of our hapū, marae and whānau for future funding.

Raukawa looked at a collaborative approach to this project and in the limited time we had, created and submitted a funding application to achieve some of the aspirations our whānau had for their marae. The project brought local and Māori businesses in to partner with Raukawa giving it a truly grassroots approach. Kaimahi Anaru Begbie says, ***“We were able to get a number of whānau back working on the marae.”*** This included working with three generations of workers from the Gisborne family who were able to help develop Rāwhitiroa Marae.

The renovation project had many outcomes both intentional and unintentional, Kaimahi Martin Miles hopes that this programme will help to, ***“develop a sense of identity and purpose.”*** Anaru also hopes that through this mahi we can give back to our marae from which we receive our sustenance, ***“Whakahokia ki tō ūkaipō.”***

“Mahi ake nei au e, i tōku nei whare e. Ngā pou o roto he māhoe he patatē he hīnau noa e.”

Watch our video exploring the many outcomes of the project by visiting the link www.bit.ly/maraereno or scan the QR code



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 2022 – 31 Dec 2022	01 Jul 2022	31 Jan 2023	Feb 2023
Undergraduate, postgraduate, masters	Paid before completion of study	2023 academic year	30 Nov 2022	28 Feb 2023	Apr 2023
PhD, doctoral	Paid before completion of study	2023 academic year	30 Nov 2022	28 Feb 2023	Apr 2023

* 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 2022 – 30 Nov 2022	01 Jun 2022	15 Dec 2022	Jan 2023
Sports grants	Payment will depend on application	01 Dec 2022 – 31 May 2023	01 Dec 2022	15 Jun 2023	Jul 2023



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