

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust

TE POU KŌRERO

AGM: RŪNANGA

SUCCESS CELEBRATED

Surplus reported and reinvested into uri through kaupapa and Marae renovation

‘E TANGATA: JIM TURAHUI

We kōrero with Uncle Jim as chairman of Ngāti Ruanui Ta’ua & what makes him proud

DEED REVIEW PROPOSED

The proposed Trust Deed review was tabled at the AGM to address omissions and simplify processes

TARANAKI TŪ MAI

After years of disruption due to Covid-19, Taranaki Tū Mai finally goes ahead

**Meri Kiri’imete me
ngā mi’i o te
tau hou Pāke’ā**

Wishing your wānau a
safe and happy end
to the year

AOTEA



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Ngārongo Marae



End of year mi'i

from Haimona Maruera

Kei ngā matarau nui o Ruanui e, Nei rā te reo w'akami'i ki a koutou kei ngā ruānuku, kei ngā ruā'ine, kei ngā tātai o Pōkewa nō taw'itinui, nō taw'itiroa, nō taw'itorangi. Karanga mai e ngā matarau tuātinitini ō ne'e, tai noa mai ki te tau tuārangi o te wā nei.

E tika ana, 'e nui ngā piki me ngā 'eke, 'e ma'a 'oki ngā mate me ngā tauma'atanga, ā, ko te rau o te mo'obao nui te 'iki'iki 'āpai i w'akamārire ai tā tātau mā'i.

E te iwi, maranga mai, e rarau mai
Meri Kiri'imete!

It is that time of the year, when we can repose, rejoice, praise, feast and most importantly spend time with w'ānau and loved ones during the Christmas period!

This year has certainly brought its challenges and we are sure this will definitely continue through to 2023 of which Ngā Pou Tuarā of Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Ruanui are positively committed to govern.

Tumu W'akaae highlights for 2022:

- Matariki W'ānau Day
- Taranaki Tū Mai – (Hosting)
- Extraordinary Covid Response – Health and Manaaki

- 2NUICODE
- Education Success
- Commercial Accomplishments
- Marae Funding Disbursement's
- Environmental Monitoring
- 'ei Puna Waiora Wānanga
- Review of Ngāti Ruanui Trust Deed

Christmas is a time for reflection and celebration. This year as many others have seen some leave this world for the next. I would like to acknowledge many w'ānau and friends who have served, lead and contributed to their iwi. We thank you and your w'ānau for your service, dedication and aro'a. Kei wareware tātau!

Changes and reforms are occurring globally and nationally which have influenced us all. Ngāti Ruanui will continue to adapt and ensure that our voices and our 'Ruanuitanga' continues to be dynamic, creative and unique in all we do as an iwi.

On behalf of your Pou Tuarā, we wish you all the very best for the holiday season and may you be safe, be well and enjoy this time with w'ānau and friends. Merry Christmas!

'Ei te tau tītoki tātau, ka tūtaki anō ai!

Haimona Maruera
Te Tumū W'akaae

Summer Holiday

operating hours

Ruanui Healthcare

Closed Public Holidays & from 3pm on 23rd and 30th Dec

Kō'anga Reo

Closed from 22nd Dec 2022 to 18th Jan 2023

Early Childhood Centre

Closed from 1pm 23rd Dec 2022 to 17th Jan 2023

Community Health

Closed from 23rd Dec 2022 to 4th Jan 2023

Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Ruanui Office

Closed from 19th Dec 2022 to 16th Jan 2023

Annual General Meeting

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui posts another successful year

AGM Update

Pariroa Pā was this year's host for Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui annual general meeting (AGM) held on Sunday 20th November 2022. Around 50 uri gathered to hear updates regarding Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust, Ngāti Ruanui Holdings, Ngāti Ruanui Fishing Limited and Ta'ua Limited.

A lot of work has been going on in the background to constantly improve the financial health but also in return, to support our uri through scholarships, and investments into the community which benefit all wānau.

Financial Health

The Ruanui Rūnanga, inclusive of all subsidiary entities performed exceptionally well for the financial year ending March 2022.

The Ngāti Ruanui Holdings ended the year with a \$8.7M dollar surplus, an increase of \$7.8M from the 2021 surplus. As a result, this has further increased the Rūnanga and its subsidiaries net assets to \$78.6M compared to \$69.2 at the same time last year.

Some of the key financial highlights include:

- The Turuturu Berry Farm saw its first harvest in 2022
- Fisheries and Ta'ua both made profits

Reinvesting into our uri

Through the 2022 year, we have been proud to support our wānau and uri through various kaupapa and reinvestment. Perhaps most significantly, the ability to provide free healthcare for our uri is always well received with 7 general practitioners on the books, 3 of which servicing Pātea.

Investments into the people:

- Ngāti Ruanui Healthcare with a patient roll of 9,400 and 7 GP's
- A one off \$100,000 Marae grant to

each marae

- An increase from \$10,000 to \$30,000 for the annual marae grant
- Additional funding to allow for upgrades and renovations for Ngarongo, Pariroa Pā, Taiporo'enui and Wai-o-Turi
- 4,500 Covid-19 care packages, a communications hub and over 10,000 vaccinations delivered to tautoko wānau
- Hosting Taranaki Tū Mai and reuniting our uri
- 131 Education Scholarships, 72 Sporting Scholarships – supporting our tamariki, rangata'i and sports stars

This ma'i and reinvestment will continue in 2023.

Trust Deed Review

A proposed review for the Rūnanga Trust deed was tabled at the annual general meeting with several provisions to be updated and omissions to be rectified.

The Trust deed has not gone under any form of review since the inception of the Rūnanga and so it is important that the deed is modernised and simplified to something that is more digestible for all.

Some of the key deed review proposals:

- **Trusts Act 2019** – draft to ensure consistencies with this act whilst making processes clear to understand
- **Modernise & simplify** – Update the language, simplifying processes and making relevant amendments
- **Ngāti Ruanui Ta'ua** - Include references to Ngāti Ruanui Ta'ua Limited in relevant sections
- **Online voting & elections** – allow for online voting and elections of Pou Tuarā in time for the 2024 election
- **Pou Tuarā Remuneration** – inconsistencies addressed and a remuneration schedule for meeting and sub-committee meetings included

The Rūnanga will finalise the proposed amendments and communicate them with all uri in due course. There will be opportunity to contribute your wākaaro

next year through a series of wānanga. It is our intention to take the deed review on a roadshow across Aotearoa and the main centres of Australia.

Dates are yet to be finalised, but these will be communicated with all uri well ahead of time, ensuring all can contribute to this exciting review.

\$8.7M
surplus across
Ngāti Ruanui holdings

\$78.6M
total net assets

4.5K
care packages provided
through Covid-19

203
scholarships provided
across Sport and Academic

LEFT

2NuiCode Technology Delegation

RIGHT

Raewyn Maraki at her Massey University graduation in November



2NuiCode

trip to Tāmaki Makaurau eye-opening for all

At the start of December, 16 rangata'i travelled to Tāmaki Makaurau, Auckland as part of the three-day 2NuiCode



information and technology delegation.

The delegation made visits to Microsoft where Pou Tuarā Dan Te Whenua hosted and facilitated the visit.

Other visits included Datacom (data facility), IBM (production and sales of computer hardware), The Grid (innovation and start up firm), as well as Samsung.

The delegation came away from the trip further inspired in the opportunities that exist within the information & technology space. It is still a rapidly developing industry and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui are proud to be supporting our rangata'i pursue their dreams.

Education

Ruanui taura among 77-Māori graduates from Massey

Te Kunenga ki Pūrehuroa celebrated the success of 70 Māori students who officially graduated with their respective degrees. Ruanui had five graduates as part of this ceremony. We congratulate all Ruanui taura from Massey and across the nation.

Mt. Taranaki

Manganui Gorge suspension bridge in final stages of tender

The suspension bridge planned for Manganui Gorge on Mt. Taranaki is in the final stages of the tender process as Te Papa Atawhai (Department of Conservation) look to secure a contractor to complete the work.

The bridge will ensure that year around access for the Taranaki crossing is available, with the bridge withstanding the forces and height that come with the avalanche risk in the Manganui Gorge.

Iwi has been collaborating with DOC from the design process and will be part of ensuring the Ruanui story is told through the artwork which will be displayed on the bridge. The estimated completion of this kaupapa is May 2023.

Parvo Shots

made free for all kuri at pop up clinics in Te'awera

Ngāti Ruanui has partnered with Taranaki Vet Centre and offered free vaccinations for puppies aged between 6 weeks and 1 year old, against canine parvovirus.

As we head into the warmer months, Parvovirus increases among the canine community. It's important to get them protected by vaccination.

Keep an eye on the Facebook page for more opportunities to get your canine protected this summer.

'e tangata

the people



Jim Turahui

From secret courier to chair of Ta'ua

The life of James Rio Turahui (Ngāti Ruanui, Ngāruahine, Ngā Rauru) is all but a simple one. From the country kid growing up in Taranaki, to the judo extraordinaire. A secret courier for some of Asia's most classified dealings to Pou Tuarā on the Rūnanga board. At age 76, it is easy to be intrigued by Jim's story and experiences.

Jim now finds himself as the chairman of the Ngāti Ruanui social subsidiary, Ta'ua, which is responsible for the operations of the early childhood care, kō'anga, wānau ora services and health centres across both Pātea and 'āwera.

Growing up in Eltham, he made sure he didn't stay there for long, moving to the big traffic lights of Wellington.

"Being a country kid, you grew to know the true value of money. Money was never a given, you always had to work for it. This has stuck with me to this day and helps me to understand the crises that those in the community have when it comes to looking after themselves.

"I remember being here when the Ta'ua was born. It has taken another 40 years for me to return, I have done a full complete circle ending up back here and I love it."

"I then spent 8 years with the National Kō'anga Reo Trust before taking an interesting journey overseas as an international courier for about 20 years where I met some special people".

After his international stint Jim returned

to New Zealand where he met his wife and got married at the ripe age of 60.

"We lived in Taupō for a while where my wife worked with Tūwharetoa health while I brought some retail shops in Cambridge and Otorohanga. It was my wife who got a job in 'āwera so we made the move back to Taranaki.

"After our return home, I picked up the role as coach for Taranaki Māori Rugby and chairman of Taranaki Marching. I have always been about giving back to the community and helping our people. From small things like purchasing bread for Kō'anga wānau and giving away vegetables grown in our garden.

Jim's work in giving to the community recently led to the unveiling of a pou, carving at Bridger Park in Eltham. The pou unveiled at the end of 2021, symbolises a collective unity in moving forward together, a celebration of Arakamu.

Returning to the Ta'ua in his capacity of chairman, is where the real value lies for Jim. Ngāti Ruanui ta'ua is one of three arms of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust – the other two being Ngāti Ruanui Holdings and Ngāti Ruanui Fisheries, with Ta'ua employing around 75 staff.

“Ta'ua is able to offer many services for our community. A big one is having equitable access to healthcare. Anyone with an iwi card is able to get free GP care as well as those under 17 and over 75. For those that don't have an iwi card a visit to the GP it's just \$18. This removes huge barriers for wānau.

“The Ta'ua is all about making sure we provide the best possible care for everyone in the community who needs our assistance.

“It has been the most rewarding because it has the most real value, we serve our people. We're very hands on, getting right down on the ground with the people. It is important that our people are satisfied, our managers are happy and that means making sure our clients who are mostly wānau reap the benefits.

“I'm happy that I can walk in to our Medical Center, our ECE, and our Kō'anga Reo and look at the concessions made for our community – it's great to see.

“The Ta'ua is all about the empowerment of our people. Having our people take charge of their wellbeing, make their own choices, having equitable access to healthcare, education, and services. Our job is to assist them on their own journey to self-success so they can live the lives they ought to live.

“My aspiration has always been to do better for our people. Dot the i's, cross the t's and stay in my lane.

“If you've got a decent wraparound service, you can run anything – that is the key to success. I have had a bloody good run and achieved a lot throughout my life.”

Jim Turahui is chairman of Ngāti Ruanui Ta'ua Limited

Wai O Rua, Stratford Pools & the involvement of iwi & uri

Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre successfully opened to the public on Thursday 13th of October 2022.

Wai o Rua's new facility has a 25m lane pool, shallow pool, splash pad area and is wheelchair accessible, replacing the old Aquatic Centre that was closed after decades of service to swimmers and the Flyers Swim Club.

Ngāti Ruanui uri and Director of Community Services, Kate Whareaitu, said that the opening is “a significant milestone for Stratford and their collaboration with iwi.”

Her role focuses on the community facilities including the pool, library and I-Site as well as customer service, community and economic development and communications.

The council have collaborated with iwi throughout the build, from design through to opening. Artist Wharehoka Smith, designed the six steel Tukutuku panels which are visible on entry.

The design work pays tribute to the story of Ruaputahanga and her links to the area. It also speaks to the priorities of the facility, stressing the importance of wellbeing, recreation, leisure and education.

“It is pretty special as uri to be part of this project and collaborate with one of my iwi. The community are loving the new space,” said Kate.

Looking for ma'i? Wai o Rua is actively recruiting Lifeguards. Get in touch with the facility to apply.

Kaumātua Christmas Lunch the first in a long time

On Friday the 25th November 2022, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui had the great pleasure of hosting our kaumātua and kuia at the Stratford Mountain House for the annual end of year lunch.

The group of 50 kaumātua met at the office and were transported by bus for the trip to the Stratford Mountain House, owned by Ngāti Ruanui.

The kaumātua received a brief welcome from a freshly snow dusted maunga, before it disappeared behind the dark low lying clouds.

Peter and Alie Mischefski (managers of the Mountain House) had organised beautiful Christmas themed tables and a lovely set menu to cater to the large group.

Waiata, colourful christmas hats and lots and lots of laughter filled the Stratford Mountain House.

It is the first time in a few years that the kaumātua were able to gather together since the implications of Covid-19.

We were fortunate enough to have kaumātua from every 'apū present at this years celebration.

Following lunch the kaumātua enjoyed trying iced chocolates and an array of barista made coffee.

The kōrero, laughter and kai bought everyone all together before the busy festive season.

We mi'i and thank Ngāti Ruanui Mountain House for hosting us this year.



Taranaki Tū Mai

a success after years of disruption

On the 4th, 5th and 6th November 2022 Ngāti Ruanui were able to host Taranaki Tū Mai. The event had been a long time coming with two postponements due to Covid-19.

The event began with the pow'iri bringing the Aotea waka (Ngāti Ruanui, Ngā Rauru and Ngāruahine) on to Taiporo'enui Marae at 8am.

Many of the w'anau caught the bus from the hub and made their way safely to the Marae. It was an emotional welcome as the first large gathering since the beginning of Covid.

At 10am the three iwi welcomed the other five iwi (Ngāti Maru, Taranaki, Te Atiawa, Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Mutunga) with an abundance of aro'a. Ngā pow'iri set the foundation for a fantastic weekend of Kota'itanga, W'anangautanga and Taranakitanga, the core values of Taranaki Tū Mai.

Wānanga at Taiporo'enui Marae focussed on the history of Ngāti Ruanui and its people whilst other events also began. This included Outdoor Bowls, Darts, Golf, E-Sports, Basketball, the 3km Run and croquet at various venues around 'awera.

On Saturday, the TSB Hub in 'awera

became the place to be. With our spectacular hosts Raewyn Maraki and Tauke King the day started with marching at 8am and then the march past which was attended by the masses.

There was truly something for everyone, Netball, Touch, Rugby League, Softball, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Ki-o-rahi, Kaumatua Olympics, Sack Race, Tamariki Tū Mai, Tauto'eto'e and the very competitive Tug of War.

This year saw the introduction of the W'iu Ta'uti'uti, an intergenerational relay race which had participants from 1 to 85-years old. This was an absolute success which encompassed the meaning of the event.

On Sunday we saw the Kapa 'aka competition and the finals of the Tauto'eto'e (debate).

The w'akataetae competition was fierce with three competing kapa 'aka teams, Ngāti Ruanui, Ngāruahine and Taranaki.

The winner of the w'akataetae was Ngāti Ruanui, closely followed by Taranaki Iwi and Ngāruahine placed 3rd. The nga'au groups of Ngāti Ruanui, Ngā Rauru, Ngāruahine, Taranaki, Ngāti Mutunga, Ngāti Maru and Te Atiawa were also amazing with the crowd being wowed throughout the day.

The tauto'eto'e finals began after the conclusion of the kapa 'aka. There was thorough deliberation among the judges before it was announced that the winners were Taranaki. Ngāruahine took away second place whilst Ngāti Ruanui and Ngā Rauru tied for third.

The last event of the weekend was the prizegiving. The prizegiving was just as passionate and full of aro'a as ngā pow'iri. It was truly sad to see the end was near.

Winners, seconds and thirds proudly approached the stage to receive their taonga. The Overall winner of Taranaki Tū Mai for the year 2022 is Ngāti Ruanui.

Following the prize giving the mauri was passed over to Ngāti Tama with a stirring and emotional 'aka and waiata.

The announcement made by Wharehoka Wano (the Chair of Taranaki Tū Mai) that the event will be held in 2023 to return the biannual event to the odd year.

We thank all of our volunteers and supporters, your work was appreciated.

Information on Taranaki Tū Mai 2023 will become available in the New Year.



Ngārongo Marae (Ketemarae Pā)

WA'AROA: Titokowaru

W'ARE: Kumea Mai Te Waka, Te Manawanui

W'AREKAI: Te Matau A Maui

'APŪ: Araukūku

Ngārongo Marae is situated on the southern end of Taranaki just out from Normanby and between Eltham and Te 'āwera.

The paddocks of grass that surround the Pā and the shadowing of Mount Taranaki to its northwest makes Ngārongo Marae a place of pure tranquility.

At the wa'arua of Ngārongo is Titokowaru named after to'unga Riwha Titokowaru; arguably the best general that Aotearoa New Zealand has ever produced.

Rangatira, prophet, peacemaker, and master tactician, Titokowaru was one of Aotearoa's most important figures shaping the nineteenth century for his involvement in the musket wars, non-violent resistance, and peace.

From the most profile view, Titokowaru frames the w'are Te Manawanui - the heart that holds the people together.

To its right lies w'arenuui Kumea Mai Te Waka, referencing to the journey that Kumea had across the land.

Marae chairman, Clive Tongaawhikau puts his faith in his tupuna to guide and steer him in the right direction.

"I put a lot of faith in my tupuna being on my shoulder and guiding me, I never do anything without them in mind. I wouldn't do anything for my dad that I wouldn't do for anyone else here.

"He passed away in 2018, but he showed me that that everything has got to be a joint effort. My Aunties are still here and support me in the things I do," he said.

KUMEA MAI TE WAKA – *the eldest building standing in Taranaki*

"Kumea Mai Te Waka is our w'are tupuna and is the oldest building in Taranaki.

Kumea has travelled 3 times in its history from the banks of Mangapoua to the w'enua where it currently lies.

"Through its journey we have formed a very strong connection with the 'apū and iwi over there. It was burnt in 1865, and from the ashes our people pulled out the remains and brought it to this w'enua where it lies today.

Clive bursts into waiata sharing that the waiata 'Mounga Taranaki' tells the story of Kumea Mai Te Waka and its many movements.

"Our waiata 'Mounga Taranaki' tells the story about how this whare was moved to unite the people. If you examine the song after knowing this, you will understand it better.

"We have a lot of proud history and that is one of the reasons to rebuild our faith and to rebuild the mana of our people so that we can all feel proud

"We set out to rebuild our buildings again, and that was the journey with Kumea Mai"

'E TANGATA – *the people*

"We've had leaders such as Titokowaru apparently being born in the w'are and formed affiliation with the Kīngitanga. We've had people like Te Rauparaha seek refuge in Kumea."

"Te Manawanui is the w'are that holds our people of Ngārongo Ketemarae Pā together, in unity."

From that this blossomed (Te Manawanui), it's what has held our people together because we've always had issues.

TE MANAWANUI – *uniting the people*
“Te Manawanui ‘was over a ditch’ but it was really a separation,” as Clive casts gaze across to the abundant field.

“It's probably a metaphor for what was happening in those days. Mainly talking about how in those times our people had some unsettling points of differences, and they didn't want things to happen. We used to have houses everywhere.

“Uri want to come back and put their houses on the w'enua. It would be good if we could do that for everybody but it's impractical because now, we've got about 20,000 families that w'akapapa here compared to the smaller amount back then.

“There was always going to be a vote of contention, there was a lot of negative kōrero about things happening on the Pā at that time. To unite the people, they put their differences and opinions aside, and moved Te Manawanui across.

“For the betterment of the Marae, they said let the people own this, not individuals.”

ĪTORI – *the history*

“Tongaawhikau was said to have given the name to the Pā, a name that came from ancient times from Hawaiki. But you can bet that it was here in early 1800's because Kumea was burnt down in 1885 by Chute.”

“General Trevor Chute went around Taranaki with the military force and all these canons and guns, with kūpapa from all different iwi waiting in the bush until early hours of the morning until a signal of gunfire broke out.”

“The armed forces and colonialists bombarded the place with their power and might. Our people were left to pull out the dead, salvaging what they could and ended up moving Kumea here.”

In those days they built pā sites so

they could be moveable for a range of different reasons.

“Where the Pā originally lied a red stone lies that talks about the blood that was spilt on the w'enua.

That story remains there because that's where Kumea was before it was here. Ngārongo always existed but just like when we talk about a waka moving across the ocean, well Kumea is our waka that moves across the land.

Alongside Tītokowaru, and Te Rauparaha shaping some of the history at Ngārongo, Ketemarae Pā, there have also been some other outstanding contributors.

“Our people have some great longevity, living to as old as 116. Mate Carr was one of our elders who passed away a few years shy of her 100th birthday. When people talk about Whina Cooper, well she's our Whina Cooper, always advocating for Māori rights.

“When we talk about a waka moving across the ocean, Kumea is our waka that moves across the land.”

PŪTEA TAUTOKO – *supporting the renovation project*

Through the past year, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui have been supporting Marae renovations.

“We were able to apply for funding to do up our buildings. As trustees we talked to Ngāti Ruanui regarding the renovations that we wanted at Ngārongo Marae.

“We managed to get new roofs on three of our buildings, new carpet, new heat pumps, new lighting, water tanks. We spent probably half a million dollars getting things fixed up.

“One of our pride and joys is our bell tower, ‘Te Karanga o Te Orokowhai’,

which is named after the urupā here. We only ring that when we've got a mate here or on the way.

“The design on the front talks about the stairway to heaven, so when that rings it's time for that.

TIKANGA – *tikanga methodologies*

“I am happy with where we are at as a Marae. The work continues to ensure we can get to a place of reinstating our tikanga tuku-iho.

“The building next door which used to be the Kō'anga has been turned into a place to house our kaumātua to make it easier for them when we have kaupapa here.

“Our tradition and tikanga on the Marae are that w'ānau pani are separate to our w'ānau, but because of modern days we couldn't. So, now we use that space for w'ānau pani to sleep and have a kai. It's a lot of hard work but we want to bring that tikanga back.

“We are working towards bringing all our tikanga back that was lost because of the take we had to work through.

“Good things are happening here to ensure that the story of Ngārongo Ketemarae Pā continues.”

Wānanga to learn more about Ngārongo Marae are set to be held in 2023.

TOP

W'are Te Manawanui framed by the Wa'aroa, Tītokowaru

BOTTOM

A picture of W'areniui, Kumea Mai Te Waka, post 1902 (left) and in June of 2022 (right).

Source: <https://natlib.govt.nz/records/37402737>

130 taura Māori supported with scholarships, bilateral agreements with Otago and Victoria Universities

This past financial year, we were able to support and contribute to the studies of 131 taura to reach for and achieve their aspirations.

The iwi and Pou Tuarā are very firm in supporting our uri through their studies, which is why we support all applicants providing they meet the requirements.

We have also worked with both Otago University and Victoria University of Wellington to establish bilateral agreements which see dollar-for-dollar support for our taura registered and studying at these universities.

This means they meet the dollar amount contributed by Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui and effectively double the financial support.

Congratulations to all taura for their study this year

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Aotahi Keepa
Arapeta Nikora
Arjhay Hill-Marino
Ashleigh Dobson
Awarua Te Aotonga
Brooklyn Hill
Bryn Davison
Cameron Johnson
Candice Tutauha
Charles Russell
Chiquita Ngeru
Daley Bishop
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Deejay Taiwhati
Delia Te Rererangi Pahīna-Kopa
Deven Robinson
Donia King
Dwayne O'Carroll
Ella Cook
Erana Ngarewa
Etelini Roberts
Ezrah Berry
Faith Taputoro
Fern Kumeroa
Grace Liddy
Hope Tioro
Isabella Hikuroa
Jacob Hurst
Jacqueline Davis
Jacqueline Nicholls
Jade Rongonui
Jahzmanaia Ngahoata
Jessie Maruera
Joelene Rangihaeata
Jonleon Katene
Jordan Berry
Jordan Tupangaia
Jordazhe Wall
Joziah Townsend
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Katie Ervine
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Keenan Murray
Kobi Hopkinson-Clayton
Leteisha Te Awhe-Downey

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Marea Rudolph
Mariana Winiana
Marino Doyle
Maruata Ngarewa-Cribb
Matthew Denny
Metiria-Hinekorangi Doyle
Montell Graham
Natasha Nui
Ngapuke King-Lepaio
Nikki Steadman
Nova Russell
Pounamu Keepa
Raukura Doyle
Raukurawaihoea Waitai
Samuel Fraser
Sandra Durston
Shannon Berry
Shaquille Graham
Sharnay Tuffery
Stacey Marino
Stevie Broughton
Suzie Spencer
Taine Hauparao
Tama Pokai
Taraia Butler
Tarian Luke
Te Aroha Mane-Wheoki
Te Kopae Taputoro-Filo
Teresa Foster
Thomas Bergen
Trinity Butler
Trinity Kumeroa
Tuheimoa Maruera
Tulah Katene
Turoa King
Vicky Nelson
Wayne Capper
Cheyanne Teka
Melissa Mihaka



End of year mi'i from Rachel Rae

As another year comes quickly to an end, I reflect on and congratulate the effort of all uri who participated in Taranaki Tū Mai in November.

It was so humbling to see our wānau reunited again after some challenging times and especially so, to come away with the win. Congratulations e ngā iwi, let's keep the momentum for next year's event.

It has taken huge resilience by wānau and uri to overcome the challenges regarding Covid-19. Starting another year with isolation restrictions and outbreaks among our communities meant a whole lot of unknown, bringing huge discomfort to many. With the support of our health centre, our testing and vaccination teams and welfare

support service, we pushed through.

Another highlight is being able to support uri and wānau in Pātea with the establishment of the new food bank. This initiative has been well received by our people doing it tough through increases in the cost to live.

We have also been investing in our marae across the ro'e through upgrades and renovations and we continue the prolonged fight against seabed mining to protect our taiao and w'enua.

Next year, the work will continue including revising the deed presented at November's annual general meeting. This is a hugely exciting kaupapa which we look to take on a roadshow in early next year across Aotearoa and Australia.

Lastly, I want to thank our fantastic kaima'i on the ground who have worked hard to get our uri through the past few years of Covid-19 and continue to contribute to the oranga and wellbeing of Ngāti Ruanui through their dedication and commitment.

This summer break, take the time to recharge and take a breather. It has been a busy year full of unknowns, being with your wānau is often the best remedy.

Until next year, Meri Kiri'imete me ngā mi'i o te tau 'ou.

Rachel Rae

Rūnanga Kaiw'aka'aere