

# HE KUPU HERENGA TANGATA

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TE KAAHUI O RAURU TUMU WHAKAHAERE APPOINTED

RENÉE BRADLEY APPOINTED TUMU WHAKAHAERE TE RURUKU PUUTAKERONGO -TARANAKI MAUNGA COLLECTIVE REDRESS

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# NGAA KOORERO TE TUMU WHAKARAE



Teenaa tatou e ngaa whanau whaanui o Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi.

We have hit the ground running this quarter, starting with the official appointment of Renée Bradley as Te Tumu Whakahaere of Te Kaahui o Rauru.

Renée is a familiar face and strong leader in the organisation, and we are confident she is working towards achieving the strategic aspirations of the Paepae and of our people, kei te mihi nunui ki a koe Renée.

A major event on our governance calendar that is fast approaching is Paepae Rangatira which will be hosted on 12 May.

Following the hui, we are looking to launch He Kaakano, our Centre for Excellence in Innovation, which has been a focus of Paepae Rangatira over the past three years.

This space will be used to engage our rangatahi with technology based learning, and foster their capacity to translate our koorero tuku iho, puurakau, and visual narratives into digital content that can be used across multiple platforms.

In this space we are also looking to foster Ngaa Raurupreneurs in their business ventures, and have already begun to support Ngaa Rauru ventures in this space including - Toxic Pest Control, Weed Eradication in our Waterways, Recycling Plastic into Certified Building Materials, a Rangatahi Mental Health Application and a Rongoa Maaori Research Project.

The launching of He Kaakano precedes the launching of our our digital education platform, Te Kura I Huna, which like He Kaakano has also been a focus of Paepae Rangatira in previous years.

We hope to make an announcement on this exciting piece of work before Christmas.

We have been developing an Iwi-Crown relations tool known as a Mana Monitor since the last Paepae Rangatira hui, and will be presented at the next hui for sign-off with the Crown.

In continuing with our advancements to re-establish the foundations of our Ngaa Raurutanga, we are looking to establish a Cultural Research Center.

Last year, this concept was also presented at the Paepae Rangatira, and this year we are working closely with the Crown on the design and implementation of this Cultural Research Center.

This centre of learning will be encompassed by our Ngaa Raurutanga and the aspects of language, culture, and identity that make us unique.

Most recently, and most significantly, our haapori travelled to Aotearoa Marae to witness the signing of Te Ruruku Puutakerongo – Taranaki Maunga Redress.

Post Treaty Settlement, our eight iwi of Taranaki came together to negotiate the status of our Maunga Tupuna and have him relinquished from the government of the Crown.

Mid-May, the negotiation team will be undertaking 14 national hui seeking ratification of The Taranaki Maunga Deed of Settlement, after which the legislation will finally be made law.

Kei te mihi whakawhetai ki a Jamie Tuuta raaua ko Liana Poutu, who have successfully lead the Taranaki Maunga negotiation process over the past six years.

In conclusion, we will be looking to launch a roadshow, travelling the motu to talk more about our strategic direction, priorities we are undertaking as Te Kaahui o Rauru and provide information around our internal events.

No reira teenaa koutou, teenaa taatou.

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#### NGAA KOORERO

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E ngaa mana, e ngaa reo, e ngaa karangatanga maha o te motu teenaa koutou katoa. Teenaa hoki tatou me nga mate huahua o teenaa marae, o teenaa papakainga. Kua mihia, kua akaia raatou ki te kup o te ngaakau, kaati, koutou o te poo, e moe oo karu I mamao. Maatou o tea o awatea, maaia ki runga! E te iwi, nei naa ko ngaa aamiki korero o tew aa hei kai maau. Teenaa ngaua aua kai makue kia ngata te hiahia.

After celebrating the successes of 2022, we have got off to a running start in 2023. We have experienced quite a bit of growth in our Te Haapai Mauri team over the past six-months creating jobs for more of our people to help us work towards "Whakatipungia Ngaa Rauru Kiitahitanga".

Having a full and vibrant tari has been awesome, creating a cohesive cross team dynamic with everyone mucking in and helping each other in what is a new space for many. We have continued to work on growing capacity, developing capability, and strengthening our systems and infrastructure from which we can deliver on our many projects and initiatives. We are in a busy time of year as part of our annual planning cycle reviewing the year that was, and planning for the year that will be.

Our whanaunga across the motu have struggled with the impacts of climate change this last quarter, lurching from a health disaster to a natural one. It has awoken many to the reality of the environmental challenges we face in the wake of Cyclone Gabrielle. We have been in awe of the way other iwi have responded in the face of such adversity, and how they responded to the needs of their uri and the wider haapori.

We have astutely taken notes and drawn from their learnings to help us be prepared when we are not so fortunate and such a catastrophe is on our doorstep. Ko o matou whakaaro kei a koe i teenei waa whakamatautau.

We all watched with excitement as our kapa from Aotea region took the atamira in February for the Te Matatini festival. Every room in our office had the livestream playing with staff and manuhiri alike coming and going throughout the week to watch their favourites, give their 5 cents on who was hot (and who was not) and join in for a waiata or two.



A special acknowledgement to our whanau who participated in this event especially our wonderful kaimahi, Tama and Lucretia Pokai who performed for Aotea Utanganui and Luther Ashford who was their taa moko artist.

Government reform has continued to distract us from the things we'd rather be focusing on for our iwi. Resource Management, Three Waters, Health, Renewable Energy... not a day goes by that I don't receive several emails on these kaupapa wanting to meet, consult, engage or notify us of another change. The coming period will see us working to finish of key pieces off mahi for 2023 and finalise our annual plan for 2024.

Being officially appointed to the role of Tumu Whakahaere in February, I have spent the last couple of months looking at how I can achieve impact in my time here leading Te Kaahui o Rauru. I hope that by improving the way we communicate our successes with our whaanau, you will get to see and hopefully engage in some of these initiatives moving forward.

With some exciting new projects under development, we will see the launch of our Centre for Excellence in Innovation - He Kaakano, a new rangatahi waananga and some of our pre-covid iwi events making a return.

I'd like to close by sending a special mihi to Fiona Shaw, our Puutaiao Manager who is finishing up with Te Kaahui o Rauru at the end of April. Fiona has been with us for four years and in her time, has done a lot for Ngaa Rauru supporting hapuu through consenting processes, establishing relationships with key people, securing significant contracts that have created employment and will look to improve the state of our freshwater and was instrumental in supporting Ngaati Maika in changing Maxwell to Paakaraka.

Fiona is taking a step back from full time work to spend some time travelling with her son Otis. We will be lucky to have Fiona continue to be connected with Ngaa Rauru providing expert advice in the Taiao space but in the meantime Fiona, ka nui te mihi ki a koe mo te nui o to mahi ki ngaa hapuu o Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi.

#### TE KAAHUI O RAURU APPOINTS TE TUMU WHAKAHAERE

To commence the year, Te Kaahui o Rauru announced the official appointment of Renée Bradley as Tumu Whakahaere.

After a thorough and vigorous process, what resonated was Renée's commitment, dedication, and passion to Ngaa Rauru, as well as her success and achievements in management roles.

Having already dedicated many years of service to her people, Renée is a familiar face within Ngaa Rauru.

She is an experienced leader at Te Kaahui o Rauru and has held multiple senior roles at the organisation including General Manager for Te Haapai Mauri, both the Tribal Development and Corporate Service Manager roles, and has spent time on the Governance Board.



Bradley stated that "Being able to step up and do this work for my iwi is a great privilege."

"Our ability to deliver on our strategy was really affected last year so we are excited to go back to our vision, define what this means for Ngaa Rauru uri today, and look at how to support and empower our marae and whanau to achieve this"

We would like to congratulate Renée on her appointment, and acknowledge her ongoing dedication and contributions to Te Kaahui o Rauru as she steps into her latest leadership role.

Kia rangatira te tuu, kia rangatira te whakaaro.



In January 2023, Ngaati Maika hosted the official ceremony acknowledging the restoration of their townships original name Paakaraka.

The Paakaraka signs were received for karakia at Paakaraka Paa from Whanganui District Council on Friday 20th, with the official sign ceremony and installation taking place on Saturday 21st.

Historical koorero was shared regarding the perspective of tupuna, the Ngaa Rauru Waitangi Settlement and Te Kaahui o Rauru Post Government Entity, context around negotiations and affected parties, memories from locals, and acknowledgements from council to the community, iwi, and many people who have contributed to making the day a reality.

#### PAAKARAKA TOWN SIGNS INSTALLED

For generations there has been ongoing whakaaro surrounding changing the townships name from Maxwell, to the areas original name Paakaraka.

After years of tedious negotiations and dealing with historical grievances surrounding the name Maxwell's origins, the Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi hapuu have set a precedence achieving this outcome.

In 2020, The Whanganui District Council conducted public consultation on renaming Maxwell to Paakaraka with 189 of the 255 submissions received in support of the change.

In 2021, Ngaati Maika applied to the New Zealand Geographic Board to change the name. This application was supported by the council and upheld in February 2022.

#### TE KAAHUI MAUNGA KAPA HAKA KI TE MATATINI 2023 "TE MATATINI HERENGA WAKA, HERENGA TANGATA"

After a long few years wait, and cancellations, this year in February saw multitudes ascend upon Taamaki Makaurau for what is said to be the pinnacle of celebrating te ao maaori, and the biggest bi-annual maaori kaupapa in the world.

Te Matatini - Herenga Waka, Herenga Tangata was the whakataukii phrase for Te Matatini 2023. Indeed it brought together the motu, the many waka, and tokopae tangata to celebrate our ahurea maaori.

The main waka being that of Kapa Haka to carry the many messages from our regions whilst invoking hari, koa, whanaungatanga, and kotahitanga.

This year our representatives for our rohe to Te Matatini 2023 were; Te Reanga Mōrehu o Ratana, Ngā Purapura o Te Tai Hauāuru and making a return to the Te Matatini stage since 2005, Aotea Utanganui.

Together, our teams represented our rohe - Te Kāhui Maunga (previously Aotea). Te Kāhui Maunga stretches from Mookau and Parininihi in the North, to Whangaehu and Ratana in the south, inland to Ruapehu Maunga and everything in between, inclusive of Taranaki Maunga, Whanganui Awa, & Te Pā o Ratana.

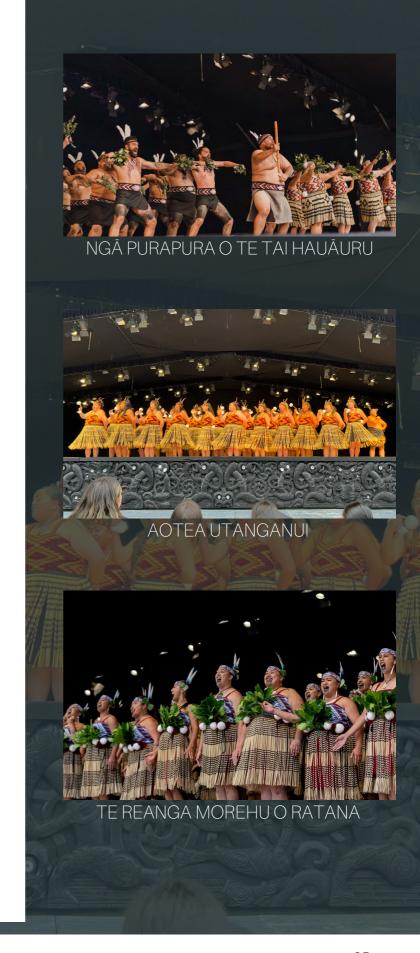
Stories of old were told, laments expressed, and whakapono tested as months of practice were finally over.

The Poi flew, the feet shuffled, the stage rumbled, voices sung out as kapa presented to the motu and te ao whaanui our uniqueness that is Te Kāhui Maunga.

We would like to congratulate Te Matatini 2023 winners Te Whānau ā Apanui and all those who participated at this years competition.

We look forward to supporting our rohe in preparations for Te Matatini 2025, Te Matatini o Te Kāhui Maunga as we as a rohe get the opportunity to host the motu within our region.

Keep an eye and ear out for official communications from Te Kāhui Maunga Committee and Te Matatini Incoporated Society regarding preparations for Te Matatini 2025 and the official handing over of the Mauri from 2023 hosts Tamaki Makaurau to Te Kāhui Maunga at Ratana Pā, April 15th, 2023.





#### PAAKAITORE DAY 2023 CELEBRATING 28 YEARS OF RECLAIMATION

Paakaitore Day 2023 celebrations commenced with a pre-dawn ritual at the edge of the Whanganui River, marking the reclamation of Paakaitore by Whanganui hapuu and iwi.

On February 28 1995, Whanganui Maaori including Niko Tangaroa, Henry Bennett, Tariana Turia and Ken Mair, reasserted Whanganui hapuu and iwi ownership by occupying the land.

Mair said their 79-day stand at the Riverside Park - Moutoa Gardens, had been remembered on February 28 every year since their occupation.

"Paakaitore was one small part of the journey to bring about awareness and understanding of our history, and become stronger within ourselves in the pursuit and affirmation of our Whanganuitanga, our hapuutanga."

Mair said the annual celebration may change over the coming years as the next generations began to step up as keepers of the kaupapa.

"Some of us who were young 28, 30 years ago are hearing, 'Uncle, we'd love to be part of organising Paakaitore.'

"I do think the time is right and I'm hoping to see the succession of some of the younger ones who were at Pākaitore and others, of course, coming to the fore and celebrating Pākaitore in their own particular way without losing the fundamentals of the celebration."

#### KIWI RELEASED ON TARANAKI MAUNGA

In March, Te Kaahui o Rauru supported the release of Kiwi on Taranaki Maunga.

The two kiwi who are affectionately known as Moerangi aka Elfie, and Ngaupari aka Ziggy were received by Taranaki Iwi and Ngaa Mahanga Hapuu.

They started life as eggs at Mt Hiwi and Oomaahina within our Ngaa Rauru rohe, the name of their sires are Ngaa Ariki and Hinewaiata.

They were uplifted and raised in Taupo at the Wairakei Koohanga, until the week of release when they were caught and translocated to their new homes upon Taranaki.



To acknowledge their whakapapa they were given new names to enhance thier connection, while keeping thier original names to acknowledge those who put in the work to help raised them.

E tuku mihi ana ki Taranaki Maunga Project, Save the Kiwi Trust, Taranaki Kiwi Trust, TSB Kiwi Courier, Te Papa Atawhai, mee ngaa mana o taua takiwaa.

#### UPCOMING TITIPOUNAMU RELOCATION

At the end of March, our team along with members of Tarapurihi Bushy Park, travelled to Te Atiawa to commence the tikanga for the translocation of Titipounamu manu from Taranaki Maunga, to Tarapuruhi Bushy Park.

A short and sweet mihi whakatau was followed by a round of whakawhanaungatanga, where connections back to Ngaa Rauru lwi were identified and historical koorero was discussed.

The manu will be moved in April, but it was insightful to get to know the people involved in this project prior to the relocation.

We look forward to the poowhiri in April, and hosting our Te Atiawa whanau when the Titipounamu are moved.

Dates for the Titpounamu translocation to Tarapurihi will be advertised once details are confirmed.





#### AUTAIAO KAUPAPA RANGATAHI UPDATE

As the first six months of the programme comes to an end, the rangatahi have experienced a range of hands-on mahi and academic learning where they have successfully acquired credits to add to their kete maatauranga.

They have become familiar with te reo rangatira, and have built the confidence to apply this knowledge in public domains.

They often have their creative juices going, frequently designing koowhaiwhai after marae visits and then translating the imagery into graphic design, animation and game development.

While engaging in these activities, the rangatahi are encouraged to consider pursuing education and career pathways for themselves in the future.

A project they are working on at the moment that has peaked particular interest both from the rangatahi and the wider community is the waka that they are building from scratch.

Under the guidance of Toiora Hawira and Te Ururangi Rowe, the rangatahi have found their feet using the tools and have made substantial gains completing this waka (as pictured above), the pride in their mahi evident as they speak about their processes.

If you or any rangatahi you know are finding it hard at kura and are looking to pursue a kaupapa Maaori pathway into further education or a career pathway, then this may be the course for you.

Contact danny@rauru.iwi.nz for more infromation.

#### "NGAA MANU O NGAA RAURU" PUKAPUKA UPCOMING RELEASE



Last year, Ngaa Rauru researchers Tapirioterangi Pirikahu, Billy Van Uitregt and Kirstin McDonald engaged in a collaborative research project with Te Herenga Waka, Victoria University.

This research was based around the manu in our Ngaa Rauru rohe, and was heavily concerned with prompting conversation around our reo, our tikanga, our mahi toi and the intimate relationships these aspects of Te Ao Maaori have with the birds.

In conjunction with this research, a waananga was hosted in Kai-iwi to give practical expression of the manu and their significance in Toi Maaori - in this instance it was tukutuku with the pattern shown above referencing how the feathers of the Toetoe [Fernbird] allow it to camouflage in its surroundings.

The maatauranga and insights gathered throughout this research project are currently being compiled into a publication titled "Ngaa Manu o Ngaa Rauru".

The information compiled within the publication will summarise the research project in its entirety, illustrating the connections found with the manu, and exemplifying manu that are significant in this area.

Tapirioterangi expressed that this is not an exhaustive resource, but a foundation for koorero and maatauranga to be added to for future generations. By making it publicly accessible, our people may be inspired to consider the aforementioned relationships with manu.

"Ngaa Manu o Ngaa Rauru" will soon be available to all on the Te Kaahui o Rauru website, with a limited run of physical copies distributed to marae and kura.



Last year Te Kaahui o Rauru employed the first catchment rangers, Timara Wallace and Te Riaki Hawira, to work on behalf of Ngaa Rauru alongside Department of Conservation.

Their work in the field is extensive and includes but is not limited to - conduct monitoring of catchments, trapping of pests that threaten endemic species, auditing water quality, clearing tracks, guiding restoration projects and providing iwi perspective.

Here are some brief points to give you an idea of the training and mahi this team does on behalf of Te Kaahui o Rauru:

- NMIT Predator Trapping Methods Course
- River Safety Course / Waders Course
- NIWA Electric Fishing Course
- Drone Flying Course
- Matuku-Huurepo (Australasian Bittern) Monitoring -Alice West (TRC)

#### TE KAAHUI O RAURU CATC<u>HMENT RANGERS</u>

- Tarapuruhi Rodent Audit
- 40th Founder Kiwi Release Lake Rotokare
- Water quality testing with Aqua Troll Probe Jake Robinson (TRC)
- Excavation of old pa sites at Nukumaru Parade
- Fish Passage Assessments Hana Rainforth (Kahu Environmental)
- Track Clearance at Mangapurua track DOC
- SHMAK Kit testing Petar Druskovich (TKOR)
- Stream Ecological Valuations Megan Younger
- Tu Manawa Ora (Environmental Rangatahi Camp) –
   The Learning Environment
- Sea Spurge Monitoring Abi Wightman (DOC)
- Building Restoration Projects Cameron Ryan (The Learning Environment)
- Te Hira Puu-Ao
- Taranaki Maunga Redress

If this is the sort of hands on mahi that interests you, then keep an eye out for vacancies advertised on our Facebook 'Te Kaahui o Rauru Hapori', and on our website www.rauru.iwi.nz/tuurangawaatea

### CATCHMENT MONITORING AT KAI-IWI STREAM

Our Puutaiao team recently spent some time in Kai-lwi teaching those who stay close to the Kai-lwi stream learn how to monitor the health of their waterways.

Those involved were Steve McDonald, Pierre Teki, Naera Gilsenan, Kirstin McDonald and Denzyl McDonald who will be working with our tamariki down on our awa to start our water monitoring process.

Whanau involved were taught the fundamentals of Stream Health Monitoring and how to use SHMAK kits. They will take their learnings to work with other whanau and tamariki along the awa to continue water monitoring processes over time.

Using SHMAK kits is a good starting point in terms of getting down to the awa, gaining some information and informing freshwater monitoring kaupapa going forward.

To develop Te Kaahui o Rauru's monitoring approach, we are focused on three key paatai at this stage:



- 1. What do we want to get out of monitoring? What do we want to know more about?
- 2. What are the freshwater monitoring aspirations for your marae?
- 3. How can the TKoR taiao team tautoko?

Paatai like these will help us develop a freshwater monitoring structure going forward which better contributes to the aspirations of uri.

The team would love to teach our entire rohe how to use these SHMAK kits, and are keen to engage with anyone who may be interested, so if would like to run a similar waananga with your marae, please reach out to the puutaiao email puutaiao@rauru.iwi.nz or contact your marae representatives.

## TE RURUKU PUUTAKERONGO – TARANAKI MAUNGA COLLECTIVE REDRESS

This week the Crown officially acknowledged their grave failures and immeasurable harm caused to our people at the historic initialling of Te Ruruku Puutakerongo - The Taranaki Maunga Collective Redress Deed which took place at Aotearoa Marae.

Te Ruruku Puutakerongo acknowledges our ancestral maunga Te Kaahui Tupua and the peaks of the national park as legal person who will own itself, with the National Park Act set to be amended to give Te Ruruku Puutakerongo priority.

Hundreds were present to witness the Treaty settlements minister Andrew Little and the eight iwi of Taranaki initial the deal to end Crown ownership of Te Kaahui Tupua and share control of the national park.

Minister Little spoke to the immense failures of the Crown, recalling that "in 1865 the Crown committed one of most grievous Treaty breaches in this country's history when it confiscated 1.2 million acres of Taranaki land, including the maunga."

"The relationship between ngaa iwi o Taranaki and the Crown has been characterised by grave Crown failures from almost the very beginning. The Crown not only failed to recognise the rangatiratanga of the hapuu and iwi of Taranaki, but treated it with disdain."

He spoke about the historical grievances, and the importance of what this first initialling ceremony stands for with the Crown and many of own standing to tautoko with one of our own waiata, Kapiata.

There has been over half a decade of struggle by campaigners to seek this justice and make the deal a reality, and six year of tedious Crown negotiations lead by Liana Poutu and Jamie Tuuta are enow pending on each Taranaki iwi to ratify it by a vote of members to make the Deed law.

Tuuta expressed "the sense of loss, the frustration, the anger, the disappointment, the despair, the sometimes hopelessness and helplessness, experienced over multiple generations" and reiterated that it was a day to "remember their struggle, their fight, their tenacity, their fortitude, their humility... and their aroha, their generosity."

Under the agreement, the park would be equally governed by ngaa iwi o Taranaki and the Minister of Conservation, currently Willow-Jean Prime.

Te Kaahui Tupua will be represented by a group called Te Toopuni Kookoorangi, with eight members to be appointed - half by the Crown and half by iwi "because the responsibility to care for this most special place rests with both Treaty partners."

Ngaa Pou Whakatupua will guide Te Toopuni Kookoorangi, these are "a set of values recorded in legislation which reflect cultural, spiritual, ancestral, and historical relationships between ngaa iwi o Taranaki and Te Kaahui Tupua."

Tuuta concluded that "we need to be positive and optimistic, whaanau, that this framework will allow us to reciprocate and give back to our tupuna maunga for all they have provided to us spiritually, culturally, and physically."



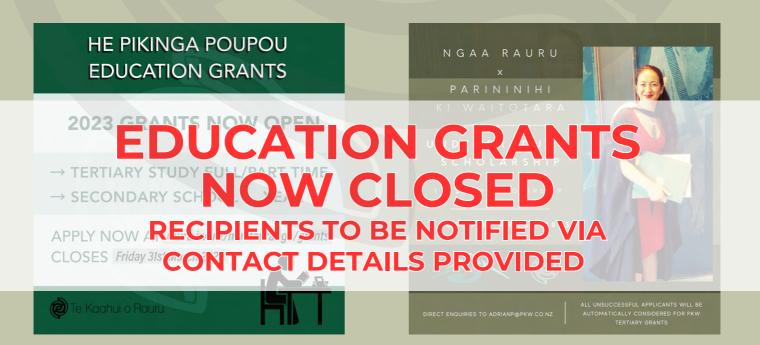








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