

TE PUTORINO O PĀHAUWERA

NGĀTI
PĀHAUWERA
Development Group

Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Group Newsletter

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KŌRERO *from the CEO*

Members of Nihon Agri from Japan visited the Pakuratahi orchard on 8.2.23. They are interested in Growing systems, Tarzi®, and Infield Software Apps, but Tom Keefe emphasised the indigeneity of our trust and businesses. The orchard visit was followed by a visit to Sun Fruit packing facility who are also packing our fruit.

KEI ROTO

Nihon Agri visit

Current Board of Trustees

Manaaki Grant Recipients

Apiculture Course at
Kahungunu Marae

Cyclone Gabrielle

The members of the party are:

- Shuto Kawai - Director of Nihon-Agri
- Junya Kobayashi - Production Manager for Nihon-Agri (all categories)
- Shunsuke Nozawa - Manager of Nihon-Agri apple orchard
- Taishin Hashiguchi - Manager of Nihon-Agri apple orchard
- Junichi Akaishi - CEO of RED APPLE INC, one of the biggest growers in Japan (Aomori) and partner of Nihon-Agri

You can check out everything about Nihon-Agri including personnel via the following link:
www.nihon-agri.com/en/about-us/



THE FIRST PAHAUWERA APPLES ARE IN!

The first crop of apples for Ngāti Pahauwera is now complete and off to markets across the world.

620 bins of Rockit, Tarzi, Galaxy, and Dazzle were picked against a budget of 500. The packouts have also been significantly better than expected. Next year we will be picking over 3,000 bins as we progress to 8,000 bins in just a few years.

The orchard was protected by stop banks and drainage pumps from the impacts of Cyclone Gabriel. We came close to being flooded but the banks held. More protection systems are being worked on now, with hail net now starting to be installed across the orchard. A resource consent application is being prepared to raise the stop banks by another metre.

A big thanks to the efforts of a lot of Pahauwera staff, both past and present, for getting this orchard to the high standard we strived to achieve. It really is a first-class orchard that everyone can be proud of.



KŌRERO from the Chairman

Ka tika te korero o tatou tīpuna e ki ana "Ka puta te Kakari. A taua anake tatou i."

Our ancestors wisely said regarding our battles in life, that to survive we can only rely on ourselves.

Te Oranganui o Ngāti Pahauwera is heavily reliant on equipping our present and future generations with the skills, knowledge, and qualifications to excel in their careers and be in a good position to support their whānau members. It is hoped those of our members who have benefited from the Manaaki Trust education grants will one day return to offer their skills and work for the Iwi in leadership roles.

The devastating impact of Cyclone Gabriel that followed so soon after the long and stressful pressures of covid 19 and the Climate change warnings reinforces the descriptions of our tīpuna of "Te Ao hurihuri" or the ever-changing world and our need to be prepared for challenging events.

In the aftermath of Cyclone Gabriel with its devastation and disruption to communication, power and travel it soon became apparent to the effected communities that any outside help was absent, and any help could be a while coming. This created growing anxiety in the more isolated areas of te hau kainga as there was no information about what might be happening to fix the problems.

Whilst no homes in Mohaka, Raupunga, Kahungunu, Waihua, Putere, Kotemaori or Waikari were flooded may of our whānau who lived in Wairoa, Aropoanui and Tangoio did get flooded. As someone who had my house yellow stickered, I can empathise with those who are rebuilding their homes and their lives.

The emergency services of government and Councils were too slow to provide any timely support, but to their credit the Ngāti Pahauwera people throughout the rohe stepped up to organise our own support systems. The Kupenga o Te Huki came to life with the people in the different communities checking on neighbours and sharing kai and resources with even our whānau from

the south Island sending up kai and resources. A big thanks to the Mohaka Marae and those members who worked tirelessly in the support roles of help, food and resource distribution for the hau kainga. As a result of Covid supply issues the Ngāti Pahauwera Development Trust had the foresight to have had containers with emergency supplies at each marae and we were able to deliver by chopper further supplies for the people and generators and star links for the marae following the cyclone. Critical to the support efforts were those individuals, families, businesses, and agencies, who helped with donated supplies and distribution. Ka mau te wehi. The Iwi has a lot to be proud of the whānau who pitched in to mobilised support and we have assessed how we can improve our support services should we be faced with further calamities. It was rewarding to be working alongside the people for the people.

Another positive feature was that the Ngāti Pahauwera Development Trust was fortunate in that our Farms, Forests and orchard at Pakuratahi were not as severely affected as others and our recovery efforts are well underway.

Going forward the NPDT recognise it must deal with the long-standing issue of providing pathways to assist whānau to live in health homes. The obstacle is many of the whānau do not have the money but with some long-term saving and planning support that goal is achievable.

For the hau Kainga the Trust is progressing the establishment of an apple orchard at the Olive block at Mau Taua near Raupunga which will offer careers and work to help whānau finances.

We are also looking at a Housing development for our Ahuriri whānau near the Trusts Pakuratahi orchard.

Another long-term challenge for whānau is turning our uneconomic land holdings into enterprises that deliver revenue. A major hold up is many do not have Trustees

who can legally engage in commercial activity, Assisting whānau in this goal will be a focus of the NPDT going forward.

Prior to Covid Tourism was the biggest earner of Domestic income and it will be again. Ngāti Pahauwera is investigating its Tourism options given we have a vast array of Tourist potential in our natural resources including the Mohaka river. This can provide whānau business opportunities. We have put a bid in on the Mohaka rafting business which will be our toe in the door to other Tourism ventures. It will also put our face on the river and provide the opportunity to tell our stories to the world.

As a Treaty Settlement Entity our ongoing challenge with the Crown consumes much of our time. Our attempt to get our High Court hearing to appeal Judge Churchman's decision on our Takutaimoana claim moved due to the distractions of Covid and Cyclone Gabriel has been denied so we will be back in court on that soon. Ngāti Pahauwera has also lodged to progress the Waitangi Tribunals recommendations on the Mohaka river.

Our Customary Fisheries issues are still to be progressed and we continue to respond with numerous submissions to the crown on RMA reform, Three waters, Forestry, Emergency services responses, Power reform, Health reform and everyday developments like roading with Waka Kotahi and the Council activities.

How Government Departments and Councils respond is dependent on the pressure the people put on them. For that reason, it is important that all Ngāti Pahauwera play their part and make sure they vote in the local regional and National elections. We are not as powerless as some parties want us to believe and the political parties that are using the race card to try and diminish the government's Treaty responsibilities will only succeed if you let them.

*Ka puta te Kakari,
a taua anake tatou i.*

TE PUTORINO O PĀHAUWERA PANUI

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,
The Ngāti Pahauwera Te Putorino Panui which comes out bi monthly.

Just wanting to touch base with you, and to ask what is it that you have going on this year, that we might be able to put into the Te Putorino O Pahauwera Panui throughout the year.

Any good things that are happening out in our community, with our marae, schools or within the whānau or students, maybe nanny or koro celebrating a milestone, anything that you think may be a good read. Send it in. All we will need is photo's with permission to use, and a paragraph or two of what's happening. So if you can get in touch with me that will be great.

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STAYING UP TO DATE

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

Updating your membership details with the Trust.

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.

If you have not received AGM details, Voting Packs, – either you are not registered, or we do not have the correct details.

HOW TO CHECK:

Please go to our website's NPDG Registration form www.ngatipahauwera.co.nz/rehitatanga/

This mahi is ongoing, we ask all registered members to update their details with us.

This information would be much appreciated. Please email your updated form to: admin@npdt.co.nz or drop in to one of our offices.

NGĀTI PĀHAUWERA

Marae Trustee Committees

Waihua Marae – Kurahikakawa ki Waihua Trust

Kurahikakawa ki Waihua Trust (KKWT) is the appointed body corporate for the Kurahikakawa Marae, Kurahikakawa Ahuwhenua and the Waihua Urupā. KKWT is incorporated under the Charities Commission as a Charitable Trust for the beneficiaries of the Ngāti Kurahikakawa Hapu of Waihua.

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Kahungunu Marae – Te Maara a Ngata

Te Maara a Ngata marae is located on Putere Road, near the junction with Arapata Road, in Raupunga. Its principal hapū is Ngāti Pāhauwera of Ngāti Kahungunu iwi.

The literal name for Te Maara a Ngata refers to the garden/cultivation of the land by Sir Apirana Ngata. However, a more likely explanation would be the 'consolidation of Māori land' by Ngata that ultimately led to the building of a simple shack, the central hub of the community by the late 1930's

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Te Huki Marae - Raupunga

Raupunga Te Huki marae is located just off State Highway 2 in Raupunga, 35 km west of Wairoa. The marae connects ancestrally to the Maunga Haruru, the awa Mohaka and the waka Takitimu.

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Waipapa-a-iwi Mohaka Marae

Waipapa-a-Iwi Mōhaka marae is located in Mōhaka and is connected ancestrally to the waka Takitimu and the awa Mōhaka. Its principal hapū is Kurahikakawa of and Ngāti Pāhauwera and Ngāti Kahungunu iwi. The wharenuī is called Te Kahu O Te Rangi.

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KAHUNGUNU MARAE Apiculture Course

At present we are hosting an Api Culture course level 3 (Beehives and Honey management) organised by EIT and supported by the Kahungunu marae.

This programme will develop their skills in hive management, control methods for bee pests and diseases, effects of control methods on bee products, hive site selection and onsite positioning, construction and repair of hives, bee lifecycle and behaviour, bee nutrition and feeding, bee fodder crops, including toxic plant risk, requeening hives, swarm control, wintering bees, honey harvesting and extraction.

About 12 students attend this course, thoroughly enjoyed by all. The course will run until mid-year 2023.

Thanks to all that have been attending the Epi Culture course.



Apiculture students



Making a box



Bruce Te Kahika and Tutor Gui



Hives made by the students



A view inside the hive



KAHUNGUNU MARAE *Renovation Update*



Builder Arron Whatuira & Guy Te Kahika removing floor.

Kahungunu Marae comes to you with a refreshed and invigorated Mauri.

As like all other maraes in Pahauwera our whānau trustees have been dealing with Covid 19. Funding and Development have been appreciated and we thank you for the funds that we have received. We are still in the middle of renovations. Replacing part of the kitchen floor and pantry before the end of the 2022 year.

Our recent marae renovations include:

- Overhead walkway to the ablutions
- Water filtering system with UV filtration
- Re-lining of the ceiling.

We currently have a draft landscape plan for the marae which will be shared later.

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE

*Moe mai e hika
ma I te ao wairua,
ma te Atua e
manaaki e Tiaki.*

Patrica Ryder
nee Te Aho

Tuki Tuauraki King

Kath Adsett

Hawi Pere
Huata



RURAL COMMUNITY HEALTH NAVIGATOR *Cecilia (Cilla) Albert*



*"Ehara taku toa I te toa takitahi,
engari he toa takitini."*

*"Success is not the work of an individual,
but the work of many".*

Ko Tawhirirangi te Maunga

Ko Mohaka te Awa

Ko Takitimu te Waka

Ko Waipapa-a-iwi te Marae

Ko Ngāti Kurahikakawa te Hapu

*Ko Ngāti Kahungunu ki te Wairoa
me Ngāti Pahauwera te iwi*

Ko Inia (Peta) Albert tōku papa

Ko Mihi Gemmell Albert tōku mama

Ko Cecilia (Cilla) Albert tōku ingoa

Born in Wairoa. Raised in Ngāti Pahauwera - Waihua and Mohaka, influenced by my farming parents, and whānau me te whānau whanui o Mohaka.

My Rangatahi work experience was a farmhand at Waiotea, Ponui, Benmore and Moeangi station. I had 16 years with Wairoa NZ Post. Sports: Wairoa Hockey and HB Women's Rugby Representative.

As a Pakeke, I obtained a Bachelor in Biculturalism in Social Work. I utilised my experience, knowledge and skills working at Kahungunu Executive ki te Wairoa, Te Kupenga Hauora-Ahuriri and HBDHB Wairoa Hospital in roles of Management, Supervisor, Team Coordinator, Social Worker and Whānau Support Worker.

Currently as Ngāti Pahauwera Development Trust, Rural Community Health Navigator. I will endeavour to meet the challenges, barriers and hardships for whānau, regarding health, social wellness and education. Empowerment, knowledge and awareness promote positive outcomes.

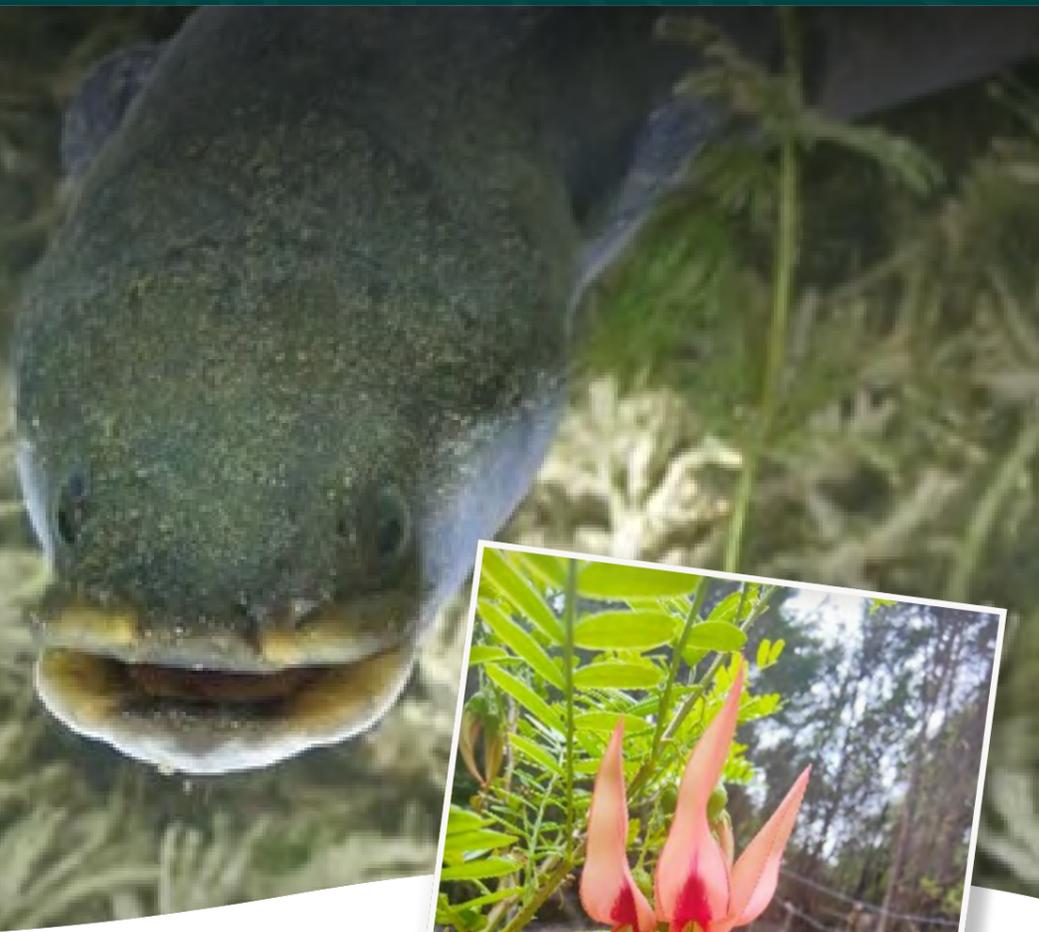
TAIAO UPDATE

As always, our taiao kaimahi have been busy on a variety of kaupapa over the last few months.

Our Jobs for Nature planting has continued on Tawhirirangi, and the crew have started work on ngutukaka enclosures at Te Heru o Tureia, strengthening existing enclosures and planning new ones.

Strengthened ngutukaka enclosure and flowering ngutukaka at Te Heru o Tureia.

We have run several wānanga on whitebait management, whakapapa and a new technology called environmental DNA (eDNA). This is a water test that identifies species in a catchment and has many different applications. At our wānanga we visited Te Kiwi Stream in Waihua and were able to confirm that kōura, kākahi, shortfin and longfin eels, inanga, brown trout are present there – just to name a few!



Flowering Ngutukaka



Monitoring at Mangaturanga



Tamariki learning about whitebait



Monitoring at Mangaturanga



Ngutukaka enclosures at Te Heru o Tureia



Mapping kākahi beds in Rotonuihā



eDNA wānanga at Te Kiwi Stream, tamariki learning about whitebait



River Monitoring

Restoration work at Putere continues with NPDT working with Putere Marae and Aotearoa Lakes to map kākahi beds in Rotonuihā and work on solutions to manage the aquatic weed hornwort which is present in the lake.

We kicked off our river monitoring programme, visiting the first of our 30 sites in the rohe to measure the health of the awa. These visits will help us identify issues in the catchments so we can plan how to address them.

If you are keen to know more or want to get involved, please contact:

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MANAAKI GRANT RECIPIENTS 2022



DANIELLE ALO

Ko Whakapunake te maunga.

Ko Wairoa te awa.

Ko Ruataniwha te marae.

Ko Ngāti Kahungunu te iwi.

Ko Ngāti Pahauwera te hapu.

Ko Danielle Alo toku ingoa.

He manu hou ahau, he pi ka rere.
I am a chick just learning to fly.

In 2022, I was very lucky to receive funding from the Manaaki Committee which was a great help towards the costs of my studies. I am currently studying a Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Finance and minoring in Business Analytics at the University of Otago. I am now in my final year of study this year and I hope to enter the world of Finance and Tech after university, specifically in Money and Investments. In the future I intend to give back to my iwi by incorporating my skills and knowledge of Finance and Business Analytics to assist with Ngāti Pahauwera Development Trust projects.

As a Maori and Pasifika woman interested to enter the world of Business and Tech, it is easy to fall victim to harsh stereotypes and various other barriers of entry in this industry, however it is with these challenges that encourages me to elevate myself and has led me to want to represent my community in these sectors and to also be a role model for other Maori and Pasifika youth so that they are inspired to pursue careers in Business and Technology.

With the help of the Manaaki Committee and the potential the committee saw in me, I am able to focus more on my studies and less on my finances therefore ensuring that I excel in my field and am on the right path to pursue my goals and ambitions. He manu hou ahau, he pi ka rere - I am a chick just learning to fly.

Nga mihi,
Danielle Alo

TIARI NICKLIN

Ko Tiari Nicklin toku ingoa.

I whakapapa to Ngāti Pāhauwera through my great nana Alice Tehau. I appreciate the funding that I have received from the Manaaki Committee.

It has planted the seeds that will let me pursue a rewarding career. I have finished my study of a Bachelor of Laws at Victoria University. I am set to begin a graduate role in 2023 as a Tax Consultant with KPMG in Christchurch.

I will be completing the Professional Legal Studies Course which will allow me to become a barrister and solicitor of the High Court.

I would like to help Ngāti Pāhauwera students to pursue a career with KPMG. I would also like to assist the iwi in professional matters after gaining relevant skills from KPMG.

Ngā mihi,
Tiari Nicklin



AROHA BLAKEBOROUGH

E ngā mana,
E ngā reo,
E ngā karangatanga maha,
Tēnā koutou katoa!

Tēnei te mihi mūtunga kore ki te Kōmiti Manaaki, I am truly grateful to the Manaaki Committee for the funding towards my study fees which has enabled me to study without placing financial burden on myself and my tamariki and it has allowed me to study to the best of my ability without the added stress, ngā mihi nui.

I am the oldest granddaughter of Sissiel Henderson (nee Hokianga) and Neville Henderson, daughter of Tania Henderson and mum of Matiu, Rocket and Ari Ham. Currently I am studying a Master of Education with a Māori Education specialisation at Massey University, which I will complete later this year.

Having taught te reo Māori for several years in mainstream kura I have seen the many struggles of ākonga Māori and the lack of validity afforded to mātauranga Māori which is why my long term goal is to strengthen the voice and presence of ākonga Māori within mainstream kura and the normalisation of Māori language and knowledge.

I am a passionate kaiako Māori and keen to help other Pāhauwera descendants with their te reo journey.

Ko te pae tawhiti whāia kia tata, ko te pae tata whakamaua kia tīna – Seek out distant horizons, and cherish those you attain.

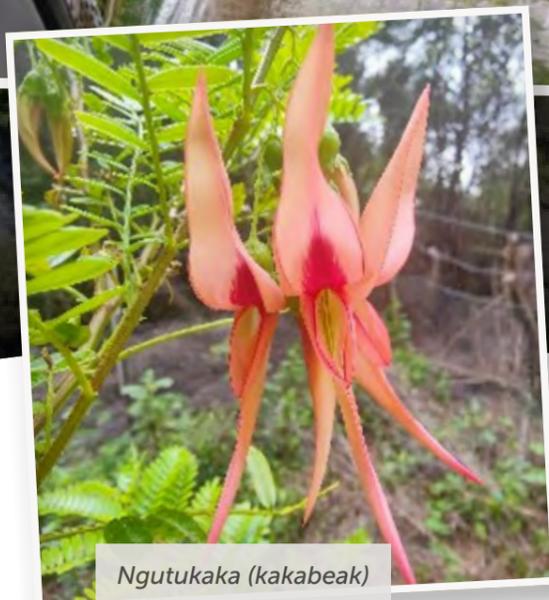
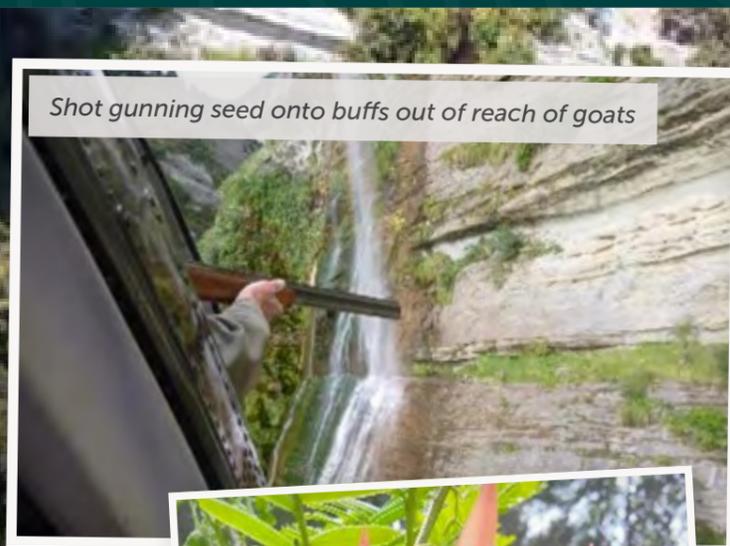
Nāku iti noa,
nā Aroha Blakeborough

THE SEEDS OF A GOOD IDEA

The showy red flowered plant called ngutukaka (kakabeak) is a critically endangered native shrub that lives life on the edge, in many cases literally.

It is tasty to almost all browsing animals so the only place it is found now is on steep bluffs where stock, goats, deer, hares and rabbits don't have access to it. It's also a favourite of slugs and snails, which will quickly demolish small seedlings if given the chance, and it is unknown how much of the seed is likely to be eaten by rodents. So life really is against this plant. Ngutukaka is found from Hawkes Bay to East Cape, with only 108 plants known to exist in the wild. Te Heru o Tureia Conservation Area is one of the strongholds for the plants but unfortunately the numbers are trending downward.

The remaining wild plants are now very thinly spread and one of the problems is that the bank of seed between plants is now running



out. Luckily the plants are easily grown in nurseries and over the past several years numerous people have been growing plants and collecting the seed for distribution back into the wild. The first of 3 distribution flights happened in April 2015 when about 1.8 kg of seed (about 180,000 seeds) was distributed onto bluffs in the Te Heru o Tureia Conservation Area. Since then flights have been made twice more, in 2018 and 2019. In total about five and a half kilos of seed has been distributed.

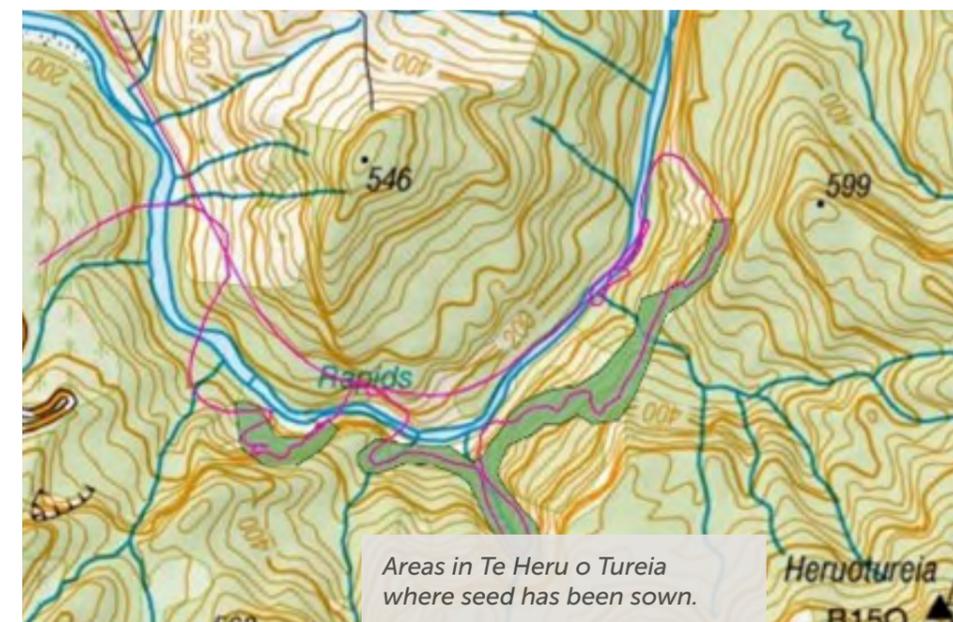
Three main methods are used. The most interesting one is to load shotgun cartridges with clay pellets into which seed is moulded, and to fire them out of a helicopter onto small ledges and sites out of reach of goats.

This method is accurate enough to get the seed exactly where wanted, though loading and then firing the pellets does take quite a bit of time and with helicopter costing around \$2000 per hour the money disappears rapidly.

In association with the shotgun we have also used the hydroseeding mix that is used to revegetate roadside cuttings and slips. A few good handfuls of ngutukaka seed is mixed into a couple of 10 litre buckets of mix and someone sitting in the back of the helicopter with the doors off forms balls and throws it into likely looking spots, again out of reach of goats and deer. This isn't quite so much fun as the shooting and not as accurate but is lots quicker. This can get a bit messy too, with the helicopter rotor wash and no door some of the mix ends up spread around the inside of the helicopter!

Any left over seed is distributed by what we call 'trickling', which is simply throwing handfuls of seed out over likely looking areas.

It is far less accurate than the previous two methods but is a way to get large quantities of seed out very quickly. It too can be a little messy, the first time we used a two litre ice cream container and the rotor wash probably pushed about 5 percent of the seed back into the back of the helicopter. If future ngutukaka surveys find a trail of flourishing ngutukaka from Te Heru o Tureia to Puketitiri we will know where it's come from – seeds that dropped out of the helicopter on the way back to base!



So far no new plants have been found in the areas seeded but it is very difficult to sow seed and look for new plants on the same flight.

It is hoped to obtain money to search during the October/November flowering time when the bright red flowers are a dead giveaway, and fingers crossed, we will find a few new plants.

If anyone would like more information on ngutukakaka get in touch with:

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If people would like to have plants in their garden and contribute to the seed collection. Please get in touch, we might not have enough for this coming season, but will make sure we have for the following season.



SMOKE ALARMS
*Gratitude to our brother
in arms Eastern Fire Service
and Pete Paterson*

Larissa Huata-Lucas, Tania Huata,
Allan Brown and Tama Cooper

Last year Larissa and I met with Tama Cooper who at the time was the iwi liaison for the Fire service based in Hastings.

Tama has whakapapa links to Ngāti Pahauwera so we were blessed to have him approach us to offer their services.

Tama took us on a grand tour around the Hastings fire station where we were then greeted by Allan Brown. We shared beautiful korero with the pair and were ecstatic to be with likeminded people.

Before departing, we were gifted beautiful rauemi to fill our own kete Mātauranga. Our gratitude deepened more for our unsung heroes after our visit with these amazing tāne.

From this one encounter we made sure to reconnect again to strengthen our relationship.

As well as creating the tight bond with our fire service. We had the honour of hosting our next Hui with Tama, Allan and their brother in arms.

This incredible additions to our Hui were;

Hori	Fireman
Daisy	Energymate coach
Jessica	Financial Mentor
Nigel	Eastern Region Assistant area commander for the fire service
Denal	Fireman
Peter	Ministry of Education
Peter	NPDT MSD/work broker/ HB Maori Tourism



Allan Brown, Hori Mana, Daisy Hapuku TeNahu, Jessica Kupa, Nigel Hall, Tania Huata, Denal Meihana, Pete Paterson, Larissa Huata-Lucas, Tama Cooper, Peter Eden (Seated)

This hui cemented our relation which brought more opportunities and solutions for our whānau whānui.

Services available now include:

- Installation of Nest Smoke alarms to Marae and kaumātua whare, including marae fire safety check (water supplies for firefighting, fire extinguishers/blankets etc)
- Assist with Marae Resilience planning in the event of a natural disaster or large scale firefighting operations
- Hui with whānau to have smoke alarms installed in their whare and complete home fire safety checks
- Fire safety education for tamariki in schools and kura through our Get Firewise and Māui-tinei-ahi programmes

Services we want to achieve:

- Provide fire safety training in the bush and at home for whānau, Marae and trustees.
- Having a central hub in Raupunga to cater for our isolated area's
- Connectors and Iwi liaison officer (Tama) working on an emergency, safety kit.
- Sharing of resources to provide emergency safety kit for whānau, Marae and Schools.
- Be able to develop relationships within the local communities and to be present at hui.

Our ongoing goal is to create safer communities with a focus on protecting our taonga which includes:

- Our whānau, tamariki to our pakeke
- Our marae, whakairo, photographs and contents
- Our whare
- Our whenua.

Be alert, don't get hurt e te iwi!

We'd like to take this time to express our gratitude to our hoa, Denal from the fire service.

Denal Meihana worked tirelessly in Waihua to make sure our whānau had fire alarms installed in their homes. Regardless of him working solo, he soldiered through to ensure these kaainga were safe for our whaanau. Mahi tika ana!

Denal will be working on more whānau whānui whare needing fire safety alarms that we have contact details for.

**Be alert, don't get hurt e te whānau.
Thank you again Denal!**

Arohanui Tania Huata and Team



CYCLONE GABRIELLE

Cyclone Gabrielle was a significant event for our region, causing loss of power, communications and road access across our tribal area.

Our thoughts are with our members who have been affected throughout Hawkes Bay, and we mihi especially to all those who worked tirelessly in our marae and community hubs to support whānau through the first days and weeks before outside help arrived.

Since the cyclone hit, NPDT staff have been working in our communities getting stuck into the recovery.



Helicopter bringing supplies to Kotemaori

The day after the cyclone hit, we travelled down to the main road on SH2 to check on our Waihua community, whānau, and friends. Everyone was ok, we never had any flooding or damage to homes. Just a large volume of water which came down the awa and practically stripped the riverbanks clean, which left a huge devastation of wood debris on the coastline.

We soon realised that for us as a small community we were basically stuck unable to travel both Southwards towards Napier and North into Wairoa with both ways cut off due to the river breaching and the loss of a bridge in Putorino. We not only had no access but also No fuel, very limited cash, and no gas for bottles, along with the No power and No communications.

With the loss of power for up to 7 days and even longer for some whānau, keeping kai frozen was a big issue, many whānau had full freezers with some losing most to nearly all their kai. We were practically in a dead zone and had to really think about what the next moves were going to be.

We got notice that food deliveries were coming in via helicopter to Waipapa a Iwi Marae, and in a few days later we received fuel, generators and gas bottles which were distributed out to Marae and whānau. Whānau we very grateful and appreciative of what they received.

Kaitiaki Taiao staff have been unable to continue our usual work out on the whenua and awa and have instead been working on the cyclone response. In the first days after the cyclone we helped deliver food packs and other supplies to whānau, complete welfare checks and remove silt from affected properties. We have also been supporting the apple harvest in at Tangoio and getting the farms back up and running at Rawhiti and Pihanui. We are now recording the lessons we learned through the response to this event to inform future planning and ensure we are well-prepared for the next one.



Supplies dropped off by plane



Care packs



Whānau deliveries kai parcels

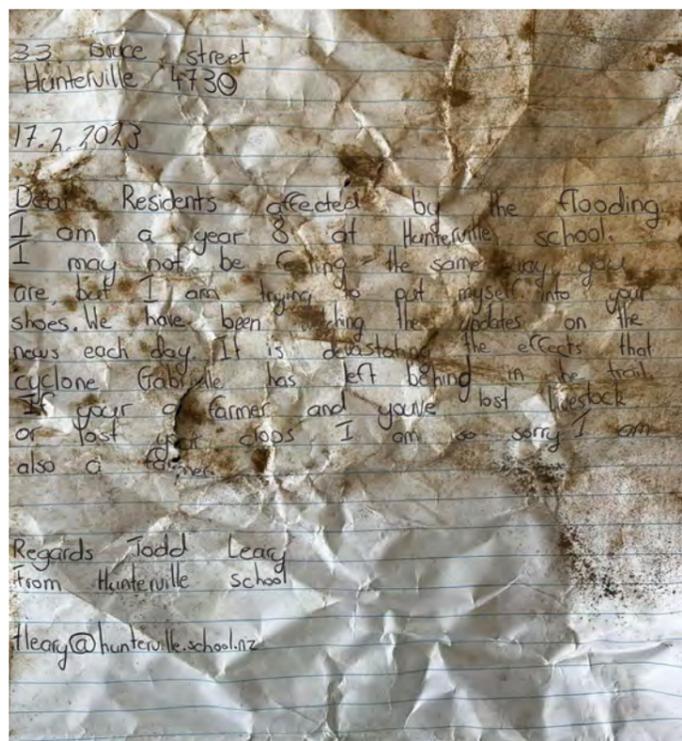
LETTER IN A BAG OF POTATOES

A note from a student at Huntersville School in one of the potato bags that we received in one of our supply drops at Mohaka. The bag went to Waihua Marae for distribution amongst whānau and that's where the note was found. I messaged the school to say thanks, and this is what they sent back.

Oh, this is the best news ever. We are so pleased our bagged potatoes have ended up at your local Marae. The kids loved feeling like they were really helping someone out.

Thanks so much for getting in touch. Are you ok if we share your screenshot on our school page?

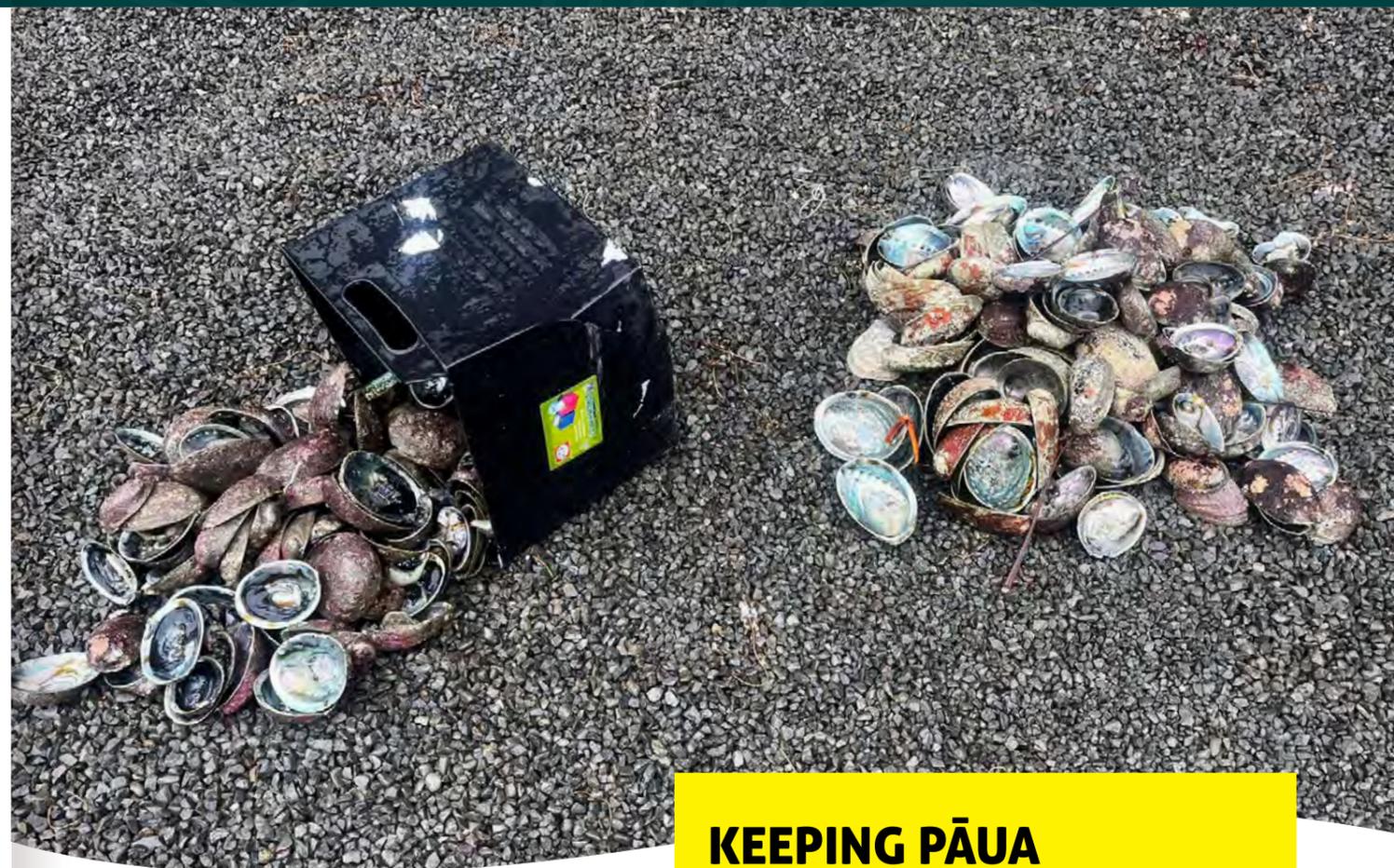
'Thanks so much. The children really wanted to help out, so we set them the task of working out what they could do. They approached a local farmer who had planted a paddock in spuds. He agreed to donate them, so they dug and bagged them up then got in touch with a local trucking firm who said they'd get them to Hawkes Bay. A parent in class is a helicopter pilot so he organised for the potatoes to be picked up from Hawkes Bay and flown into landlocked families. Being a rural community ourselves we spoke to the children about how we would feel if we were in this situation. We'll have to look at the map now and work out where you are located.



Whānau deliveries kai parcels



Civil Defence Maori Wardens and community at Kotemaori School



KAITIAKITANGA
Undersize paua shells found.

The year ended last year over 200 under size paua shells, were found dumped at a metal pit site. The shells were collected, cleaned, measured and photos were taken.

MPI were notified of this, unfortunately, this act has been happening along other coast lines, where other undersize paua shells have been found.

KEEPING PĀUA SUSTAINABLE

To protect the sustainability of New Zealand Pāua:

- Measure pāua underwater, for example with a pāua knife
- Never use sharp objects when removing pāua from rocks or reefs
- Return undersized pāua as you found them
- Keep pāua in seawater & out of the sun
- Keep within the size and catch/bag limits
- Take only a few pāua from each area
- Never remove or shuck pāua from its shell until you're above the high-water mark.
- Pāua knife: You can use our pāua knife to remove pāua without damaging them, and to check they are the right size.



BACKYARD BBQ: Waipapa a Iwi Mārae

Connection, support, and an effort to bring a little normality back into the lives of Wairoa's cyclone-stricken rural community is the ethos behind the Backyard BBQ initiative.

On the back of the successful Wairoa Rural Round Up evening, a series of 15 barbecue get-togethers are scheduled, with the first hosted by Hereheretau Station.

The initiative is being driven by Wairoa Community Development Trust with support from the Ministry for Primary Industries and a range of other sponsors.

"These are an opportunity for the community to get together with rural professionals who local farmers have established relationships with," organiser Sue Wilson said.

"It is a good time to check in and see if there are any issues for farmers as we head into winter... that includes the likes of access to processing, roading issues, compliance and budgeting advice.

"Wairoa has some excellent resources and expertise on hand to help, so the trust really wants to make sure our farmers know who they can turn to."

The resilience of the rural community was "incredible" but she was well aware there was a feeling of fatigue and a need for support.

Rural Support Trust Hawke's Bay coordinator Jonathan Bell said it was crucial communities connected after adverse events.



"It is a time to get a little bit of normality back into people's lives, an opportunity to talk and share stories and a chance to listen and support other members of your community," he said.

Pāmu chief executive Mark Leslie said a silver lining to the damaging weather events was the way rural communities had come together.

"Pāmu is very keen to keep supporting local people, neighbours, communities and organisations who are working shoulder-to-

shoulder in the wake of Cyclone Gabrielle," he said.

"It is important to keep the spotlight on these areas as this recovery will be a marathon, not a sprint, and the people at the coalface deserve our backing now and into the future."

He and his teams knew only too well the devastation left by the cyclone, with 24 Pāmu farms impacted, seven of those severely.

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