

“He Iti Nā Mōtai oral and traditional history report release”



Te Hono ki Raukawa will release its oral and traditional history report to the iwi on Sunday 28 April at Te Ara a Tawhaki, Te Wānanga o Raukawa in Ōtaki. The project has taken two years to complete and has seen 108 iwi members engage in research, interviewing and writing for the report. Project supervisor Professor Whatarangi Winiata said that “the report was written by Raukawa, for Raukawa, of Raukawa...”.

Eighteen hapū research teams were established to share their experiences of migration and settlement in the region since the early 1800s. The teams were populated by 108 researchers, interviewers and writers, few of them with any previous experience. It was a huge undertaking for people who were holding down full-time jobs, were engaged in their marae and also dedicated to supporting whānau and tamariki.

Collectively, the teams conducted 101 interviews and held wānanga with 303 participants across the rohe. The teams recorded participation by 512 iwi members though it’s likely that there were more people engaged that did not sign an attendance sheet.

Those involved in the preparation of the hapū histories chapter were supported by a project team including Wally Penetito, Manurere Devonshire, Fiona Te Momo. Gary Hook and Lynne Raumati were also part of the initial support team. Arini Loader, Piripi Walker, Ani Mikaere and Whatarangi Winiata each prepared individual chapters for inclusion commenting on the origins of the Iwi, the contemporary institutions of Ngāti Raukawa, Te Tino Rangatiratanga and looking ahead to the year 3000.

The project was supported by the Crown Forestry Rental Trust. Each hapū will receive copies of the report with a limited number of additional copies available for purchase by iwi members. The report will be filed with the Waitangi Tribunal following the release at Ōtaki. Once filed, people will be able to download the report at no cost from the Tribunal’s website.