

TE PŪTŌRINO O PĀHAUWERA

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Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Group Newsletter



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KŌRERO

from the CEO

Tēna Koutou Katoa

I raro i ngā manaakitanga o te wā, ka nui ngā mihi ki te hunga ora, ano hoki ki a ratou kua ngaro atu ki te po. Ma te Atua e manaaki e tiaki.

As my tenure in the role as CEO comes to an end in June, I reflect on the many rangatira who have helped shape my journey and filled my kete with treasured memories. Personally, my thoughts reflect to Canon Wi & Te Okanga Huata, Tom & Billy Gemmell, Sophie Keefe, Charlie King, Marg & Eric Rangi, Harry & Maryanne Tuapawa, Willie & Colin Culshaw, Pana Keefe all of whom I knew personally before I took up the role. It was them and those still around that gave me confidence to continue in the role even when times were challenging. Their mana reflects the diversity of Ngati Pahauwera, knowledgeable, humble, fiery, passionate, hard working all of which I have witnessed in my time.

To all those that have passed may they rest in the spirit world and their energies be transferred to the next generations coming. To all the trustees and staff, past and present I thank you for the support, criticism and encouragement to continue in this role for the time I have been with NPDT. I started in march 2016 and end ten years later.

Toro what can I say it has been an experience of a life time and your leadership continues as I retire. Continue to lead your people well. Kane, Pete and Jordy as staff you were here before me and you remain to realise the dream. Marie, Michelle, Elmaadi & Terri-lee you have also been at the back doing your thing, continue to be that support and Aidan/ Pauly make our orchards pay is all I can expect as the old net is put aside and the new is cast.



While my role as CEO comes to an end my relationships last and I will watch keenly the ongoing development. I know that the next CEO and staff will improve on the work started to build and maintain the settlement asset base. I return to Te Whatuiapiti to help shape the future for my whanau, hapu and iwi.

Make sure to VOTE!

The strength of Ngāti Pāhauwera governance relies on the participation of our people. Voting is one of the most important ways whānau can exercise their voice and help shape the future direction of our iwi.

Strong participation in trustee elections ensures our governance remains accountable, representative, and connected to the aspirations of our people. It also reinforces the legitimacy of decisions made on behalf of the iwi.

We encourage all eligible members to keep their registration details up to date, stay informed, and participate in elections as an expression of rangatiratanga and collective responsibility.

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COMMERCIAL & ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

This period has also seen continued growth across our Ngāti Pāhauwera commercial entities with the maturing varieties showing good results while others have not performed to expectations.

Along with the good growth results another major achievement this season has been the recognition of Ngāti Pāhauwera Commercial Development Limited as Horticulture Group Horticulturalist of the Year 2026 Winner Spotlight. This reflects the transformation of our whenua into high-performing productive assets while maintaining strong investment in people, systems, and infrastructure.

TAIAO UPDATE

Komiti Taiao continues important mahi across environmental monitoring, restoration, and kaupapa Māori science initiatives. Recent eDNA sampling at Pohatunui and Waikare Gorge alongside Kotemaori Kura has strengthened our understanding of awa health through a combination of pūtaiao and kaitiakitanga.

Environmental pre-survey work for the Waikare Bridge project continues, including lizard monitoring and relocation with support from WSP and NZTA. A mihi to Jaz, Kuki, Trev, and Aimee for their ongoing contribution to this mahi.

We also acknowledge Lara Taylor and her involvement in Ngā Herenga o Papatūānuku, a collective advancing Māori-led climate adaptation approaches through wānanga and collaboration across Aotearoa.

Many of the Whānau as keynote speakers at the Hikirangi Symposium.

Hikirangi Business Symposium at Te Huki Marae

Te Rohe o Te Wairoa Business Symposium 2026 was successfully held at Te Huki Marae, hosted by Hikirangi Wairoa.

The two-day symposium was a strong success, bringing together local businesses, entrepreneurs, and whānau to build capability and networks. Workshops focused on practical growth areas including seed funding, whenua-based enterprise, hospitality, construction, AI, and SME development. The energy and engagement reflected a strong appetite for local enterprise and Māori-led economic development.



While we celebrated Te Rina's success in her Ahu Whenua horticulture craft we sadly received the news that Reka (Ramon) Joe, had passed at the same time. As we celebrated Te Rina's achievement; NPDT also mourned the loss of a dedicated worker and kaitiaki within our ranks. Haere atu ra e te rangatira.



Te Rina Joe - Award winner of the Ahuwhenua Trophy.

Across our commercial portfolio, we continue to see growth in employment opportunities, capability development, and long-term asset performance. These outcomes reflect a clear focus on kai sovereignty, innovation, and sustainable enterprise that benefits our whānau and future generations. The investment into horticulture was to recognise our ability to grow food well as we did many years ago and the development at Mautaua in Raupunga is the next step to expanding our business.

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We close by acknowledging the continued strength of our people, our commercial progress, and the collective mahi being undertaken across all areas of our kaupapa.

Robin Hape
Chief Executive Officer
Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust



KŌRERO

from the Chairman

Mahia ngā mahi o Kahukura

Remaining tika and pono continues to guide us in meeting the needs and aspirations of our whānau. As Trustees, we hold firmly to our responsibility not only to protect what has been handed down to us, but to strengthen the foundations for future generations. One of the important roles of leadership is to keep our eyes on the horizon, to remain aware of emerging challenges while preparing our people to navigate them with confidence and resilience.

Over the past few months, from March through May, we have continued to prioritise whakapapa connections to our whenua and histories, while also navigating ongoing climate-related events, economic pressures, and an increasingly complex political environment. These challenges reinforce an important reality for us – resilience, preparation, and self-determination are essential to our long-term wellbeing.

We have also been reminded of the unpredictability of our environment. Weather events, flooding risks, and wider global disruptions highlight the importance of being prepared for both calm and crisis. Our tūpuna understood this well, observing the tohu of the environment, the behaviour of birds, winds, waters, and stars to guide preparation and response. The whakataukī "Te Paki o Hewa" reminds us that fine weather today does not guarantee safety tomorrow.

"Te Paki o Hewa"



This reinforces the importance of emergency preparedness across our Trust, marae, and whānau. Recent experiences, including severe weather events and wider national emergencies, have shown that we must remain vigilant, well-resourced, and ready to respond with agility and care for our people. Strengthening our emergency management capability will remain a key focus moving forward.

At the same time, we must remain cautious of misinformation and external pressures that can influence public response during times of uncertainty. It is important that we stay grounded, informed, and guided by trusted relationships, while ensuring our whānau are connected to accurate information and practical support when needed.

Regarding Te Pūtōrino Pānui and the wider conversations occurring globally, my comments are intended to encourage whānau to take responsibility for improving self-sufficiency and preparedness within their own homes and communities. Those who are prepared will fare better than those who are not. This is not about fearmongering, but about acknowledging that new global challenges will continue to emerge and that resilience begins at home.

One example is the growing uncertainty around global oil supply and international shipping pressures. While Government assurances may remain positive regarding domestic fuel supply, the reality is that disruptions to international freight and transport systems could have significant long-term impacts on access to everyday goods and services. Recent commentary in economic bulletins, including BERL updates discussing continued instability through the Strait of Hormuz and mounting global supply pressures, reinforces the importance of planning ahead and strengthening local capability.

For this reason, it may be beneficial for Putorino and our wider community networks to begin sharing practical information that supports whānau preparedness and self-sufficiency planning. This could include encouraging households to establish vegetable gardens, plant fruit trees, preserve kai, and build local knowledge around sustainable living practices. Those living in larger urban centres may face greater risks regarding food access during periods of disruption, making local food resilience increasingly important. Even simple, practical steps such as growing silverbeet, which is easy to maintain year-round. It can help strengthen household resilience over time.

Moving forward we should be undertaking a full review of our emergency response capability and community support systems, ensuring we are well prepared across civil defence, communications, welfare, and coordination pathways.

Commercial Strength & Achievement

Despite environmental and external pressures, our commercial performance continues to strengthen. We are proud to acknowledge a significant milestone, such as Ngāti Pāhauwera Commercial Development Limited receiving the 2026 Horticulture New Zealand Horticulturalist of the Year Award. This is a major achievement and reflects years of investment in capability, systems, infrastructure, and people.

This recognition is a testament to the dedication of our orchard teams, leadership, and whānau who continue to lift performance across our operations. In particular, the success of Pākuratahi Orchard demonstrates strong commercial growth, workforce development, and long-term asset planning.

Acknowledging the challenges within the wider apple industry, including market oversupply and pricing pressures, particularly impacting Rockit apple supply chains. These conditions reinforce the importance of diversification, strategic market engagement, and maintaining flexibility in our commercial approach.

At the same time, we are seeing growth in whānau enterprise through initiatives such as the Navigator programme, which has already supported around 20 emerging Ngāti Pāhauwera businesses following the Raupunga Business Symposium. This is a strong signal of growing entrepreneurial confidence within our rohe.

We also acknowledge ongoing discussions around renewable energy opportunities, including potential hydro and energy channel development on the Mohaka, which align with long-term aspirations for energy independence and sustainability.

ANZAC & D Company Kaupapa

We also acknowledge the strong ANZAC commemorations held at Mohaka Marae, where whānau travelled from Napier, Hastings, and further afield to attend. Transport support through organised buses ensured wider participation, reflecting the importance of collective remembrance.

We continue to honour Kamupene D (D Company), 28th Māori Battalion, and all who served. Their legacy remains central to our identity. Work is now progressing to gather and preserve the stories of our own whānau who served, and we encourage whānau to come forward with photographs, letters, and kōrero to ensure these histories are not lost.

We also acknowledge the upcoming Māori Television filming with the Tumataroa whānau, capturing important intergenerational stories that reflect both national history and whānau lived experience.



Welcoming the new Governor General of the New Zealand Reserve Bank - Dr Anna Breman and her team to Pakuratahi Orchard.

Looking Forward – Resilience & Whānau Development

As we move through the colder months, we are reminded of natural cycles of change and the importance of reflection, renewal, and preparation. This is also a time to acknowledge those whānau who have passed and to hold their memory with care and respect.

Our focus remains on strengthening resilience across all areas – commercial, environmental, cultural, and social. This includes improving emergency readiness, supporting whānau development initiatives, growing enterprise pathways, and ensuring the long-term sustainability of our assets.

Whanaungatanga remains at the centre of everything we do. It is our anchor in times of uncertainty and our strength in times of progress. Our future depends not on individual effort alone, but on our ability to stand together with clarity, purpose, and unity.

I acknowledge the continued commitment of Trustees, staff, contractors, and volunteers whose mahi underpins all that we achieve. Most importantly, I acknowledge our whānau – your voice, your presence, and your engagement are what give meaning to this work.

As we continue to navigate a changing environment, our responsibility is to remain steady in purpose and bold in action. By investing in our people, strengthening our systems, and remaining grounded in our values, we will continue to build resilience, opportunity, and prosperity for generations to come.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.

*Kia mau ki te maro o te kawau.
Nāku iti nei*

**Toro Waaka
Chairman
Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust**



Celebrating Innovation Ahuwhenua & Horticulture Awards

We all should be proud to celebrate two significant achievements that highlight the strength, vision, and determination of our people. Recent recognition through the Ahuwhenua Trophy Awards and horticulture industry awards reflects not only individual and organisational success but also the values, leadership, and aspirations that continue to guide us as Pāhauwera.

We extend our warmest congratulations to Te Rina Joe, whose achievement at the Ahuwhenua Awards is a testament to years of dedication, leadership, and service within the primary sector. The Ahuwhenua Trophy is one of the most respected awards in Māori agriculture, recognising excellence in farming, land management, and stewardship of whenua. To see Te Rina acknowledged on this national stage is a source of immense pride for our iwi and a reflection of the knowledge, resilience, and commitment that exists within our people.

Alongside this recognition, we are equally proud of the achievements of the Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust, which has been recognised through horticulture awards celebrating excellence, innovation, and growth within the sector. These awards acknowledge not only the success of our horticultural developments but also the courage and foresight of those who made the decision to pursue a pathway that was, at the time, unfamiliar territory for our organisation.

The journey into commercial horticulture required bold leadership and a willingness to take calculated risks. While Ngāti Pāhauwera had a strong history of land ownership and management, we were not traditionally pipfruit or commercial horticulture growers. The decision by our leadership to invest in this space required vision, adaptability, and confidence in the potential of our whenua and our people. It would have been easier to stay within what was known, yet our leaders chose to embrace new opportunities and challenge themselves to think differently about the future.

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Te Rina Joe and Jordan Biddle, both Ahuwhenua Trophy Winners.

Today, that willingness to innovate and take risks is being recognised across the industry. What began as a strategic vision has grown into a successful horticultural operation that is creating employment, building capability, generating returns, and providing opportunities for current and future generations of Pāhauwera. It stands as an example of what can be achieved when we are prepared to adapt, learn, and back ourselves.

These achievements remind us that success is built on the collective efforts of many. They reflect the contributions of trustees, staff, contractors, whānau, and partners, as well as the guidance of our tūpuna and the enduring connection we hold with our whenua.

As Ngāti Pāhauwera, we celebrate these milestones together. We acknowledge the leaders who had the courage to pursue a new direction, Te Rina Joe for her outstanding achievement, and everyone who has contributed to this journey.

Their success honours our past, strengthens our present, and creates new possibilities for the generations who will follow.



ANZAC in Mohaka and Kamupene D Research

We acknowledge all of our servicemen and servicewomen, past and present, whose sacrifice, courage, and commitment have helped shape the freedoms and opportunities we have today.

Notably this year, we proudly acknowledged the legacy of Kamupene D (D Company), 28th Māori Battalion, and the many brave men from Ngāti Pāhauwera and across Aotearoa who served during the war. Their courage, sacrifice, and service remain deeply important to our people, and we are committed to ensuring their stories continue to be remembered and shared for future generations.

As part of this kaupapa, we will soon begin a Ngāti Pāhauwera-focused project to gather and record the stories of our own whānau who served in Kamupene D. We warmly encourage whānau to be involved by sharing photographs, letters, service records, memories, and stories connected to our servicemen. This is an important opportunity to preserve our whakapapa stories and honour the bravery and contribution of our tīpuna so they are never forgotten. Please make contact with the Trust so you can be included in the research process.

This year's ANZAC Dawn Ceremony was also a beautiful reminder of the strength of our people coming together. We were incredibly humbled by the turnout, with a bus travelling from Napier and whānau even journeying from Wellington to participate in the commemoration. Despite the cold morning and early start, the spirit and presence of everyone made the occasion incredibly special.

25 April 2026
ANZAC DAY WAIROA

5:45am Kaluku Marae Dawn Service Mahia East Coast Road Mahia	
8:30am Taihoa Marae Service State Highway 2 Wairoa	
10:00am Frasertown Civic Service Carroll Street Frasertown	
11:45am Wairoa Civic Service Wairoa War Memorial Hall Wairoa	
5:45am Mohaka Marae Dawn Service Mohaka Township Road Mohaka	11:00am Whakaki Marae Service State Highway 2 Whakaki

Acknowledgements to Wairoa artist Chance Buh, who designed the graphics in this banner.
KOROIO KOROIO THE ARTIST: Kai Whareware Taitai. The imagery used in the page graphics above is derived from commemorations I've heard and read about our tīpuna who fought in the World Wars. The Māori tūhono, Koroio, Koroio take the heavily aligned to us and how we are a result of their sacrifice. We shall never take life for granted. We shall never forget. Your sacrifice, created my future. Thank you.

A special mihi goes to the tamariki of Mohaka Kura who were not deterred by the early hour and proudly shared short speeches and beautiful waiata that touched everyone present. We were also treated to amazing kai afterwards which helped warm us all up and provided an opportunity for whānau to reconnect and reflect together. Ngā mihi nui to everyone who contributed to making the morning such a meaningful occasion.

Another kaupapa to keep an eye out for is the filming project by Maori TV involving the Tumataroa whānau, acknowledging and sharing their stories and experiences connected to these significant historical moments.

This is an incredibly important piece of storytelling that highlights not only the impact these events had on our country, but also the lasting effect on whānau and descendants who continue to carry these histories today.



Mohaka Kura Taurira providing a beautiful waiata tautoko.

**Lest
we
forget**

Moments captured during the ANZAC ceremony in Mohaka.



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Moments captured as the sun makes an appearance.



Ngutukākā Seed collected, ready for propagation.

Te Heru o Tureia Ngutukākā – Rachael’s Plant

A Brief History

The block known as Te Heru o Tureia, located on the true right bank of the Mohaka River upriver from Willow Flat, has long been recognised as a significant site for wild ngutukākā (kākābeak) plants. Over many years, Pete Shaw, manager of the Maungataniwha Native Forest, has played a key role in locating and monitoring many of these rare wild plants.

Sadly, many of the original plants have since been lost due to browsing by goats and deer. During one kayak trip down the Mohaka River on 25 October 2012, Pete counted 157 goats in the area surrounding Te Heru o Tureia alone. Ongoing drought conditions have also contributed to the decline of the species, particularly for plants growing high on papa cliffs where there is little soil available to retain moisture.

Rachael’s Plant

Despite these challenges, there have also been moments of hope. On 26 October 2012, Pete Shaw first sighted a suspected ngutukākā plant from afar. A few days later, on 5 November 2012, the plant was confirmed using a spotting scope and named “Rachael’s Plant” after Rachel Hunter, who was undertaking a kiwi egg lift on the same day.

On 11 November 2012, Pete was able to access the site and discovered another much smaller flowering plant approximately 40 metres upslope and 10 metres to the left of Rachael’s Plant.

This second plant became known as “R2”. Seed was later collected from the plants in 2013 by Pete Shaw alongside Alan Lee.

Accessing the site has always been challenging, requiring ropes to navigate steep bluff areas and narrow ledges.

During a visit in 2021, both Rachael’s Plant and R2 were found to have died, likely due to browsing pressure from goats. Despite this loss, visits to the site continued in the hope that the seed bank left within the surrounding soil would eventually regenerate new seedlings.

That hope was rewarded in 2022 when two tiny ngutukākā seedlings, only around 40mm high, were discovered at the site.

Unfortunately, these were quickly browsed by goats, making it clear that active protection measures were urgently needed if the seedlings were to survive.

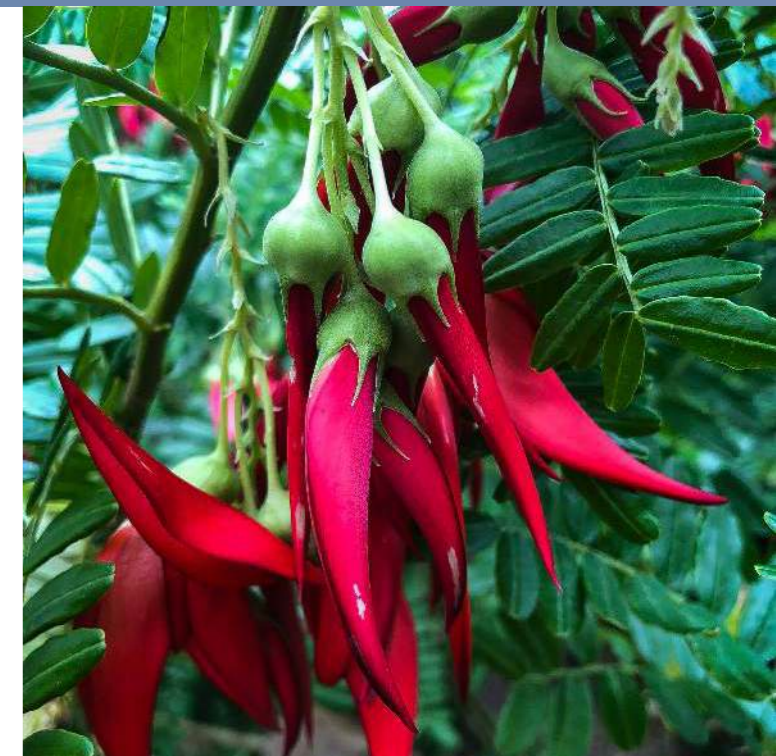
With support from Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust, who supplied materials, and the Department of Conservation, who funded helicopter support, materials were flown into the site in June 2023 to construct a protective enclosure. Due to the impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle, it was not possible for the team to access the site and begin construction until October 2023.

Building the enclosure proved to be an ambitious task. Positioned on a narrow ledge with a steep drop-off, all equipment had to be hauled up difficult terrain from a gear dump located 50–80 metres below the site. Using reinforcing mesh, heavy-duty chicken wire, and waratahs, the team successfully constructed a protective barrier around the seedlings.

When the site was revisited in March 2024, no ngutukākā seedlings were visible. Another inspection in September 2024 revealed a live billy goat had managed to enter the enclosure from above, stripping the area bare of vegetation and seedlings before escaping as the team approached.



Kuki planting Ngutukākā at Te Hūki Urupā.



Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the DOC team — Simon Hustler, Blair Lambert, David Mathias, and Josh McClutchie — the enclosure was strengthened and secured to prevent animals entering from above. Fortunately, remaining supplies stored at the gear dump allowed the team to complete the necessary upgrades without requiring another helicopter operation.

When the site was checked again in February 2025, there was finally encouraging news — 17 tiny wild ngutukākā seedlings were found growing safely within the enclosure.

Fast forward to April 2026, and all 17 seedlings are continuing to thrive. While there are not yet any signs of flowering, additional work has been undertaken to trim back surrounding kānuka and increase sunlight exposure in the hope this will encourage flowering in the years ahead.

This ongoing kaupapa is a powerful reminder of the persistence, dedication, and collective effort required to protect and restore our precious native taonga species for future generations.



Kōwhaiwhai Wānanga

Kurahikakawa Marae whānau recently had the privilege of coming together with nationally renowned artist Sandy Adsett for a special wānanga exploring the art forms of kōwhaiwhai and tukutuku.

Throughout the wānanga, kōrero centred around creating kōwhaiwhai inspired by the pūrākau of the kākahi (freshwater mussel), Ngūpara, our awa, maunga, and whakapapa.

These stories and connections were woven together to guide the design and creation of kōwhaiwhai and tukutuku panels that will adorn our marae and reflect the identity and history of our hapū.

Held over the Easter weekend, the wānanga was thoroughly enjoyed by hapū whānau and all those who attended. It provided an opportunity not only to learn the practical skills of creating kōwhaiwhai and tukutuku, but also to deepen understanding of the history of the area, significant landmarks, and the whakapapa that connects us all.

Our next wānanga will focus on the creation of the tukutuku panels, with a date to be confirmed in due course.



Hikirangi Business Symposium – Te Huki Marae – Local Businesses

Te Rohe o Te Wairoa Business Symposium 2026 was successfully held over 27–28 March 2026 at Te Huki Marae, bringing together entrepreneurs, professionals, whānau, and community leaders from across the region for two inspiring and impactful days of learning, connection, and collaboration.

Hosted by Hikirangi Wairoa, the symposium focused on growing local enterprise, strengthening leadership capability, and supporting the next generation of Māori business owners and directors.

The two-day kaupapa was a huge success, with strong attendance and engagement across both days.

Day One featured a range of speakers, panel discussions, and networking opportunities that encouraged collaboration and whakaaro sharing between established businesses, aspiring entrepreneurs, and industry professionals. The energy in the room reflected the growing momentum and ambition within Te Rohe o Te Wairoa to create sustainable economic pathways grounded in local values and aspirations.

Day Two delivered a series of practical workshops designed to equip attendees with hands-on knowledge and tools to support business growth and innovation. Topics included seed funding, whenua and soil, egg enterprise opportunities, MPI regulations, AirBnB and hospitality, catering, construction and heavy equipment, SME development, as well as AI and online marketing. These workshops created valuable opportunities for participants to ask questions, build connections, and explore future opportunities for their own ventures and whānau aspirations.

The symposium highlighted the importance of creating spaces where our people can access knowledge, resources, and networks in ways that are practical, supportive, and culturally grounded. It was awesome to see so many whānau, pakihi Māori from Rongoa to professional guides engaging confidently in conversations about enterprise, innovation, and future leadership.

A huge mihi to everyone involved in organising, facilitating, supporting, and attending the symposium. The success of the event reflects the strength, resilience, and entrepreneurial spirit of our communities, and there is already excitement about continuing to grow this kaupapa into the future.



Tom Keefe speaking with Dr Anna Brehm - Governor General of the Reserve Bank at Pakuratahi Orchard.



Commercial Operations Update

The orchard season has officially wrapped up, celebrated with a special hāngī at Pakuratahi Orchard to acknowledge the incredible mahi of all our kaimahi throughout the season. A huge mihi to everyone who contributed their time, energy, and dedication across the harvest. As we transition into the cooler months, the focus now shifts toward the honey season alongside winter growing, maintenance, and preparation work as we reset for spring.

We are also incredibly proud to celebrate our own Te Rina Joe, as mentioned who is the winner of the 2026 Ahuwhenua Young Grower Trophy. At just 27 years old, Te Rina has already built an impressive career within the horticulture sector and is a shining example of the talent and leadership growing within our people. Raised in Hawke's Bay with strong connections to Mohaka and Ōtāne, Te Rina has worked at Pakuratahi Orchard since 2022 and currently works as a Supervisor and Orchard Hand for Ngāti Pāhauwera Commercial Development Ltd.

Located in Tangoio, Pakuratahi Orchard spans 55 hectares of apples currently in production, alongside 6 hectares of nursery trees and 4 hectares of oranges. NPCDL also operates another orchard in Raupunga covering 60 hectares, with significant redevelopment currently underway. Te Rina's role spans all aspects of orchard operations, including spray operating, machine operations, tree work, and supervising teams through pruning, thinning, and harvest seasons.

Stepping into a leadership role overseeing between 40–60 workers has been both challenging and rewarding, helping Te Rina strengthen skills in communication, coordination, and team leadership. Growing up working seasonally alongside whānau in orchards and packhouses across Central Hawke's Bay helped shape a strong passion for horticulture and ultimately led to a permanent role within the industry before returning home to work for iwi aspirations and future generations.

Te Rina is currently completing Level 4 Fruit Production studies after achieving Level 3 qualifications, with plans to continue through to Level 5 in the future.

Adding to the celebrations, Ngāti Pāhauwera Commercial Development Limited was also recognised as the 2026 Winner Spotlight, Horticulture Group Horticulturalist of the Year. Over recent years, NPCDL has transformed whenua at Pakuratahi into a high-performing pipfruit orchard while continuing to invest in infrastructure, people, systems, and future-focused development.

This kaupapa reflects not only strong commercial success but also a commitment to creating employment pathways and opportunities for whānau.

It is awesome to see our people leading in these spaces of innovation, particularly around kai production and kai sovereignty. These achievements are a testament to the hard work, resilience, and vision of everyone involved. A massive mihi to all of the kaimahi for everything you do, your mahi continues to create opportunities and strengthen the future for generations to come.

We also look forward to supporting our whānau at the upcoming Ahuwhenua Awards in Whangārei. Events like these are an opportunity to celebrate excellence across Māori agribusiness and acknowledge the many people working hard to grow strong futures for our whenua and communities. Best wishes to all finalists and participants, we know our people will do us proud.



NPDT Team making the big gains for us all!



Paroa Lands Trust (Mohaka C12)

To stay connected and keep up to date with Trust news and activities, shareholders are encouraged to follow the 'Paroa Farm Trust Mohaka' Facebook page or visit the website at paroaformtrust.co.nz



Whānau out on the waka on the Wairoa Awa.

E Kai Māori Wānanga

In collaboration with E Kai Māori Ltd, Tatau Tatau o Te Wairoa hosted a three-day wānanga at Taihoa Marae focused on the revitalisation of traditional Māori kai practices.

Led by renowned chef Joe McLeod, the wānanga formed part of a national initiative dedicated to reconnecting marae and communities with the traditions, knowledge, and practices of Kai Māori. With decades of experience, Chef Joe has become a leading figure in the revival of Māori culinary traditions, working to research, record, and restore Mātauranga Kai Māori throughout tribal regions across Aotearoa.

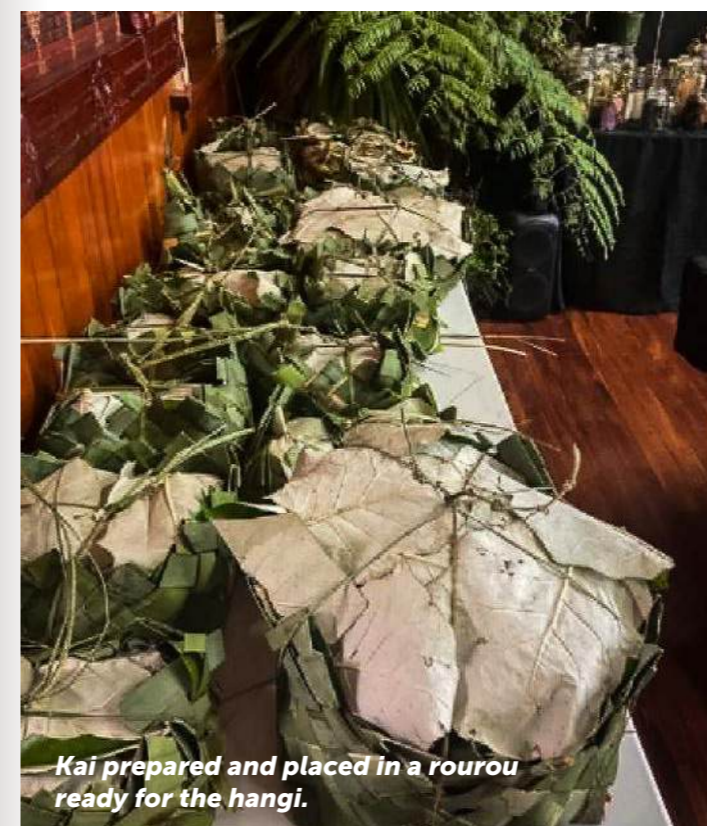
His kaupapa centres on preserving and promoting indigenous food practices, native kai and rongoā, and strengthening connections between people, whenua, and traditional knowledge systems. Through his work, Chef Joe continues to encourage the use of Kai Māori in both traditional and contemporary cooking, while highlighting the resilience and richness of Māori culinary culture.



Throughout the weekend, attendees were taken on a hands-on journey that began with foraging and harvesting from the natural environment. Participants learnt to gather and prepare harakeke for the weaving of handmade kai baskets, before working together to prepare kai that would later be shared amongst the wider community. The wānanga concluded with a beautiful hākari, bringing together participants, kaumātua, and whānau to enjoy the kai prepared over the course of the weekend.

Supporting Chef Joe was Richard Allen, who shared knowledge on rongoā Māori and the healing properties of native flora and fauna. Richard spoke about the different benefits each plant and resource can provide to support wellbeing and how traditional remedies can assist with various ailments within the body. He also shared insights into the traditional methods and practices he uses to create his own rongoā.

The wānanga provided a meaningful opportunity for whānau to reconnect with mātauranga Māori, traditional kai practices, and the intergenerational knowledge that continues to sustain and strengthen our communities.



Kai prepared and placed in a rourou ready for the hangi.



Kathryn providing an overview of the EDNA testing methods and collection.

Taiao Update

In the Taiao space, it continues to be a busy and productive time with a range of initiatives focused on caring for our taiao and strengthening our knowledge and connection to the whenua and waterways.

On Friday 13 March, members of Komiti Taiao alongside taura from Kotemaori Kura participated in eDNA testing at Pohatunui and Waikare Gorge. This kaupapa supported our ongoing efforts to better understand the health and ecology of these awa, helping to ensure these environments continue to thrive for generations to come.

It also provides an important way to collect ongoing data and monitor environmental changes over time. It was a beautiful example of pūtaiao meeting kaitiakitanga, with tamariki fully immersing themselves in the experience, able to feel, touch, and connect directly with the wai and its mauri after the sampling had been completed.

In March 2026, Ngutu Kākā plants were also planted at our urupā, Te Huki, by members of our Taiao committee. These plantings will not only enhance the beauty of the urupā, but will also provide an opportunity to gather seeds in the future to support Ngutu Kākā restoration efforts.

There has also been significant pre-mahi underway for the development of the new Waikare Bridge project with NZTA. Over the past month, lizard monitoring and relocation work has been taking place as part of the environmental pre-survey process. Aimee from WSP has been out on site most days trapping and recording data, with any lizards safely relocated where required. A special acknowledgement to Jaz, Kuki, and Trev for supporting this important mahi and helping ensure environmental and cultural values are upheld throughout the process.

Another special acknowledgement goes to our own Lara Taylor, who is part of Ngā Herenga o Papatūānuku, a rōpū of Māori adaptation professionals focused on strengthening tangata whenua approaches to climate adaptation. Recently, the rōpū hosted a wānanga in Maketū to bring together whānau working and researching in these spaces, with the shared aspiration of collectivising knowledge and creating positive change for future generations.



Kotemaori taura undertaking cultural monitoring on the Waikare awa.



El Maadi checking the Gee Minnow traps for any lizards capture or re-release.



Preparing the Gee Minnow traps for resetting overnight to capture lizards for relocation.



NPDT OFFICE CLOSING DATES & EVENTS

Kia ora e te whānau,

Please note our Trust office will close for the following Public Holidays

Matariki - July, Friday 10th

We want to acknowledge our members and wider community for your continued support throughout the start of this year.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	ENTRY
May 29-30	TĪRAMA MATARIKI LIGHT GLOW Wairarapa Celebrates Matariki	QEII Park, Dixon St, Masterton	6pm - 8pm	FREE ENTRY
JUNE 10	KAHUNGUNU FISH HOOK SUMMIT Resilience	Napier War Memorial Centre, Napier	8.30am - 5pm	Iwi Members FREE Others Paid Entry
JUNE 11	MATARIKI WAIROA MOVIE NIGHT Wairoa Movie in the Park	Wairoa Community Centre, Alexandra Park, Marine Parade, Wairoa	4pm - 6pm	FREE ENTRY
JUNE 12	MATARIKI WHAKANUIA KI TE WAIROA Wairoa Celebrates Matariki. Kai, Entertainment & Fireworks	Wairoa Community Centre, Alexandra Park, Marine Parade, Wairoa	6pm - 8pm	FREE ENTRY
JUNE 17-18	TŪRAMA MATARIKI LIGHT TRAIL Tararua Celebrates Matariki	The Lake, Lower Domain Rd, Dannevirke	6pm - 9pm	FREE ENTRY
JUNE 19	MATARIKI WHAKANUIA KI TĀMAKI NUI A RUA Kai, Entertainment, & Fireworks	Dannevirke ASP Showgrounds, Queen Street, Dannevirke	6pm - 8pm	FREE ENTRY
JUNE 29	MATARIKI TĀPUAPUA The Pools of Matariki, Remembrance, Lanterns in the Pool	The Pond, Flaxmere Park, Henderson Road, Flaxmere	6pm - 9pm	FREE ENTRY
JULY 3	MATARIKI WHAKANUIA KI TAMATEA Celebrate Matariki in Central Hawke's Bay. Kai, Entertainment, Fireworks	Russell Park, 10 River Terrace, Waiapukurau	6pm - 8pm	FREE ENTRY
JULY 8	MATARIKI WHANGAI I TE HAUTAPU - HAU AHI Matariki Ceremony	546 Marine Parade, Napier (next to the Spirit of Napier Statue)	6am - 7am	FREE ENTRY
JULY 10	KAI HAU KAI MATARIKI Feast on Kai, Entertainment, & Fireworks	HB Race Course, Prospect Rd, Hastings	3pm - 8pm	FREE ENTRY
JULY 11	MATARIKI MAHIKA Storytelling around the fire. Kai, Remembrance, & Lanterns in the Fountain	546 Marine Parade, Napier (next to the Spirit of Napier Statue, Kai, Remembrance, Lantern in Fountain)	4.30pm - 9pm	FREE ENTRY

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TE PŪTŌRINO O PĀHAUWERA PANUI

Kia ora koutou katoa,

What would you like to read about in this quarterly 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 2025.

You may not be 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!





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