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## NGA KORERO O MUA: *Te Huki Marae*

**When these buildings burnt down in April 2007 Ngāti Pāhauwera lost a big piece of our history.**

The bigger of the two whare tupuna, Te Huki, was completed in 1981 and opened by the late Whetu Tirikatene-Sullivan. It was the result of a lot of blood, sweat and tears from a group of dedicated and driven whanau who shared a vision and worked tirelessly to make it a reality. (To single out any particular individual runs the

## KEI ROTO:

**Nga Korero O Mua: Te Huki Marae**

**Nga Tangata: Awhina Waaka**

**Nga Tangata: Marlene Skeet**

**NPCDL: Farms Update**

risk of diminishing the work of others so suffice to say it was a huge team effort).

The smaller whare to the left, Hineringa, dates back to the late 1800s and has a long and interesting whakapapa. Hineringa was originally situated on the banks of the Mohaka just up from the river mouth. The whare was used as a meeting place for the local hapu and a special birthing place for the wahine. It was also used as a place for people to sleep when overnighting on a trip up or down the coast.

As time progressed and the main road was diverted it fell into disuse and was virtually abandoned until



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a group of local whanau decided to take her down. Over the next period the whare was stored in various locations around the rohe, including a disused cowshed. Eventually, Hineringa was erected on her final resting site in Raupunga. The bigger whare at the back is Kotahitanga the whare kai.

As mentioned earlier, on a windy night in April 2007 a fire, believed to have started in Kotahitanga, razed all three buildings to the ground. The devastation was complete and heartbreak profound. However, as our Raupunga whanau are wont to say "when the going gets tough, the tough get going". And pai kare are they tough.

So far, the community has raised over two million dollars and has a target of approximately another million to finish the project.

Te Huki is nearly complete only needing carpet and a few little finishing touches. The bulk of the funding required now is to finish the whare kai, Kotahitanga, (pictured above) to ensure the same high standard flows through to this integral part of any marae.

Fundraising activities have included; wānanga, battens up and raffles. Our enterprising whanau based in Napier and Hastings, who seem very active, donate \$5.00 per month. Donations have come from the Lotteries Commission, the committee is hoping to get more for this phase of the project, and the Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust who continue to support the project. The marae committee is hoping to get more for this phase of the project, and applications are also being made to Eastern and Central, Infinity, JR McKenzie and any other community funding organisations that can be identified.

The plan is to have the opening of the completed marae early next year.

***Kia kaha nga uri o Ngāti Pāhauwera ki Raupunga.***

## CAN YOU HELP?

If you know of any organisations who might help fund this kaupapa or you want to know how you can help with the fund raising please contact Gene Waihape or Theresa Thornton.

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## NGA TANGATA: *Marlene Skeet*

### "Ko au te awa, ko te awa ko au."

From exploring all of the bounty the awa has to offer to establishing a successful, internationally acclaimed trout fishing adventure company is not what Marlene's whanau imagined would happen to their little girl.

Marlene, the daughter of Naera and Turipo Wainohu, spent her early years in Wairoa being raised by her grandparents Waiti Pohatu and Laddy

Tamati. She remembers spending many happy hours on the Wairoa river with her nan and believes this is where she developed her love for and appreciation of the awa. The stories of her tupuna carved into the whare at Takitimu Marae told as they walked past on their regular inanga "expeditions" and how they could be found in the ngahere and maunga fed the imagination of young Marlene.



Fast forward a few years and now Marlene owns and operates a successful tourism enterprise. "One Cast Fly Fishing Adventures" caters primarily to the international market with clients flying in from all over the world to experience the unique aspects, both fishing and cultural, Ngāti Pāhauwera offers.

Marlene, one of the few wahine guides, has been a professional for 16 years and can't imagine doing anything else. Being a river kaitiaki and ensuring her clients are aware of the unique relationship that exists between Māori and our awa is all part of being a guide.

However, it's not just fishing on offer. They conduct tours and even host special events like weddings. Marlene is particularly excited about the culture tour part of the business. She works with Kaiwhakairo Phil Belcher from Waimarama. The tour pays tribute to her Pāhauwera chief and is about the spiritual and physical trip of Te Kahu o Te Rangi from Te Wainohu the named rock point at (Cape Kidnappers) to Maungaharuru and the Kaweka. Marlene is also establishing training programmes to help interested Iwi, hapū or whanau into the tourism guiding industry and even open their own businesses. The project will be a milestone in her career, a renewal of Māori strengths walking in the footsteps of our tupuna.

When not on the water Marlene can be found, relaxing and sharing the mauri of the awa with the mokopuna. If Aotearoa is considered to fight above its weight on the international sporting scene, Ngāti Pāhauwera must fight above its weight in producing success stories of our own.

**For more information go to  
[www.onecastadventures.co.nz](http://www.onecastadventures.co.nz)**

## PUTERE LAKES: *Lake Rotoroa*

In 2015 NPDT received a \$60,000 contribution from the Department of Conservation to fence and do pest control at Lake Rotoroa and Lake Rotongaio, two of the three Putere Lakes. In settlement, the Trust was only given back the lake bed (i.e. the bottom of the lake) of Rotongaio and half of the bed of Lake Rotoroa so we need to work with various land owners to get access to do protection work, this access is much appreciated.

The project was split into two years and we have done fencing, pest control and planting at Lake Rotoroa with contribution from the Trust, the landowners and the DOC funds. In November 2016, NIWA, HBRC and the Trust worked together to do LakeSPI testing across the three lakes. This test uses scuba divers to look at the plant life in the lake which gives an indication of the health of the lake and ranks it with other lakes nationally. The results for that should be coming through next month. In the middle of this year we will get started on Lake Rotongaio.

**Check out this link for some more details and information on what LakeSPI testing is:**

**[www.niwa.co.nz/sites/niwa.co.nz/files/import/attachments/news2.pdf](http://www.niwa.co.nz/sites/niwa.co.nz/files/import/attachments/news2.pdf)**



**PHOTO: Putere Lakes fencing at Lake Rotoroa**



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## NGA KAUMATUA: *Awhina Waaka*

**Awhina Evelyn Pokia a.k.a Awhina Evelyn Joe (Ngāti Pāhauwera, Ngāi Tūhoe, Ngāti Rakaipaaka, Tuwharetoa and Ngāti Raukawa) was born in 1927 to Ketia Paratene and Pokia Ropotini, both from Mohaka.**

Unfortunately, Awhina's father died when she was three and for a while she was raised by her uncle. The tikanga of the time was for the widow to be married to a brother of her late husband. In later life, Ketia met and married Dick MacRoberts no Ruakituri ia.

One of her earlier memories is of the 1931 earthquake and participating in a lolly scramble of a slightly different nature. One of the buildings to suffer during the earthquake was the local dairy. Four-year-old Awhina was one of the local kids seen sifting through the rubble looking for lollies.

As a result of her parents moving a lot, Awhina spent her early years at various schools including Ruakituri, Frasertown, Waihua, Ratana and, of course, Mohaka. Awhina went to Hukarere for her secondary school education.

After graduating from Hukarere Awhina attended Teachers College in Wellington. It was here she reconnected with Ted Waaka who had just returned from the war. Upon finding out she was going to be a teacher Ted decided he would be too. They became good friends at college, at one stage Awhina had to tell Ted and his mate Para Bennett that if they didn't pull their socks up they'd be booted out of college. Ted obviously took heed of her "advice" and both ended up teaching in the kura in Ngāti Pāhauwera. That friendship developed into something a bit deeper and in

1948 they were married, twice on the same day, the Ratana service was held at the marae and the Anglican service at the church.

There is some korero that Awhina had marked Ted for special attention when he was about four. She hit him with a hoe and left him with a scar. Awhina and Ted had seven children, 15 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild, they live in New Zealand and Australia.

Both Awhina and Ted taught all over the East Coast and worked tirelessly in the cause of education for Maori. She and Ted were instrumental in starting the Hawkes Bay Primary Schools Kapa Haka Competition which is still going under the name of the Kahungunu Primary Schools Kapa Haka Competition and now has thousands of performers. Awhina has also been acknowledged for her contribution to Hukarere, who she fought to keep open when it was marked for closure in the 1990's.

In 2006 Awhina was made a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit followed by Ted who received his 18 months later, both for services to education. Sadly, after 64 years of marriage Ted passed away in 2012. An interesting footnote is that the Education Review Office so valued Awhina that

1948 August 21: Miss Joe and Mr Weaka were married today. The wedding breakfast was a wonderful effort and the crowd was enormous. The day was marred by the news that Mr Jim Scott, who unbalanced from the swing bridge last night, died while under anaesthetic this morning.

*From Mohaka School Records*



they kept her working until she turned 85.

On the 14th of January 2017 over a hundred people gathered at Waipapa-A-lwi marae to celebrate her 90th birthday and the life of a great wahine of Ngāti Pāhauwera Awhina Evelyn Waaka.

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*Ngā mihi wahine toa, Ngā mihi  
wahine Rangatira ma*



*Awhina and Prime Minister at Matatini 2017*

## MANAAKI GRANTS

Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust are pleased to announce, for the fourth consecutive year, that funding for Education & Community grants are now **OPEN** from the **9th January 2017** to **17th March 2017** for consideration by the Manaaki Committee of the Trust.

The Manaaki Committee has been fortunate enough to provide funding for the previous three years and has been made available to the beneficiaries of Ngāti Pāhauwera to support whānau aspirations in both Secondary (Boarding) & Tertiary Education and providing much needed support to the Community including donations to Wairoa Ambulance, Wairoa Fire Brigade, Wairoa Search and Rescue and Lowe Walker Helicopter Services.

## REGISTRATION WITH THE TRUST

Download Manaaki Grant and Registration forms from our website. Alternatively, you can also collect a Registration Form from either of our two offices.

Wairoa Office: 74 Queen St, WAIROA 4108

Napier Office: Gardiner Knobloch House,  
15 Shakespeare Rd, NAPIER 4140

**Fill it out and return to either of the  
following:**

- a) PO Box 374, Wairoa 4160,
- b) email: [admin@npdt.co.nz](mailto:admin@npdt.co.nz)

## 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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## NGĀTI PĀHAUWERA COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT LIMITED: *Progress on the Farms*

One of the main reasons for pursuing Treaty settlement was to get our land back.

In 2012 our members only held 6% of their original land holdings. NPCDL manages over 3,500 ha of farm land, over 5 properties in our rohe, Pihanui, Chimney Creek, Rawhiti, Omahara and Kakariki. Pihanui our largest property is fully operational with the other farms in varying stages of development. Luke Hansen our Chief Commercial Officer has an update on progress since he started 5 months ago below.

***"It has been an extremely busy few months for our farms and the team has made amazing progress."***

Our first step was to institute a leadership team across our farms. We wanted to establish a team so we have true ownership and accountability on each farm to drive performance. We also wanted ownership and accountability for the infrastructure (fencing and water reticulation) as well as weed control. That team is now in place and is headed up by the overall Farm Manager – Graeme Watts. We have Stock Managers – Jonno Neilson, Rob Barrett, and Quintin Whakataka and the Fencing, Weeds, and Water Manager – Deno Biddle.

The rate of progress is impressive from this team and every week there is considerable progress being made. Fences are going up, dams are being dug out or created, tracks are being created and upgraded, water lines are being run, and a set of yards is now almost finished. On top of that about 270 hectares of gorse and blackberry was sprayed which is now a lovely shade of brown.

The major focus for the leadership team now is to get the stocking across the farms right. Land that

can finally be farmed properly is being brought on stream at a rapid rate and that land requires stock. Unfortunately, the very dry summer has meant we have had to reduce stock numbers in line with the feed we have available. That said we still need to be planning ahead for when feed comes on stream again. This is just one of the challenges the farming leadership team need to contend with. They are also addressing:

1. How do we ensure our farms have enough feed through summer to maintain our livestock so we don't have to sell into the store market?
2. What is the optimal stocking for our land so we can optimize the use of the farm assets?
3. What is the most profitable class of stock for our farms?
4. How do we minimize risk across our farms? We have risk from weather events, diseases such as facial eczema, and we are exposed by having to buy and sell in the store market.
5. How do we secure the best prices for our stock when they are sold and what are the risk attached to chasing a premium?
6. How do we lift our lambing percentage above 125%?
7. How do we reduce our costs of production?

Those are just a few of the challenges and soon we will have a plan for each and the many more issues that we have to consider as we set the farms up for success.





Our work is not finished yet. We still have a lot of fencing to complete, water lines and troughs to install, another set of yards to be built, and the never ending battle with gorse and blackberry to contend with.

## TALK TO US ABOUT YOUR LAND

We can and want to work with landowners that have land which could be utilised for the benefit of both the landowner(s) and Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust farms. If you have land that you think could be utilised better and would like to have a chat about options please contact Luke Hansen.

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## TECHNOLOGY: *Moving With The Times*

As part of our education and training strategy, NPDT and Curve Technology in Wairoa are working together to provide a gaming club, coding club and online business training for our members and the community.

Initial funding for this has been provided by Te Puni Kōkiri. The gaming club has grown quickly and currently has 70 members. It is great for rangatahi that don't have a computer at home, is a gateway to coding and our hope is to work with kids to get them thinking about opportunities for study and work in the IT (information technology) space. The key reasons for working in this area are:

- Improving digital skills and pathways into digital technologies for our rangatahi (youth and teens).
- Growing digital technologies businesses
- Enhancing new Māori language and culture initiatives through digital technologies.
- Create high value jobs and opportunities that advance our kāinga (locals) in digital technologies.

Tell the kids 'don't be whakama' and even pop down yourself if you want to take them and check it out, there is no fee.

## TE WAIROA ROROHiko ROOPU: *Wairoa ICT Club*

### *He Aha - What is it?*

The Wairoa ICT Club is made up of 3 parts:

#### **GAMING CLUB**

**Every Saturday from 10am to 8pm**

Computers networked together to play games and YouTube content creation.

#### **ONLINE BUSINESS CLUB**

**Every Monday from 5:30pm to 7:30pm**

Like-minded people working together to help each other establish their own online business.

#### **CODING CLUB**

**Every Tuesday from 5:30pm to 7:30pm**

Members working together to learn, create and teach coding with a long term focus on industry leading languages and platforms such as C#, Unity3D and the creation of Windows, Apple and Android applications.

Address: 5 Paul Street, Wairoa

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## NGA TANGATA: *Marae Atea Maungaharuru Trip*

40 of our members travelled to Maungaharuru as part of the Marae Atea wānanga (run out of Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiarangi). All of our marae were represented. Some keen ones walked from the bottom to the top, while others were ferried by 4WD vehicle.

Toro and Charlie gave some korero on the area for those who had not been to the maunga. Thank you to DOC for taking the time to show the group around and teach us about the return of the Tītī (Cooks Petrel) and Kōrure (Kori / Mottled Petrel), we can see that a great deal of mahi has taken place.

As part of their assessment the group did a 20 strong karanga to the maunga, which was truly impressive to watch.

Our thanks to the tutors Julie and Rongopai Kira for their mahi which will benefit future Pāhauwera generations. On return back we stopped in at the DOC base for lunch and then some of the

hardier of the whanau had a swim in Lake Opouahi before heading back to the marae to finish their assessments.

*If you are interested in future wānanga, get in touch with your marae or the Pāhauwera office.*



**PHOTO:** Lake Opouahi



# FROM THE TRUSTEES:

## Treaty settlement for us has been a decades long journey.

Our trust has been a 'Post Settlement Governance Entity' or 'PSGE' since April 2012. With our five year anniversary of settlement coming up, we wanted to talk about what the journey and acknowledge those that have contributed to this massive achievement. In general Treaty claims started from the Waitangi Tribunal claims (WAI) – in all cases, WAI claims were brought about due to concerns around the environment. In the Pāhauwera case, the Whanganui a Orotu and the Mohaka River claim in the 1990's were the predecessors to the beginning of negotiation for our Treaty Settlement. For those of you looking to learn some of the history, the reports in both claims have some information on our history and position, as does our Deed of Settlement.

### CHECK OUT THESE LINKS ONLINE:

- [https://forms.justice.govt.nz/search/Documents/WT/wt\\_DOC\\_68454096/The%20Mohaka%20River%20Report%201992.pdf](https://forms.justice.govt.nz/search/Documents/WT/wt_DOC_68454096/The%20Mohaka%20River%20Report%201992.pdf)
- [https://forms.justice.govt.nz/search/Documents/WT/wt\\_DOC\\_68457298/Wai55.pdf](https://forms.justice.govt.nz/search/Documents/WT/wt_DOC_68457298/Wai55.pdf)
- <http://ngatipahauwera.co.nz/settlement-act/>

Not surprisingly, now and in the future the majority of our work focuses on the whenua, the environment, and the lands that we received in redress and hope to reclaim in the future. Many of those who worked on getting to this point have now passed on and the mantle is now held by their mokopuna. There are many who have been part of this story for all of their adult lives, who have been engaged and fighting for the iwi from the beginning. We have meeting minutes from a strategic planning hui held in 1998 which outlines Pāhauwera aspirations for the iwi, there is nothing



**PHOTO: Mohaka River claim Members of one of the earlier claimant committees Circa 1990's – Bill Hodges, Toro Waaka, George Hawkins, Ramon Joe, Cordry Huata, Reay Paku, Edward Te Kahika, Turieti Moxon, Wiki Hapeta, Maraea Aranui, Huia Huata.**

new in what we are doing today, they were talking about it back then. Thank you to all of you who: have attended the meetings, attended the Deed of Settlement signing and continue to be engaged, attended the Hui a Iwi, contributed to strategies and provided assistance and information, attended wānanga, voted, let their thoughts be known, and to all of our members, we are at the beginning of our journey. We are in a great position in terms of our assets and future opportunities, the main thing is to look forward and work together.

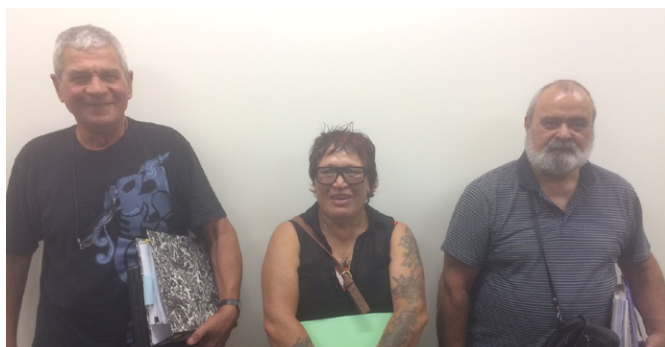
It's all in the name, as a 'Development Trust', we are here to add value and create opportunities for our members. The Trust is not here to replace the government in terms of what they have to do for all New Zealanders around housing, education or employment. Five years post settlement we have achieved some great things including distribution of Manaaki grant funds to our Marae, schools, sports clubs and individuals for secondary and tertiary education, the purchase of more of our 'original whenua', and employment of our members. Areas that we are currently working on are Environmental, Education, Employment and training, Te Reo and Tikanga,

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## Article continued...

Cultural Revitalisation, Information Technology and new project development. As mentioned at the Hui A Iwi held in Raupunga on the 18th of February, if there are things that you want the Trust to do for you or your whanau, or if you have any comments, you can speak to your Trustees-Toro Waaka, Tania Hodges, Tureiti Moxon, Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke, Rex Adsett, Richard Allen and Ngaire Culshaw, or get in touch with the office.



**NEW TRUSTEES:** *We welcomed our new trustees in the last newsletter, but here they are after their second trustee meeting. Richard Allen, Ngaire Culshaw, and Rex Adsett.*

## RUBBISH / RECYCLING IN THE ROHE

We are fortunate enough to have a recycling centre base at Raupunga and Mohaka which is awesome for our whanau at home. Like any other area we still have the odd fly by dumping of rubbish which 'gets on the local's wicks'. Our most recent incident was over a bank in Mohaka which leads straight into our awa, how can they say 'ko au te awa, ko te awa ko au'? This is a statement we use often when referring to our river.

The local council was contacted but still nothing has been done. From a rural residents point of view, "we are expected to cart our household rubbish into town and since there has been a total fire ban we cannot burn anything. We pay rates like everyone else so I would support having some sort of rubbish pick up for rural residents".

## EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

### Licenses

The Trust, New Zealand Police and Work and Income are working in partnership on a pilot programme to assist whanau who need their driver's and firearms licenses. We have had 20 rangatahi who participated in late February travelling from all over the rohe to Hastings, to get their learners licenses. This programme will help create opportunities with employment, keeps whanau safe and legal on the road and from the Police point of view, reduces offending. All 20 received their license which is a fantastic outcome. Thank you to Peter Eden MSD for your work on this.

We have taken over 30 names for the Firearms



licenses which is coming up and part of the Whakatūpato Programme facilitated by NZ Police. The content of that programme will involve firearm safety with participants being provided the opportunity to sit for their firearms license on completion of the programme. If you have any queries, please get in touch with the office.