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Whakatipungia Ngaa Raurutanga The revitalisation of Ngaa Raurutanga

E ngaa mana, e ngaa reo, e ngaa karangatanga maha o te motu, teenaa koutou katoa. Teenaa hoki taatou me ngaa mate huhua o teenaa marae, o teenaa papakainga. Kua mihia, kua akaia raatou ki te kupu o te ngaakau, kaati. Koutou o te poo, e moe oo karu i mamao. Maatou o te ao awatea, maaia ki runga! E te iwi, nei naa ko ngaa aamiki koorero o te waa hei kai maau. Teenaa ngaua aua kai makue kia ngata te hiahia.

Te Paepae o Te Kaahui o Rauru wish to **acknowledge** the recent changes in the organisation with the resignation of Anne-Marie Broughton as Kaiwhakahaere.

Anne-Marie contributed to economic development initiatives that saw the creation of new opportunities particularly for Kii Tahī Ltd and establishing the Kaitahi venture. Her **passion** for the environment ensured the puutaiao team was able to rebuild following the disestablishment of Te Haapai Mauri and confidently fulfill its statutory responsibilities with council and external stakeholders. These foundations continue to be built upon.

As one frond falls another **unfurls** and in order to provide stability at this time Te Paepae have engaged the leadership of Leonie Matoe as Acting Kaiwhakahaere through to September 2020. Leonie will be holding the space as Te Paepae work through the recruitment of a permanent Kaiwhakahaere.

Leonie joined Te Kaahui o Rauru in 2016 as the Business Development Manager applying herself to

implementing the diversification strategy of Kii Tahī Ltd. She successfully led the launch of Kaitahi and supported Anne-Marie with strategic developments. Leonie, a former Chief Executive Officer of national Māori health provider Toi Tangata and Te Hotu Manawa Māori Trust, has the **experience** in executive management and leadership to oversee the strategy and plan for 2020. She completed her Masters in Business Administration in 2018 graduating from Waikato University last year.

“It is an honour to work for the Iwi and although it has been a challenging year for the organisation we are looking forward to welcoming some **new faces** to the team in 2020 to action the good work ahead of us”

There is indeed much to be done. Leonie and her team have been stretched in the lead up to Christmas with governance issues taking precedence over business as usual.

“It’s not uncommon for the office to have to shift priorities which requires solid **communication** and a team with the ability to adapt to change”

Leonie will be supporting the Paepae with the recruitment of a full time permanent Kaiwhakahaere appointment in 2020.



Paepae Rangatira

Key Discussions with Crown in 2020

Paepae Rangatira are planning to meet with the Crown in 2020. This is in relation to the rewrite of our Accord which Paepae have now signed off. The **key points** planned for discussion are the;

- establishment of a Kura of Excellence
- forming of a Climate Change unit, and
- negotiation for the recreational reserves to be re-vested in Ngaa Rauru

Climate Change

Exploring Iwi-led Solutions to Climate Change

Te Kaahui o Rauru have engaged independent contractors Hester den Ouden and Kirstin McDonald to **develop** a strategic plan for designing Iwi-led solutions to climate change. Ministry for the Environment recently held a National Climate Change Risk Assessment hui with Iwi in Auckland.

“It was an eye opener, the data cannot be denied the planet is warming up, the concern for

us was that the challenges and **opportunities** for Maaori or Iwi haven't been fully considered (surprise, surprise)”, says Hester.

Both Hester and Kirstin could see the opportunity in it also and the work already done to diversify Kii Tahī Ltd puts Ngaa Rauru in the right space.

“Kii Tahī is an environmental protection asset with the nursery planting hundreds of thousands

of natives and then Kaitahi forging a new path to turn challenges into opportunities like reforestation of the land and drawing value from that” says Kirstin.

A strategic plan for **designing** iwi-led solutions to climate change will be presented to Te Paepae o Te Kaahui o Rauru and Paepae Rangatira 2020.

Ngaa Rauru Whenua

Creating Opportunities for our Rohe

A fair and frank discussion was held in the offices of South Taranaki District Council (STDC) in October with CEO, Waid Crocket just before the exit of former Mayor Ross Dunlop. Much of the **relationship** development work with councils and the Department of Conservation had been established during the 2018 year, and this meeting served as an opportunity to **clarify** areas of strategic development.

“The Nukumarū Reserve, the Waverley Town belt these are all areas of our land that should be either vested back



in us or, handed back to us to create opportunities for us and the whole district really” Says Kaiwhakahaere, Leonie Mateo.

The sacrifices that Ngaa Rauru Tuupuna endured across the land are reminders to keep working on central and local government relationships. South Taranaki District Council have committed

to **working together** over the next 3-5 years to develop models of co-governance and management of Nukumarū reserve leases currently under their administration. Te Kaahui o Rauru hope to meet with Whanganui District Council in January 2020.

Te Tirohanga o Te Paepae o Te Kaahui o Rauru

Strategic Governance Review

Te Kaahui o Rauru (TKOR) is the post settlement governance entity of Ngaa Rauru Kiiitahi Iwi. The name was derived in memory of Te Kaahui Rere in **reference** to a flock of birds in flight, in formation with clear direction and leadership. Chairperson Mike Noho has initiated a strategic governance **review** engaging the services of an external consultant to support the process.

"I believe as a Paepae, we are failing to deliver to this reference

of providing clear direction and leadership, which is why we need to examine ourselves at this point in time"

Te Paepae o Te Kaahui o Rauru represents the governance membership of TKOR. TKOR is the legally constituted authority **responsible** to its people for prudent oversight of its governance and is responsible for the safeguarding the organisation as a whole including its land, fisheries and asset base on behalf of Ngaa Rauru Kiiitahi.

"Our model of governance was relevant when we settled but we need to take the time to review this model and ask ourselves what have we learnt in the last 15 years, and what is going to take us forward to do better"

A Strategic Governance Change Working Group has been established **to work** with an external consultant from January to June 2020.

Seabed Mining Hearings

24 September 2019

The Wellington Court of Appeal was the scene for a series of legal arguments appealing the High Court decision to grant Trans Tasman Resources consent to mine the sea bed off the Ngaati Ruanui and Ngaa Rauru coastlines.

Ngaa Rauru were in attendance supporting Ngaati Ruanui who have been leading the kaupapa in our rohe.

"We connected with Ngaati Ruanui early in the year to say we are here to support, we then worked alongside our legal advisors Kaahui Legal, who kept us briefed on the approach of leading legal representative QC Richard Fowler."

Ngaa Rauru appointed legal representative Natalie Coates stood on the second day of the

hearing to argue points of law within Te Tiriti o Waitangi which many believe was a turning point in the case.

"Full credit to the legal representation who were strategic in recommending to group the two Iwi parties together with Te Ohu Kaimoana under the same QC in order to make a more concise argument"

"Ngaati Ruanui led the kaupapa strong and together we held a firm position in court, we were seen and we were heard which is what being present is about"

The outcome of the appeal is expected to be announced before the end of the year.



Taranaki Tuu Mai

Representing our People

The **highest number** of registrations for Taranaki Tuu Mai 2019 saw nearly 180 Ngaa Rauru uri step onto Te Upoko o Te Whenua Marae or watch the livestreamed event from afar, because a number of uri registered just to score the tee.

“Tawhirimaatea stole the golf trophy from us and we have to share the **Tautohetohe** award with Ngaati Maru this year but the winners of Tuu Mai, Ngaati Mutunga were strongly represented and Ngaati Maru put the MANA in manaakitanga over the three days” says Leanne Hamilton, Support Services Manager and Event Coordinator for 2019.

The stand out **achievement** for Ngaa Rauru Kii Tahī over the weekend was entering a Kapa Haka into the Whakataetae grade. Getting there was one achievement and to win the categories of Kaakahu, Whakawaatea and first equal

on Waiata Tawhito was outstanding especially for such a young team.

“It was a bit of a mission with so many beginners but all the kaihaka did their mahi kainga in the last 2-3 weeks leading up to Tuu Mai which showed in our final rehearsal and on the day”, says Kaitaataki Tane, Te Aka Hamilton-Katene.

Te Aka and his sister, Kaitaatake Wahine, Ngaa Peita Hamilton-Katene demonstrated leadership in all areas of the **kapa preparation**, facilitating a series of waananga beginning early in the year.

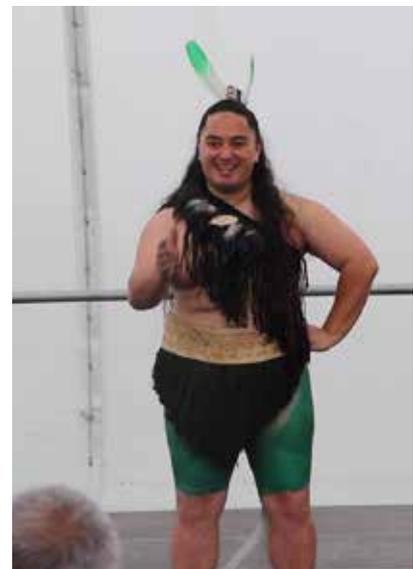
“Our first waananga was at Kaipoo, Kui Rewi was with us then which made the performance more meaningful”

The Taranaki Tuu Mai Kapa Haka Whakataetae was made possible by the collective efforts

of ‘Te Tima’ a working group led by Rawharangi Katene, Sienna Hamilton-Katene, Te Aka Hamilton-Katene and Leaara Kauika Stevens. The **commitment** to a competitive Kapa was resourced by Te Kaahui o Rauru.

“To my knowledge this is the first time the office has **invested** in a series of waananga to develop leadership, using Kapa Haka as the vehicle and Tuu Mai as the test, they all did us so proud and the succession is exciting to see unfold”, says Kaiwhakahaere, Leonie Matoe.

Ngaa mihinui ki aa raatou e tautokohia, e hapaingia te kaupapa o Ngaa Rauru ki Taranaki Tuu Mai 2019. Ki a koorua ko Pania raaua ko Kimbo, raatou ko ngaa whaanau e nohotahi ki Muru Raupatu, raatou e whakahaere ana ngaa **tima taakaro**, e whakahaere waka moo ngaa mokopuna. Kei runga noa atu koutou katoa!





He Kura i Huna

Establishing our Kura of Excellence

To establish a Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi School of Excellence, in September Te Tumu Whakarae, Mike Neho established a Ngaa Rauru Education and Learning Leadership group. The purpose of this group is to **generate** a proposal for presentation at Paepae Rangatira 2020.

*“The future of learning is with **mixed reality** technology and if we want a platform to tell our stories, excel in education or create new business, then that’s where it’s at”, says Alex Mcleod from Te Aroha Marae and member of leadership group.*

After attending the Future of Learning conference in Christchurch, Te Kaahui o Rauru were introduced to JIX Ltd, an immersive-tech storytelling and experiential marketing company. JIX Ltd were invited to share their skills and knowledge to the group



November leadership workshop in Whanganui with JIX Ltd understanding the technology

and together they have started to develop the full proposal and presentation for Paepae Rangatira.

The **leadership** group members are: Alex Mcleod, Jason Nui, Kirstin McDonald, Ngareta Patea,

Willie Robinson, Pop Pirikahu, Mike Neho, Neihana Pari and JIX Ltd with workshop facilitation support from Leonie Matoe and Leara Kauika-Stevens.

Te Reo o Rauru

Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi Reo Exponents

Te Tumu Whakarae, Mike Neho has pulled together Ngaa Rauru Iwi Reo **exponents** in order to align with the concept of Te Kura I Huna and reignite Te Reo o Ngaa Rauru.

In September, a hui was convened at Te Aroha Marae with involvement from uri who are active in teaching Te Reo, developing Te Reo resources and curriculums.

“Te tuumanako ka taaea e taatou te hunga e huihui nei ki te

whakatipungia te kaakano kei roto i te ngaakau o ia tangata e hono ana ki a Ngaa Rauru, kei konei te rautaki kei roto i te moohiotanga o te whanau nei”, Mike Neho.

Mike Neho and Mohi Apou will be **reconvening** the group in January and presenting an approach to develop Paepae speakers and leaders of each Marae using digital technologies.



Kii Tahī Ltd

Trading in New Industries

Kii Tahī Ltd have consolidated native plant production and land care services as well as **create** and lead new food and beverage product offerings.

The team at Kii Tahī Nursery and Landcare have completed a massive planting effort this season.

Nursery Manager Pete Abraham says “we only had a small team this season but managed to get 30,000 natives in the ground thanks to planting contracts from council and PKW”

These contracts have allowed Kii Tahī Ltd to provide continuous **employment** off the back of another weed maintenance and landcare contract tendered to Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) earlier in the year.

The summer season will see the team producing more natives from eco-sourced seed for the Waipipi Windfarm development and TRC to plant in the next two years.

“Pete and the team will also be busy over summer with gathering Kawakawa and growing puuhaa for our food and beverage brand Kaitahī” says Leonie Matoe.

Kaitahī - The Native Superfood Company launched in May 2018 and have been working on a number of **collaborations** since as the brand and business continues to grow into it's own.

These collaborations include Burgerfuel NZ and Countdown supermarkets. Burgerfuel are a new food service collaboration that

has seen the release of two new Burgerfuel products on the menu, made possible by the indigenous ingredients and products procured from Kaitahī.

“This is a huge **milestone** for the business and one that has come with new learnings as we work alongside of a brand that has been very patient with us as we get established.

Similarly with Countdown supermarket, this is a new retail collaboration that has been in development for almost a year now.

“We are stepping into **new territory** with the retail offering and are so excited to see the product displayed in Countdown store freezers”

Each of these collaborations came from the initial launch campaign across three food shows last year, some in the industry say reaching supermarket shelves in just one year is unprecedented.

With so much positive development the strategic focus has now been on securing continued investment to support the next 3-5 year journey for Kii Tahī Ltd and the Kaitahī brand.

A full business case for Kii Tahī Ltd was recently completed in collaboration with KPMG and will inform future business **development** and an application to the Provincial Growth Fund. Keep an eye on the Kaitahī facebook page for information on where product will be stocked.

KAITAHĪ VENTURES OUT

Kaitahī Super Green Smoothie is here!

Every modern-day superhero/ine needs the best **super fuel** to power them through the day. So, we've created our very first smoothie to give you that energy hit and it's greener than Kryptonite. Kaitahī Super Green is a vessel full of all-natural ingredients with nutritional superpowers, all concocted to give you super human strength...and it's super good.

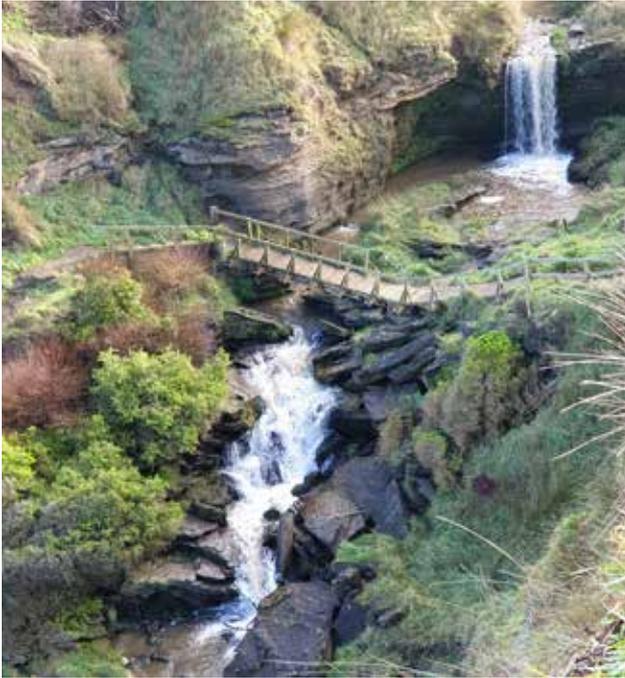


ELELCTRIC PUHA BURGER

Burgerfuel teams up with Kaitahī

Kaitahī has teamed up with Burgerfuel who supply new **innovations**, limited edition burgers. We now provide ingredients for the Puuhaa & Cabbage Kraut used in their Electric Puuhaa Burger which is taking off across Aotearoa.

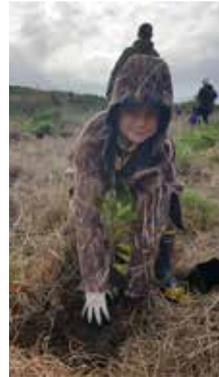
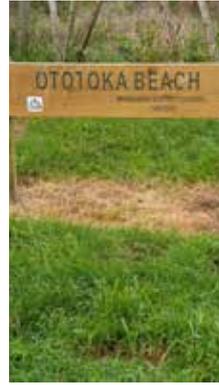




Ototoka Planting

Planting along Ototoka Stream

With funding from Te Wai Maaori and support from **kaimahi** at Kiitahi nursery, we have recently planted 4800 plants along the Ototoka stream. The planting was completed with a Community Planting day at the Ototoka Waterfall site. At least 30 community members were in attendance, which included representatives from Horizons, Whanganui District Council, locals, lessee of the neighbouring block, koohanga reo and iwi members.



Waipipi Windfarm

Windfarm Developments

The Waipipi Windfarm collective comprising of Wai-o-Turi Marae, Whenuakura Marae, Te Wairoa Iti Marae, Te Kaahui o Rauru and the Waipipi Landblock Trust have been **working closely** with Tilt Renewables and Higgins following the approval from Tilt's board to proceed with building the windfarm.

"This development asserts **kaitiakitanga** responsibilities ensuring groups like Tilt and Higgins are aware of the historical value of the land, it's also another way for us to tell our stories and share our connection to the land upon which the farm is being built"

The collective hosted Tilt and Higgins contractors alongside farmland owners, the Alexander's and the Luptons at Wai-o-turi following a morning blessing at the site in October. They will be progressing further discussions direct with Tilt board and executive management to ensure the relationship with tangata whenua brings further **benefits** for the duration of the build. The collective will be providing cultural monitoring services to the project and facilitate access to other employment opportunities as they arise.

Coming events

Don't miss out! Enquiries can be made at the office



Waitootara Awa Hiikoi

Next event late 2020.
Watch this space!



Toi Ahurea

A whakataetae not to miss! Paahuki represent!