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## Nau mai haere mai ki Ngati Rehua-Ngatiwai ki Aotea

Welcome to the first edition of He pitopito korero a newsletter aimed at providing updates and information on all aspects of our hapu development.

Last year we welcomed a new board of trustees at our November AGM in Auckland and held our first post AGM meeting in December at Motairehe Marae where we unanimously voted Nicola MacDonald as Chair of the board. In February we bid farewell to two of our long serving and retiring trustees Opo Lewis Ngawaka and Kelmen Keksze we are grateful for the many contributions

both have made over the years. The board welcomed in as co-opted trustees Catherine Munro; Taka



Aotea moutere rongonui  
Aotea whakahirahira  
Aotea utanganui  
Tihei wa mauri ora

Skipwith and Rodney Ngawaka. The new board of trustees and their portfolios are; Nicola MacDonald Chair; Shelly Davis: Communications; Kris MacDonald: Business development and Invest-

ment; Catherine Munro: Community development; Rodney Ngawaka: Environments and Heritage; Taka Skipwith: Finance and Irene Walker: Policy and Infrastructure. For further information on who your board members are go to the new website at:

[www.ngatirehuangatiwaiki.aotea.co.nz](http://www.ngatirehuangatiwaiki.aotea.co.nz)

The board is committed towards supporting strategies that create sustainable opportunities for all descendants and we are pleased to share with you a small sample of our mahi over the past 6 months.

## Keeping connected

Shelly Davies has been appointed as the trustee responsible for communications and has overseen the development of a new website and Face book page. We are delighted to advise that our new website and Facebook page are up and running and we will be us-

ing these platforms as the main point-of-contact for all updates, information and panui so please do check these sites out regularly. On the website is our new online database registration please do take the time to fill this out (even if you have already regis-

tered) this will be the first time that you will have registered online and we'd appreciate your support and patience. If you have any Panui that you'd like to share with us please do email [ko-romai@ngatirehuangatiwaikiaotea.co.nz](mailto:ko-romai@ngatirehuangatiwaikiaotea.co.nz)





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*Everyone has a part to play and something to share*

*The Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust was established in 1985 and is the mandated Iwi / Hapu authority and decision making body on behalf of Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea. There is a strong commitment from the Trust Board to support our people in achieving their goals and aspirations. We want all Ngati Rehua Ngatiwai ki Aotea descendants to feel and have a sense of connection and belongingness to Aotea, our surrounding islands and traditional boundaries. We strive to be an educated; healthy and well people confident in Te Ao Maori and Te Ao Hurihuri. We are committed to the preservation of our taonga tuku iho through active protection and sustainable management of our cultural intellectual property and knowledge; water, lands and air for present and future generations*

## Hei tiaki i nga mokopuna

The board fully supports and encourages involvement and inclusion of our tamariki and rangatahi. We have established a small rangatahi ropu made up of young people living on Aotea, or raised on Aotea and/or of Ngati Rehua Ngatiwai ki Aotea descent. Our rangatahi ropu has been instrumental in leading out several successful events and kaupapa and have recently been approached to work closely with Auckland Council Community Development unit to deliver a youth development workshop on Aotea. Several members of the group have developed in confidence and self-esteem and we are very pleased to see their growing confidence. Mem-

bership to the ropu is open to all our children and is easily done by emailing to rangatahi.ropu@ngatirehuangatiwaikiaotea.co.nz

We'd like to congratulate our young people and acknowledge their participation and positive



**Rangatahi ropu :  
He rangatira apopo**

contributions over the past 6 months. A friendly reminder to all whanau to check out the panui and also kaupapa section for upcoming events. The ropu meets once a fortnight every Monday at McDees from 4.30pm and also holds regular noho on the island, all are welcome to attend.

