

TE PŪTŌRINO O PĀHAUWERA



Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Group Newsletter

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KŌRERO *from the CEO*

Tēnā anō tātou i raro i te puāwaitanga a Matariki, me ngā tini karangatanga o ngā whetū kei roto. E ai ki ngā korero, he taonga a Matariki me tana korero/mātauranga ina te mātauranga tuku iho i ngā mātua tīpuna, puritia, whakamaua kia tina, haumi e, hui e, taiki e.

KEI ROTO

**From adversity comes new life:
A sporting boom in Raupunga**

**Shearing class at Wairoa College:
Sweating for NCEA credits**

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Within Matariki the themes of remembrance, celebrating the present and looking to the future are appropriate for the mahi of the trust. Forefront we remember those that have passed, we look at where we are at now and plan for the future to ensure we have learned the lessons and are making adjustment to improve.

As Matariki emerges and brings with it the prospect of remembering the past, for this issue we reflect on the assistance given from staff who have moved on. I acknowledge Sandra Mauger from MPI who supported the Mai Paritu tae atu ki Turakirae Fisheries forum and left the service leaving a space to facilitate our interaction with MPI and bring together.

KŌRERO *from the Chairman*

Ko te pūtake o te ao māori, k te reo.

The essential element of our Māori identity is our Language.

An ongoing commitment of being a Treaty Settlement entity is progressing the Mana Motuhake and the Tino raNgātiratanga of Ngāti Pāhauwera. Essential to a healthy lifestyle is a healthy mind and pride in our identity and reo. The journey has been guided by ngā Onemata or the eyes of our Tipuna with a focus on ngā Animata the eyes and needs of our Mokopuna.

Recently I attended the 20 year celebration of Maori Television which highlighted the 50 year celebration of Maori radio. These media along with programs like Kohanga Reo and Kura Kaupapa have all contributed to the revitalisation of our culture and identity.

I reflect on my parents who initiated the Hawke's Bay primary school kapa haka festival in the early 1960s. Later I was one of the Napier Boys high representatives that went to Te Aute College to discuss and begin a secondary school kapa haka festival. Kapa Haka has proved to be the biggest game changer in race relationships and young Pākehā engagement in the Māori world. Kapa haka is now the biggest cultural activity in the country.

Ngāti Pāhauwera will be hosting the region's Primary School Kapa Haka festival at Mohaka School this year so please come along and tautoko. All these Kaupapa deserve celebration as we have reversed the colonial strategy of killing the culture to kill the man.

Our members also need to take responsibility for ensuring our reo, our tikanga, our Marae and culture survive. We need all our members to support our Marae in all activities and roles. Our kaikaranga and paepae need support as do our



ringa wera. If you can help our kuia /koroua in their roles or even with the waiata at pōhiri please step up. Don't come to our Marae as tourists and expect the hau kāinga to be your servants. There are plenty of tea towels, butcher knives, shovels on hand and songs to sing so you can help keep upholding our mana and manaakitanga.

We are all grateful for those who do live in our remaining villages and maintain our Ahi kaaroa in the heartland of the traditional rohe of Kahu o te rangi.

Māori are now a thriving nation, who make up over a million people, with many living in all parts of the world. For example, there are more Māori living in Queensland than there are Māori living in Northland. Likewise, the bulk of our Ngāti Pāhauwera members no longer live in our traditional rohe due to actions of the Crown and the alienation of our lands that has led whānau to seek a better life in other parts of Aotearoa and other countries.

Our Settlement undertakes to support our people wherever they live but our legal entity prevents us from assisting those who do not live in Aotearoa. Most of those who do live in Aotearoa live in Wairoa, Ahuriri or Heretaunga.

Despite the Treaty Settlement, we are still challenged by the ongoing racism in Government. The recent governments focus on dismantling initiatives for Maori by Maori is a concern as are the racist overtones of the coalition partners as are some of the proposed legislative changes. The government is undermining the hard fought for initiatives by Maori in the areas of

Te Reo, Health, media, education and resource management and Treaty negotiations. You will see in recent announcements our Seabed Foreshore claims are being sabotaged by the Crown who keep changing the goal posts. This includes limiting its contribution to our legal fees to establish our rights, resulting in our lawyers refusing to represent us for such low payment.

The Mohaka river Claim is still waiting for action on the Tribunal's recommendation. We recently met with Te Arawhiti on the Crown failure to monitor the undertakings of the Ngāti Pāhauwera Settlement to ensure our customary and contemporary interests are supported.

The response of all Māori needs to be that we mobilise our people and ensure in that all tribes agree to a plan to put into power a Government that is responsive to Māori needs. Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust is a member of the Iwi Chairs Forum, and we will be promoting that issue. However, if our people don't vote or vote for the wrong party, we will remain powerless. All whānau need a leader who ensures everyone votes and also votes for the right party.

Another important workstream is the meetings with Waka Kotahi and TREC on our roads, with special emphasis on the Waikari overbridge. Associated with that I have attended meetings with National and New Zealand First Ministers to ask that they provide the budget for the new Waikari highway and bridge which is essential for the future development of Ngāti Pāhauwera and Te Wairoa.

Associated with these projects includes work by our directors to get contracts for our people in road works. We are working on a Joint Venture arrangement with companies that are in that area of work to get our foot in the door on those Government and Council contracts.

The recent Ngāti Pāhauwera Land Development Symposium was motivated by a desire to explore opportunities for whānau to develop their unutilized land. The response from those who participated was positive. Thanks to Te



Pū Oranga whenua for organising the hui, sourcing sponsorship and the presentations by inspiring Māori Businesspeople in a wide range of land use enterprises.

A big constraint in our land development is that many of our whānau land blocks lack trustees. Recently some Ngāti Pāhauwera Trustees visited Te Whānau-ā-Apanui who have managed to get most whānau lands a legal entity (and trustees) so they can action a land development plan growing kiwifruit and macadamia nuts supported by a large water storage area. Big thanks to cousin Willie Te Aho and Te Whānau-ā-Apanui for hosting Ngāti Pāhauwera.

This edition of Te Pūtōrino will show the Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust is involved in a expansive area of work to enhance the wellbeing of our people. A big thanks to our trustees, management, directors, and staff. We recognise there are also great initiatives by our people out in the communities who are also adding value to our members' lives in sport, health, education, community services and Marae. You all deserve the greatest of thanks.

Kia mau ki te kawau mārō.
Tūtira mai nga iwi.



FROM ADVERSITY COMES NEW LIFE: A SPORTING BOOM IN RAUPUNGA

When it comes to adversity and reversal, Napier-Wairoa road stop Raupunga has possibly seen it all, New Zealand style.

But, amid the days of near-blanket loss of work opportunities as the Ministry of Works and the Railways Department ceased having local work gangs several decades ago and the social issues that stemmed from it, there was always a shining light in the survival, albeit struggling, of rugby club YMP.

Last year they were cranking up for another season when Cyclone Gabrielle stuffed it by closing the road to Napier, and as this season started, their game in Hastings was called off and a van driven by "head coach" Guy Taylor and carrying players heading home was shot at before it left town.

However, only a few months later the club, established in 1956 and which has repositioned itself this year as YMP Rugby and Sports, had its first club day last Saturday.



Kristella Joe turns on the pace against Wairoa Athletic.



Head coach Guy Taylor, whose team won their Hawke's Bay senior division three match against Taradale at the YMP Rugby and Sports Club Day.



Ged Aranui is the YMP Rugby and Sports Club president, after more than 40 years with the club, and is now letting the younger brigade take over.

In recent weeks it has registered about 130 children in rugby, netball and basketball.

There are hopes that rugby and netball training lights will be in place at the domain overlooked by Te Huki Marae off Putere Rd and only a few hundred metres off State Highway 2, and some clearing of land has already taken place for the possible shifting of a nearby building on to the domain as a club facility.

Veteran Taylor, and now president Ged Aranui, and younger leaders such as team captain and 2017 Ahuwhenua Young Farmer of the Year award winner Jordan Biddle, and new committee chairman William Culshaw, a son of shearing contractors Boy and Ngaire Culshaw, says it's a start.

But it's a good start, highlighted by the turnout on Saturday when four children's rugby teams played teams from Napier Pirate and Wairoa Athletic, and the club also fielded two children's netball teams and two ladies teams.

The crowning glory was the Senior rugby side's five-tries-to-two 31-10 win over Taradale in the Hawke's Bay third division, which YMP now



YMP Ladies netballer Usha Tawera (left) squares off with Wairoa Athletic's Hope Tahuri.

leads with three wins from four games, sparking memories of the club's back-to-back winning of the competition's Ron Parker Memorial Cup in 2016-17 and, for some, a trek to Napier for a cup final win at McLean Park more than 30 years go.

Aranui, who has had about 43 years with the club since returning from high school in Auckland at the age of 17, agreed to hang on as president as a younger committee was established, and was watching the children's rugby: "This is the first time we've had a club day, and this is probably the biggest number [of players] we've ever had."

Reflecting on the drive for younger people to take over, he said: "We've talked about this for years, but we never did anything about it."



William Culshaw has become chairman of YMP Rugby and Sports Club as it charts a new future for sports in Raupunga.



Jordan Biddle, the YMP Senior 3 captain who has sparked the revival in club fortunes.

He'd seen the struggle for numbers many times, as the Senior side fielded youngsters wanting to play on the same team as Dad, or picked up players from the side of the road as they tried to make up numbers going to such distant fields as Dannevirke or Pōrangahau, appreciating that to have a competition there have to be teams, and defaulting was not an option.

"We've been to Dannevirke with 11 players, but it always came together," he said. "One time we stopped and picked up a guy on the road. We asked him if he played rugby, but he didn't. But we didn't have a guitar, and he did ... so he played the guitar."

William Culshaw, who also coaches one of the children's teams, feels the community coming in behind the club again, and says: "We've done quite a bit in a short time."

Sid Ropitini, who coaches the Wairoa sub-union team but lives "down in the Bay", had come to watch his "moko" and says: "This is cool. It's just what the community needs."

Biddle had a stint with Taradale and returned with ambitions for YMP's future, and for the Senior rugby team if it could get players together for training, and Taylor has seen the benefits, with 20-25 training 5pm-6pm, using car headlights to light up the field if necessary.

Not used to such numbers, he points to the chest of his green tracksuit and highlights it says "head" coach, because that's what he asked for, to distinguish himself from the other 20-30 "coaches" on the paddock.

*Ged Aranui says YMP has its origins in a team known as Waipapa. YMP stands for Young Māori Players, not to be confused with Gisborne club YMP (Young Māori Party).



KOTEMAORI SCHOOL

Kotemaori School standing in front of new school building

The schooling year 2023 started with the interruption of Cyclone Gabrielle as she hit the Hawke's Bay region in February. At Kotemaori a decision was made for the school to close Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th of February due to the weather predictions, not knowing what would be awaiting us the following morning.

All communications were down and our community was isolated from Napier and Wairoa. The community pulled together to get through the first few days of the disaster.

During this time the school was used as the civil defence hub for the community. By the end of February, school was trying to get back to some kind of normality. A visit from the Ministry following the cyclone raised issues about the state of the property and how it had been affected.

Later in the year another inspection was done to find the buildings' air quality was poor and black mould had been discovered. Another abrasive inspection was done opening the inner workings of the school structure, exposing the asbestos, basically condemning the school (pmc buildings were passed their use by date). The school was unfit to operate from, prompting the decanting of our tamariki to the Putorino School site due to Health and Safety concerns for them. Things were happening quickly in a short amount of time.

The board had finished the process of also appointing a new principal for 2024. This was a very challenging and stressful time for the staff, board, the whānau and the community, not knowing if they would have a school or staff have their jobs. With the support of our whānau, board, community, Mohaka School, Te Pae Tawhiti Trust, Launchpad, Tautoko Services and



Kotemaori School before demolition.

last but not least a strong tautoko from our iwi, Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust, the fight was just beginning for Kotemaori to keep their school open. After many hui and information gathering with the Ministry and all other parties involved, the Ministry agreed to rebuild Kotemaori School on the existing site and this information was announced to the tamariki and their whānau at the end of the 2023 school year prize giving.

Fast forward to 2024, the student roll is now fourteen, up five from the end of 2023. First time principal, Roxine Habib has stepped into her new role and has put her best foot forward to ensure everything goes to plan. We visited HB Homes on the 17th of May to see the building progress of the classroom and administration block. The tamariki were so happy, as were the staff and parents that attended. It was all starting to feel real.

We are still operating from Putorino at the moment. If all goes well, by the end of July, the buildings will be on site and soon after - fingers crossed - we will be operating from the new buildings.

A special acknowledgement to Putorino School for being wonderful hosts. The children have built some awesome friendships during their time with them.





TAIHONOA PARTNERSHIP WITH VUW

Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington is proud to have strategic He Herenga Tangata agreements with over 60 Māori and public sector organisations, including NPDT. The Taihonoa programme offers a unique partnership-based approach that matches iwi scholarships such as the NPDT Manaaki Grants dollar for dollar with their own scholarships.

Te Herenga Waka says the financial relief and opportunity provided by the Taihonoa programme can enable and empower taura in their career journeys, and that it is particularly meaningful and motivating that this support comes from a kaupapa iwi/Māori-focused organisation.

For the 2024 study year, four registered members of NPDT had their \$2,000 Manaaki Grant matched by a \$2,000 Taihonoa scholarship. These taura are currently working towards Bachelors of Arts, Bachelors of Science and Masters of Laws qualifications.

Find out more about Taihonoa and how to apply here:
<https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/taihonoa/he-putea-tautoko-student-scholarships-and-grants>

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 hāpori, 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, – either you are not registered or 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://NgātiPāhauwera.co.nz/rehitatanga/>
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!



**MOKOPAPA – MEREANA KEEFE
TIHEI NGĀTI PĀHAUWERA**

MOKOPAPA WĀNANGA WAIPAPA-A-IWI MARAE : 15TH - 17TH APRIL, 2024



Tēnā koutou
E ngā waka
E ngā reo
E ngā karangaranga maha kua tae
mai nei ki te tautoko te kaupapa o te
mokopapa nei
Noo reira e te iwi e
Tēnā koutou katoa
Ko te mea tuatahi māku,
He mihi ki te kaihanga
Ko ia te timatanga
Ko ia te whakamutungaa o ngā mea
katoa.
Nō reira,
kia tapu tōna ingoa



*Rangi Masanga Whaanga (nee Taurima)
and brother Roscco Taurima*

He mihi nūnui ki ngā kaitā
Ko Cody Hollis - Ngāti Pāhauwera

Ko Poutu Te Rangi - Puketapu,
Ngāti Porou & Ngāti Hikairo

Tēnā kōrua ngā kaitā

He mahi taputapu te mahi o ngā kaitā. He
taonga i tuku iho te moko kauae moo tātou
katoa ngā wahine Māori.

Nō reira, tēnā kōrua mō te aroha ki tēnei mahi
whakahirahira. I ā tau i ā tau, ka hoki mai koe,
Cody Hollis nui tō aroha ki tō iwi me ngā wahine
o Ngāti Pāhauwera He mihi aroha

He mihi mahana ki a koe Poutu Te Rangi, nau
mai hoki mai ki waenganui i a mātou. Ka nui te
aroha ki a koe mo ake tonu atu i too mahi kaitā
ki a rātou ngā māreikura o Ngāti Pāhauwera.

Nō reira kōrua ngā kaitā, He mihi Aroha tino nui
Tama tū, tama ora. Tama moe, tama mate
Tokowhitu ngā māreikura i mau moko kauae.

- Rangi Masanga Whaanga (nee Taurima)
- Doris Hine King (nee Taurima)
- Kim Waihape
- Hiria Thompson
- Morwenna Kaipuke (nee Te Kahu)
- Kalina Fricker
- Marika Fricker

Anei te timatanga i te arā tika mō te ao Māori
Mauri tū! Mauri ora!

He mihi aroha ki ngā kaiwhakahaere

- Arohanui-o-Rangi Martin
- Tina Talaić
- Te Awatea Ward
- Debbie Ngahau Davis
- Erika Hauwai &
- Kathryn Gale.
- Deanna Jones

mō āna mahi i te mokopapa nei.

E toru ngā tau i wananga ai mātou.

Me mahi tonu koutou ki te kaupapa nei moo
maatou wahine puurotu oo Ngāti Pāhauwera

Nō reira tēna koutou ngā māreikura

He mihi aroha ki ngāa whānau whānui ka haere
mai ki te tautoko i ō koutou whānau i mau moko
kauae,

Nau mai, hoki mai ki runga i te marae o Ngāti
Pāhauwera.

He mihi ki te hau kainga mō te manaakitanga ki
te manuhiri. Aku nui aku rahi he mihi aroha.

Ki ngāa ringawera, e reka rawa atu te kai

Nō reira tēnā tātou katoa

Whakataukī o Pāhauwera

*Ko taku rekereke, Ko taku
tuurangawaewae!*

*Where I dig in my heels/
I make my last stand,
I make my homeland*

Quoted by Ngāti Pāhauwera paramount chief,
Te Kahu o Te Rangi Tihei Pāhauwera

Anei ngāa pikitia o te kaupapa nei.

Karawhuia e te iwi o Ngāti Pāhauwera



SHEARING CLASS AT WAIROA COLLEGE: SWEATING FOR NCEA CREDITS



Zoe Clarke, Maiki Lange and shearer Paul Swann shows the finer touches to the students on the Wairoa College Agricultural course

There was a time when young teenagers in districts like Wairoa either left town or left school if they couldn't get the education they wanted at their local schools.

But things have been changing at Wairoa College, with agriculture among the future education courses enabling NCEA credits and tertiary and career opportunities.

The school has two groups of students – Year 11 and years 12/13 - who head out each week with tutor Toby Taylor to Matai Station, Ardkeen, the property of farmers and shearing family Paul and Sonya Swann, sons Keith and Ryka and twin daughters Ashlin and Shawna, all the now teenage or adult offspring being current or former pupils of the school.

Last Wednesday, the Year 11 pupils got the chance to return the favour as they helped crutch more than 200 hoggets in preparation for the twins' bid on Saturday to each shear 100

in a day for the first time – a milestone as the sisters step-up from the Novice shearing grade in which Ashlin won at the Golden Shears in Masterton in March.

The next day, with inclement weather having meant a couple of students could not attend, pupils Karauria Kaahu, Zoe Clark, Gemahnai Solomon and Maiki Lange got their chance to shear a single sheep for the first time.

Clark had done a course with farmer Marg Baynes, who in 2009 with daughter Ingrid set a two-stand women's lambshearing record, but the others were, essentially, shearing for the first time, with tentative steps, taught by Paul Swann and Taylor, who said it was a big effort from Swann, who had to plan his week "around us coming".

Taylor said the course, developed over the past five years, is preparing students for going on to such opportunities as training by-farmers, for-farmers programme Growing Future Farmers or the two-year Smedley Farm Cadet training, careers in the shearing industry, or other prospects.

Lange comes from a family of shearers and woolhandlers, and is from Raupunga, the home of contractors Pāhauwera Shearing, but he has other ideas.

Taylor says the course, which offers skills across the farm sector from shearing, to fencing, to machinery, is serving a purpose.

"It keeps the kids in school, and it's definitely keeping the kids in tow," he says.

NGĀTI PĀHAUWERA PIG HUNTING CLUB TRUSTEES

Ngāti Pāhauwera Pig Hunting Club has a new committee.

Chairman	Kevin Kupa
Secretary	Te Aroha Manihera
Treasurer	Gerald Taurima
Trustee	Arshelliar Tawera
Trustee	Manaaki Olsen

INTRODUCING OUR NEW MUSEUM DIRECTOR: CLARE BUTLER



Ngā maunga e tū nei,
Ngā awa e rere nei,
Ngā tai e whati nei,
Ka mihi ki te whenua,
Ka tangi ki te tangata tū te ao, tū te pō
Huri atu, huri mai

Tēnā tātou katoa

We are thrilled to welcome Clare Butler as the new Director of Te Kōpututanga Taonga o Te Wairoa The Wairoa Museum! With whakapapa links to the Wairoa district through Ngāti Kurahikakawa and Ngāti Tuhemata, Clare brings her passion and her lived experience to our wonderful museum.

Joining us from The National Library of New Zealand, Clare is excited to connect with our community. With the support of her amazing team, she aims to weave the aspirations of Te Kōpututanga Taonga o Te Wairoa, linking people, history, taonga, and place.

Come by the museum and say Kia ora!

To contact Clare:

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BEACH WOOD REMOVAL

Contractors were out at Waihua Beach clearing driftwood to burn that was left behind by Cyclone Gabrielle last year.



WAIATA

TE AWA O MOHAKA

NA RAMON JOE
- COMPOSED 17 APRIL 2019

I timata mai ia i tawhiti pāmamao
 Ki te mau mai i tōna kupu
 Ko ōna wehenga, ko te Taharua i Poronui
 Ko Te Ripia ki Ahimanawa
 Ko Te Makahu i Kaweka
 Ko te Waipunga i Kaingaroa
 Ko Matakuhia i Tarawera
 Ko haere mai ma waenganui
 O Turanga-kumu-rau
 Ko Te Titi o Kura
 Ka huri ki te tairawhiti
 i te taha o Maungaharuru
 Ka puta mai ko Te Hoe i Huiarau
 He aha rā te mea nei ?

He aha rā te mea nei?
 He taniwha? He tipua? He tangata?
 Hei! Kahore!
 Ko te awa o Mohaka
 E huri ana rā, e koki ana mai,
 E piko ake nei, e rere atu rā
 Ki te marae o Pāhauwera
 I te ngutuawa o Te Ika a Maui
 Ki a Tangaroa, ki a Paikea
 Te Kaitiaki o Pāhauwera e

Practice this moteatea at home:
<https://youtu.be/RuBZEC0yggc>



PLUMBER MOVES HOME

Jon Te Aho Plumbing is a new plumbing service designed to cater exclusively to the rural Wairoa Community. As a sole trader business, we aim to address the plumbing needs of our rural residents with over 16 years of experience in the plumbing industry.

Jon moved home from Wellington where he began with Wellington City Water, and he now brings a wealth of expertise and dedication to his business endeavor.

With mentoring support, Tipu Ake Tonu provides him with assistance where needed through a range of services including programs and education delivered by experts from their comprehensive networks.

Jon's Te Aho, Tumataroa whānau is his whakapapa relationship to Ngāti Kura Kurahikakawa, and Ngāti Pāhuwera. Currently, he is providing plumbing support for the surrounding pods, in addition to helping local plumbers.

His mission is to provide specialised plumbing services, including installation for new builds, alterations, maintenance, water reticulation, and water filtration solutions.

Jon Te Aho Plumbing is ensuring the Wairoa Community has access to reliable, affordable, and efficient plumbing services.

Jon also sponsors the local YMP Rugby team.



ROB MITCHELL

Having spent a little time living abroad, Rob Mitchell has discovered his passion, which has brought him closer to his desire to return home. His desire to carve was sparked by his love of art and his family, which grew stronger every day, for this self-taught carver.

Rob later returned home to Mohaka, to the homestead of his late Grandparents Robert (Buck) and Hiti Tumataroa, with his parents who have also returned.

In addition to carving for the Ngāti Pāhuwera Development Trust, Rob helps the Wai Māori team by conducting water tests around the rohe. While working for the Iwi, Rob has been able to further develop his trade thanks to their encouragement.

Visions of many concepts and ways to incorporate lights into his work began to flood his imagination and overtake him. Rob now has produced many taonga for many whānau all around the motu, and his mahi is something he is definitely proud of and more, as are his whānau. Rob sends many thanks, and love to all those who have shared and purchased his mahi, saying it is much appreciated. You can contact Rob through Facebook – Killa Keys.



JON TE AHO PLUMBING, WAIROA QUALIFIED PLUMBER WITH 16 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

- Plumbing installations for new builds and alterations
- Maintenance and repair services

- Water reticulation
- Water filtration solutions

Email: jonteahoplumbing@gmail.com

JOAN ROPIHA

Joan Ropiha (Massey University) talks about her PhD work as part of the Hill Country Futures Partnership programme assessing specific native shrubs for sheep and beef forage and biodiversity enhancement.

It was a pleasure to have Joan at Kurahikakawa Marae Waihua on Saturday.



Joan Ropiha (Massey University) at Kurahikakawa Marae Waihua



HOME SWEET HOME

Laurie and Ruby Te Kahika, a retired couple, finally moved home to the Te Kahika whenua on Rohe Potae Road, after many years of living in Wellington. Laurie and Ruby have three sons and three grandchildren who all still reside in Wellington.

They applied for a house through Heartland Homes, which was built off-site to be transported through. However, Cyclone Gabrielle arrived, and everything was put on hold due to the road conditions. Fifteen months later, at 3 am, finally the long wait was over. "Did we have huge smiles on our faces, to be able to see our home and touch our home, we were over the moon".

"Whānau come back more often now we have our own space. We grow fruit trees, hunt and fish, and that puts a smile on everyone's faces."



Ruby and Laurie



TAIAO UPDATE

Our Taiao team is as busy as ever out on our lands and in our waters doing the mahi to protect these precious taonga.

The Jobs For Nature teams have continued their restoration work, getting heaps of fencing done and continuing to support the housing work that has been happening around Mohaka and Raupunga. This contract comes to an end soon, so I want to give a massive mihi to the crew for all their hard work in the Taiao space over the past three years.

The Te Mana o Te Wai team finished water quality monitoring on the Waihua, Mohaka and Waikari Rivers, with 26 out of 28 sites completed. We also went looking for whitebait spawning sites over autumn as not much is known about where they lay their eggs in our rohe, and we now have a better idea of where these sites are likely to be. We continued waikōura monitoring at the Putere Lakes with Putere School and were delighted to find waikōura in berry (with eggs) on our last visit.



Waikōura in berry

Over winter we will reflect on all the mahi we have done and what the information we have collected means, to inform our restoration plans and priorities for the future.

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

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Rob and kids



Salinity testing Waikari



Waikōura Monitoring



ENGAGING WITH WHĀNAU – A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH WITH PODS AND THE SKO WORKSHOP

Our recent collaboration with PODS during the Sorted Kainga Ora (SKO) workshop has been instrumental in tackling the pressing issues of financial literacy and housing affordability. The workshops, a joint initiative with the New Zealand Banking Association, have made strides in empowering individuals through enhanced financial knowledge and introducing viable rent-to-own schemes. Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust (NPDT) plays a pivotal role in diminishing the obstacles to homeownership, thereby aiding in the prevention of homelessness and nurturing community stability. This initiative has had a profound impact on the lives of whānau, setting off a cascade of positive transformations within the community.



Gerald Aranui and Beverly Te Hau

BUDGET ASSESSMENT: A TAILORED STRATEGY

Understanding that each family's situation is distinct, we embraced a customised approach to assess each whānau. Recognising the diversity of circumstances, we had to ensure that our strategies are not one-size-fits-all. By meticulously evaluating individual needs, cultural context, and available resources, I crafted custom-made recommendations to present to our CEO.

MISSION STATEMENT: EMPOWERING WHĀNAU THROUGH PERSONALISED FINANCIAL GUIDANCE

In essence, my mission was to equip each whānau with tailored financial advice, aimed at fostering their journey towards sustainable homeownership. By integrating thorough budget analysis, leveraging support from the Ministry of Social Development (MSD), and considering rent-to-own options, we strive to forge paths to secure housing.

Quotes from some of our whānau:

- 'Many of us will never have an opportunity to qualify for a mortgage, and we often feel discriminated against.'
- 'The rent-to-own model provides a way to finally own a home without immediate financial burden.'



Josephine Putaranui

- 'This opportunity serves as a stepping-stone toward future generation & financial independence.'
- 'This positive impact enhances our holistic well-being.'
- 'The initiative bridges the gap between renting and full homeownership, addressing housing affordability.'

In closing I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Shaquille and Cilla for their unwavering support, to Te Huki marae for being the perfect host but most importantly, to our CEO, who has been a staunch advocate for our whānau's financial wellbeing.

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

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**TE HUI
WHAKAPUĀWAI**

TE HUI WHAKAPUĀWAI event, recently hosted at Te Huki Marae and Mana Ahuriri, stands as a shining beacon of our community's unwavering spirit and fortitude.

This gathering was more than a mere assembly; it was a celebration of knowledge-sharing and empowerment. Our meticulously designed events offered invaluable insights into financial direction, encompassing debt management, interest-free financing options, energy conservation strategies, and pathways to fostering healthier living environments.

The event was further enriched by a segment dedicated to fire safety led by our local fire services, who disseminated essential safety protocols. This confluence of education and empowerment not only supported our whānau and communities but also served as a testament to our collective resilience.



The success of such a monumental event is due to the collective contributions of many. We were honoured by the presence and insights of esteemed speakers and guests: Mark Francis of Debt Managers, Christen Liggins from Debtfix, Geema Ison of Good Shepard Loans,

Nigel Hall, Denal Meihana, and Kylie from the Fire and Emergency Service, Lenny Ferris of Civil Defence, Alice Peacock, Robin, and Alma Moeau of Healthy Homes, Diana Moyle the ASB Community Banker, Gene Waihape & Jasmine Heta from Te Whare Maire o Tapuwae, Mary Wilson from the Department of Internal Affairs, Calvin Robinson, Barbara Jenkinson, Rebekah Benton from MSD, and Jessica Kupa of ERANZ. Their collective wisdom and guidance were pivotal to the event's triumph.

Our initiatives, notably the Bank Ready & ERANZ programs, have been bolstered by generous support and funding, with a special mention to Mark Francis for his magnanimous koha, which greatly enhanced our catering capabilities.

I extend heartfelt gratitude to Te Huki Marae for their perfect hospitality, to Bubble and Mark for their sumptuous cooking offerings that exceeded all expectations, and to our master of ceremonies, Te Moana Bartlett, for his flawless standards. As a representative for NOW broadband services based in Ahuriri, Te Moana Bartlett stands ready to offer exceptional deals as the Māori community representative for businesses and personal.

We are also indebted to Mana Ahuriri for their support in hosting our whānau, and to Shaquille Mihaere for her impressive catering.



A profound thank you to all our speakers, guests, and attendees, whose participation and enthusiasm were the essence of this event. Your presence and engagement have left a permanent mark on our hearts and our community.

Quotes from some of our whānau:

"What an amazing kaupapa"

"Approachable & client centred"

"Each topic discussed was not only relevant but also offered considerable support, fostering a collective journey".

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