

# TE PUTORINO O PĀHAUWERA



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## FROM OUR CEO – Robin Hape

*We have had an extremely busy start to 2018 with the free dental services and then Big Camp Mohaka 2018 - the rangatahi wānanga.*

Bringing the dental truck to Wairoa is highlighting the demand for oral dental services in the Wairoa area. We have a waiting list of almost 50 patients who missed out this year, so having free or low cost dental care is

## KEI ROTO:

**Lumino the Dentist  
Big Camp Mohaka 2018  
Rawhiti Farm: Nominated for Award  
Ngā Wahine Toa**

something that will be explored for our high member communities – Wairoa, Flaxmere and perhaps Maraenui – communities where Ngāti Pāhauwera members live. Ngāti Pāhauwera, and Mainfreight are contributing to the dental services but more consideration by the Hawke's Bay District Health Board and other health providers should be explored, because oral hygiene in itself is an indicator of health.

As an organiser and participant in Big Camp Mohaka 2018 it is great to see plans and meetings

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*Above: Eastern police district commander Tania Kura speaks at Prizegiving for Rangatahi.*

turn into something that will be remembered for years to come, smiling rangatahi faces due to friendships, experiences, matauranga and whanaungatanga. The wānanga was a partnership with Te Taitimu Trust catering for a mix of Pāhauwera and other tamariki from throughout the motu. Supported by international guests from Hawaii, there was truly a sense of pride and passion from the 6-16 year olds.

***“The wānanga was a success and showcased Ngāti Pāhauwera hospitality, people and taonga, all of which was well received by the rangatahi, their mentors, parents and our international guests”***

**– Zack Makaore, CEO, Te Taitimu Trust**

I would like to acknowledge all of those that contributed towards this success, all of those that registered their children, participated, volunteered, came to give a hand and see what it was about and generally supported the camp. In terms of the Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Group staff, in particular I would like to mention our Wairoa staff for their work on ensuring the success of

the dental truck, who then rolled straight in to the rangatahi wānanga. I would also like to thank the farm and fencing staff who stepped up during the rangatahi wānanga from presenting educational and inspirational sessions to the rangatahi but who also worked tirelessly at the back, on the hāngi and the back marae support. We could not have done it without you all.

We have a few staff changes with Lynn Quinn our Executive Assistant for NPCDL who is leaving and Bonny Hatami (Takutai Moana and Environmental Projects) who is going on maternity leave at the end of March. We have employed an Administrator and Accounts Clerk for NPCDL and would like to welcome Christine Chambers to the team.

We have had a good response to this newsletter but are always wanting feedback or ideas on whānau to feature, please send through photos, ideas and korero to [admin@npdt.co.nz](mailto:admin@npdt.co.nz). It will be a busy year for the Trust with our usual mahi as highlighted in Te Putorino and the Trustee Elections of five Trustees. More details will be communicated out to the Iwi regarding this.

# KAITIAKI AND GRAVEL MONITOR UPDATE

– *Kuki Green*

**Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust has submitted its gravel requirement to extract 25000m<sup>3</sup> for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.**

NPDT has a current resource consent to extract 17000m<sup>3</sup> from two available sites, gravel is used to develop the farm roads and maintenance of the farms overall. The demand for gravel in the forest has increased. Hāngi stones that are recovered during extraction process put aside for Ngāti Pāhauwera or gifted to Marae.

A Pou was unveiled during the Rangatahi Camp. On one side is 'manu taiko' a bird like figure and on the other side a Kuia reaching out with both hands apart (this is a karanga to rangatahi/moko). The Pou allows peoples to visualise and they become the story teller of the future, it will help connect themselves to their Awa, Maunga, Whenua, te ao Maori, to respect and practice tikanga, karakia, waiata, moteatea whakatauki etc.

**The rangatahi now have a better understanding of 'Ko au te awa, ko te awa ko au' as they have practiced it.**

The Pou helps preserve Mohaka place names and the placing of kohatu around the base could signify whakapapa (unity is strength). Our Hawaiian whanaunga endorsing the Pou with karakia & waiata was very special also.

## STAY UP TO DATE:

**We have a number of members who we do not have updated details for yet.**

There are a variety of reasons for this, it may be date of birth, address, phone, email address, if you have moved or married recently, if you have added to the whānau or if you have lost a loved one. In some cases, if we do not have the correct details we cannot pānui out important information i.e. AGM details, Voting Packs, Manaaki Grants. Please go to our website to the community pānui to find a link to the list of names that we would like to update.

### **View list of names**

Please have a look at the list and let your whānau members know if you see them on it and help to get the message out to them. If your name is on the list, please fill in the top section of the NPDG Registration Form (i.e. your date of birth and current contact details) and if we need anything else from you, we will be in touch.

### **Download registration form**

**This mahi is ongoing, we ask all registered members to update their details with us. This information would be very much appreciated.**

**Please email [admin@npdt.co.nz](mailto:admin@npdt.co.nz) with your updated form or simply drop it in to one of our offices.**

**[Click here to download a registration form](#)**



*Image: Mark Solomon and Rino Tirikatene on the Paepae at the Tangi*

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – *Toro Waaka*

**Kukupa Tirikatene.**  
**I attended the Tangi of the Ngāti Pāhauwera/Ngai Tahu Kaumatua Kukupa Tirikatene in Auckland just before Waitangi day.**

Speakers on the Paepae often referred to his philosophy and practice of weaving the human strands to provide the strength and support we all need to grow and stand as healthy independent beings.

**One of his sayings or pepeha that emphasised this was “*Ka tipu, ka awahi, Ka tu*”**

His mahi to support people and the growth of Te Reo, Tikanga, and wider Mātauranga throughout the motu and his attendance at our Ngāti Pāhauwera Wānanga over the years helped build healthy identities. The presence of Iwi and Pakeha who attended the funeral service from the far north down to the deep south was a testament to the respect he commanded for his selfless service to the people of Aotearoa.

The whakapapa link of Kukupa to Ngāti Pāhauwera was through Ropine Hinemare who was the daughter of Matenga Te Aohia and Imaimai Mekura. They were members of Ngāti Kapekape, Ngāti Kura and Ngāti Puraro hapu. Matenga was one of the victims of the Hauhau attack on Te Huki Pa. Ropine was married to the German Boatbuilder Adolphus Henrici by Te Hapuku and other Ahuriri Rangatira who needed someone to fix a ship they had bought. Matenga also had whakapapa links in Ahuriri through Ngai Tawhao and Ngāti Hinepare and was visiting his whānau there at the time.

The father of Kukupa was Eruera Tirikatene. In his earlier working life he drove metal trucks for my Great Grandfather Paratene Rewi at Mohaka but he soon moved on to greater heights to represent southern Māori in Parliament. His late daughter Whetu Tirikatene also represented the southern Māori seat in Parliament and was active in supporting Ngāti Pāhauwera in the Mohaka River claim. She was also instrumental in including the Treaty Clause in the State

Owned Enterprises act. Eruera Tirikatene was a strong Ratana supporter and spread his children across the nation with members of the Ratana Faith. Kukupa was a whangai to a Ratana kuia in Te Wairoa. His surviving brother was a whangai to a Ratana whānau in Wanganui. Other members of the whānau were sent to Ratana whānau in Te Waipounamu.

It is said Kukupa was bought up in very humble surroundings. The home had a dirt floor and there was not a lot of money in the whānau but Kukupa considered it was more important that he was brought up in a loving environment where he was taught Mātauranga Māori along with the Ratana Faith. It was said this background contributed to his humble nature and his ability to bring out the best in people. There are so many examples of Ngāti Pāhauwera members brought up in humble circumstances who excelled in life and have been rewarded by their efforts to help others. Two of Kukupa's nephews Rino Titikatene who is the current Southern Maori MP and Tā Mark Soloman current chair of Te Ohu Kaimoana are two members of that whānau who provide good Ngāti Pāhauwera leadership role models.

It serves to remind us we have many treasured Ngāti Pāhauwera leaders throughout the motu who are valued members of their communities. Closer to home we need to acknowledge those who look after the people who come to our Marae. They keep our tikanga alive, fill the pots and wash the sheets so our whānau and manuhiri are cared for. Don't forget we all have a Marae tea towel with our name on it.

***Mate mai ra tete kura, Haeremai ra tete kura.  
Haere ra e koro. Haere pai, Haere tika,  
Haere kite tua o te arai, ki te Hono ki wairua.  
Waiho the hunga ora ki te hunga ora.***

## COMPUTER CLUB – Update

**Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust, in conjunction with Curve Technology Ltd are offering Wairoa rangatahi membership to a Gamers' and Coding Club.**

Information Technology is one the leading expanding industries in New Zealand and the world. It is our hope that this Club will open member's awareness to the broad range of opportunities that are available, beyond just computers. Technology is everywhere and it is our hope that the rangatahi in Wairoa have access to that regardless of our location. We see that gaming is an opportunity to initially start that curiosity into the IT world.

***"We have achieved remarkable numbers in the first 9 months of operation. Originally, we anticipated gaining around 100 to 150 club members with around 25 to 30 members each gaming club event and 8 to 10 each coding club event. To date we have around 350 members across all the clubs and regularly achieve 40 to 50 members at gaming events and 10 to 20 each coding club event"***

**– Andrew Hume Curve Technology**

We are currently in the process of setting up both a Napier ICT Club in the NPDT offices Napier and a Mohaka ICT Club (satellite site at Mohaka School). We have completed the Napier club build and will advise when it is up and running. The next phase is the Mohaka ICT Club which will service those in our rohe.

In other good news, Curve Technology over the past few years has employed two Ngāti Pāhauwera members and now has supported them to start their own tech businesses in Wairoa, Starlight Design and DefAudio. We will follow their journey with interest.



## **LUMINO THE DENTIST** – *Michelle Thompson*

**Lumino the dentists only came to Wairoa for one week this year due to a shortage in volunteers. They were here from Monday 15th to Friday 19th January 2018. We had five dentists and three dental assistants volunteer over the five days.**

In that time, Lumino serviced our people and community and managed to see 106 patients, 89 were registered Ngāti Pāhauwera members and 17 non Pāhauwera members. We provide appointments to non-members as part of our charitable trust requirements to offer the service to our wider Wairoa community.

During their time here the dentists covered work such as extractions, fillings, and scale/clean. Because the trailer is not fully equipped there is only a limited amount of work they are able

to perform. Next year Lumino want to focus on educating people about oral health.

Due to Lumino only being here for one week, a number of people had to go onto a waiting list for 2019. While we understand this is frustrating for some, we would like to stress to our members that this initiative is completely voluntary from the dentists and assistants at Lumino, and Mainfreight who transport the dental truck, and that the Trust is lucky to be able to provide the amount of appointments that we do. The value in dental treatments provided is in the tens of thousands, which otherwise would not have been available.

A tentative date has been set for 2019 and Lumino are hoping to be able to get enough volunteers to cover two weeks. These dates will be confirmed before the end of the year and will be advertised once confirmed. In the meantime, get yourself on the waiting list to avoid disappointment.



## BIG CAMP MOHAKA 2018 – Rangatahi River Wānanga

If you follow Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust or Te Taitimu's facebook pages, you would have seen that Waipapa A Iwi, Mohaka Marae and the Pāhauwera rohe was a hive of activity in late January.

The kaupapa of the camp was to Wānanga and develop leadership within our rangatahi with children 6-16 years, based on the tikanga, kawa, taiao, and Mohaka awa of Ngāti Pāhauwera. The Wānanga was well supported by Police, TPK, Wairoa/ Hastings District Councils, Panpac, DOC and other non/ government agencies. The biggest mihi and thank you to Te Taitimu Trust and their sponsors for their support in running Big Camp Mohaka 2018. It was a huge learning curve (from the logistics and the kitchen to the energetic mentors for the rangatahi) but fantastic to see how Te Taitimu have grown their camps over the past 10 years, which is what the Trust intends to do in the future.

There were so many supporters, sponsors, organisations, individuals and whānau that contributed to the success of the camp, we would like to thank them all very much for their efforts. We had 70 rangatahi from far and wide who were a mix of regular camp goers and first timers. Although the temperatures got into the

30's that week – we had it covered with the branded bucket hats, loads of sunscreen and river time. All of the rangatahi were extremely well behaved and it was a pleasure to be able to focus on them, provide for their learning and experiences, but most of all keeping it fun. A survey is going out to the rangatahi to see how Pāhauwera can improve for next time and some Pāhauwera rangatahi will participate in Te Taitimu mentor training over the next few years so that we can grow our next generation of leaders.

*Above: Big Camp Mohaka 2018 Rangatahi*

### PĀNUI

If you have a pānui or story that you would like to suggest we include in Te Putorino, please contact:

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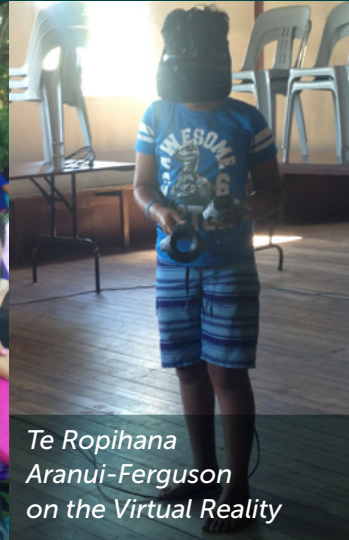
# BIG CAMP MOHAKA 2018



Zack and Matariki presenting prizes



Waiting for the rangatahi to entertain us!



Te Ropihana Aranui-Ferguson on the Virtual Reality



CEO and Fencing crew doing the hāngī



Rafting with Raft Fish and Mohaka Rafting



Pou opening at Patuwahine



Water Safety at the Wairoa Community Centre Pool



Reti boards on the Mohaka River



Tom Heta presenting on Pig Hunting





Tahu Taylor and Reka Joe (fencing team)



Te Taitimu Trust



Toro Waaka NPDT and Zack Makoare TTT



The Pou at Patuwahine



Matene Biddle



Chimney Creek and Kakariki Stock Manager Quintin Whakataka gives demonstration to the rangatahi



Ngā mihi to Colin Culshaw for the reti boards



Beautiful sunrise at Mohaka



Isobel Thompson and Robin Hape teaching surfcasting



Marlene Skeet and nohinohi at the river



## TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT – Peter Eden

*Pāhauwera Silviculture staff getting work ready*

### A budding entrepreneur enters the fray to create a new venture, Pāhauwera Silviculture Limited. Ka mau te wehi!

*"I had a vision to help our rangatahi into employment and see them earning a good income, rather than sitting at home. This led to me leaving my own employment to start this new venture, it is a passion of mine to help our rangatahi". – Dave Huata, Managing Director of Pāhauwera Silviculture*

Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust (NPDT) considers business ideas from all sectors, but focuses on the potential value of each venture and how it can make a difference for whānau by creating economic development and sustainable employment within the takiwā of Raupunga and Mohaka.

Ministry of Social Development (MSD) secondee,

Peter Eden says: *"It's been awesome to have supported a new Ngāti Pāhauwera business. The initiative has been able to access and utilise numerous resources that MSD have on offer. This has provided the new venture with a great launch platform and has further developed the relationship between Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust and MSD".*

The venture has engaged 10 rangatahi beneficiaries who will work in the Mohaka Forest. NPDT's Annual plan, 5-year plan and 100-year plan include Social Responsibility, Economic Prosperity, Cultural Consolidation all the while developing learning environments and opportunities that fosters independence and healthy mindsets, all of which aligns to quality of life for our Iwi members.

NPDT will continue to work alongside Pāhauwera Silviculture to provide support and access to low-cost business advice.

On another note, Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust has entered into discussions with Heretaunga Taiwhenua who are developing a training programme in the area of truck licensing. At present it is a matter of waiting to hear an outcome of those discussions. Further information will be advised in the near future.

*"We are always looking at building better futures, lets journey together" – Peter Eden*

If you would like to make contact with Peter Eden to further kōrero around business development or employment opportunities you can email:  
[peter.eden@npdt.co.nz](mailto:peter.eden@npdt.co.nz)



## RAWHITI FARM – Nominated for Top East Coast Farming Award

**Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust owned Rawhiti farm is one of five finalists for the Ballance East Coast Farm Environment awards.**

NPDT have been developing and improving the farm since it was received as part of settlement. Work has included riparian fencing and other works to protect waterways as part of the River Restoration project. The team was grilled on all aspects of the farm as a number of judges put them through their paces.

Graeme Watts (Overall Farms Manager) described the process of the awards *"They look at not just what we do environmentally but also challenge the sustainability and economic aspects of the farm. It is full on!"*, says Graeme. *"It is great that the hard work over the years by the team is being acknowledged with making the top five for this award."*

Jordan Biddle is the Head Shepherd on Rawhiti and is responsible for the day to day running of the property, including stock management and all other on-farm activities. A key part of the judging is to benchmark the farm against

others in the region and not just highlight the things that are being done well, but to give feedback on where opportunities for improvement may lie. The team have received great feedback from the judges already on what has been achieved and there was some good debate about the future plans. The judges acknowledged the huge turnaround of the farm from being unproductive to now being established as a beef finishing farm, and could see the great potential the farm affords.

Luke Hansen, the CCO for Ngāti Pāhauwera believes these awards serve an even greater purpose. *"Our goal is to perform at an elite level and benchmark ourselves against the best in the industry. If we don't put ourselves out there we will never know how we place"*, says Luke. *"The efforts of the team, the Trustees and Directors, and all those connected with Rawhiti (past and present) are being formally and publicly recognised and appreciated through these awards."*

**The team will know if they have won on the evening of Wednesday, 28th March.**

## SHAMA PUTARANUI – Jet Sprint Champion



**Our members continue to surprise us with their achievements.**

*Shama Putaranui (right) and Peter Caughey (left)*

Shama Putaranui is the daughter of the late Herbert Putaranui (also known as Tom Gilly) and Sharron Putaranui. Brought up in Ashburton, Shama is a World Champion Jet sprint racing navigator. Shama works full time in administration, she pays for her own way when it comes to racing but says it is money well spent. She is passionate about the sport and was keen to speak to the Trust about promoting Jet sprinting and her story.

The sport of Jet sprinting originated in New Zealand in the early 1980's. A team of two - a driver and a navigator - race against the clock in a superboat, through a twisting series of channels in less than a metre of water.

***"Zero to 130kph in under two seconds, 140kph on a 120-metre straight, into a 180-degree bend. Hitting 6g, with no brakes, in a 500kg boat carving water that's just knee deep: SuperBoat racing is extreme, and the men and women who race these boats are extraordinary" - Stuff.co.nz***

Shama got into Jet sprinting firstly as a photographer, she filled in as a navigator with driver and world champion Peter Caughey in 2014. They won and she has never looked back. Shama says that she had always wanted to be taller and stronger, and that this sport is something that someone with a smaller frame can do. They sometimes only get a day to learn

the rotation on the man-made track, getting the course map and directions sometimes as late as the day before the race and have to learn the sequence in their heads. The boat is a 600ci Chevy 1000+ horse power and 1000+ torque, they go from 0-100km in less than 2 seconds and pull 2g off the start line. Shama says they often pull 5-6 g in some corners on tracks and that there may be 30 turns on a pre-defined course and races can take between 45 to 60 seconds.

***"We are currently sitting top of the NZ Champs after winning the first 3 rounds of the championships and the Enzed Stadium event as well. We are using the NZ Champs as a build up to the Worlds in Australia in Oct/Nov later this year. We were first at the World Champs in USA in 2014 and 2nd at the 2016 World Champs in NZ. We have a new boat hull and engine to assist us." – Shama Putaranui***

For more information you can check out the [@Sprintecsprintboats Facebook page](#) and [www.pcrjetsprinting.com](http://www.pcrjetsprinting.com) which has information on boat and team.

If you are interested in participating in the sport they quite often need 'fill ins', contact the local clubs or the Jet sprint association for more details, or Shama is more than happy to talk to you.

## TANIA HODGES – Masters Champion



**Tania Hodges (deputy chair of the NPDT and Director on NPCDL) enjoys being physically active as one part of being healthy.**

Sport is her outlet and downtime. She is known for setting goals and physical challenges and achieved one of the things on her bucket list to get 3 current NZ Masters records in three different sports. She achieved that over the past two months by getting three NZ records in weightlifting at the National Weightlifting Masters Championships in Nelson held in December 2017 and one at the Oceania Masters Athletics Track and Field Championships in Dunedin with the weight throw in January 2018. This complements her two NZ records in indoor rowing for 100 and 500m sprints achieved in 2015 and her indoor shot-put record in August 2017 for the 50-54 year age group.

Tania believes positive Māori development is about us as whānau taking control of our lives and determining our future, not waiting for someone else to provide it or tell us when we can.

**Keeping healthy helps us enjoy the journey.  
Mauri Ora!**

## GRACE BURRELL – Head Girl Sacred Heart College 2018



From L-R: Younger sister Lucy, Grace, and Grace's mother Jo.

**Grace Burrell is the mokopuna of the late Rene and Gemmell Stuart.**

Grace is 17 years old and was made Head Girl at Sacred Heart College for her final year this year. Her whānau are very proud. When asked by the Trust about her aspirations for the future she responded:

*"After my last year in high school I plan to either go to officers training in the New Zealand Airforce or to University to study either law and or international relations. I aspire to help defend those who can't defend themselves and I feel either of these options will give me that satisfaction. However, my priority for now is to continue high standards in my study (NCEA level 3), sport and leadership opportunities."*

We look forward to hearing more about Grace's journey.

We would also like to congratulate Jo Burrell (Grace's mother) who was a recipient of a Manaaki Grant from the Trust in 2017 and will graduate in a months time with a Masters in Advanced Leadership from Massey University.

**Ka mau te wehi!**

## **BROOKE ROBERTS** – *Promoted to Vantage Black Sticks Women's National Squad*



**North Harbour goalkeeper Brooke Roberts has been promoted to the Vantage Black Sticks Women's National Squad.**

Brooke's whakapapa shows her descent from Ihipera Turi / Daniel O'Keefe, through their daughter Raiha Smith (nee O'Keefe) of Mohaka. Raiha is Brooke's great great grandmother.

Brooke grew up in Whangarei, attending Otaika Valley School, Whangarei Intermediate and Whangarei Girls' High School before moving down to Auckland for further studies. She was in the Under 21's, played for North Harbour and is now on the National Squad. Her mum Shona Roberts says that the whānau are extremely proud.

## **TE POU HONO WĀNANGA NGĀTI PĀHAUWERA** – *Theresa Thornton*

On 13 January as part of marae wānanga, up to 60 Ngāti Pāhauwera members including tamariki made the journey up to Maungaharuru to visit the Titī enclosure.

Department of Conservation ranger Mark Melville was able to brief the whānau on what happens when the Titī chicks are brought to the sanctuary. Whānau were shown the feeding house, the burrows and also the loud speaker that calls them in. We then went to the quarters for lunch, Mark and our older tamariki did food preparation for the Kaka, from there we went to Boundary stream to feed Kaka, our tamariki were able to help Mark clean their food trays and fill them with food. It wasn't long before five Kaka flew down to feed, after that we all headed off to Lake Opouahi, where our tamariki had a swim. What an awesome educational experience for our whānau, enjoyed by all we hope to make this an annual event.



*Whānau having lunch at  
Boundary Stream DOC base*

## TAIAO (ENVIRONMENTAL) UPDATE – *Bonny Hatami*

### In late December a group from Pāhauwera visited Maungataniwha Native Forest (owned by Forest Lifeforce Trust).

It was a jam packed day where the group looked at the pine conversion to native forest, kakabeak on the bluffs across the Mohaka in Te Heru O Tureia, the site of the largest number of wild kakabeak in Hawke's Bay, went to Dinosaur Creek where the first land dinosaur fossils for New Zealand were found, visited various wāhi tapu and viewing sites to korero on Pāhauwera history in the area.

Trust Chairman Toro Waaka who attended the visit to Maungataniwha said,

*"It was heartening to see the land was in the hands of a good kaitiaki and that they have a team dedicated to enhancing the environment and the fauna and flora and caring for the many wāhi tapu in the area."*

Ngāti Pāhauwera have a strong connection to Maungataniwha whenua – with it being located in our rohe, and the whenua having originally being in Pāhauwera hands.

Another group of Trust employees visited Maungataniwha on the 16th of February to participate in a Kiwi release. Three young juveniles who had been reared in captivity were the first of the season to be released into the Maungataniwha forest.

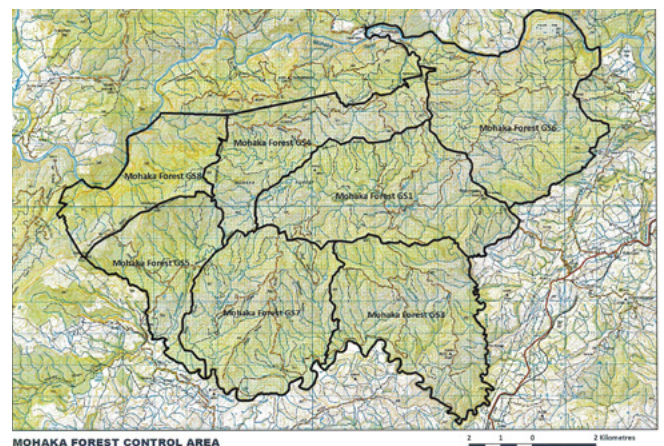
I recently attended a hui with DOC explaining the current situation with Kiwi in Hawkes Bay and the various programmes. Kiwi are a taonga species that Pāhauwera would like to see flourish in our rohe in the future, Kiwi breeding and relocation programmes such as the one we participate in are unfortunately necessary until Aotearoa can sort out the protection of Kiwi habitat from pests such as ferrets and stoats, cats and dogs which kill Kiwi in the wild.

One way the Department of Conservation gets rid of pests is the use of 1080 which our members are very much against, so we need to look at other ways to get rid of pests and increase Kiwi population numbers. One way that we do this is ground-based pest management which is reported below this article.

**For our members, there may be more opportunities to participate in kiwi based activity, they are often at short notice - if you would like to be involved in the future please let us know.**

## PEST MANAGEMENT & THE MOHAKA FOREST – *Peter Macgregor*

The map opposite shows the extent of the Mohaka Forest and the description all of the Strata the LPC team work through in a progressive way. The Team are: Jimmy Lewis, Michael Hubbard, Charles MacGregor, Ropihana Heta and brothers Henare Burton and Crudence Burton. Strata are numbered as GS 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. There is no GS 2. The LPC team need to complete all Strata by June 2018.



The Team currently has completed GS 3, 7, 5 and will complete GS 4 by 9 March and are moving into GS 1 then on to GS 6 with GS 8 the last, and recommence trapping in the 2018/19 year.

# INFRASTRUCTURE (WEEDS, WATER AND FENCING) TEAM

Deno Biddle approached NPDT about two years ago as he saw a gap in contracting services available in the Pāhauwera takiwā.

He came from a forestry and fencing background and was looking into setting up his own business. The timing worked out, as one of the first things that Luke Hansen (CCO) did when he arrived at Ngāti Pāhauwera Commercial Development Limited (NPCDL) was to institute an Infrastructure team. This led to Deno being appointed as the Fencing, Weeds, and Water Manager for NPCDL in October, 2016. He brought two of his staff with him – Tori Heta and Hemi Robinson, and then employed the rest of the team, Tahu Taylor, Reka Joe, Hemi Joe and Tyrone Thornton.

As previously reported, the change to employing staff has resulted in cost saving where we would have used contractors. The entire Infrastructure team are Pāhauwera members, they have been employed for approximately 18 months and done a great deal of work to improve our lands. It was reported at the Farm Information day in October 2017 that 31 kilometres of farm fencing has been completed. This number has now increased to over 40 kilometres. They do different types of fencing such as 2 wire, netting and conventional.

The team of seven work across the five farms, Te Otane (Sims Road) and various member owned lease blocks. There is a bit of logistics involved as currently the team are spread out across various properties. Working with Graeme



*Fencing crew at Tawhirirangi*

Watts and the Stock Managers they are general hands that do other mahi as needed on the farms such as docking, knapsack spraying, installing troughs and waterlines. They are also used to do riparian fencing on our Environmental Projects such as the Putere Lakes and the Te Awaawa Stream (which includes Tawhirirangi) restoration projects.

The team have been supported to get essential tickets such as farm bike, chainsaw, fencing and on farm training. Weekly meetings are held with the farm staff which cover where everyone will be working, what needs to be done and of course ensuring that Health and Safety processes are followed. Kuki Green (Kaitiaki Supervisor) also meets with them at cultural or sensitive sites to keep the team safe.

Those that did not have on-farm experience have had a chance to learn about day-to-day sheep and beef operations. One of the young team members Hemi Joe has recently been working full time with Quintin Whakataka on Kakariki and Chimney Creek, while Hemi Robinson and Tyrone Thornton have been working at Pihanui with Jono Neilson. Deno is supportive of this progression, wanting to see Pāhauwera members employed on our whenua.

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