

TE PŪTŌRINO O PĀHAUWERA



Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Group Newsletter

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KŌRERO *from the CEO*

Tēnā tātou i runga i te manaakitanga a te wāhi ngaro, ngā whakaaro ki ngā tini mate, ngā whakaaro anō ki te hunga ora e haere tonu i nga mahi.

The first part of 2024 continues to provide challenges for the Trust amidst the hustle and bustle of government contracts and moving beyond the cyclone impact for our primary-based commercial activities.

KEI ROTO

Research partnership awarding
of Te Tohu Rapuora Medal by the
Governor General

Work in Te Heru O Tureia

Wānangā in Pāhauwera

Fundraising

Culture Day at Te Huki Marae



Cabin completion

NPDT continues with the good work being done to add value to government services with our hauora, social service, education and environmental contracts continuing to engage with our people. The temporary housing is drawing to completion with only nine outstanding cabins to be connected to infrastructure and has been a focus for ensuring there is support for the whānau not just the housing. Going into winter will be a reprieve for those whānau who were previously living in leaky, damp and cold homes. Work on essential repairs for houses will also roll out as we access tradespeople and complete the work as tradespeople become available. New roofing and weatherproofing are a priority for the houses that meet the TPK essential repair criteria.

There is much interest in the development of the roading repair work being undertaken by the Transport Rebuild East Coast (TREC) representing Waka Kotahi and NZ Rail. Discussions have occurred looking about local contracting and resources to see how NPDT can help facilitate access to the opportunities for those in the industry.

The commercial operations continue to stabilise with another successful season of apple harvest for the Pakuratahi Orchard that will help sustain the Trust operations going forward. For the last part of 2023, the financial effects of the cyclone were still paramount, but we continue to repair and then rebuild. Future developments in Mautaua - Olive Grove will be delayed until the roads improve and Pakuratahi is fully operational but the plan to plant apples on that land is still forefront.

NPCDL CCO Luke Hansen has left the organisation to pursue his personal interests after seven years of service to NPCDL. We acknowledge his contribution to the company's work programme and wish him well on his new journey.



2017 Farm inspection with Luke, former NPCDL Chair Michael Chamberlain, Trustee Rex Adsett, Toro Waaka and Graeme Watts.



KŌRERO from the Chairman

Waitangi ceremony

The new coalition government continues to challenge the Treaty framework causing uproar amongst Iwi Māori groups alike. The Iwi Chairs Forum have called together Māoridom to challenge Crown engagement, to test their perspectives and the validity of what they are trying to achieve without a Treaty context.

Mahia ngā mahi o Kahukura

Kahukura imagined a better world for his people and followed his dreams. Like Kahukura, Ngāti Pāhauwera need to focus on our own dreams and aspirations and in doing so hold the Government to account as both a Tiriti partner and taxpayer.

The current antics of the National coalition have all the hallmarks of a manipulative dictatorship set on undermining the health and wellbeing

of Māori. It is therefore important that Māori present a united front in expressing our disagreement with proposed racist policies that will produce negative outcomes for Māori.

I attended the Kotahitanga hui at Ngāruawāhia, the Waitangi ceremonies in the north and the Kotahitanga hui in Rotorua.

These forums all developed united Iwi responses to the Government's Tiriti challenges as well as discussed initiatives that we considered important to improve the economic state of Māori whānau.

Ngāti Pāhauwera will also co-host a Kotahitanga hui along with Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated and the other local post-settlement entities at Omāhu. This hui will involve the Kingitanga movement, the Iwi Chairs forum, the Māori Council and other Māori entities.

Māori have consistently been manipulated by divide and rule tactics of government. A united informed front by Māori should limit that practice.

The kaupapa of Kotahitanga also raises issues for Ngāti Kahungunu whānui and how Ngāti Pāhauwera and other Iwi whāiti have a voice in Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated when it is instead made up of Taiwhenua. Some of the post-settlement entities discussed this matter recently and will tono to Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated to have that kōrero.

Despite the political unease and the asset valuation hit Ngāti Pāhauwera took from the changes in our farm and forestry valuations, Ngāti Pāhauwera is on the way to a recovery with our first big pick of our apples which will assist our cashflows.

We have also made our first entry into the Tourism sector with the purchase of Mohaka Rafting. This will get our foot in the door to help us expand into a range of Tourism offerings that our members can benefit from like fly fishing guides, hunting guides, homestays, marae stays, cultural tours and of course rafting and canoe guides.

We are fortunate to have people like Dan Joe and Marleen Skeets who have high levels of expertise in the Tourism sector.

Prior to Covid, Tourism was the biggest contributor to domestic income and the sector is on its way back to full recovery.

The Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust is also engaged in a relationship with Transport Rebuild East Coast (TREC) to see how we can assist our contractors to benefit from procurement opportunities in the cyclone recovery work which will also include the rebuild of State Highway 2 and the new Waikari River overpass.

Involving our members in our journey is always a challenge so on the horizon we plan to hold a Ngāti Pāhauwera Economic Summit to highlight our Ngāti Pāhauwera businessmen as well as explore ideas of collaborative investment by whānau in new Iwi ventures. A major challenge is access to capital, and we do have a number of Ngāti Pāhauwera millionaires who might want to invest in our Iwi ventures.

*Tou rourou taku rourou
ka ora ai te Iwi.*



Mohaka Rafting



RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP acknowledged in the awarding of Te Tohu Rapuora Medal by the Governor General

The successful research partnership between Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust and Te Tātai Hauora o Hine National Centre for Women's Health Research Aotearoa (Te Herenga Waka, Victoria University of Wellington) was recognised at a Royal Society Te Apārangi Research Honours Aotearoa event at Government House, last November.

Te Tātai Hauora o Hine was awarded the Health Research Council of New Zealand (HRC) Te Tohu Rapuora Medal for outstanding leadership, excellence, and contribution to Māori health. The awards ceremony was attended by members of the iwi-research partnership team including Toro Waaka (Chairman NPDT) and Centre community-based researchers Charlie Lambert, Matthew Bennett, Sidney Ropitini, and Ngaire Sparkes. Professor Bev Lawton (Ngāti Porou), Director of Te Tātai Hauora o Hine was also awarded the Beaven Medal for excellence in translational health research. This was the first time two of three prestigious HRC awards were

won by members from the same team. They were presented by the Governor-General Dame Cindy Kiro, who since 2022 has been the Patron of the Centre.

Much of the Centre's research has been undertaken in partnership with iwi, guided by a Kāhui Kaumātua which includes Charlie Lambert, Matthew Bennett, Wendy Dallas-Katoa and Dame Areta Koopu. HRC Chief Executive Professor Sunny Collings commented, "I think a large part of the success of Bev and Te Tātai Hauora o Hine can be put down to their unwavering commitment to engaging with communities to help build trust and facilitate the dissemination of important information about women's health, and their ability to build collaborative long-term partnerships with iwi."

Forging strong relationships with iwi and whānau, Te Tātai Hauora o Hine have created expanded maternity wraparound care programmes and, with community voice, have informed changes to the National Cervical Screening Programme to ensure it is safe and equitable for wāhine Māori. The 8-year ongoing relationship and partnership with



Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust has led to more investment in community-based research, including not just in Wairoa, but also in Tairāwhiti, Te Tai Tokerau and Porirua – guided by the respective iwi partnerships.

Informed by the research projects undertaken in Wairoa, and their ongoing engagement with Waiora whānau and providers, Professor Lawton and the Centre team continue to champion the need for hapū māmā to be provided improved access in Wairoa to antenatal ultrasounds, scans and comprehensive oral health care (this work remains ongoing). Their research aims to reduce harm and preventable death, improve health outcomes over time, affect policy and have impact for lifelong health and wellbeing for whānau. Below is a summary of some of the research projects Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust have supported in their partnership with Te Tātai Hauora o Hine.

HE KOROWAI MANAAKI:

Starting in 2018, this pregnancy wraparound kaupapa was undertaken through Wairoa maternity and Wairoa’s general practices. Through the study, hapū māmā were able to access augmented, additional care and wider wraparound support. This involved additional free appointments with general practice during pregnancy and an appointment 6 weeks after pēpi was born for māmā. The aim was to provide wider clinical and wraparound support (including access to drivers licensing) for hapū māmā and sought to improve infant

vaccinations in the first 6 months, and access to care (e.g., health screening, contraception) to improve outcomes for māmā and pēpi.

This kaupapa also included oral health packages of care. The research rōpū continue to support work towards sustainable solutions for whānau to become orally fit. Work is also ongoing to inform a sustainable antenatal ultrasound service in Wairoa. Both good clinical care and wraparound support is crucial for good outcomes for māmā and pēpi, leading to timely birth, and lifelong health and wellbeing.

WHĀNAU MANAAKI:

Methamphetamine – A Strengths Based Community Approach: Also known as Whakapounamu Mana Wāhine, this Kaupapa Māori research study explored the impact of methamphetamine on the health and wellbeing of hapū māmā Māori and their pēpi and wider whānau in Te Wairoa. To date this research has assisted local community researchers and networks to work alongside whānau and listen to their kōrero. Throughout, the desire for this research was to be strengths-based, acknowledging the fortitude of the wāhine who work collectively with their community to navigate ways to reduce the harm caused by methamphetamine.

HE TAPU TE WHARE TANGATA:

Empowering Rural Solutions: This research project was underway through Queen Street Practice and Ngāti Porou Oranga between 2000 and 2023 offering the test for Human Papillomavirus (HPV) to screen for cervical cancer – a better test than the cervical smear, and one that can prevent more cervical cancer through earlier detection of pre-cancerous changes. For part of the study, this included Point of Care Testing technology, providing a result of the test in just under an hour.

Ngaire Sparkes (Ngāi Tūhoe) from Waikaremoana interviewed study participants and care providers across the two sites (Ngaire is also a PhD student with the Centre exploring

antenatal care pathways that best suits hapū whānau needs, alongside a new antenatal service being established by Ngāti Toa Rangatira) to hear from wāhine and those involved about the experiences of this study pathway. Findings from this study will shortly be reported back to the community and providers by the research team.

In September 2023, informed by this work, other studies and national campaigns, Aotearoa became the first high-income country to switch straight to HPV self-testing as the primary screening method for their cervical cancer prevention program. The research team thank the wāhine and their whānau who took part in this study as their actions and voices have informed our new national cervical screening programme.

This Waiora-based research was made possible by the Health Research Council of New Zealand and the Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust (with thanks to Robin

Hape and Toro Waaka). Charlie Lambert and Matthew Bennett are Kaumātua / Hapori Research Advisors with the rōpū and have played key roles in the establishment of the partnership and the introduction of the different research projects across the rohe which continue to expand and be built upon.

The Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust plays a vital partnering role in overseeing and guiding the research work undertaken within the Wairoa community. Focused on wāhine, the research projects seek to bring about the changes necessary to make our health system more effective and equitable.

If you are interested in knowing more about the ongoing research or learn about potential opportunities to be involved, please contact:

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MEMOIRS OF A GOAT CULLER WORKING IN TE HERU O TUREIA

My name is Helen Jonas and I am a ranger for Department of Conservation based in Wairoa. I work with ngutukākā. This is one of a series of articles that we are submitting to highlight the significance of the Te Heru O Tureia Conservation Area to the wider ngutukākā recovery programme. For this article I interviewed Rob Whiting, a goat culler who worked in Te Heru O Tureia, on his experiences in working and living as a goat culler in the 90's. Rob now lives in Te Kaha at his father's whānau home where he was born and brought up. He moved back there in 2009 with his dogs Punk and Patch. Rob still hunts regularly, currently contracting to Ngā Whenua Rāhui, working from the eastern Bay of Plenty around the East Coast as far as Mahia.

Thanks so much Rob for your time and willingness to be candid about your experiences.



Rob's foxy bailing a goat

Kia ora koutou katoa, My name is Rob Whiting. I'm from Te Kaha. I've been a professional goat culler for 34 years. I started working in Te Heru O Tureia for DOC in the mid 90's, for about 5 years. I was in my mid 20s at the time. My father Charlie Whiting was a deer culler for Forest Service years ago and was working for DOC in the animal control part. I had just finished school and started job seeking. He came along one day and said there was a position available if I was keen, and as I enjoyed and was brought up hunting, I thought I'd try it out. I did not think I would be around this long, but I am still hunting today, and still enjoy it as I did back then.

The best part of the job was the outdoors, hunting, and the fact we moved around the country (mainly East Coast and Eastern BOP). Working in Te Heru O Tureia, it was the flight in, seeing those bluff systems; they looked awesome. The campsite was great, and the block was easier just to get around compared to what we normally hunted. But I never enjoyed the long drive down there.

We used to go into the block twice a year. There were four of us in there each time we hunted it, two hunters per camp situated at both ends of the block. It was hunted for 13 days at the start and then down to 9 days towards the end as goat numbers declined. This was a short run for us, 3-4 weeks was a normal run back then. We targeted mainly goats, but we did shoot deer and pigs if we came across them. We didn't shoot many deer or pigs. The half I hunted had only about 6 local deer, and pigs only passed through. I can't quite remember our tallies but towards the end individually we started to struggle to make double figures in the block.

We always camped in twos for safety reasons. Health and safety was a 7pm radio sked and common sense. When you start out culling you're taught by hunters already there and self-experience. The radio sked was every night at 7pm. Miss one sked, you made sure to make

the next, or a helicopter might be flying in to check up on you. Back in those days there were no sat phones, PLB's (personal locator beacons) or GPS's.

Generally, we hunted individually, but we hunted together to clean up the larger mobs or hard to get goats. Usually, this was done at the start of each block. We just halved the block on the map and used a natural land feature as the boundary, which turned out to be a stream. Each team would hunt towards the boundary stream in the hope goats fleeing from one team will run into the next team. We were meant to collect tails, but in that country we were lucky to tail a quarter of what we shot in there. The rest of what we shot got caught up on bluffs, cliffs, or we lost them over bluffs or in the Mohaka.

I ran two dogs, Spooky (Foxy/Bull Terrier/Blue Merle X) and Toss (Bulldog??X). You must have good dogs to do the job; they make the job faster and a lot easier. Most hunters have two dogs. You might run one today and the other the next day or run them together. We all ran bailing dogs then, because most of the country we hunted in was solid bush. The dogs managed the block well, there were only a few places we had to lower them down. The dogs were never keen on being lowered and always happy once flat ground was underfoot.

Getting around in there was easy. It's when you start chasing goats on that steep country it becomes harder, and dogs can take you into some uncomfortable places in their bid to help. We cut a track on a ridge from camp up to the mid-section just to aid us if travelling back in the dark. It was the only ridge there, and that was basically our only safe route. I never got stuck, but one of my camp mates did. He should've walked the extra 60-70 metres along and up to get above a steep ledge. But no, he had to take the short cut and started climbing up to the ledge. On top of that steep ledge was a hard stoned slip which he was struggling to hold onto. I had to dig steps to get to him and relieve him of his rifle. He then started to dig

a few steps himself and, as I was trying to find a long branch, I heard him say under urgent breath, 'I gotta go, I gotta go,' and he hastily and shakily climbed up. He was quite shaken after that. If he'd fallen, he wouldn't have stopped on the ledge we walked on below, he'd probably have bounced four times down the 100+ metre stretch to the Mohaka River.



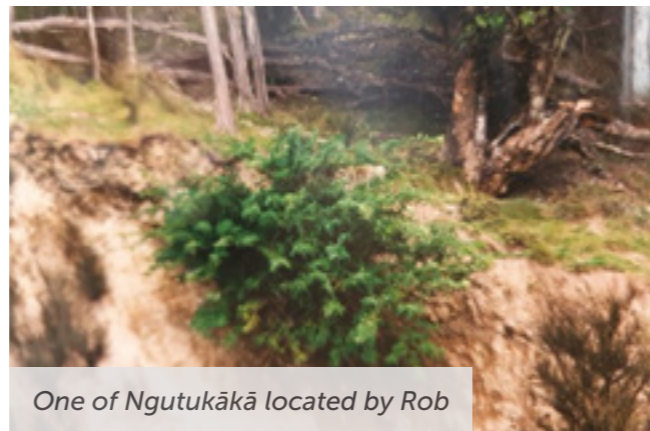
Te Heru O Tureia campsite

That camp site was probably the best we've used. It was a small, flat, short track to the stream and all in grass, like a lawn. It was well sheltered with big boulders surrounding one side and the back, and a ridge sheltering the other side. We had a view of the Mohaka River which was 30m below and the opposite side. What really made this camp site was the fireplace we built from corrugated iron we found at the end of the flat. It butted right up to our tent's lean-to. There weren't many nights the fire didn't get lit, as we always hunted it in the winter months. We were always flown in and one fadge per camp was the rule. Our camp consisted of: 1 tent (9x9 with covered in built on lean-to), 2 stretchers/mattresses, 1 table, 2 burner cookers, 9kg LPG bottle, cooking gear/utensils, 1 Coleman lamp, 10ltr petrol, spade/axe, a few buckets (for water, seats, and to bath out of), personal gear, sleeping bag, clothing, rifle, etc. We flew inside the helicopter.

In the evenings we mainly read and listened to a radio. Now and again, we might take in a little hobby like leather stitching.

We ate just like at home: potatoes, vegetables, meat. Bread and meat only lasted about eight days, so we had to bake bread and eat corned beef brought in a 10L bucket (this provided us three meals) or go and shoot meat (preferred). We always tried to eat well and be as comfortable as we could. It made the job that much easier and enjoyable. We ate venison, pork, and goat often once our meat supply ran out. We only ate goat if we had to, as we relied on it for dog tucker.

The first ngutukākā I had seen, it was good to just to find out what the plant was. But it's just good reporting those sort of things to help out. We found just three in that block.



One of Ngutukākā located by Rob

Other interesting finds - heading back to camp in darkness we saw nice sized eels in the boundary creek. We always wondered how they got there. Head waters run up into the bluffs and dry up, and it enters the Mohaka River over an impressive waterfall. Anything going over that won't survive.

TE PŪTŌRINO O PĀHAUWERA PANUI

Kia ora koutou katoa,

What would you like to read about in this bi-monthly pānui?

What is happening in your community?

We would love you to share the good things that are happening in our hapori, with our marae, schools, within your whānau. Maybe Koro or Nan have celebrated a milestone? All we need is a bit of a blurb about what you're up to, and a photo or two.

We'd love to hear from you, so get in touch!

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STAYING UP TO DATE

Kia ora koutou katoa,

If you have moved house recently or changed your phone number or email address, please let us know. It is important we have accurate contact information for members for sending out pānui and voting packs.

If you did not receive AGM details for December 2023, or an email about the Mātauranga consultation hui in February 2024, we do not have your correct contact information.

HOW TO UPDATE:

Send your info to us at admin@npdt.co.nz.

If you have not registered, you can find the registration form at <https://ngatipahauwera.co.nz/rehitanga/>

Do you have whānau members who need to register? Send them the link above, or collect a registration form for them at one of our offices:

74 Queen St, Wairoa,
or 170a Waghorne St, Ahuriri.

Maintaining accurate information is ongoing mahi - so we appreciate your help!

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE

*Moe mai e hika
ma i te ao wairua,
ma te Atua e
manaaki e tiaki.*

Olive Waihape

Mervyn Sydney Hawkins



GLOBE DOMES

Tēnā koutou katoa whānau. As a finalist for the MWDI Māori Womens Business Awards last week, I just felt inspired to share my WHY for setting up our Māori-led social enterprise mahi Hauora Kainga - trading as GLOBE DOMES.

Being raised by a solo mother most of my childhood/teenage years, with six other siblings, plus extended whānau - I got to see firsthand the struggles of living in cars, vans, holiday parks, state houses, etc - even in the background, whānau members stealing to survive to feed our whānau. Ram raids, that's on the rise amongst rangatahi - all & all it comes back to unhealed traumas (what I've personally observed firsthand amongst whānau involved in those spaces).

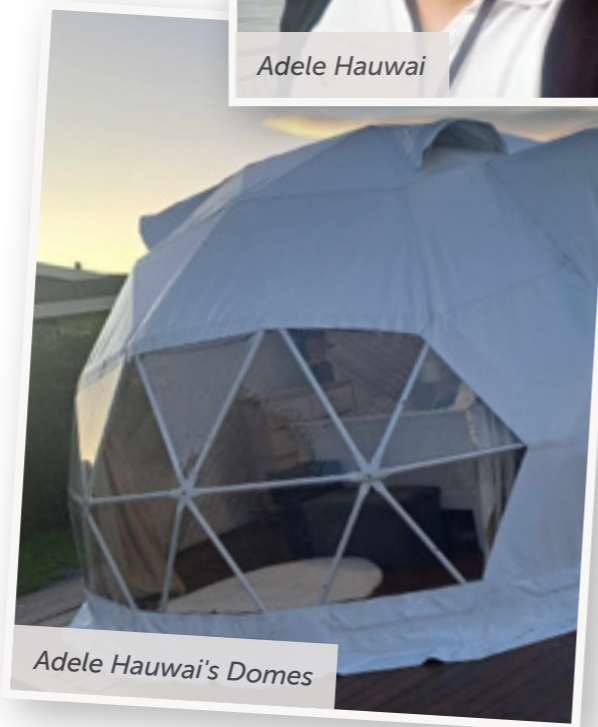
I was rebellious in my whānau, never getting involved with matters that involved the police, jail, etc. But it doesn't mean to say vicarious traumas aren't real - seeing immediate & extended whānau still suffering under the unfair systems throughout all of history to date - poor education, poor housing, unemployment, etc.

Hence it's been my main drive to create businesses in the social enterprise to create better futures. We've gone all out with research to create sustainable eco-friendly glamping tent Papakainga resources to help tackle these poverty challenges in this way. Solar panels, glamping tents, decks, ramps, toilet showers, water/septic tanks, electricians, plumbers, kitchens, flooring tiles, etc - our team has done a lot of research & quiet mahi over the past few years to finally present to our people a quicker, affordable way of living on our own whenua - helping to defeat the housing & mental health crisis in one.

As these dome tent housing resources are pre-packed purposely to make it easier & affordable to get into housing by using our guided tools & resources to DIY, it all comes down to having an I CAN attitude. You don't need to be a qualified



Adele Hauwai



Adele Hauwai's Domes

builder to build these. Or, if it's not for you, open up the space for rangatahi & whānau to build them - getting good skills, work ethics, experience, & pūtea. Even wāhine can build them - I can!

We are a registered social enterprise in both NZ & Australia. Our social enterprise model includes creating dome homes; also employment pathways in the trading & business spaces. If you have any pātai, drop us an email: admin@globedomes.com or <https://www.globedomes.com/get-a-quote>

"Ehara tāku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takatini"

GROWING UP PĀHAUWERA

Did you grow up before 1990 and live somewhere between Napier and Wairoa?

Did you steal apples on the way to school?

Fall off the horse?

Make plum jelly?

Use a wringer to wash clothes?

Dig a long drop?

Watch telethons?

Go eeling?

Fix the tractor?

Wear shoes?!

The kids today have no idea what life was like before the internet!

Will you share a story or two from your childhood to show our tamariki what life was like back in the day?

The Growing Up Pāhauwera project is collecting our stories to create a Pāhauwera-collage of life back in the day. We'd love your help!


If you have any pātai about the Growing Up Pāhauwera project, you can contact me on miriama.gemmell@npdt.co.nz 022 105 3883.

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TE POU HONO Ropou



WĀNANGA IN PĀHAUWERA

TE POU HONO O PĀHAUWERA 2022
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E ngā mana e ngā reo, koutou ngā pia o Te Pou Hono o Pāhauwera 2022. June Nicklin, Trev Sialemlisa, Tina Marie Sialemlisa, Mel Quentin Sialemlisa, Tessa Taurima, Tommy Perana, Valeta Mathias, Robert Nelson, Michele Coxhead, and ngā Pou Marie Moses, Margaret Eriha, Theresa Thornton, Deb Tuhi.

Te Karohirohi Kira Waipounamu
Kara tēnei te mihi ki a koutou katoa.
Congratulations to you all.



Students receiving certificates at Waipapa A Iwi Marae

ORO ATUA PUORO WĀNANGA

E te Whānau kua tūtuki te Wānanga nei, kua rongo ki ngā kōrero o te Atua Oro, kua hanga ngā tāonga pūoro ā ka tau te āio.

A wānanga with a focus on reviving Tīpuna practices of utilising Taonga Puoro within the whānau for Hauora:

HEI MAHI 1: ORO ATUA PUORO MĀORI SOUND HEALING JOURNEY

Whānau were invited to lie down or sit comfortably together as Jerome and Ruiha share the entire whānau collection of Taonga Puoro in combination with modern sound technology to create an orchestra of nature which follows the creation story - moving from Te Orokohanga o Te Ao through Te Pō and in to Te Ao. Participants will journey from the past into the present allowing for nature's sound to open the doorway into self healing through Taonga Puoro.

HEI MAHI 2:

Participants listen to Ruiha and Jerome sharing Pūrākau, Atuatanga Kōrero and sound of their Taonga Puoro in their whānau collection. Participants are then guided in creating their own Ukutangi. Learning the basics of playing for self healing, connection to the Taiao, healing for whanau and utilising Puoro as a healing tool in their daily lives.



Taonga Puoro



ORO ATUA Puoro Wānanga inside Te Kahu O Te Rangi



Kurahikakawa Marae – Erueti Te Kahika, Rita Te Kahika, Guy Te Kahika



Old Kurahikakawa Marae Site

WHAKAIRO WĀNANGA AT KURAHIKAKAWA MARAĒ, WAIHUA

*Rapua te mea ngaro –
Search for that which is lost.*

Tēnei te reo mihi mai i ngā mokopuna o te tipuna kuia o Kurahikakawa, tēnei ahau e mihi nei, e tangi nei i runga i nga whakapiringa whanaungatanga kei waenganui i a tātou. Rāhiri mai, whakapiri mai ki te rau o te aroha, te rau e kawē ana e te manu kawekawe kōrero o te wā.

Last year, whānau gathered at Kurahikakawa ki Waihua to hold a second hui regarding the kaitiakitanga of the old Kurahikakawa Marae carvings. The carvings adorned a small whare tipuna which used to stand down Te O Tane Lane / Simms Road in Mohaka. These carvings

which consist of two amo, a pou tokomanawa, a pou āwhā and a koruru are now held at Kurahikakawa ki Waihua. It is our aspiration to conserve, restore and install the carvings into the old Waihua school which is now the Kurahikakawa ki Waihua Marae.

In December 2023, we invited wood conservator Nick Tupara to Waihua to do an assessment on the carvings. Nick who has links to Rongowhataa is a carver and one of the very few Māori wood conservators in Aotearoa. During Nick's visit he commented about how excited he was to see the taonga and related them to a library, a wealth of knowledge, an encyclopedia of which he had never had the opportunity to read before.

The Kurahikakawa carvings have a distinct style which is not seen within the wider hapū of Pāhauwera. Distinguishing features such as the use of rauru patterning symbolising the shoulders and knees, the carved human



Whakairo from Kurahikakawa Marae



Whakairo



depiction of hands / feet and the use of secondary carved features under the chin make these taonga unique. To gain further insight into understanding the taonga we looked on the reverse of the carvings and could see some of the pit sawn marks, another clue forever imprinted by the tools of the hands of those who created these taonga.

At this hui we discussed various restoration options and decided that we did not want to repaint the carvings but wanted to leave them as they are, showing the layers of patina and visible paint which adds another layer to the carvings' whakapapa.

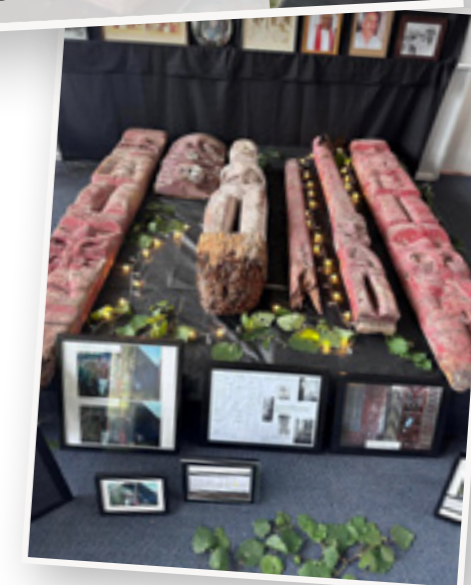
These precious taonga will be the focus of future hapū wānanga with our intentions being to stabilise the carvings, the lead paint and to re-carve the missing pāua eyes. Hand in hand with the preservation of the carvings is the need to collate the history about the old Kurahikakawa Marae which stood in Mohaka.

Please keep a look out for pānui about future wānanga as we would like to reconnect our people with these beautiful taonga. If you have an interest in taonga or are a carver, kaitā moko, kaimahi toi, this is a great opportunity to be part of. Nau mai, piki mai e Pāhauwera.

*Heoi anō mō tenei wā, kia kaha tātou
ki te pupuri ki ngā taonga a kui mā,
a koro mā.*



Conservator Nick Tupara and Kurahikakawa Ki Waihua Trustee Clare Butler



WAIPAPA A IWI MOHAKA MARAE PIG HUNTING COMPETITION

Waipapa a Iwi, Mohaka Marae ran a Pig Hunting Competition last year at the Marae to help support the Marae in their day to day running costs. This will be an annual event.

A special thank you to Gerald Taurima for organising the event.

Thanks to everyone who helped and participated in the weekend's fundraiser. We would especially like to thank our sponsors:

- QRS
- Russell Roads
- Ngati Pahauwera Hunting Club Incorporated
- Ngati Pahauwera Manaaki Committee
- Gun City and Fishing Napier
- Raw Meat Providers
- Hamills
- Francis Waihape

A huge shout out to Chrissy Thornton and our Māori Wardens, all our helpers. Without the love and support of these people, events like this would not be possible and we appreciate you all.

OUR WINNERS ON THE DAY:

1st place - Tame and Stevo 140.66lb

2nd place - Team Tony 117.62lb

3rd place - Barney and Jordan 95.02lb

Congratulations to all our winners and thank you for supporting our Waipapa a Iwi, Mohaka Marae.

See you all again next year.

Nga mihi

Waipapa-a-iwi Mohaka Marae Trustees



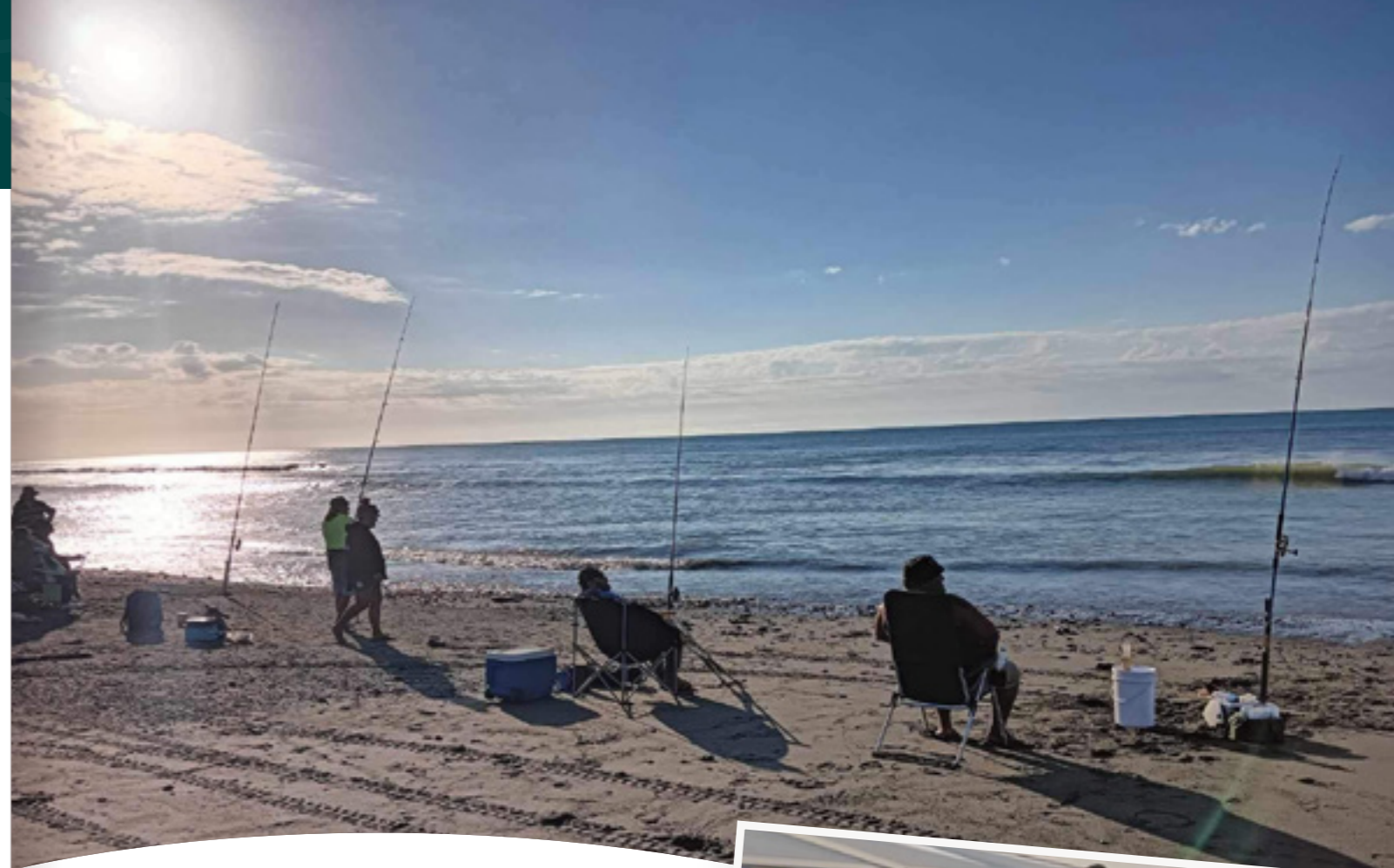
Wild Pigs caught



Spokesman Gerald Taurima



Waipapa A Iwi Pig Hunting shirts



POPULAR FISHING COMP AN AWESOME FAMILY DAY

Surfcasters came from across the Motu for the popular Mohaka Marae fishing competition.

Whānau camped on the beach, or family land, or at the Marae the night before, ready for the early start while one angler found his spot, fishing several days before the Saturday competition.

The fishing competition committee held a minute of silence for ex-tropical Cyclone Gabrielle. Last year their fund-raising event was held a week before the flooding.

With big cash prizes and loyal sponsors, they attracted 225 adult surfcasters and about 45 junior surfcasters. At least 200 hangi tickets were sold the day before the fishing began.



Fisherman Dennis Te Kahika and Organiser Gerald Taurima



Fishing Prizes



Mohaka Fishing T-shirt

It is all going towards the regular bills, maintaining the marae, and its new chiller. "It would not happen without family support, our officials, and the local sponsorship."

By 8 am on February 17, the weighmaster already had a 4.59kg kingi weighed, and soon after 9 am, there was a 5.34kg snapper, 2.42kg kahawai, 3.7kg shark, and a 1.97kg moke.

The weighmaster Thomasina Perena said it was an awesome family day. "A lot of fish were gifted back to the marae to be battered and sold as fish and chips."

Stretching along the beach from just south of the Mohaka River mouth to the bluffs at the southern end, anglers from Kawerau, Hastings, Flaxmere, Palmerston North, Taupō, Tauranga, Gisborne, Wellington, Whanganui, and northern Hawke's Bay cast their lines from 7am until 2pm.

The incoming tide began to turn late morning. Groups were under umbrellas; others sat on chilly bins loaded with home baking and picnic fare.

Music and fold-up seats, beachwood lean-tos, and doggy pals were all a part of the surfcasting scene. Adding a smokey backdrop, the Mohaka beach debris fire burned slowly, heading towards the river.

The northern end saw the kahawai and lemonfish catches, while past the bluffs several were catching good-sized snapper. Meanwhile, marshalls drove up and down the beach collecting fish and chips.

Ms. Perena said it was very cool. "We are making do. That is what resilience is all about."

In August the Marae Committee are planning another Mohaka Marae Pig Hunt.

RESULTS OF THE MOHAKA MARAE FISHING COMPETITION

HEAVIEST SNAPPER \$1000:

1. Mark Ives, 5.34kg
2. Doug
3. Paul Nolan Taumata

HEAVIEST KAHAWAI

1. Ged, 2.97kg
2. Dennis Te Kahika
3. Jon Te Aho

HEAVIEST SHARK

1. Kar, 6.20kg
 2. Willie Retutai
 3. Paul Nolan Taumata
- No Gurnard caught.

ODD FISH CAUGHT.

- Kingfish, Hayden Thornton, 4.5kg
Moke, Dylan Wesley, 1.87kg

CHILDREN'S COMPETITION

MOST FISH CAUGHT.

1. Lyric Buchanan, 7 fish
2. Cheerish Tewhara, 4 fish
3. Piripi Aranui, 2 fish

HEAVIEST OF ALL SPECIES.

1. Lyric Buchanan, 11.3kg
2. Cheerish Tewhara, 6.97kg
3. Piripi Aranui, 4.11kg

BURNT-OUT CARS WITHIN PĀHAUWERA

The number of burnt-out cars along SH2 and downside roads has increased over the last year. We started off 2024 with two vehicle windows smashed and then burnt over the New Year break.

It is getting a worry for some people who say they hope they don't break down along this stretch of road. The thought of leaving their car alone while they go get help is a worrying thought, that when they return it could be burnt or have windows smashed - especially if they can't be picked up quickly.



CULTURE DAY AT TE HUKI MARAE

The whareni Te Huki was full of excited manu pīpī on 16 February when the tamariki from Mohaka School, Pūtōrino School and Kotemāori School came together for Culture Day at Raupunga Marae. Papa Charlie Lambert and Whaea Miriama gave us a mean kōrero about Pāhauwera history and all the tīpuna and pūrākau painted in the whare, like the four taniwha in each corner.

We learnt about how Raupunga got its name, how the pāua got its shell, how Papauma flew to Maungaharuru, and how the tītī are starting to fly there too.

In groups we moved around a bunch of stations, like learning our mauī and matau with taiaha, playing Māori games to learn marae tikanga - and best of all - learning waiata and tītītōrea with Nanny Angela Culshaw-Kaisa.

He mihi aroha – a big thank you to the hau kāinga at Te Huki and all our kaiako and tuākana for making Culture Day so awesome!



Off the waka, on the waka!



Which side is my matau again?



Papa Charlie told us all about Te Kūpenga a Te Huki



Ko tō tātou tino kuia tioriori, Nanny Ange



The perfect rākau for excited manu!

PĀHAUWERA MĀTAURANGA SYMPOSIUM

For Matariki this year, NPDT is holding its inaugural Pāhauwera Mātauranga Symposium at Waipapa-a-iwi Marae in Mohaka. The priority is strengthening our identity as Ngāti Pāhauwera. So over the four days, we will be learning waiata, whakapapa, pūrākau, Te Reo Pāhauwera and more.

PUT 27-30 JUNE 2024 IN YOUR DIARIES!

This event is being externally funded because of its connection to Mātauranga Māori and we are able to host up to 150 participants. Information about how to register will be sent out by email in the next month or so. Keep an eye on the NPDT facebook page for details.

If you are interested in facilitating one of the sessions, get in touch:

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**TAIAO
UPDATE**

The Te Mana o Te Wai team have completed most of our summer monitoring on the Waihua, Mohaka and Waikari Rivers, with 24 out of 28 sites completed. This included looking at the water quality (how clear the water is, how much nitrogen, phosphorus and e coli is in it) and at the life living in the water such as macro invertebrates and mahinga kai species, such as tuna and waikōura. The results of this monitoring will be used to identify priority actions and sites for restoration in the future.

We also hosted wānanga to learn how to monitor waikōura/freshwater crayfish populations. Dr Ian Kusabs of Ngāti Tūwharetoa taught us how to monitor waikōura using scientific and traditional waikōura harvesting techniques, and how to correctly measure waikōura length and tell males and females apart. This learning is now being used to monitor populations around the Putere Lakes.

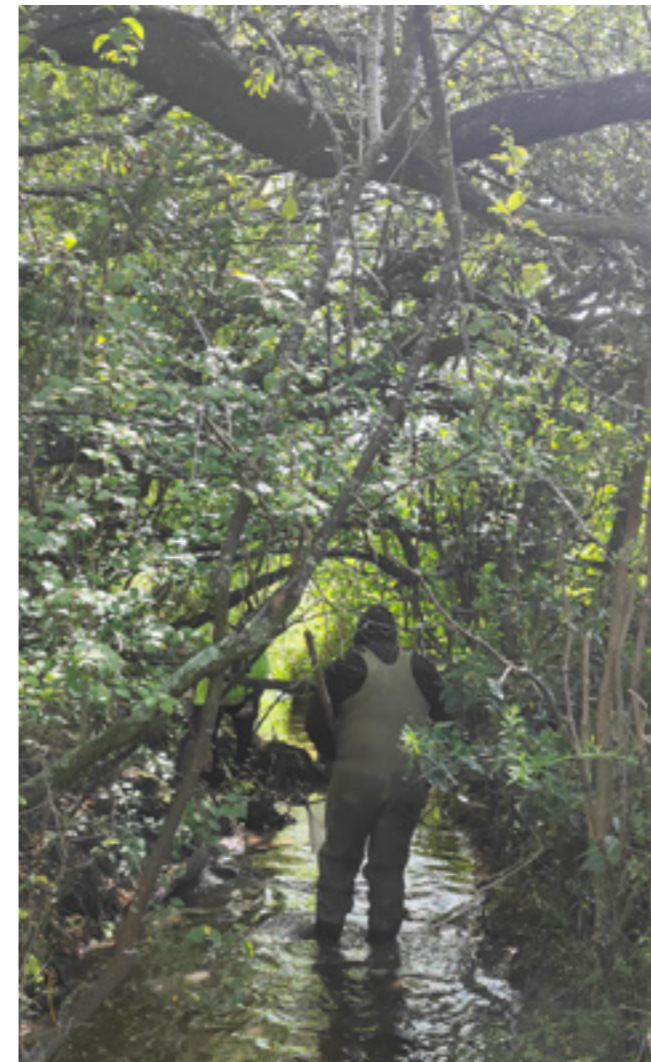


*Waikōura Wānanga
Pūtere Lakes*



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

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Watertesting Waihua and Mohaka



MSD CONNECTOR

"He waka eke noa" - A canoe which we are all in together.

This beautiful proverb reminds us of our interconnectedness and the importance of collaboration.

I would like to acknowledge Hori and his wife, Pep Mana, for attending our NPDT AGM at Waipapa-a-iwi Mohaka Marae. Their presence is significant in promoting the services they provide. It warms my heart to witness various services coming together for the greater good of all whānau. Standing shoulder to shoulder alongside the fire service is a powerful testament to unity and community spirit. During the event, our Hawke's Bay Fire Services team generously provided free giveaways. We encouraged whānau to complete the Denal Meihana's registration form,



Hori and Pep Mana



Marika Fricker and Tania Huata

which facilitates smoke alarm installations in homes. This initiative contributes to ensuring functional smoke alarms for our community.

The lucky winner for the giveaway prize from our brothers in arms was Marika Fricker.

CONGRATULATIONS MARIKA!

SHOUT OUT! CALLING FOR COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

Last year, Robin, Kane, Peter Eden and I met with Lenny Ferris, Hori Mana, Denal Meihana. They are working diligently to contribute significantly to building a resilience plan and ensuring that our isolated areas remain prepared and united during challenging times. Please contact our office if you wish to be involved. This position will require Civil Defence and Fire Service training.

NGĀTI PĀHAUWERA BUDGET SOLUTIONS

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Mahana Nikora and Gemma Buxton for their invaluable assistance with the budget service program last year and eagerly anticipate future collaborative programs.

We have funding to deliver some more Financial Literacy Programs:

A Māori-led solution to meet the needs of our community.

I have some potential dates in mind to deliver our **Navigation Towards Homeownership (Bank Ready) program** and will pānui out soon.

Understanding your financial situation and what you can afford is essential, as well as creating budgets and exploring pathways to homeownership. Our financial literacy program can play a pivotal role in this journey.

I am happy to offer and tailor our financial literacy programs to align with a viable pathway toward homeownership. Ensuring that individuals have the necessary knowledge and skills to navigate this journey is essential.

If this message resonates with you, I have planned some dates to "Wānanga".

Dates: 21st March and 23rd April

Times: To be confirmed

Venue: To be confirmed

While I may not have all the answers for everything, I believe that with a well thought-out plan, we can present our kōrero to the Governance Board and Management.

Please feel free to share your thoughts or any additional information. You can reach me via mobile or email

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Lenny Ferris, Denal Meihana and Hori Mana



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