

## The Balance Destroyed



Forty wāhine came together at Ngātokowaru Marae in Hokio Beach earlier this year to discuss “The Balance Destroyed” a publication released by Te Wānanga o Raukawa at the end of 2017.

The book is beautifully illustrated by Robyn Kahukiwa and in it Ani comments on the position of women according to tikanga Māori, the colonisation of that tikanga and consequences of colonisation for Māori women and men as a consequence of the arrival of colonisation.

Fifty copies of the publication were distributed to young wāhine from all 25 Raukawa hapū by Matua Whatarangi over Christmas. He said that “the issues raised by Ani are vitally important and the generation of wāhine and tāne who are raising our mokopuna and beginning to take leadership roles within their hapū and iwi need to have the opportunity to read and discuss them.”

Ani’s latest publication, Like Moths to the Flame: A History of Ngāti Raukawa Resistance and Recovery was distributed to the group at the closing of the event. This publication is Ani’s thesis submitted in fulfilment of Te Kaurutanga, the highest level of qualification offered by Te Wānanga o Raukawa. Another thoughtful and thought provoking offering from Ani, Like Moths to the Flame is a necessary requirement for anyone interested in iwi history. Both publications are available from Te Wānanga o Raukawa .

## Oral histories project comes to a close



PHOTO: OTH project members Professor Wally Penetito and Whatarangi Winiata meet with research team Deanna Rudd, Dr. Arini Loader, Donovan Joyce and Apera Hakarala who produced the Marotaki hapū narrative.

The Te Hono oral histories project is wrapping up this month with 21 hapū narratives being completed.

Like the majority of iwi groups that present their claims to the Tribunal, Te Hono had the option to complete their own oral and traditional history report. The report is an opportunity for the iwi to describe its experience in the words of both the current and past generations.

Rather than following the usual practice of employing a professional historian, without any connection to the iwi, Te Hono shaped a project that would support each of the 25 hapū and iwi to write their own narrative covering the last 175 years. The team are grateful that 20 hapū have taken up this opportunity. Matua Whatarangi said that he has “learned much about individual hapū and iwi through this project” and “is grateful to those who have participated and shared their experiences”.

Project leader Dr Wally Penetito says that “the final report will be a taonga that celebrates the kotahitanga and rangatiratanga of Ngāti Raukawa”. The full and final report will be released before the end of the year with special edition copies being produced for each of the hapū and iwi of Ngāti Raukawa.

*Nei au te pupuri i ngā tini mahara e! Ko koe tērā Milton, te kairiwhakāngahau i te iwi kua ngaro nei. Aue, taukuri e! Haere rā e te mātanga. Moe mai rā, e okiōki. E kui, Ngāwini, tēnei rā te mihi nui mōu ngā tini kaupapa mō te iwi i kōkiri i ngā tau. Haere atu rā. Koutou rā ko ngā mate o te wā, haere rā koutou. Moe mai i roto i te rangimarie. Ko rātou te hunga mate kī a rātou. Ko tātou te mahuetanga o rātou mā, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā rā tatou katoa.*

### Kaumātua Matariki Luncheon

Te Hono is holding its annual Kaumātua Matariki Luncheon at Taumata o Te Ra Marae, Halcombe on Sunday 1st July. The hui will begin at 10.00am. E koro ma, e kuia ma, nau mai haere mai koutou katoa.



**Te Hono ki Raukawa**

A coalition of Te Reureu, Ngāti Kauwhata and Ngāti Raukawa



Larry Parr, Wai-113 claimant met with members of Te Hono Council to talk about Wai113 in April.

### What is Te Hono ki Raukawa?

Te Hono ki Raukawa Trust was established by a Hui-a - Iwi in 2008 to support hapū and iwi of Ngāti Raukawa to prepare and present their Treaty of Waitangi claims to the Waitangi Tribunal.

The Trust is made up of three closely related iwi: Te Reureu, Ngāti Kauwhata and Ngāti Raukawa. They are each represented on the Te Hono Council by two representatives from both Te Reureu and Kauwhata and three from Ngāti Raukawa.

Current members are Dennis Emery (Chair) and Tā Taihākurei Durie for Ngāti Kauwhata, Hare Arapere and Bruce Smith for Te Reureu with Mereana Selby and Whatarangi Winiata for Ngāti Raukawa. Two additional members have been co-opted by the Council: Rachael Selby and Peter Richardson.

Te Hono Council is supported by a small communications team including Whare Akuhata, Queenie Rikihana and Pirihiara Tukapua who work closely with the Council and research teams.



## RANGATAHI HUI

In April, Te Hono offered support for hapū or clusters of hapū to holding wānanga for rangatahi to promote their iwi identity and understanding of taonga tuku iho.

Ngāti Manomano and Ngāti Parewahawaha completed their wānanga in May with Ngāti Tūranga and Te Reureu holding their wānanga this weekend.



Pirihira Tukapua will provide a presentation on the Ngāti Tūranga function at this weekend's Kaumātua luncheon on Sunday.

## Hapū Narratives

Since our last issue we've had a number of our hapū complete their narratives.

Milton Rauhihi, recently deceased, led the development of the **Ngāti Rakau Paewai** narrative, producing a distinctive piece that clearly articulates the stance of the hapū in terms of land sales. The piece opens with *'Kāore mātou i hoko whenua atu, i*



*raupatutia taku turanga, ka whakahokia mai te hāwhe, i ngā ingoa tangata, kei te noho nama koutou, whakautua te nama!* We did not sell any land, our home 110,000 acres of the original Himatangi block that includes the Te Awahou, Robinsons and Papangaio blocks was confiscated. Half was returned in single title for easy purchase; the Crown has an account to pay!

The Kereru Marae Committee worked with Te Kenehi Teira and Heeni Collins in the production of the **Ngāti Ngārongo** narrative.



The Ngāti Ngārongo narrative outlines the main grievances for the hapū as being the Crown's deliberate undermining of their hapū authority and mana through loss of land, failure to set aside adequate reserves, loss of control over transport routes (Te Wharangi, Matarapa, Whirokino), the Crown's failure to protect waterways (Manawatū River and others), the wetlands and forests, and cultural resources including te reo me ona tikanga.

Rangi Te Whiu Jury was tasked by his **Ngāti Takihiku** whanaunga with the completion of their hapū narrative. This is the only hapū offering that has been completed in te reo Māori. Rangi will present his paper to the Kaumātua Matariki lunch being held at Taumata o Te Ra Marae on Sunday 1 July.



# The future of Wai-113: the Ngāti Raukawa Iwi claim considered



Haami Piripi, Ngāti Rarawa was invited by the Wai-113 claimants to provide insights of the Te Rarawa and wider Ngapuhi claims experiences. Pictured with Stephanie Turner.

## The iwi discussion around the future of the Wai113 claim continues

Following on from the December 2017 Hui a Iwi, the named claimants, Ngawini Kuiti, recently passed, and Larry Parr as the Chair of Te Rūnanga o Raukawa called a further Hui a Iwi on April 7th at Raukawa Marae.

Close to sixty members of the Iwi attended ensuring that most of the 25 hapū had members in present. The claimants invited Haami Piripi as the independent Chair for the hui to share some of his experiences.

Haami spoke about the commonalities between Te Rarawa and Ngāti Raukawa in terms of geographic spread and the number of hapū and marae. He told how it took 14 years for the 31 hapū to negotiate their settlement and the iwi invested \$1.6m of its own money in research over and above the Crown funded research.

Larry related the discussions and advice he had received since being named as a Wai-113 claimant including his engagements with the three cluster groups. The kuia Ngawini provided an outline of the claim's history.

The claim was lodged in November 1989 by Whata Karaka Davis, Ngarongo Iwikatea Nicholson and Te Maharani Jacob on behalf of all descendants of the iwi and hapū of Ngāti Raukawa. The claim was shaped by Te Maharani Jacob who was the Chief Executive of Te Rūnanga o Raukawa whilst Whata Karaka was the Chairman at the time.

The statement of claim outlines the "absolute mana and tino rangatiratanga [of Ngāti Raukawa] over the whole of the region bounded by Kukutauaki stream in the south, the course of the Rangitikei river in the north, the Tararua ranges in the east and the Tasman sea in the west".

Hayden Turoa presented a paper that outlined a number of claims management models for the iwi to consider. The options vary from:

1. Maintaining the status quo i.e. no additional named claimants added
2. Election of an agreed number at a hui a iwi of iwi-wide representatives
3. A blended model including an election of iwi members, Rūnanga representatives and hapū or rohe appointments
4. 25 hapū representatives appointed
5. One appointment per cluster group, 3 rohe representatives appointed by hapū, the chair of the Rūnanga and a Whaiti representative.

Hayden recommended that hui attendees discuss the paper with their hapū. Larry encouraged the hui to design further options.

A number of participants at the hui urged the iwi to find ways the 25 hapū and the clusters can all work together to advance Wai-113 and the fifty odd other claims that have been lodged by Ngāti Raukawa whānau and hapū.

If you would like a copy of Hayden's paper, call Larry or the Rūnanga. It's also on our website so check out [www.tehonokiraukawa.maori.nz](http://www.tehonokiraukawa.maori.nz).

## POOR RESPONSE TO MĀORI ELECTORAL OPTION



The first monthly update from the Electoral Commission on the Māori electoral option showed a 2052 decrease of people on the Māori roll and a 2698 increase on the general roll.

With only 34 days left to run on the Māori Electoral Option it's vital for whānau, hapū and iwi to kōrero with their rangatahi about the important decision they have before them. In April we marked 150 years since the first ever Māori MPs were elected to New Zealand's Parliament. It's an important thing to remember particularly for rangatahi who are enrolling for the first time.

New Zealand Māori Council Chair, Tā Taihākurei Durie has called on whānau to support rangatahi to make their decision and to complete the forms before the close off date of 3 August 2018.