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# TE PŪTŌRINO O PĀHAUWERA

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# Kei Roto

Performances

Pāhauwera Rangatahi in the Navy Repatriation of Pirinoa Pou Free Community First Aid Courses Regional Kapa Haka

# **Kōrero** from the CEO

Tēnā anō tātou a muri ake o te puawaitanga 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.

# CEO Commentary

Since our last edition of Te Putorino much has happened including Matariki and the festive season.

I hope everyone enjoyed the time together and look for the new calendar year 2025 to be prosperous.

Operationally our Jobs for Nature contract with the Department of Conservation comes to an end in December meaning an end for employment of some team members in that space. The fixed nature of the contract means NPDT can no longer offer ongoing employment so will endeavour to find alternative employment for those staff affected. Either way they are valued members of the NPDT team, and their work is both acknowledged and will be a big loss.

The Te Mana o te Wai contracts with Ministry for the Environment also come to an end. but fortunately there is residual funding that will allow a continuation of support for a tiaki taiao kaupapa to maintain work in managing the quality of the local waterways. A smaller team will be retained over the next two financial years to complete the ongoing work under the auspices of the Taiao committee.

The social services part of the business continues to grow with Tania Huata actively securing the expansion of the Energy Mates (ERANZ) contract to Wairoa allowing whanau to be assisted with the management of their power use. The expansion of this contract will align with the work being done in the financial mentoring, hauora navigation and social connection contracts. These services are vital in supporting whanau who are feeling the effects of a tightening fiscal approach by the government and increasing unemployment rates. NPDT have also engaged Te Hau Anglem in a business development role who will look to provide employment/ business opportunities for whānau.

The commercial activities continue with another successful apple yield expected in these climate change unpredictive times. The farms continue to operate and as the varieties mature in the orchard mature varieties are hail proofed which should protect the crop from hail.



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#### **BEREAVEMENT NOTICE**

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

> **Colin Culshaw Heta Gemmell** Haki Gemmell Lydia Whakatope





Weather damage to hail netting from a freak tornado in August 2024 Netting and double posts destroyed

# Te Pūtōrino O Pāhauwera Panui

#### Kia ora koutou katoa,

The Ngāti Pāhauwera Te Putorino Pānui is quarterly. Te Putorino O Pāhauwera Pānui tells of 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 photos 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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# Updating your membership details with the Trust

# Need to update your membership details?

This could include your date of birth, address, phone number, email, or changes like moving house, getting married, adding to the whānau, or losing a loved one.

If you haven't received AGM info or voting packs, you may not be registered, or your details may be out of date. Please fill out the NPDT registration form on our website:

#### https://ngatipāhauwera.co.nz/rehitatanga/

This mahi is ongoing. We ask all registered members to keep their details up to date.

You can email your updated form to **admin@npdt.co.nz** or drop it off at one of our offices. Kia ora tātou,

We have our next intake of Kaitiaki Rangers for our Hēteri ā Nuku programme OPEN NOW!

If you have someone who is keen to apply for this mahi then follow the links below.

If there are any pātai about this mahi then touch base and we can look at an information session to clear up any points. Feel free to share around to our networks.

Ngaa mihi Keelan

# Hēteri ā Nuku -Kaitiaki Ranger role

Hēteri-Ā-Nuku is a programme that aims to prepare our next generation of Māori Leaders in environmental and conservation work, in the field and corporate spaces.

Our mission is to nurture and inspire future Kaitiaki by providing a holistic and immersive learning experience that is underpinned by tikanga Māori.

Our 1-year work-based programme provides academic learning, educational qualifications, and personal development opportunities to upskill and support Kaitiaki into sustainable employment or further tertiary education.

Individual learning programmes are tailored to support the aspirations of Kaitiaki on their career pathways, create opportunities to work on unique projects and make connections cross functionality and cross agency.



Throughout the programme, Kaitiaki will collectively come together to participate in wānanga.

#### ELIGIBILITY

- Minimum Restricted license
- Passion for Te Ao Māori
- Basic IT skills
- Flexibility to work outside
  normal office hours
- Flexibility to be away from home for up to 5 working days
- Able to work alone and in a team

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# Pāhauwera Rangatahi in the Navy



"From top of his class to the shores of the world – our son Pahauwera Hungahunga, DUX and Top Student, is stepping into his dreams. Soon he'll fly to Japan, then sail with the Aotearoa Navy to South Korea and Singapore. What a journey. What a moment. Once again, he brought us to tears. We couldn't be prouder."

Canal Street

Very proud of you, Pahauwera Hungahunga.





#### MONIQUE KIRWAN

**Kirwan Family** 

Super proud of this young woman – from leading the way at St Jo's, to Wairoa College, to the Navy and beyond. Well done, Monique Kirwan. Your hard work will inspire many Wairoa kids following your path into the NZDF.

Monique now serves alongside her three brothers in the Navy, and has just graduated Top Overall Student from the NZDF Medic Course, receiving the Colonel JW Argadh CBE, OBE Trophy.

All the best to Kefir Kirwan, who joins his siblings Dom, Monique, and Ishy in his first week in the Navy.

Right: Monique and brother Kefir





# Repatriation of Pirinoa Pou

## On Wednesday 14 August, it was a beautiful sunny day to repatriate a taonga.

First thing in the morning, Reka, Kahu and I met Te Hira Henderson of the MTG Napier, who has been looking after the Pirinoa Pou since it was donated on Christmas Eve last year. Te Hira took us into the basement where the 5m pou was wrapped up tight in layers of bubble wrap and plastic. With help from other MTG staff, we manoeuvred the pou out the side door and onto the trailer. The pou is very old and made of very dry Totara, making it very long but very light. Kahu and Reka laid it on two mattresses and strapped it down tightly for the bumpy drive to Wairoa.

The Pirinoa Pou was inappropriately named the Te Kooti Pou by the Pākehā collector who 'saved' it from Pirinoa in the 1950s and took it to his home in Greenmeadows. Due to Te Kooti spending several weeks in hiding around the junction between the Mohaka and Te Hoe rivers back in 1869, the area has long been known as Te Kooti's Lookout. But for hundreds of years before 1869, it was a Ngāti Pāhauwera pā called Pirinoa. This pou is one of three palisade pou that stayed standing at Pirinoa until the 1931 earthquake. The whereabouts of the other two pou is unknown. Perhaps you can help us find them?

In a rare occurrence, the road works did not hold up our convoy, and we arrived at Wairoa Museum around 11am, where NPDT staff Jaz, Kuki and El Maadi were ready to help unload. Nigel How guided the pou through the front door as Clare Butler performed a karanga to welcome the taonga as Kuki performed the appropriate karakia. We unwrapped the many layers and quickly realised that the pou was taller than expected and would not fit upright on the base Nigel had made. The measurements he'd been given were not accurate!

Luckily, without the base, the pou fit perfectly from floor to ceiling. Nigel chose the perfect place for it: right behind the mauri stone of the museum, which was from the Mohaka River. Two Pāhauwera taonga together. Nigel expertly clambered up a ladder to install brackets to hold the pou in place. With the flashlight from a smart phone we all crowded around to look at the various bits of graffiti on the pou. You will have to visit the Pirinoa Pou when you are next in Wairoa and tell us if you recognise any of the names!

The pou is very tall and slim, varnished to a dark brown (probably by the Pākehā collector), with a shaped 'head' at the top. When standing alongside 50 other palisade pou, it would look like an intimidating line of warriors staring down at enemies from above.

The pou is on long term loan to Wairoa Museum. The museum is open 10am -2pm Tuesdays to Fridays. The display label explains more about the history of Pirinoa, as well as the attack on Mohaka in 1969.



He mihi aroha, he mihi nunui ki Te Hira me ō tātou whānaunga ki te whare taonga o Te Wairoa, ko Nigel rāua ko Clare. Kua tau mai anō te taonga ki te tūrangawaewae.

#### **Miriama Gemmell**











# Te Kura grateful to Pāhauwera

On 11 September, Miriama Gemmell was invited to present to the National Board of Trustees of Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu, formerly known as the Correspondence School.

As you will know, many of our Pāhauwera tamariki, for a wide range of reasons, who are not able to attend school on campus, get their education through Te Kura. As part of NPDT's contract with MOE, Miriama has created a suite of Year 0-10 resources for schools, containing pūrākau, whakapapa, history, waiata, whakataukī and more, which have then been shared with Pāhauwera schools (Mohaka, Kotemāori, Pūtere and Kotemāori Schools) and Kōhanga Reo, as well as Englishmedium and Māori-medium schools in Wairoa, Napier and Hastings. But the excited response from Te Kura was a surprise. "At the hui today, Whaimutu Marino (Te Mātanga marau mō te Mātauranga Māori) said <u>Ngāti Pāhauwera is the</u> <u>first iwi to share its histories resources</u> <u>with Te Kura.</u> They said thank you for these taonga. That's pretty exciting for Ngāti Pāhauwera to be the first, breaking the ice, especially because we have so many whānau living outside Hawke's Bay, whose tamariki may now have opportunities to learn Pāhauwera histories through Te Kura all the way down in Southland."

Kaiako at Te Kura will be able to utilise the resources in their teaching, and ākonga will be able to access the resources as they might in a library. Moreover, kaiako who know their ākonga are Ngāti Pāhauwera can integrate our mātauranga into their curriculum. But first, Te Kura kaimahi have a challenge in front of them: how to securely and appropriately host iwi resources within the Te Kura digital resource archive in a way that upholds the mana of such taonga tuku iho. Te Kura knows that more iwi will be sharing its school histories resources over the next few years. But Ngāti Pāhauwera is the first cab off the rank, and the board was very generous in its praise and acknowledged its role as kaitiaki in receiving such taonga.

But there's no need for Te Kura, Pāhauwera whānau can dive in straight away. The suite of histories resources developed by NPDT so far are available to explore under the 'Education' tab on our website:

#### https://ngatipahauwera.co.nz/for-schools/

In terms of whether it's possible to write 'true' Māori history, Miriama acknowledges that each whānau will have its own stories, histories and taonga. It would not be tika to to merge that rich myriad of stories into





a single "history of Ngāti Pāhauwera". The NPDT school resources NPDT has developed so far are to support kaiako in delivering the Aoteaora New Zealand Histories and Social Studies Curriculum, so that Pāhauwera and Kahungunu history does not get erased in the teaching of a national narrative. Additionally, each resource comes with a korowai tikanga for kaiako that stipulates how to whakamana tamariki and whānau who will bring their own mātauranga into the classroom. If you have feedback or suggestions on any of the resources, get in touch at **admin@npdt.co.nz.** 

He mihi aroha, he mihi nunui ki Te Hira me ō tātou whānaunga ki te whare taonga o Te Wairoa, ko Nigel rāua ko Clare. Kua tau mai anō te taonga ki te tūrangawaewae.

# MOU signed with Stats NZ

## On Tuesday 26 November, NPDT signed a relationship agreement (or MOU) with Stats NZ.

We hosted the Minister of Stats NZ, Andrew Bayly, and the Chief Executive Officer of Stats NZ, Mark Sowden and his team at the Napier office for a brief but friendly and informative signing event with NPDT trustees and staff. The Stats NZ team were particularly excited to see the ways that PSGEs like NPDT are operating in a variety of spaces: housing, education, budgetadvice, agriculture, horticulture, taiao etc. The memorandum was signed by the CEO, Mark Sowden, as well as Toro Waaka, Theresa Thornton and Robin Hape for NPDT. The Minister signed a letter of support.

Andrew Bayly is also the Minister for Small Business and Manufacturing. As such, after the signing we took him to tour the orchard at Pākuratahi and he was like a little boy in a candy shop. He sprayed the artesinal well hose; he thinned apples; he climbed on the forklift, and he wore a NPDT cap! We also made sure to talk about all the ways the current government could help our iwi members more. Interestingly, the Minister apologised for the principles bill causing problems for Māori in parliament right now. He said it was taking us backwards.

#### WHAT DOES THIS MOU MEAN?

MOU stands for Memorandum of Understanding. This means that when NPDT needs data to help with strategic planning, the specialist Māori data team at Stats NZ will be able to help. This MOU is something Stats NZ has signed with other iwi organisations such as Tātau Tātau. Stats NZ is clearly learning that iwi organisations want to utilise data in many different ways compared to government agencies. For example, instead of using nationwide data on how best to support Māori communities, we can use Wairoa region, Kahungunu ki Te Wairoa and Pāhauwera data specifically. There is an important ethical component which is to ensure that our data stays safe. This is something we will be working on closely with Stats NZ when we next have a data request.













Tom Keefe presents koha of honey, olive oil and apples t Stats NZ.



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Taonga from Stats NZ.

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Free First Aid Course for the Community

A 2-Day Comprehensive Community First Aid course held at the Waipapa A Iwi Mohaka Marae, supported by Red Cross.

We had 28 whānau attend this day.



Staff First Aid Held at Kurahikakawa Marae Waihua Taiao Update





Our Taiao Team has been as busy as ever, with lots of exciting mahi over the past few months.

In August we hosted researchers from Victoria University to help us investigate where whitebait spawning occurs in our rohe. We visited the Waihua, Mohaka and Waikari



Rivers and completed eDNA sampling. There were some exciting results, with DNA from the small-scaled skink found at the mouth of the Waihua River and DNA from lamprey in the Waikari River. These are threatened native species that we didn't know we had in our rohe, so we are planning more work to learn more about these populations – look for an update in the next Putorino!

# LDNA of the lamprey in the Waikari Awa

Putere Lakes - Lakes Surveys

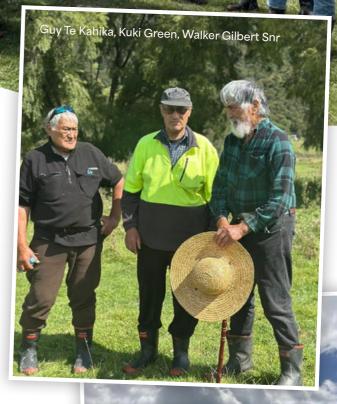
You may have noticed some work going on recently on Tawhirirangi. Unfortunately, in September there was a fire on the maunga that damaged some native plants and fences.

Fortunately, it also burned weeds, so our Jobs for Nature staff have been busy taking advantage of the opportunity to get more weeds under control and prepare the damaged area for more native planting next winter. We are also very grateful to have support from Tūpore to improve the road access on Tawhirirangi. They have improved the condition of the road free of charge to make it much easier to drive up to our hāngī stone at the top.

In November we held a fish passage wānanga with Sustainable Hawkes Bay. We visited sites around Raupunga and Kakariki checking culverts and other barriers to see if fish would be able to swim through them. This is important because 70% of native fish species (including whitebait and tuna) need to travel between rivers and the ocean to complete their life cycles, and if there are barriers in their way they can't reproduce. HBRC has been working alongside Submerged Environmental, organizing lakeSPI surveys for 6 lakes in Hawkes Bay, including Lake Rotonuiaha, Lake Rotorua and Lake Rotongaiao which will produce results of a more comprehensive report.

Identifying plants in lakes, checking its health ecosystem and lots more! NPDT Taiao Committee, locals, and rangatahi met with the divers at Lake Rotonuiaha to listen and hear all about their findings.

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## Maungataniwha Forest Lifeforce Restoration Trust

Maungataniwha never ceases to amaze; there is always so much going on and it's inspiring to visit.

From exploring caves to discussing fossils that are millions of years old, discovered by Joan Wiffen, ther is a wealth of history to be found. Wood rose, Datulathus talori, a native plant species with fewer than 1,000 individuals left in the wild. The area is rich with cultural significance, featuring lwi sites, pa sites, hangi pits, and manu processing sites. The Waiau River is home to 14 pairs of who, and their population is slowly growing. We found hangi stones and we looked at the Ngutu Kaka site, which is being well-tended by James Powrie.

We enjoyed listening to Kiwi with Pete's monitoring gear, participating in possum trapping, and witnessing the mistletoe thriving. We are always grateful for the opportunity to be welcomed into this beautiful place.



# Whitebait Spawning Mats -Waihua Awa

Steven and I met with Helen Johnas and Matt of the Department of Conservation, as well as Jane from HB Sustainable, at the Waihua Marae. It was a gorgeous day, and before we left, we had a health and safety briefing.

We drove across the road to Gaye Hawkins Whenua near the Waihua Awa. Where we gathered our resources and headed down the bank. Helen and Matt checked out the sites and we watched as Helen and Matt talked us







through the stages, and why it is important to do what we are doing, in our rohe. We then continued to help and place the other mats out along the awa.

The mats were made from a combination of coconut husks and hay, which were then fixed to the banks of the Waihua Awa as an artificial habitat for the whitebait to lay their eggs on.

Several waratahs were used to help stake the matting to the banks of the river; bamboo rods were also used to help reinforce the mats to the ground in case of heavy and high tides. Safety caps were then placed on the tops of the waratahs as a safety measure.

Four mats were laid down in various areas of the Waihua Awa about 100m apart and slightly above the edge of the water.

The mats will be left for about 6 months and checked every other month by Helen. Hopefully, it is successful, and the whitebait would have used the mats to lay their eggs.



# Mohaka Marae Pig Hunting Competition

On behalf of our marae Trustees, we would like to thank everyone who made this competition a huge success.

#### FIRST AND FOREMOST, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR SPONSORS:

Jon Te Aho (JTAP), Tyre General Wairoa, Paroa Trust, Johansens Hammer Hardware Wairoa, McInnes Drivers, Wairoa Earthworks, Tupore Aggregates, Ngati Pahauwera Hunting Club, QRS Roading, Kiwi Transport, Raw Meats, Wairoa District Council, Fulton Hogan, JC Electronics Wairoa, Wairoa Motorcycles, One Stop Kai Shop Raupunga, Eastlands Wairoa, Eastland Vets Wairoa, Farmlands Wairoa, Sialemisa Whānau, Gun City Napier, Hamils Napier, Craftys Hastings, Dominos Napier, Robbies Takeaways Wairoa, LTU Kustomz.

Without your generous contribution towards our marae fundraiser this would not have been made possible.

Thank you also to our whānau who helped during the set-up, kai prep, help on the day as well as the clean-up. Your love and support for our marae is much appreciated.







#### NGĀTI PĀHAUWERA Development Group

Tamariki waitin patiently for prize

giving at V

apia,







# Wairoa Community Primary School Kapa Haka Day



Kuarahikakawa ki Waihua Marae performs at Wairoa Pā Haka

Whānau from Kurahikakawa ki Waihua Marae had a great experience and thoroughly enjoyed participating in the latest Wairoa Pā Haka held at Rangiahua Marae.

Despite the challenges of only having a few whānau participate, that didn't stop them. The group worked well together with different whānau helping to compose waiata and weave outfits. As Ihipera Parata shared, "We were more determined because there were only a few of us".

Whānau travelled from as far as Porirua and Palmerston North to tautoko the kaupapa showing the strength of unity and commitment to representing their marae.

Pā Haka is more than just an event- it's a way to bring whānau, marae and hapū together

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to collectively strengthen relationships whakawhanaungatanga. It's a chance to support those who live away, and for those returning, it's a way to reconnect with their marae and their hapū.

We would love to further develop and encourage wider participation amongst Kurahikakawa hapū next time, if Pā Haka is something you would like to be involved with please keep an eye on the Kurahikakawa Marae Facebook Page.

## NPDT Mātauranga Symposium success!

The inaugural symposium was held at Waipapa-a-iwi Marae 13-15 December 2024, and the weather really showed up for the party!

We parked ourselves under the gazebos between Rongomaiwahine and Te Kahu-o-te-Rangi to learn all about our Pāhauweratanga for three days of workshops.

The AGM was held on the Saturday morning, but the rest of the Friday-to-Sunday event included sessions on: • Whakapapa

• Waiata

- What is mātauranga Pāhauwera?
- Ancient history and pūrākau
- · Post-contact history, conflict & whenua
- An introduction to fishing with the papareti a technology unique to Pāhauwera

Tawhirirangi at dusk

- Taiao our Taonga species
- An exploration of Matariki traditions for Ngāti Pāhauwera
- · Whakairo design
- Mana Motuhake and Tino Rangatiratanga
- Whakataukī & kīwaha Pāhauwera

The wairua was warm and welcoming. Participants came from Auckland and Christchurch, and everywhere in between.

We swam in the river: we visited our tipuna: we climbed our maunga. Amongst the crew, we had hau kāinga who swim in the river every week. We also had waewae tapu who had never been home before, having been disconnected from their Pāhauwera side for many years (sometimes, generations). Everyone was on the waka to reconnect with our extended Pāhauwera whānau. It was beautiful to see so many tamariki and rangatahi getting involved. The catering was done by the Mohaka Marae Committee and they did a stellar job. As Saul Waihape said in his mihi to ringawera, "I was skinny when I arrived." The organising team planned a spectacular event, one that we all hope will be regularly repeated.

We'd like to thank the organising team at NPDT for all their efforts over many many months. He mihi nui to Rob Mitchell for designing the NPDT Education kōwhaiwhai. He mihi maioha to the J4N team for fixing the road up Tawhirirangi. We'd like to thank MOE for the free kids' books and DOC for the Mātauranga Māori Marae Ora fund that helped NPDT to deliver this event. Finally, we'd like to thank our pūkenga who made this event so special: Charlie Lambert, Cordry Huata, Toro Waaka, Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke, Rongopai Kira, June Nicklin, Duane Culshaw, and NPDT kaimahi Miriama Gemmell and Kathryn Gale.



For everyone who wants to explore the slide presentations from the Symposium, you can find them in this Google Drive folder here:

#### **1. SYMPOSIUM GOOGLE DRIVE**

If you came to the event, share your photos and videos below:

#### 2. MATAURANGA FACEBOOK EVENT

And anyone who would like to join in for Rongopai and Huria's next wānanga, follow our facebook page:

#### 3. TE WĀNANGA O NGĀTI PAHAUWERA

If you attended the Symposium and have suggestions for the next one, please get in touch at **admin@npdt.co.nz.** See you at the next one!

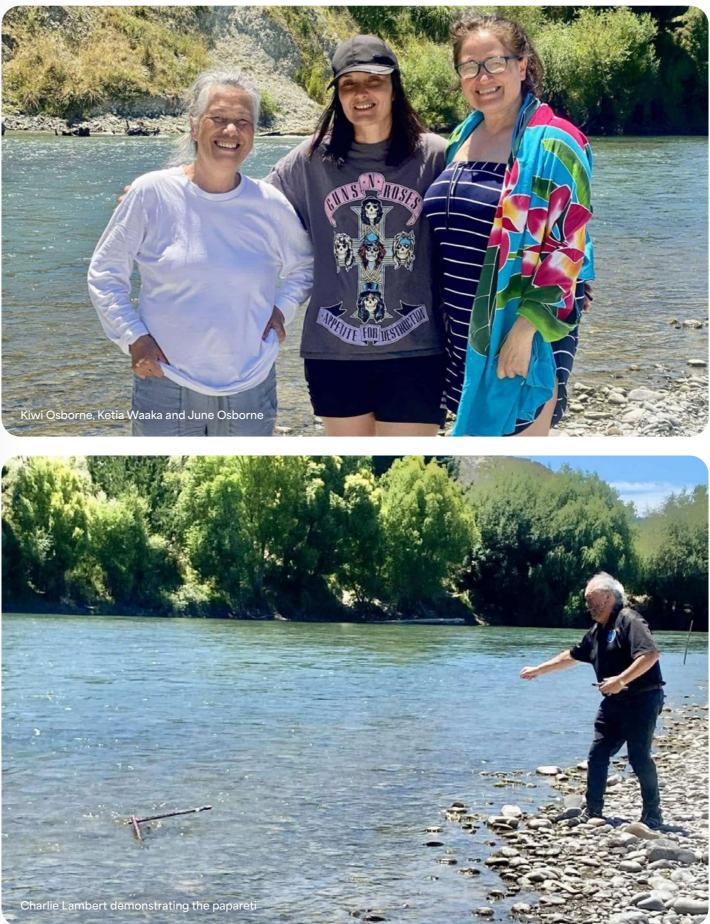
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