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### 'He Iti Nā Motai' for Raukawa, by Raukawa, of Raukawa



Almost sixty iwi members met at Te Ara a Tāwhaki on 28 April to launch the He Iti Nā Motai oral history report.

The report took two years to complete and is made up of four parts that describe the origins and experiences of the Iwi over the last 180 years. Arini Loader (Ngāti Maiotaki) and Rewa Morgan (Te Ātiawa) begin the story with who Ngāti Raukawa were as a people in the early 1800s.

Project supervisor, Dr Whatarangi Winiata says "In this first chapter, we see evidence of the sustained efforts of the Crown to assimilate Ngāti Raukawa at the cost of our own rich and unique Raukawa view of the world."

A Te Hono ki Raukawa project team supported 23 hapū research groups to work on individual hapū chapters. The project team included Dr. Fiona Te Momo (Ngāti Whakatere); Manurere Devonshire (Ngāti Manomano); and Dr. Wally Penetito with connections to Ngāti Tukorehe.

The hapū research groups included 108 researchers, interviewers and writers. They completed 101 interviews and held wananga with 303 participants across the district. The teams recorded participation by at least 512 iwi members.

In his chapter, Piripi Walker (Ngāti Kikopiri) illustrates many examples of Ngāti Raukawa unity and the Iwi's introduction to Christianity, establishment of the Ōtaki Māori Racing Club, the Ōtaki and Porirua Trusts Board, Raukawa Marae and its Trustees, the Raukawa District Māori Council and the Māori Battalion Memorial Hall, the new hapū - Ngāti Manomano; the new mandated iwi organisation, the Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga Trust; the language experience through radio spectrum, radio and Te Whakatupuranga Rua Mano as well as the establishment of Te Wānanga o Raukawa.

Ani Mikaere (Ngāti Pareraukawa) in the final chapter says "the Crown has been relentless in its determination to express kāwanatanga over and above the ambition of its Māori partner represented, by Ngāti Raukawa ki te Finally Professor Winiata draws on the Tonga". experience of Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga over the last 180 years to explore the future. He said "its important for the Iwi to cast their thoughts to the future, to alternative ways of organising ourselves".

This report has been written by Raukawa, for Raukawa, of Raukawa. The Crown Forestry Rental Trust provided resourcing for the project. Hundreds of Ngāti Raukawa people were involved as researchers, writers, interviewers, interviewees, organisers of hui, ringawera, readers, reviewers, planners, and managers. Historian and project leader Dr Wally Penetito says that "these people are the kaitiaki of matauranga and they have served the iwi well."

Each participating hapū received multiple copies of the two-volume report. Copies have also been distributed to public libraries within the Waitapu ki Kukutauaki area, Te Wānanga o Raukawa library and Māori faculties within the Nation's major universities. Each group also received 45 copies of their individual hapū reports for distribution to their members. The report can be downloaded from



#### Te Hono ki Raukawa Trust

Te Hono ki Raukawa Trust welcomes Robyn Richardson (Ngāti Parewahawaha) and Barb Rudd (Ngāti Maiōtaki) to its governing body. Te Hono Chairman Dennis Emery says that "the inclusion of Robbie and Barb is significant as it brings the voices of hapū in the west and south to the meeting table".

Te Hono was established by a Hui-a-lwi 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 Whatarangi Winiata, Mereana Selby and now Barb Rudd for Ngāti Raukawa. Rachael Selby and the late Pita Richardson were co-opted in 2008. Robbie will now assume her father's seat.

Те Hono Council is supported by a small



communications team including Whare Akuhata, Queenie Rikihana and Pirihira Tukapua who work closely with the Council and research teams. Checkout our website www.tehonokiraukawa.maori.nz or ww.facebook.com @tehonokiraukawa. Send us an email at thkr.trust@gmail.com or give us a call on 06 364 8598.

## **Upcoming Events**

either the Te Hono or Waitangi Tribunal websites.

#### WAITANGI TRIBUNAL HEARINGS BEGIN IN EIGHT

The latest schedule provided by Deputy Chief Judge Caren Fox dated 18 April 2019 provides the following milestones and due dates. These are subject to change by the Tribunal.

Over coming months, the lwi will shape a plan for holding the Tribunal hearings throughout the rohe.

Through the WAI-113 discussions, the lwi will identify those generic issues that affect hapū across the confederation of Ngāti Raukawa, Te Reureu and Ngāti Kauwhata. The three claims cluster groups, Te Hono ki Raukawa, Tūmatanui and Tu Te Manawaroa are all engaged in those discussions and will assist with communicating progress to the iwi.

Due	
2 Sep 2019	
9 Sep 2019	
7 Oct 2019	
4 Nov 2019	
Nov 2019 (date tbc)	
9 Dec 2019	
February 2020	

- Whakamahana Whenua Whakato Matariki event for Kaumātua in Kapiti-Horowhenua. On 13 July 2019 at Ōtaki College from 9.00am
- Wai-113 Claims Forum meeting 15 July at TROR, 3 Keepa St, Levin from 7pm.
- Ngāti Parewahawaha WAI 113 Whakapapa Hui— 21 July at Parewahawaha Marae, Bulls from 10am-5pm
- Marine & Coastal Area (MACA) Hearing Week 2 in Wellington begins 31 July
- 2nd Hearings wānanga 10 August at Kereru Marae, Levin
- Raukawa District Māori Council meeting 11 August—venue tbc



## Ngāti Raukawa prepares for 2020



Article by Queenie Rikihana-Hyland

All Ngati Raukawa ki te Tonga Waitangi Tribunal Claimants have been invited to take part in a series of Wananga in preparation for the hearings in February 2020. The first wananga took place at Kauwhata Marae on 22 June with almost 60 claimants, whānau and hapū members attending.

According to one of the wananga organisers, Jerald Twoomey, Ngati Raukawa have established and retained their settlements in the area from Waitapu through to Kukutauaki; they have fought together, they have worked together, they continue to work together.

As well as the opening evidence on the hapū and their relationships, the Wai113 claims forum is considering how the lwi will make decisions regarding powhiri, hearing venues and the general flow of the claims. Hearings will be for a four-week duration so there has been discussion around having the powhiri at a marae with the hearings at a public venue. This ensures that everyone is free to participate in the hearings and should eliminate the risk of needing to move the hearings due to a tragedy.

There is a significant amount of work required to prepare for the hearings on behalf of the iwi. It will require coordination by the rohe organising the hearing. Under the current timeline, Ngāti Raukawa needs to start planning, preparing and organising for hosting the hearings, and for delivering their opening evidence. E roa taihoa, e tata mate.

The Kauwhata Marae wananga was opened by kaumatua Brian Emery with presentations by Jerald Twoomey, Te Kenehi Teira, Dennis Emery and others. The meeting discussed the whakapapa connections of the many iwi and hapū that make up the confederation of Ngāti Raukawa, Te Reureu and Ngāti Kauwhata. A group has been established to coordinate the wananga that will prepare us for the opening presentation.

Further wananga are scheduled for 10 & 11 August, with presentation rehearsals planned for 19 & 20 October 2019. "We are inviting all confederation claimant representatives from our hapū and claims to join us to wananga, to share their korero."

#### Bridging the gap between two lands



tūrangawaewae and with Māoridom. My journey has been guided by wairua." Part of her re-connection has been learning about the Treaty of Waitangi and she has a very good grasp of the issues.

Mikkeline has heard Raukawa's treaty claims will be held over the next two years. "For those overseas whānau or living away from the rohe, it is important they know what is going on and why. They should be informed on how they can contribute and be a part of their hap  $\bar{u}$  and iwi. In terms of a post-treaty settlement future Mikkeline says she would like to see the iwi be more independent and selfsufficient.

#### He Ōranga Whenua, He Ōranga Tangata Lectures at Te Wānanga o

A highly successful series of May lectures on the environment has been applauded by many who attended the Te Ara a Tāwhaki presentations at Te Wānanga o Raukawa.

The Lecture Series was born out of a conversation between Hohaia Collier (Pou Akoranga/ Academic Head at Te Wānanga o Raukawa) and Pataka Moore the Pūkenga Matua in the Poutuarongo Kaitiakitanga Pūtaiao



programme - following the opening of Te Ara a Tāwhaki last year.

"We decided to set the theme - the correlation between environmental health and human health (He Ōranga Whenua, He Ōranga Tangata). Pataka said they thought it would also be great to invite the community to come to the Wānanga and listen, but also to share - that is the reason we had Q&A time, and kai and korero afterwards.

We wanted to begin something that will hopefully grow over time - a forum for people to speak on a topic, and then for others to hear their messages (we had the option of creating a lunchtime lecture series, a dinner series, a 1-day symposium, or a 2-day conference - they are all quite different and they each have their pros and cons).

Kaiāwhina invited to present at the Series included Dr. Jessica Hutchings, Cathy Tait-Jamieson, Dr. Mike Joy, Dennis Emery and Mahina-a-rangi Baker.

The lecture series attracted good attendances by Kapiti-Otaki residents and the Wananga community. Entry to the lectures was free and all attendees were offered the delicious healthy lunches provided. Article by Queenie Rikihana-Hyland



## "Have your say..."

Over the next two to three years, Ngāti Raukawa will be preparing and presenting its grievances to the Waitangi Tribunal. A key task for Te Hono ki Raukawa is to engage iwi members in the work that is underway and to support the claimants and hapū who have lodged claims. We have put together a range of communication tools including our website, quarterly newspaper Kōtuitui, a mobile app that iwi members can receive pānui and a newly launched weekly e-pānui. But we need your help.

We currently have veteran journalists Queenie Rikihana Hyland (Ngāti Koroki) and Whare Akuhata (Ngāti Kapu) supporting our communications effort with the preparation of articles and conducting interviews. Azriel Ratu provides technical support in terms of uploading the content to our digital tools and Daphne Luke, Te Hono's project manager provides editorial Queenie Rikihana-Hyland support.



Australia is the home for many Māori and for some there is a deep desire to reconnect to their tūrangawaewae. Mikkeline Olsen is a clear example and she recently returned home to fulfil that "deep wairua connection". She lives in Brisbane and calls three countries home. She was born in Denmark to a Danish father, lives in Australia and is of Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Toa and Ngāi Tahu descent through her Māori mother. Her family are the Perawiti's from Kikopiri and Hikitanga. Over the years Mikkeline has made several trips.

"I am continually reminded of who I am and who my tūpuna were. My drive is to whakapapa, reconnect with my

Mikkeline lives in Brisbane and works for the Good Start preventative health program run by and designed for Māori and Pacific Islander communities in Queensland. She works within the Maternal health pillar specifically with mums and tamariki. She is also a yoga teacher and facilitates workshops and retreats and feels a natural inclination to integrate her knowledge and experience with her passion for her our culture.

The team completed a review of its communications activity over the last year and decided that our efforts would be greatly enhanced with contributions from the iwi. Along the lines of a community newspaper, we are inviting iwi members to submit articles relating to Treaty claims of up to 500 words along with a photograph for consideration. If published in any of our media, we will pay 30c a word and \$20 for the photograph to the submitter. We would welcome articles written in either te reo Māori or te reo Pākehā.

Please submit your articles in Word file to thkr.trust@gmail.com. All publishing decisions by our editors will be final.