

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust

TE POU KŌRERO

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Kia ora

The year is certainly progressing quickly, especially so with Covid-19 restrictions easing and a return to a new sense of normality.

The rūnanga has been busy in final preparations for Taranaki Tū Mai which will see uri return and compete on behalf of their iwi. By the time you receive this issue, we will just be getting over the highs from the weekend - we congratulate everyone for their participation.

In this issue of Te Pou Kōrero we continue sharing the kōrero from our uri in our 'e tangata section. We also are proud to be able to support and bring to fruition the establishment of the Pātea food bank to help support wānau in need.

We have a busy end to the year, with the upcoming annual general meeting and nearing the Christmas closure period.

Wherever you are, as always - kia manawanui.

Haimona Maruera
Tumu W'akaae

Rukutai Watene &
seeing eye-to-eye
post settlement

TANGATA I O MUA 'E HUI I O MU
RUAIU
M O ' O A

'e tangata
the people



Since the establishment of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui in 2003, **Rukutai Watene**, pou tuara for Hāpōtiki has been the pou or connected to it by virtue of w'akapapa. He has been there since the beginning, through the hard times, forging on and witnessing the fruits that have come from it.

“The Rūnanga came about in 2003, prior to that we were Muru me te Raupatu which started up in the 80's. I was put on when I was young, and I am still here today.

As well as his commitments with his iwi, he is also trustee at Taiporohēnui marae and will also be seen around the wards of Te'āwera and New Plymouth hospitals as one of two kaumātua.

Ngāti Ruanui was the first iwi in Taranaki to settle with the crown. This created a lot of varying opinions, emotions and was a challenging time.

“It was hard in the early stages because we were the first iwi in Taranaki that settled. The vibe at that time wasn't a nice one, some people didn't like the settlement including myself.

“Back then, the settlement was frowned upon. You had the ones that said no because they wanted billions of dollars, well they weren't going to get billions of dollars, we only ended up with 41 million.

“Our settlement was done in haste, but I guess they were doing the best they could at the time. We've had to do the best that we can with what we had and looking back - we've gone above and beyond.

“We've been going for nearly 20 years and managed to establish ourselves. We must be proud of the work that has been and continues to be done.

“We are the only iwi in Taranaki that has its own GP service where we have over 9,000 patients. Ngāruahine iwi come here for our GP service because they don't have one.

“The rural doctors' books are closed,

and Mountain View only have one doctor for 6000 patients, Ngāti Ruanui are even helping them. We play an important part when it comes to the health of South Taranaki and our community.

“We punch above our weight. We have fought seabed mining where we have continuous wins. We stick up for the w'enua, going against the Silver Ferns Farm ammonia spill in the Tāwhiti Stream.

“Firms like Silver Ferns Farm and Fonterra are starting to take notice now and we've started to form good relationships with them. Silver Ferns Farm even donated meat to us during Covid - so we're not in the same position we were in 20-years ago.

Overcoming the grievances that were experienced through the time of settlement, relied upon being raised together on the pā, kapa 'aka and ensuring tikanga Māori was upheld.

“We all grew up being pā babies, in a time where we got the cows in to eat the

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grass instead of using a lawn mower. From being at the back doing all the mahi, we progressed to sitting on the paepae.

“My parents were the generation that had to go away and work, so it was us, the mokopuna that stayed with kuia and koko and learnt everything. It was like a generation lost because when they came back, it was our generation on the paepae.

“They could understand te reo, but they couldn't speak it because of all the years they spent away working where they only had english. Our generation was bilingual, and this really helped us when it came to settlement because we had our tikanga and our history and no one can change that. That is uniquely ours.

“We have always had the Pātea Māori Club and with that comes tikanga. Kapa 'aka was one of those mediums. We're staunch when it comes to waiata and waiata tau'ito, we still retain all those karakia which came from all the old people.

“We're quite lucky because our old people never left us until the 90's, so we had them for a long time. Their level of knowledge was important when we were going through settlement.

“The rūnanga has been great for our people, there is so much happening. We have our foodbanks to support our uri, our own healthcare and berry farms. We are looking at papakāinga housing, we are looking at Pātea intermediate school coming back to us. In that space the rūnanga is doing great.

“Then there is marae redevelopment that we are working on. At Taiporohēnui we've got buildings galore, we have our own 9 kaumātua flats that sustain our marae financially. They are the cheapest rent around at \$120 a week which you would never get anywhere else.

“We've just brought some more land so that we can extend our marae beyond its 7 hectares and we're looking at building papakāinga.

“apū development is important. We have 2,500 acres right outside Fonterra, but it's leased under PKW. Around Taiporohēnui there're 6 Pāke'ā families that take all the money and that should belong to our 'apū. If we want to buy our land back it must go through 3 terms so that's 63 years before we can get it back.

“We are also looking into solar farms; we've got a 22-hectare block right outside Fonterra, so we've thought about going to Fonterra and PKW and our iwi. This has been one of the goals for the 'apū and for our family.

“The future is bright and portentous for our uri. There is so much work to do. Make the next 60 years go fast.”

Rukutai Watene is the pou tuara for Hāpōtiki 'āpu.



Pātea food bank, vision to fruition

Providing for Pātea: Tina & Tui are the faces of the Pātea food bank supporting wānau..

“It’s been a long time coming,” were the welcoming words from Tui Moana Te Kuru as she quickly appeared from where all the action of packaging kai parcels was taking place. Following her was Tina Fisher who are the volunteers running the week-to-week operations of the Pātea food bank.

For a few years now, there has been a vision to bring a food bank to Pātea to meet the increase in the cost to live, and the other social challenges faced by wānau.

“This kaupapa has been championed by Ngāpari Nui and the iwi. It’s great to have it finally at fruition,” shared Tui.

“There are foodbanks in Teāwera and Wanganui but nothing in between and it is quite far for wānau to travel to those places especially when they are in need of necessities and short of pūtea.

“Food is always a priority and is a big need within the community. Being a small community we knew who was in need and what they needed.

Both Tina and Tui Moana work within the community. Tina works at Pātea Area School where she is the truancy officer and Tui Moana works at the kō’anga.

“Together we know most of the children and their wānau in the

community and can identify those in need.

“Tamariki of Pātea Area School receive free healthy school lunches under the government free lunches in schools scheme which ensures they are fed at school, so it’s all about making sure wānau are able to put food on the table at dinner time.

“Most of the stuff we needed was at the rūnanga in Teāwera and we had to get people to come and help bring all the stuff down. Some of the local boys came and helped bring loads of kai down from ‘āwera,” said Tina.

“Shelving for the food was donated from the ta’ua. Some other locals came to help put the shelves up and unpack all the boxes. Without the help of all of the volunteers we would’ve been on our own and it would’ve taken much longer than it did.

Food parcels are made to last four to five days and they include basic household necessities such as meat, bread, butter, milk powder, sugar, flour, meat, vegetables, and sanitary items.

“The biggest difference is that we are Māori. We are all about keeping it simple to help our community, we don’t require paperwork like other foodbanks do. We ensure the space is judgement free, and awhi wānau that come in as if they are our own,” said Tui.

The food bank has been coming together for the past 3-months. In that time, they have handed out close to 80 wānau food parcels, had many learnings and made refinements along the way.

“We have only been open for a few weeks so we are still learning as we go. When we first started, our food parcels were very big so we’ve learnt that we have to make them a bit smaller because we are all about tying our wānau over unto their next pay day. The food bank is open every Wednesday from 3pm to 5pm. It supplies parcels to those who reside in Pātea, Alton, Manutahi and Waverly.

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People can come in and receive a maximum of 3 times, after that they must go to a budgeting advisor or income support and then provide a letter that they have been there before getting subsequent food parcels.

“Donations come from many community businesses, we are always in need and are happy to take any donations. Any extras that the local schools have are now being donated here instead of going to ‘āwera where they use to go,” said Tina.



“They donate whatever they have left over such as Weetbix, carton milk, fruit, bread etc. A local café has recently messaged saying they will donate their leftovers. But holding it all together is Ngāti Ruanui who provide every month” said Tui.

“If you’re in need just come on in. We are all about making wānau feel comfortable when they step through the door.”

WHERE

31 Cambridge Street, Pātea

HOW

Wānau in need can head to the food bank on Wednesday’s between 3pm and 5pm, kaumātua can phone for alternative times

CONTACT

for donations and or uri in need, contact Tui on 027 308 6443



Iwi collaboration key to uphold tikanga, kawa

Ngāti Ruanui have been working closely with a range of ministries including Te Papa Atawhai (Department of Conservation) as part of collaborating to ensure iwi kawa and tikanga are followed and to also provide input into future projects.

These include the planning of the Curtis Falls track project on the Taranaki mounga, right through to the implementation. We have also just recently completed a blessing for the works to begin.

Another exciting project in the works is the Manganui bridge collaboration, which will begin in summer of 2022.

We have had many consultation hui with Te Papa Atawhai who are working with us closely, including considerations of the bridge name, its artwork, design, and construction.

Current collaboration projects:

- Curtis Falls Track
- Maunganui Bridge

New developments at early childhood centre

Ngati Ruanui Ta’ua early childhood centre, Te Puawaitanga, welcomes the investment of a new playground

The playground adds to the offering at the centre, which is benefiting the tamariki especially as we head into the warmer months ahead.

Jim Turahui, chair of ta’ua said that “we do the best we can to invest back into wānau and particularly our tamariki.”

“They are taking their place in the world

and we need to do all we can to support their development.”

“**they [tamariki] are taking their place in the world**

Some of the key features include, the newly refurbished garden area, shading, and the investment into new playground equipment.



Tauira inspired with design thinking problem solving

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui was hugely excited to welcome Professor Gary Bolles from Singularity University and ex-Stanford University professor for his second visit to 'āwera.

Professor Bolles was visiting Wellington as part of his 'Next rules of work' book tour around world. He made the effort to pay us a visit and facilitate a design thinking workshop for 17 rangata'i.

Design thinking is the process of solving a problem, not just in our everyday social lives but also within the digital space. It's more about innovating solutions. Finding solutions to problems, whether small or complex.

The opportunity to listen to Gary is eye opening for the rangata'i, because it teaches them that they can take their passions and create a pathway for themselves. It's a reminder that there isn't just one way to get an outcome.

Our relationship with "Uncle G" was discovered and built upon our 2016 trip where a group of students went over to Stanford. There, Professor Bolles facilitated the first design thinking workshop and we have maintained the relationship ever since.

We were also lucky enough to have one of our own, pou tuara Dan Walker facilitate another workshop within the technology space within his capacity

as Global Co-Chair of Indigenous at Microsoft.

Dan shared the many pathways that there are to get to a position or place that one desires. He spoke about artificial intelligence (AI) and the impact it is having on the modern world.

Dan also shared the work that has been done on a global scale, to acknowledge and celebrate indigenous peoples of the world working with tumu w'akaae, Haimona Maruerua to design a Māori version of the x-box logo.

"This design derives from the Māori atua (god) named Māui. Māui was the infamous atua known by several names such as Māui-Pōtiki (the last born), Māui-Tinihanga (the mischief), Māui-Tikitiki-a-Taranga (the topknot o Taranga), and Māui-te-whare-kino (the house of trouble).

This infamous atua brought the inquisitive and the intellectual attributes to our world. This Xbox logo represents the key art functions of te ao Māori, which we practice as guardians of our culture and identity. The left section represents Raranga (weaving) which is used to make food baskets, cloaks, and bassinets.

The bottom section represents a Kow'aiw'ai (pattern) which is commonly seen in our w'areniui (meeting houses)

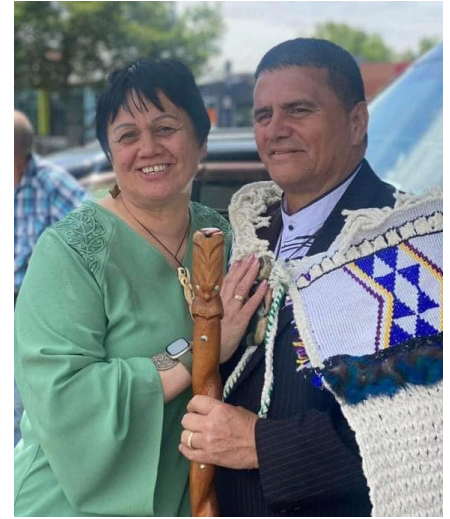
and represents the many generations of Māori. The right section represents W'akairo (traditional carving) which is used in our w'areniui (meeting houses) and on weaponry.

Finally, the top section represents Tā Moko (skin markings) which allows myself as an Indigenous Māori to display genealogy and history through the etching, piercing, and pigmenting of skin.

We plan to take the same group of rangata'i to Auckland at the end of November on an excursion of technology. The trip will encompass visits to Microsoft, datacom, IVM, the grid, as well as Samsung. It's a chance for our tamariki to help grasp the design thinking process, so that they can implement the way of thinking.

By the time we get to Stanford university in 2024, we'll understand the terms of use and be able to apply our learning more thoroughly.





Ngāti Ruanui uri elected to Stratford and South Taranaki District councils

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui is celebrating the success of both Tuteri Dal Rangihaeata and Clive Tongaawhikau to the South Taranaki and Stratford District Councils respectively.

Māori wards were contested within Taranaki and around the country for the first time in the 2022 round of local elections.

“They [Māori wards] are set out to ensure that Māori and tangata wēnua in particular had the rights to representation within a system that has otherwise only ever favoured the majority,” said TRONRT kaiwāka’aere, Rachel Rae.

As featured in the last edition of Te Pou Kōrero, some of Clive’s priorities included housing, health and wealth. These were particular aspects in which he was passionate about throughout his campaign and particularly as pou tuara for the araukuku āpu.

Clive contested the Stratford Māori ward uncontested and was therefore, duly elected as the councillor who would champion the aspirations of wānau in the Stratford district.

Tuteri contested the Te Tai Tonga Māori

ward, against wānau member and Ngāti Ruanui uri Glen Katu - with the election coming down to just 36-votes that separated the two.

Tuteri flew under the banner of Te Pāti Māori in his campaign and was elected successfully.

Alongside both Clive and Tuteri, were a range of uri who put their hands up and contested various community boards and wards.

Unfortunately, Russell Hockley was not re-elected into the Te āwera community board but certainly made his presence known with his achievements through his service.

Caroline Waiwiri contested the Te Kūrae Māori ward whilst Hemi Haddon contested the Eltham-Kaponga Community Board. Ngāpari Nui just missed out on representing the Pātea community.

“We are always supportive of all uri who put their hands up to represent and advocate for the wellbeing and aspirations of our wānau,” said Rae.

“Although not all of our uri were successful, their aspirations for our uri do not go unnoticed.”

STDC Results

MAYOR

Phil Nixon

TE KŪRAE MĀORI WARD

Leanne Kuraroa Horo

TE TAI TONGA MĀORI WARD

Tuteri Dal Rangihaeata

ELTHAM-KAPONGA COMMUNITY BOARD

Karen Cave; Sonya Douds; Alan Hawkes; Lindsay Maindonald

PĀTEA COMMUNITY BOARD

Jacq Dwyer; Cheryl Rook; Joanne Peacock; Owen Savage

TARANAKI COASTAL COMMUNITY

Andy Whitehead; Liz Sinclair; Sharlee Mareikura; Monica Iri Willson

TE’ĀWERA COMMUNITY BOARD

Celine Filbee; Nikki Watson; Andrew Blanche; Heather Brokenshire

ELTHAM-KAPONGA GENERAL WARD

Mark Bellringer; Steffy MacKay

PĀTEA GENERAL WARD

Robert Northcroft; Brian Rook

TARANAKI COASTAL GENERAL WARD

Aarun Langton; Bryan Roach

TE’ĀWERA GENERAL WARD

Andy Beccard; Celine Filbee; Te Aroha Hohaia; Diana Reid

Pariroa Pā



Poi E legacy continues forty years on

Hundreds of people gathered in August at Pariroa Pā to mark the 40th anniversary of a song that went on to be heard around the world and which became a symbol of hope for Ngāti Ruanui.

Poi E was written on August 12, 1982, when Ngāti Ruanui were told they would not survive the closure of their main employer.

“Part of the reason we feature the freezing works throughout the illustrations in this edition of Te Pou Kōrero is to honour its role in shaping the history of Pātea and Ngāti Ruanui,” said Haimona Maruera.

“It is undoubtedly very symbolic of a time where Māori were split for the first time since confiscation of our w’enua. To acknowledge that is important.”

Around 500 people gathered at Kakaramea to honour the songs of the Pātea Māori club.

“It is important that our taonga and our stories do not get lost.”

“The more people that know and hear

the stories the more living it is. The songs tell the history, the whakapapa and topics of the day, of the time, the struggles and how they combatted the struggles.”

Pictured: Laura Marurea, Haimona Maruera, Huia Davis, Melva Tucker



Sports Grant Recipients

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui are proud to support our rising athletes and stars in sports.

Applications for grants remain open all year round, and can be completed by visiting the website.

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MARCHING

Francilla McMinn
Serafi Vaimoso
Christine Vaimoso
Rachel Vaimoso
Molly Vaimoso
Leeward Vaimoso
Waikauri Vaimoso
Norah-Lee Vaimoso
Macey-Rae Vaimoso
Farrayne Vaimoso
Francilla Weston
Herenia Rio-Wanahi
Areiah-Lee Ngaheu
Faith Katene
Monique Katene
Phillipa Turahui
Morna-Ra Ngatai-Daly

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

Aotahi Keepa

NETBALL

Te Ruinga Hill-Marino

RUGBY 7's

Shania Mauriri-Walker

RUGBY LEAGUE

Pikihuia Hockley
Jizell Cunningham
Tiahuia Raharaha
Cjay McMinn
Danica Talitonu
Traiyvaan Nui
Hawaiki Manutai
Letisha-Rei Weston-Jacobson
Pikiteora Weston-Jacobson
Hawera Hawkes Sports Club
Ranginui Baller
Harlen Muggeridge
Russell Hockley
Kasilk Phillips
Kordae Ross
Marius Aholelei
Rashaad Ngaia
Soane Aholelei
Kahurangi Hockley
Hoani Hockley
Kiarhn Robinson

Mark Robinson
Mason Kelson
Tiaki Kelson
Kyvarn Kelson
Ethious-Devine McLeod
Meziah Ngatai Weston
Ray-Jai Meyer
Cassia-Anne Dean
Tipene Capper
Tyreece Mason Joines
Kayden Tango
Te Hau O Rangitaawhi Hurunui-Diamond
Lance Te Otinga Hurunui-Diamond
Kyzharnia Nui
Hiraka Waitai-Haenga
Russell Hockley
TOUCH RUGBY
Maaka Normanton
VOLLEYBALL
Tahi Te Awa
WAKA AMA
Reign-Amour Taputoro-Filo
Arepa Taputoro-Perkins
Tayahna-Maree Perkins-Taputoro
WATERPOLO
Agatha Weston

