



# Te Kūkupa

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Ngā Kaitiaki o Ahipara and supporters gather to mark the completion of the sand dune fencing at Tauroa and to unveil signage. The aim of the project is to ensure users of the beach and surrounding areas respect the whenua and stop damaging the ecologically and culturally sensitive lands in the area. There has been huge support for the initiative from a number of groups. See p. 21 for article.

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TE RUNANGA O TE RARAWA

## Te Rarawa Marae

Ko Taumatamahoe te maunga  
Ko Tangonge te wai  
Ko Rangihaukaha te wāhi tapu  
Ko Ngati Te Ao, Te Tahāwai me Te Uri o Hina ngā hapū

### Dixon Paul Motu 1938-2018

Kua hinga tētahi tangata rongonui o te Iwi, tētahi pou o Te Tahāwai hapū.

It is with sadness we note the recent passing of Tahāwai kaumatua Dixon Motu. Affectionately referred to as Dickie by many, he was a well-known identity in the Pukepoto, Kaitaia and Te Hiku community. Dixon was on the taumata at Te Rarawa Marae and served as marae delegate on Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa for a number of years.

The son of Raukawa Motu (Te Rarawa, Ngāti Kuri) and Parani Rewiti (Paatu, Te Rarawa), he was born in Kaitaia and raised in Pukepoto. He went to Pukepoto Native School and Kaitaia College before taking up farm work. He moved away from the north and took up shearing and labouring work before joining the army. He married Morehu Mane (Te Rarawa, Ngāpuhi) and they had seven children; Mark, Moana, Dean, Dixon Jnr, Parani, Carolyn and whāngai son Herepete. The eldest two were born in Kaitaia but the rest were born in Auckland, where he worked in a variety of jobs including AHI and the Power Board. Dixon and Morehu and whānau moved back north in 1974. On his return to the north Dixon worked for the Ministry of Works and the Power Board. He became involved with his whenua and marae and was a part of the redevelopment of the marae in the 1980s. It was a great time for hapū development with a resurgence of whakairo and raranga in the whare along with the installation of murals.

Dixon set up Te Hāhi o Hūria, an evangelist group which operated from the marae. He had a vision to take the name of Yahaveh across the country which led to a hikoi across Aotearoa during 2005-6. Leaving from Mitimiti, the group of nearly 60 travelled as far as Rakiura with their kaupapa. They camped on farms and on DoC land and did work as they went. On their return to the north Dixon resumed his role with the marae and as Rūnanga delegate. He was known for his advocacy for the mana whenua hapū of the district, his adherence to tikanga and his love for his whānau.

Dixon and whānau always had big gardens and they lived by the principles that they were brought up with. He was a wairua driven person, and according to his whānau everything he did from whakapapa to tikanga he lined up with scripture. Dixon was 79 and is survived by his wife, six of his children, 36 mokopuna and 68 mokopuna tuarua. Nō reira, moe mai ra e te Rangatira.



Above: Scenes from Te Hāhi o Hūria 2005-6 hikoi across Aotearoa.



### **Ross Gregory 1939-2018**

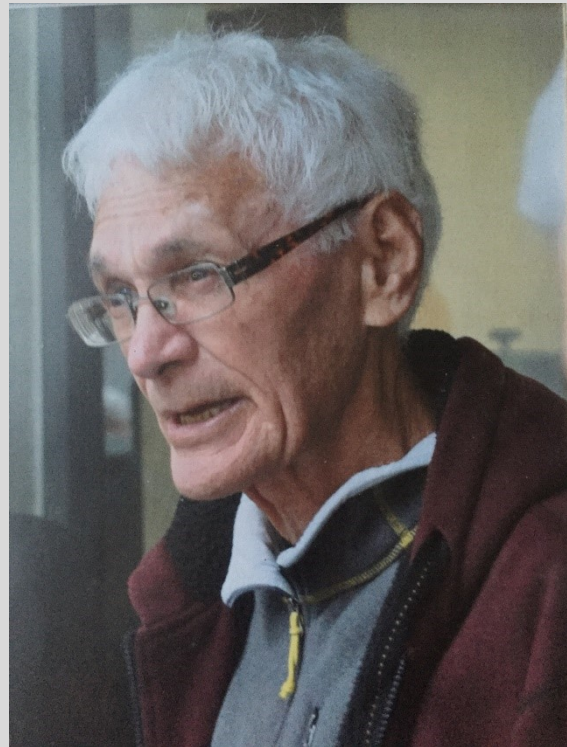
Kua hinga te karangu o Tāne, ko te tangi a ngā manu korihi e mea mai ana, matua ngaro, matua ngaro, matua ngaro. Ko te Kaha Whakapiki a Kaha e tū mai na, ko Ngāti te Ao, ko Te Tahāwai, ko Te Uri o Hina, te tangi nei, te rū nei. Ka tangi, ka tangi, ka tangi. Ko te ao e rere ana, rere ki uta, rere ki tai, rere ki rangi, ma Te Maitu Hauauru i Turia ki te Marowhara o Kupe to mana e tuku ki Te Rerenga, ki te tūhonohonotanga o ngā wairua e kore nei e kitea i tēnei ao. Haere i a Puihihirere, Purereahu, Auahinui, Auahihaere, Auahingarō, haere i te haumihi ata. Haere ki te kāhui whatupungapunga e kiia nei ko hihira ki uta, ko hihira ki tai, ko hihira ki te maharatanga, ko hihira ki te warewaretanga. Haere ki a Rehuanuku, haere ki a Rehuarangi.

Ross was the son of Taingaehe Te Maru (Te Rarawa, Te Aupouri, Ngati Kahu, Ngāpuhi) and Vivian Gregory (Ngāi Tahu). From a family of five, he is the brother of Ataroa Brampton, Enid Johnston, Bruce, and Jack. He went to the Pukepoto Native School and on to Kaitaia College where both he and elder brother Bruce were top athletes, particularly as runners and rugby players.

He often spoke fondly of his early years. His Mum and most locals had large gardens, lots of fruit trees, hens, milking cows and horses, and there was always a lot of mahi to do before and after school and rugby. His father was a butcher and carpenter and he built their family home. They slept in a nikau hut then the slaughterhouse until their house was built.

As a young man Ross was chosen as a person to hand knowledge on to and was taken under the wing of local Pukepoto kaumatua Hape Busby and Bart Robson. In 1961 he went to Auckland Teachers Training College where he continued his rugby career for Teachers College and College Rifles. He was a founding member of the Auckland Anglican Maori Club with Kingi Ihaka and was selected as kaiarahi for the then Governor General Sir Bernard Ferguson during his various trips to the North. This led to a role as kaitiaki to the Queen at Waitangi in 1974.

He married his first wife Nancy Aslin, and they had three sons, Taikaha, Hiwa and Maioha, and a daughter Waikarere, and 12 mokopuna. They returned home to Pukepoto, where he took over a lease on the family farm to milk cows, teaching at Kaitaia Primary, and College as a teacher of Maori establishing a Māori department. He later became an itiner-



-ant teacher of Māori in primary schools across the north. He continued playing rugby for Rarawa, Mangonui County and Northland. In 1988 Ross married Raewyn Warstat who had two daughters Tanya and Vanessa.

In the mid 1980s, he dedicated a year of his life to renovate Te Rarawa marae or The Hall as it was known then. With no outside funding, the haukainga transformed it into the contemporary living art piece we have now. This led to the carving of the Tinana waka for the 1990 Treaty of Waitangi celebrations, and to involvement in setting up Muriwhenua Kapa Haka, and a role as kaitito waiata. In later years he helped to set up a bilingual unit at Manganuiowae Kura including the building of the wharehui there.

Ross was all about challenging the person, not giving them all the answers or the full answer at one time, frustratingly a person often went away with more questions than answers. This seemed to be a Gregory trait as brother Bruce often answered your pātai with a question. This was also a part of his philosophy - in not giving a person the whole story it meant they had to come back for more, showed if they were keen or not and allowed for connections to be made, leave something for another day and give them reason to return.

Ross is survived by his wife, children, step daughters, and 16 mokopuna/mokopuna tua-rua.

## Morehu Marae

Ko Ōngaro te maunga  
Ko Rotokākahi te awa  
Ko Kurahaupo te whare tupuna  
Ko Waiomiona te wharekai  
Ko Te Uri o Tai te hapū

### Te Uri o Tai Information Hui

Morehu Marae hosted an information hui recently which was a great success and enjoyed by everyone. First up was the ĀKAU Team who are the designers and architects for the proposed Te Rarawa building at Toka Tūmoana in Kaitaia. The ĀKAU Team were quick to get everyone thinking about what they would like to see incorporated in a Te Rarawa building and how the building could reflect them and our kōrero o mua.

Then Jared Hiakita, Kaiārahi for Te Hiku Marae Para Kore gave a practical demonstration about recycling. We had a quick competition to pick which bin each recyclable item should go into. This was followed by Lisa McNab from Te Rarawa Healthy Families who was promoting Te Puna Ora Papakainga workshop with Lorinda WiJohn Pereira, an initiative about working with marae and mapping out existing kāinga based food sources in pursuit of healthy kai.

Ana Mules and Aya Morris from Far North District Council then talked about some new digital technology that could provide cell phone reception for Pawarenga. At the end of the hui a beautiful lunch was provided by Maraera Herbert-Pickering and her team of helpers from Te Kura o Hātā Maria as part of their fundraising for the upcoming National Young Leaders Hui.



Above and below: Photos taken during the information workshops







## Kōtahitanga Marae

Ko Rangiputa te maunga tupuna  
Ko Whakakoro te maunga moana  
Ko Awaroa te awa  
Ko Whāngāpe te moana  
Ko Ngāti Haua te hapū

### New whānau business

The grand re-opening of the Herekino Tavern marked a new business venture for whānau members Joanne Murray and her partner Lyndsay Elliot. Friends, whānau, kaumatua and kuia and Iwi members came to tautoko the big day. The whole extended whānau have put in some long hours to give the place a makeover and a rebranding. The new by-line is "It's more than a pub; it's a hub." Herekino Tavern is now a place with wifi and coffee with a hearty pub menu, called Herekino Kai 2 Go.

Their priority has been to bring life back into this historical icon, and they welcome the whole whānau to come in and enjoy the new facilities available. They have good internet access and you can come to the Tavern and get your daily password for the wifi to log on to your device, or use one of our computers available for their customers.

Jo and Lyndsay have set about organising a range of community events including a very successful trolley derby, a town versus county pool tournament and the upcoming Christmas parade, as well as regular weekly draw cards.

With the silly season getting close and celebrations beginning, they intend to look after their patrons and have made sure that there is a courtesy van available for small group pick ups as far as Ahipara. Looks like the place to go this summer Ngāti Haua.



## Mātihetihe Marae

Ko Tarakeha te maunga  
Ko Moetangi te awa  
Ko Mātihetihe te marae  
Ko Tao Maui, ko Hokoheha ngā hapū  
Ko Te Rarawa te iwi



### **Congratulations Ronnie Martin-Campbell**

Ronnie has recently graduated Bachelor of Communications from Auckland University of Technology. She majored in radio with a minor in Māori development. Affiliated to Mātihetihe she has a strong Te Rarawa whakapapa. On her Mum's side her grandparents, are Ellen Thomas (Panguru and Waihou) and Michael Martin (Mitimiti). Her grandmother on her Dad's side was Mary Tui Campbell (Mitimiti and Pawarenga). She is part of a group of 30 first cousins, and she is proud to become the first of the mokopuna on both sides to graduate from university.

She was nervous to go to university but with support from her Mum and sister she took the

plunge. She has always been interested in the media and saw the AUT as one of the best media schools in New Zealand. During her studies she discovered an interest in radio and its many facets including producing, marketing, advertising and reviewing music, and she has pursued te reo Māori.

It was all smiles and tears of joy having her whānau travel from near and far to see her graduate. Ronnie says "without them I wouldn't know how I would survive. Having their encouragement and support is what got me through this journey." Right now she is focused on continuing learning te reo at AUT and next year hopes to start her career in the radio and media business.





# Matihetihe Marae

## Annual Fishing Competition

**Saturday 29th December 2018**

MITIMITI BEACH

4am: Ticket Sales at the marae

5am: Fishing Commences

Housie: 10am

4pm: Final Weigh in

4.15pm: Mystery Envelope Drawn

5pm: Prizegiving

Tickets

Adults : \$45

Childrens : \$10

Includes Lunch

Ministry of Fisheries Rules  
apply to size limits and  
numbers of Fish Caught

Over \$6000 in Sponsored Cash Prizes

Tickets available from:

Panguru Tavern,

Sheryl Tracey, & Anne Te Wake

Or at the Marae from 4am on the day

For more info contact:

Sheryl Tracey 021 0888 2343

or

Anne Te Wake 021 100 6708

## Achievements



**New Māori All Black from Te Rarawa:**  
Congratulations to Reed Princep who has made the Maori All Blacks. Reed, a Canterbury loose forward is from the King whānau from Waihou Marae. Kia kaha e tama.

### Award to Panguru student

Congratulations go out to Allen Kanara who was recently awarded a Trust Power Youth Community Spirit Award for spearheading a community project to save Mitimiti's famous mussel beds from an invasive marine pest, pyura. The project had both environmental and business elements with Allen's team experimenting with the removal of pyura from the mussel beds and turning it into a successful fertilizer.



**Above:** Allen with his parents, Tangiroa and Dana.



## Waihou Marae

Ko Te Reinga te maunga  
Ko Waihou-nui-ā-rua te awa  
Ko Waimirirangi te whare tupuna  
Ko Ngāti Te Reinga te hapū

### He rā whakapōtaetanga, he rā hōnore

After years of hard work Tui Carmichael daughter of Derek and Rangi Carmichael nee Matthews graduated recently from Te Wānanga o Aotearoa with a Bachelor of Social Work in Bi-cultural Practice. Tui works with children, youth and whānau as a social worker and plans to return to study for a post graduate diploma in leadership and supervision. E Kohine, ka nui te mihi aroha ki a koe mō tō rā whakapōtaetanga i te tohu mātauranga me tō mahi rangatira. Ka mau te wehi.

### Ko Meri Te Tai Mangakahia he mana, he wahine nō Waihou

The legacy of Meri Te Tai Mangakahia and other women were commemorated across the country this year marking 125 years since women won the right to vote in NZ. Great grand niece Emma Frost daughter of Len and Irene Frost nee Te Tai represented the Te Tai and Waihou whānau at the opening of an exhibition at Auckland Museum called *Are we there yet?* The exhibition celebrated some of the unsung heroes of the suffrage movement



#### Above

Tui Carmichael at her Te Wānanga o Aotearoa graduation for her Bachelor of Social Work.



including Meri. Emma was also interviewed on Radio NZ about her research and Meri's many achievements.

Left : Emma Frost at the exhibition



**Above: Posthumous acknowledgement:** Such a great loss to the whānau, hapū and iwi when Wayne Te Tai passed away earlier this year but he continues to inspire us all and in April the whānau travelled to Tāmaki to walk the last few steps for Wayne to complete his journey by accepting his Masters of Specialist Training, Learning and Behaviour with Merit at Massey University. E hara taku toa, e te toa takitahi engari he toa takitini nō ngā tupuna.



## Waiparera Marae

Ko Tauwhare ko Pukerangatira ngā maunga  
Ko Hokianga te awa  
Ko Nukutawhiti te whare tupuna  
Ko Ruamamao te wharekai



### New trustees elected

An AGM was held recently and new Waiparera Marae trustees were elected. They have hit the ground running and are focused on getting the marae into order and dealing with some essential repair and maintenance issues. Follow the marae on [Facebook: Waiparera Marae. He Tirohanga Hou.](#) **Above:** New trustees from L-R: Harry Smart, Selena Bercic (Secretary), Phoebe Watkins, Richard Hepi, Anita Wilson, Wendy Scott, Debbie Brett (Treasurer) and John Smart (Chairman and Rūnanga delegate).

### Hura Kōhatu

Kia hiwa ra, kia hiwa ra, te tangi a te manu nei, tui, tui, tui-tuia, tuia i runga, tuia i raro, tuia i roto, tuia i waho. Ka rongo te pō, ka rongo te ao i te pū ko-rero i te wānanga pūawhio-rangi, pūtakataka, te mārama ahunuku, te mārama ahurangi, ka takoto koutou i te wā-o-tu. Tū winiwini, tū wanawana. Ka tū numia, ka tū rawea, ka whakaoti nuku, ka whakaoti rangi. Ko to manawa ko taku manawa. Ka irihia, ka irihia, whano, whano, haramai mai te toki, haumi e, hui e, taiki e.

Ngā mihi ki a koutou katoa mō tēnei pānui. Whānau and friends are invited to the headstone unveilings for

Wiremu Bercic  
Marino Bercich  
Maryanne Smart

Pōwhiri at Waiparera Marae, 4 pm Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>.  
Unveilings 10.30am Monday 31st December 2018.  
Nau mai, piki mai, haere mai.

**TIMETABLE** 

8:30 Karakia / Whakataua  
8.45 Team Registrations



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# Marae Touch

PANGURU SCHOOL FIELDS

*Waihou, Matihetihe, Motui,  
Waiparera, Ngati Manawa, Waipuna*

**27**  
DEC  
2018

**Kiddies Corner!**



**KAI**  
Drinks  
Ice Cream  
Hangi  
Sausage Sizzle  
Smoked Fish  
Raw Fish

**Ki o rahi!  
Pool! Bouncy Castle!**



## Ngāi Tūpoto Marae

Ko Rākautapu te maunga  
Ko Tapuwae te awa  
Ko Hokianga te moana  
Ko Ngāhuia te whare  
Ko Ngāi Tūpoto te hapū



### Miss Universe NZ Finalist

It's been a busy time for whānau member Jewel Harris who was a finalist in the Miss Universe NZ competition recently at Sky City. Jewel is the daughter of Raina Harris, and granddaughter of Charlene Brown and Karani Harris. She finished 4th runner and also took out the Entrepreneurial Challenge. The competition scoring was based on several factors including a public vote, social media campaign, an entrepreneurship section, and judging during the final night including questions from the judges.

Jewel's Entrepreneurial Challenge featured a Matariki Charity Ball held at Alexander Park where friends and whānau from all over came to support her campaign. She raised over \$11,000 from this event. Jewel commented "this made me feel so proud to show Aotearoa on TV that a Māori wahine from the Hokianga can take out the entrepreneurial challenge and raise the most for charity out of all 20 in the competition." She hopes to inspire our younger generation to believe in themselves and work hard for their goals. She had previously won the Miss National NZ title in 2017 and also the People's Choice Award.

Jewel has Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in spatial design (interior and architectural design). She hopes to work fulltime as an interior designer when her competition responsibilities have been completed.



### Ngāi Tūpoto rugby league stars

Whānau member James Fisher-Harris is doing us proud as a Kiwi International and in the NRL. Twenty-two years of age, he is in his third season of the NRL playing for Penrith Panthers where he has a reputation for hard work. After an impressive debut season, he was selected for the Kiwis in 2016. He was also part of the team that recently beat the Kangaroos 26-24. Raised in Kohukohu he went to boarding school in Whangarei when he was 15 and took up league. He is the son of Adelaide Harris and grandson of Charlene Brown and Karani Harris.



Above: Kiwi James Fisher-Harris

James is not the only Harris in top league at the moment. Kiwi International Tohu Harris joined the Warriors this year after playing for the Melbourne Storm from 2013-17. He has played 16 games for the Kiwis from 2013-16. Tohu was born and raised in the Hawkes Bay but he has Ngāi Tūpoto roots. He is the son of Makarini Paul Harris and Dale Moffat. He comes from the Nui Hare whānau being the grandson of Henry Harris, and great grandson of Ruihi Harris (Karanga).

Left: Jewel Harris in her finery.



## Te Rautau o Te Mutunga o Te Pakanga Tuatahi o Te Ao

A large number of whānau members gathered on the 11th November at 11am at the Ngāi Tūpoto War Memorial to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1. An outdoor service was held where some of the history of Ngāi Tūpoto involvement in WW1 was presented, followed by a whakatau at the marae and a shared lunch. Fourteen whānau members served in WW1, mainly in the Pioneer Battalion. There was one casualty with Perenara Rewi being killed in Messines, Belgium in 1917. Descendants of most of the soldiers were in attendance. This participation in WW1 led to a large number of our young men signing up for the Maori Battalion in WW2. Ka Maumahara tonu tātou i a rātou.

Right:: Tamariki laying of wreaths.



Above: Warriors recruit, Tohu Harris



Above: Congratulations to Bodene Davis who graduated recently with a B. Engineering from Auckland University.



# Puanga Matariki High Tea @ Te Ahu



Photos from the Kaumatua Kuia Puanga Matariki High Tea held in June.





## Puanga Matariki High Tea @ Te Ahu



Something a bit different for this year's Puanga Matariki celebrations. A high tea was held at Te Ahu and kaumatua and kuia were treated to a formal spread. The event was arranged by Te Rarawa's Te Reo Team. It was a great opportunity for our kaumatua and kuia to get together to reminisce and share kōrero. The Matariki constellation which signals the "tau hou" can not be seen from some of our Te Rarawa communities at this time of year and the constellation Puanga is also significant as a marker for the changing of the seasons.





## Warawara MoU Signed at Waipuna Marae

Te Hiku Conservation Board members, joined with Te Rarawa, the Department of Conservation and Warawara hapū recently to sign a MoU which formalises the co-governance relationship established in the Te Rarawa Historical Settlement in relation to the Warawara. DoC Director General, Lou Sanson and Te Rarawa Chair, Haami Piripi signed the agreement which underpins the Warawara Whenua Ngāhere i te Taiao agreed to in the settlement. In the whaikōrero reference was made to Dame Whina Cooper who referred to Warawara as “Te Wairua o Te Iwi o Te Rarawa; The living spiritual being of Te Rarawa people”. Her son Joe Cooper was one of Te Rarawa’s Negotiation Team.



**Above:** John Tahana, Chairman of Warawara Kaitiaki Komiti addresses the hui.



**Above:** Te Rarawa and Doc representatives sign the MoU.

**Right:** Jill Parker and Hine Puru with the mauri stone.

**Below:** Attendees pose for a photo to mark the signing.





## Te Hiku Treaty Settlement Implementation appointment

Abe Witana has recently taken up a new role with the Department of Conservation as Senior Strategic Advisor for Te Hiku Treaty Settlement Implementation. Te Rarawa kaimahi, Northland Regional Council, Reconnecting Northland and other partners attended a mihi whakatau for Abe to mark the start of his new role. His job will be to provide strategic advice to the Te Hiku office in the delivery of the agreed mechanisms contained in the historical Te Hiku settlement legislation. Abe was previously the Programme Manager Māori Policy at the Northland Regional Council.



## Award for Te Rarawa Iwi member



Te Rarawa Marae member Troy Brockbank has been recognised by his profession at the Water New Zealand Conference recently. Troy received the Beca Young Water Professional of the Year 2018. Troy, who has a degree in civil engineering, is a Design Manager with Stormwater360 New Zealand. He was recognised for his passionate application of mātauranga Māori (indigenous knowledge) and kaitiakitanga (stewardship) in his work developing sustainable stormwater design solutions and promotion of waterway protection and restoration. Troy is the son of Patricia Love and James Brockbank, and the grandson of Frank and Nettie Harrison nee Robson. In recent years Troy has contributed to the Project Team for the Tangonge restoration giving the project the benefit of his expertise. Kia kaha e tama.



# Mauri Ora Mai Tawhito Wānanga ki Hokianga ki te Raki





## Mauri Ora Mai Tawhito Wānanga ki Hokianga ki te Raki

The annual Mauri Ora Mai Tawhito hui was held in November and focused on Hokianga ki Te Raki. The wānanga drew Te Rarawa people from across the motu and the weather did not dampen the enthusiasm. A hīkoi took in Matawera, Rēmana, Puketoro, Pūrākau and Motuti. The key note speakers included Matua Joe Cooper, Paul White, Dave and Diana Mules, Martha Daniels, Andrew Kendall, Gerard Harris, Bobby Leef, Makere Hati-Ngaropo and John Smart. Thanks go to the haukainga, organising committee, and the many kaitautoko. The next hui will be at Rangi Point. Ka kite koutou a tērā tau ki Waiparera, Te Rangi.





## Te Waka Pupuri Pūtea Te Rarawa's Asset Holding Company

### Retirement of Chairman

Paul White, who has served as the Chairman of Te Rarawa's asset holding company for the past 12 years retired recently. He is affiliated to the Ngāi Tūpoto and Tahāwai hapū. Te Waka Pupuri Pūtea was set up in 2006 when Iwi were required to establish asset companies for the Māori Fisheries Settlement. He has steered the company through its establishment phase and has been pivotal in integrating the Te Rarawa Settlement assets and opportunities into the company. He was also a Negotiator for Te Rarawa for the Treaty Settlement which was finalised in 2015. The settlement included a range of Crown assets including Sweetwater Farms, and a number of sometimes complex joint ventures and arrangements with other Te Hiku Iwi. The company has a growing portfolio of assets in fishing, forestry, honey, dairy farming, fibre, property, and financial and direct investments. Paul said that "it was time to step aside and let some of the talented young Te Rarawa people come through onto our commercial board." He wishes the Board and the Rūnanga the very best for their future endeavours. Paul will remain on one of the subsidiary boards, Te Rarawa Farming as part of the succession planning process.

### New Chair appointed

The Board of Te Waka Pupuri Pūtea Group has appointed June McCabe to take over from Paul White as Chair. June has served on the Board for six years. Born and bred in Kaitia she affiliates to Te Ihutai hapū. She has a background in banking, investment and housing. She has also had considerable governance experience serving on a wide variety of boards, both private sector and government.



Above: Board members and staff after a farewell presentation to Paul



## New Commercial Director appointed

Tyrone Newson has been appointed as a Director on Te Waka Pupuri Pūtea Group. Tyrone is 46 and from Mātihetihe Marae. He is the son of Bobby and Gemma Newson nee Kapeli. He qualified as a civil engineer from Auckland University and has a Masters in Business Administration from Cass Business School in London. He is currently Development Manager for the publicly listed property company, Kiwi Property based in Auckland where he is responsible for the Sylvia Park Shopping Complex redevelopment. He has worked in Singapore for Ikano Pte Ltd; the commercial development arm of Ikea Thailand (South East Asia Region) where he was responsible for nearly 3000 staff. He has been a trustee for Te Puna Topu o Hokianga forestry trust, and a director on several private companies, as well as being the Chair for the Māori Engineers Society. He has also reported to a number of boards and is familiar with governance and project management processes. Tyrone is a clear thinker and someone grounded in whānau and hapū. He has a range of different skills and he is a valuable addition to Te Rarawa's commercial governance. We wish him well with his appointment.



## A massive achievement from Kohukohu School

Earlier this year seven students from Kohukohu Primary School accepted the challenge to swim across the Hokianga Harbour. The students who were 12 years and under swam from the Sandhills on the Niniwa side to Opononi on the Araiteuru side. They joined with other children from Opononi Area School to make the 1.5Km crossing which took between 30 minutes to an hour to complete. The swim started at 7.30am in the fog which didn't really lift. The students were supported by parents and others both in the water and in kayaks, and the Coast Guard. All the swimmers made it across successfully. Well done to all participants who practiced for many weeks and took part in the trials leading up to the event.



**Above:** Nukutawhiti Ashby, Zara Alexander, Miriama Pawa, Tess Alexander, Nikita Wherry, Montana Winiata Anderton, Harper Wallace and support team member, Thomas Wallace .



## Aquaculture Hikoi

During September a combined roopu from Ngāi Takoto, Te Aupouri and Te Rarawa travelled to Coromandel and Opotiki to explore the potential of aquaculture and the impacts it can have on small communities. This hīkoi organised by Te Waka Pupuri Pūtea was the start of introducing whānau to a potential joint Iwi investment into the establishment of a mussel spat aquaculture venture in Te Hiku o Te Ika. Fourteen representatives from Pukepoto and Ahipara Marae made the journey on behalf of Te Rarawa.

The first day saw the group hosted by Pare Hauraki and the Bartrom group of companies in Coromandel where they had the opportunity to meet with Iwi and industry leaders and ask questions about the changes that aquaculture has brought to the township. The group heard how employment was increased, social indicators improved and how the environment benefited from what is a sustainable, environmentally friendly industry. Following a delicious kai that evening, the next morning saw the roopu travel by boat out onto the water to see mussel farming in action. The Coromandel mussel industry is supplied with wild mussel spat collected off Te Oneroa o Tōhē. The scale of what mussel farming can deliver soon became evident with over 30 barges working out of the area. Whitianga was the next stop with a visit to OPC, a processing factory that opens and packs mussels from the Coromandel farms. At full capacity the facility employs 200 staff for nine months of the year.

The roopu were hosted at Terere Marae in Opotiki that evening and enjoyed connecting with whānau there over beautiful kai and kapa

haka performances by a local Kura. The next day they had the opportunity to visit Whakatōhea, and their Iwi based organisation which is using aquaculture to transform their community. They have set a strategy, worked hard and are now at a point where they are in their first year of full production. They catch spat and grow the mussels to full size for sale in supermarkets. They have aspirations to grow to a point where they can also establish onshore processing of their product. They are a shining example of what can be achieved by a Māori organisation with commitment and focus. The group returned home exhausted but excited and enthusiastic about the opportunities that lay ahead. They also have information that they are eager to share with others who are interested. Watch this space.



**Above:** Out on the Hauraki Gulf off Coromandel.



**Above:** Group photo in Opotiki with the Whakatōhea Trust Board





## Ngā Kaitiaki o Ahipara: Te Rarawa Tribal Lands

A considerable amount of land was returned to Te Rarawa during a Treaty settlement three years ago including several hundred acres at Tauroa and Te Oneroa a Tohe. The kaitiaki hapū of Ahipara have been concerned about the damage that reckless motorbike and 4WD users are doing to the beach and the sand dunes. The hapū have decided that enough is enough and have set about protecting our tribal land. It has been decided to fence off several areas to stop motorbikes and 4WD's doing damage to environmentally sensitive places. A number of signs are being erected including at Ahipara, Te Kōhanga, Waimimiha and Tauroa along with a continuing programme to erect pou whenua in significant areas. These will tell Iwi stories and demonstrate connections to whenua. About 5kms has been fenced off, to protect ecological and cultural sites including wāhi tapu. Te Takiwa o Ahipara spokesperson, Haami Piripi says that "we have been trying to do this for a while but haven't had the authority. Now the land has been returned to us, it allows us, the landowner, to call the shots." The project is a joint effort between local hapū and Iwi. The fences are designed to stop four-wheel drives and motorbikes damaging the ecology of the sand hills.

Not everyone was happy with the Ahipara hapū and motorbike and 4WD groups threatened to defy the ban. A Facebook campaign was mounted but the protest didn't eventuate. To date only minor damage has been done to the fence and this has been repaired.

**Below:** New fencing going in at Tauroa



There is considerable support locally for the Ahipara kaitiaki initiative, including the Northland Age, Ahipara Coastal Patrol Committee and the Te Oneroa a Tōhē Beach Board.



**Above:** Gate sign at Te Kōhanga.



**Above:** Evidence of damage to sand dunes.







## Nā te Heamana

It is a simplification to frame an iwi in the context of a whānau and hapū dynamic because today an iwi is made up of many elements. These are often defined by the contribution of individuals and their times of influence, and include organisations like companies, trusts and even sports clubs. Te Rarawa iwi also hold up national icons like Dame Whina Cooper, and Pa Hēnare Tate as pillars of our iwi identity with their endeavours and feats creating threads of who we are. These threads are in fact numerous with amazing contributions by many standout individuals. It is one of those individuals that I now need to acknowledge for the lifelong contribution he has made to the development of our iwi.

Paul White was born into the rural backdrop of Northland that has for generations defined the psyche of Te Rarawa people. His philosophy for land utilisation and the conservation ethos has given him a well-balanced approach to iwi development and this was nurtured by a pantheon of matriarchs and patriarchs whose lives span at least one hundred years. He has always been a home person continually bringing his knowledge and skills to bear for the benefit of his people.

As part of a generation of iwi-driven individuals during the 1980s, Paul was one of the architects of our current iwi identity and has committed his energy and mana to our Rūnanga from the very beginning. His personal contribution to our development has been underscored by his commitment to his marae and hapū. There his contribution has been immense and a tremendous legacy for generations to come.

As a scholar and historian his knowledge of genealogy is widely acknowledged and in Te Rarawa and Hokianga he is heavily relied upon to verify the whakapapa that links our 23 marae. His constant interest in our organisational wellbeing positioned him over the years to fulfil the various key roles and functions in our development. But the negotiation of the Te Rarawa Historical Claims required a huge level of understanding, experience and skill that drew on all Paul's abilities and training throughout his career. His leadership was an expression of his elders. The challenges were formidable and over two decades ranged from gaining a mandate to ratifying a final agreement. Sustaining a non-stop treaty negotiation schedule with the crown over 14 years required a deep and broad knowledge of a number of significant issues. Paul played a pivotal role in these discussions raising innovative ideas and models that went on to form the planks of claim redress that were finally

adopted by all iwi in Te Hiku o Te Ika. With his usual display of ongoing commitment Paul went on to implement several agreements arising from the Te Hiku Deed of Settlement. His input has been vital to the success of the iwi and his organisational legacy is unrivalled.

Paul's efforts and successes as an Iwi and hapū representative has made a tangible difference to Te Rarawa. His more recent role as Chairman of our asset holding company has enabled him to consolidate our range of assets and facilitate commercial arrangements with our neighbouring iwi. Guiding Iwi governance through the last five years has preserved many opportunities for the next generation of Te Rarawa leaders. In announcing his retirement from this role Paul can proudly point to a continuum of iwi prosperity that bears his mark at every juncture in its emerging development. For this contribution we as an iwi are extremely grateful and for me as the current chairperson Paul has been an anchor of reliability providing confidence and certainty as we have moved forward.

I pay tribute to his entire whānau including his wife, Claire who has also become a contributor to our iwi in her own right.

Nā reira ko ia he uri whakaheke nō rātou mā, te mana me te ihi o ōna tūpuna. Nā te hunga kaumātua anō i whāngai kia tupu ake nei he rangatira whakahirahira, hei kaiarahi mō tōna iwi.

Haami Piripi, ONZM  
Chairperson, Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa



## Ngā rā o mua



**Hāngi in Ahipara, around 1916**

Source: Museum@teahu

Does anyone have any kōrero about this event?

## Whakamaharatanga

Me mihi kau ake ki te hunga kua hoki ki te kainga tūturu mō tātou te tangata. Ko rātou ēna i hoki wairua atu ki Hawaikinui, Hawaikiroa, Hawaikipamamao. Nō reira haere e ngā mate haere, haere atu ra.

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