Nau mai haere mai ki Ngāti Rehua-Ngātiwai ki Aotea

Tēnā tātou te mana whenua o Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea!

In this issue of He Pitopito Kōrero we’ll update you about the kaupapa we’ve focused on including; Our Treaty settlement progress and cross-claims from the Marutūāhu collective, we’ll catch up with our rangatahi roopu and share information on recent submissions on the Aotea Conservation Park and the Ngātiwai Trust Board Deed of Mandate. We celebrate new employment opportunities gained for our whānau members and we are stoked with the recent appointment of our trustees on various governance boards. We’ll provide an update on the strategic milestones and goals that we’ve met in our strategic plan 2013-2018 and we’re proud to share a recent award acknowledgement. We wish to thank two trustees and a valued support staff member & we welcome a new trustee and two new support staff. There’s a lot to catch up on so make a cuppa, relax and enjoy!

Creating jobs on Aotea

The Trust in partnership with DOC negotiated two new leadership positions. The first role relates to the Rakitu Pest Eradication Project; and we were pleased to appoint Cara Fraider into the role. Cara has a wealth of experience in environmental management. The second position relates to the Bring Back Kokako Project; Noeline Ngawaka-Fortzer was appointed as our lead coordinator she also brings with her experience and skills well suited to the job.

The Trust in partnership with the Auckland Council Biosecurity unit negotiated a new contract to survey the health of Kauri on Aotea. Rodney Ngawaka oversaw the running of the programme and we were pleased to appoint Niki Wii and Frank Fraider to carry out this valuable mahi.

Congratulations to our whānau, Kia mau te wehi!
Acknowledgements & welcome

This year we bid farewell to trustees Irene Walker and Shelly Davies. Irene was a trustee for two and a half years and during her time she contributed to the review of the Trust Operational Manual and Policies and also supported the development of the Hapu Management Plan. In addition Irene provided extensive knowledge and skills in relation to Maori development and governance.

Shelly Davies was a trustee for 14 months during her time she co-led the review and development of our hapu website and established our Facebook page. We’d like to acknowledge both wahine for their contributions given and wish them well in their respective pursuits.

We bid farewell to Whaea Kiripai Kaka who is moving into a new job. Kiripai has been our secretary and treasurer for the past 5 years and has been a rock to the many boards and trustees. Her contributions are numerous and profound and we will miss her.

We welcome Hillarey McGregor as a co-opted trustee she has been appointed to the Operations and Policies portfolio. Hillarey has been a past trustee of the Trust and brings a wealth of experience.

We welcome Ngaire Pera as our interim administrator and treasurer. Ngaire hails from Matauri Bay and has extensive experience in governance; administration and financial management. In addition Ngaire is also the Deputy Area Representative for the Maori Womens Welfare League and oversees Nga Puu Korero - the 1st Maori language competition for primary to secondary school children.

We welcome Kare Rata as our communications advisor. Kare is Ngati Rehua through her tupuna Puu-mare Paama. She is a successful business owner and brings 20 years of experience in communications; event management; public relations and social media.

Thank you to everyone who has and is contributing to the development of our hapu. “We believe everyone has a part to play and something to share”.

Strategic Appointments

This year we have actively sought strategic appointments that will further our identified goals and objectives.

We are pleased to advise that the following appointments have been made and would like to wish our trustees all the best.

**Nicola MacDonald:** Ministerial appointment to the Hauraki Gulf Forum;  
Member of the Auckland Council Watercare Services;  
Partner with Auckland Council and University of Auckland Business School Social Enterprise.

**Kris MacDonald:** Ministerial appointment to the Independent Maori Statutory Board.

**Rodney Ngawaka:** Ministerial appointment to the Auckland Conservation Board.

Congratulations to Nicola; Kris and Rodney.

“Today has been a long time coming and we are grateful for the tautoko of our board”  
Aunty Eileen

Our inspiration; “That all Ngati Rehua-Ngatiwai ki Aotea people are healthy; well and thriving”

He Pitopito korero

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Marutūāhu Claims and Consultation

“No No No!” was the clear response by Uncle Saab and echoed by over 70 whanau members who attended a hui-a-hapu held at Rangitawhiri on the 8th of March in response to claims made on Aotea by the Marutūāhu collective. The same response was reiterated by the 14 Marae and nga hapu o Ngati Wai at Whakapaumahara marae on the 23rd of April to oppose any redress.

Who is Marutūāhu?
Marutūāhu is a confederation of five Hauraki iwi: Ngāti Maru, Ngāti Pāoa, Ngāti Whanaunga, Ngāti Tamaterā and Patukirikiri. Individually and collectively they have previously made claims through the Māori Land Court against us and we have prevailed.

What is offered?
Ngati Tamatera - land vesting of 2 x Tryphena Scenic Reserves
Ngati Maru - land vesting of 1 x Mata Rehu or Cape Barrier
Ngati Maru, Whanaunga and Tamaterā - Statutory acknowledgement at Whangaupoa.
Marutūāhu - a “Right of First Refusal” to the sale of any crown lands (in a 50 / 50 split with us down the middle of Aotea)
OTS considers these claims to have merit. We have invited Marutūāhu to meet with us on the island and we have also offered to travel to Hauraki to meet with them on their home turf. They, through their Chair Mr Paul Majurey have declined all of our invitations.

Our response?
We reject and oppose any redress offered by the Crown to the Marutūāhu collective. Following our Chair’s lead and direction we have actively implemented an aggressive approach and fought back. We have submitted a comprehensive historical report led by Kaumatua & Michael Beazley which collapses any theory that Marutuahu have rights before us and with us. We have engaged with the collective and saw two of their iwi formally withdraw their support to the collective. We have held many hui to talk with and seek our people’s opinion and guidance. We have advocated and pushed hard with the Crown and we have held an occupation at Mata Rehu to reaffirm our ahi ka roa.

Has anything changed?
Yes. The Crown have withdrawn their original redress offer. However the Crown has now offered a new redress package to three of those iwi and while it is significantly less than the first offer nonetheless the Crown is still offering rights to Marutūāhu.

What now?
We will continue to oppose this new redress offer. We must remain vigilant kia mataara tatou ma.

Submissions: Aotea Conservation Park & Ngāti Wai Deed of Mandate

Earlier this year the Minister of Conservation Honorable Dr Nick Smith called for public submissions on the proposed Aotea Conservation Park. Effectively the new status would bring together and update the numerous existing status and designations under one status.

The scale of the proposed park is largely confined to the central areas of the DOC estate.

The Trust submitted a written submission in support of the new proposed park as it aligns to our Strategic and Hapu Management Plan. We invited members of our Rangatahi Roopu to co-present the submission to the hearing committee in Auckland. Copies of the submission is available on our website.

The Office of Treaty Settlements publicly announced submissions on the Ngati Wai Trust Board’s Deed of Mandate. The Trust submitted a submission in support of NWTB and identified areas that needed clarity and could be further strengthened.

A copy of the submission will be made available when OTS and NWTB publishes all submissions.

“Thank you NRTB I enjoyed reading our Aotea Park submission”
Sonya Williams
I Am Auckland Awards

The inaugural I Am Auckland Awards were officially opened by Honourable Nikki Kaye MP for Auckland and His Worship Mayor Len Brown recognising the valuable work of individuals; communities and organisations dedicated towards supporting youth and rangatahi of Tamaki Makaurau.

The Trust and our Chairperson were nominated by young people and community groups for work dedicated towards uplifting and guiding rangatahi as future leaders.

“We are deeply humbled by the nomination this is very special to the board and myself as the recognition comes from our rangatahi and youth of Auckland” says Nicola MacDonald.

The Trust and our Chair were one of 3 finalists for the Rangatahi Tu Rangatira award. Over 3000 young people were involved in the consultation and recommendations.

Our beliefs

“Social responsibility and participation”

“Kia eke ki te karamatamata o te rakau”

“Ngati Rehua you are leading the way amongst our mana whenua with engaging Rangatahi Maori”

Rereata Makiha Kaumatua Auckland Council

Building strong relationships

The Trust and the Great Barrier Island Local Board held an inaugural meeting earlier this year in Auckland.

The purpose of the meeting was to formalise our relationship.

“We want to work with key stakeholders to further our strategic goals and aspirations and the local board is an identified valued partner” says Nicola.

Izzy Fordham Chair of the local board says, “We are looking forward to working closely with the Ngati Rehua Ngatiwai ki Aotea Trust”

Footnote:
The new GBI Local Board Plan incorporates our strategic and hapu management plan.

For a copy of the local board plan please go to the Auckland council website; www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

The Trust and the Local Board
Aotea 100% Ngati Rehua

As part of our response to the Marutuahu claim we held a hui on Saturday at Kawa marae to discuss with whanau what further actions were needed to strengthen our position.

We decided to undertake a peaceful protest retracing the steps of our tupuna and placing a cultural marker at Mata Rehu which was an area identified as part of the redress claim offered by the Crown to Marutuahu.

Mata Rehu has great significance to us as it is the southern-most border of our rohe and shelters te motu tohora the island that depicts the right dorsal fin of tupuna Manaia’s whale. Overlooking Mata Rehu is Maunga Ruahihe the largest of a group of maunga found in the Rangitawhiri area. This area holds ancient burial caves and koiwi and is under threat of being transferred across to the Marutuahu collective.

Opo Ngawaka donated the flag pole and aptly named the pou ‘Hone’ after tupuna Hone Puumare Paama who was a well known Tohunga Rangatira who fought for the rights of our people during the 1800s.

Nicola MacDonald gifted the Haki and gave the korero relating to the origins of the tino rangatiratanga flag as one of her whaea from Takahiwai Jan Dobson was one of the creators of the haki. Judy Hale and her whanau were asked to look after the haki on behalf of all our whanau. We travelled to Mata Rehu on Wednesday morning and Rodney Ngawaka gave the korero on the significance of Mata Rehu and the area of Rangitawhiri.

Whaea Hope Munro and Nicola MacDonald were our kaikaranga, Rodney gave the karakia and together we put up Hone’s Pou and raised the flag.

“Our direct action is about listening to the wairua of our people and supporting our whanau to be part of the journey and for us this means Aotea 100% Ngati Rehua” says Nicola MacDonald.

Opening of Okiwi Airstrip

A bright sunny day brought together many dignitaries and communities of Aotea to celebrate the long awaited official opening of the Okiwi airstrip. Touching down on the tarmac for the first time was Honorable Nikki Kaye MP for Auckland; His Worship Mayor Len Brown; Auckland City Councilors and Ngati Rehua Ngatiwai ki Aotea Chair Nicola MacDonald. Karakia led by our Kau matua Rawiri Wharemate and Hone Rapata blessed the site and Kaikaranga Hope Munro and Noeline Ngawaka-Fortzer welcomed all manuhiri. The Mayor and children of Okiwi kura cut the ribbon and opened the airstrip. A wonderful day enjoyed by all! To upload a copy of the film go to our FB page

“I am proud of our kaumatua upholding our tikanga, everyone can see us”
Hope Munro
He Kaitiaki Au

The Trust has embarked on a year-long programme focused on building awareness and understanding relating to kaitiakitanga. Supporting this wonderful kaupapa with our rangatahi roopu is our trustee Catherine Munro. The group have been involved with cutting-edge social and environmental leaders ‘The Roots’ and participated in promoting recycling activities at many festivals. Catherine is a foundation member of ‘Roots’ and has encouraged our roopu to build upon the experiences gained and look at ways to further extend kaitiakitanga activities. As a result of her positive encouragement our roopu organised a promotions stall at the GBI Mussel Festival. The lead up included a trip to Raglan to visit our friends at WasteBusters and also a full planning day at Rangatahi leader Lisa Fraider’s home to put the display together. Roopu members designed tee-shirts for sale with all funds going towards their educational conference goals and had a free painting station for all the children attending the festival. A final fundraiser count was $160.00 raised and banked!

Well done roopu we are proud of your efforts!

Rangatahi achievements

We are proud to support all our young people and announce the appointment of Rhanae Ngawaka and Nathan Kay (Cleave) to the inaugural Auckland Council Maori Youth Advisory Council.

This year also saw Wairahi Repia-McGee successfully win a third placing representing Te Kura kaupapa Maori o Puao in the National Manu Korero competitions.

National championships and awards are all part of a consistent sporting campaign for 16 year old Ratanui Beazley who won the Adults division in martial arts JuJitsu competition.

Congratulations to our rangatahi and also to their whanau for their ongoing support and encouragement.
Celebrate Matariki 2014

This year the Trust and our roopu decided to run again the Celebrate Matariki programme for all three schools based at the marae.

However our plans changed with the onset of the severe weather bomb and storm. The aftermath of damage was and is extensive including unsafe roads; washed out bridges; wide-spread flooding; major slips and uprooted trees. Families and communities were isolated including some without water and many of the school children were unable to attend school and participate in their everyday normal activities.

The Rangatahi roopu met and discussed ways in which they could provide support for the school children of Aotea.

From their fundraising activities the roopu sponsored Maori and English reading books for every child attending Mulberry Grove Primary School; Kaitoke Primary School and Te Kura Kaupapa o Okiwi and also included a sweet treat bag.

Fly My Sky sponsored free freight of the school boxes and these koha were presented by trustee Rodney Ngawaka and whanau at a combined schools presentation evening.

Positive feedback and thanks towards the roopu was acknowledged from the school principals, families and most importantly the children were very happy to receive their gift bags and lollies.

Rodney Ngawaka says, “We tautoko our rangatahi who are our future leaders”

The roopu is involved in supporting the Kawa marae opening and needs more Rangatahi to help out. If you are keen please come along to the meetings and / or contact via FB Lisa; Rhanae or Ataria.

The roopu meets every fortnight at McDees in Grey Lynn, Auckland and we can arrange skype link ups for those outside of Auckland.

We welcome our pepi to our whanau and hapu.

Benjamin Munro a bonny baby boy to Andrea Munro.

Skylah-Rose Piahana a sweet happy baby girl to Freda Piahana.

Chris Jnr a smiley and cheerful baby boy to Lisa Fraider.

Tiana Ngawaka a beautiful little baby girl to Awatea Ngawaka.

Hei tiaki i a tatou mokopuna!

Get involved and join

A shout out to all Ngati Rehua Ngatiwai ki Aotea youth Come along, Join in and participate!

Lisa Fraider, co-leader of the roopu says, “It’s really great to have the support of our Trust and we want to provide more opportunities for us to learn about our culture; participate and lead out in youth activities”

“Its about getting to know who we are and where we belong”

David Ngawaka

Pepi Alert
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Kawa Marae

Tena koutou tena tatou e nga whanau o Ngati Rehua-Ngatiwai ki Aotea!

The day is set for our official opening of Kawa Marae, Saturday the 22nd November 2014.

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank all of our whanau for their ongoing support towards realising the dream.

I acknowledge our whanau who have past in the intervening years and I would like to thank our kaumatua who are walking this kaupapa with us.

To Kawa marae committee words cannot express my aroha and respect to all of you. To Ngati Rehua-Ngatiwai ki Aotea Trust thank you for your ongoing support and also opening up new resource assistance with Auckland Council. To our many whanau a formal programme has been posted on the Kawa marae and Ngati Rehua Facebook page. We are looking forward to welcoming our whanau; hapu; nga iwi katoa to the opening of Kawa marae.

Our future plans for Kawa marae will be to work closely with our Trust to establish sources of income that will support ongoing maintenance and provide opportunities for marae-based employment.

Kia ora tatóu te whanau!
Rodney Ngawaka
Chairman Kawa Marae

Did you know?

In 1934, the 3 acres of land was designated for the “Kawa School site”, being gifted to the Ministry of Education by Nupere Ngawaka as a place to educate the children of Ngati Rehua.

Nupere said, “There is a school house on the land, erected by a pakeha carpenter with the help of my brother Mahoe. It is a very old building. I do not know who paid for it. The old house belonged to my brother Hemi of Tauranga on another block and was shifted onto Kawa B3”.

On 7 November 1972 Judge W.C. Nicholson ordered “the land to be reinvested in (the) original owners”.

In 1978 part Kawa B3 was gazetted as a Maori reservation for a Marae and meeting place.

Since then the old school house has been renovated, added onto and turned into the whare kai. An additional fully carved-wharenui has been built ready for opening in 2014.

Far right: Nupere Ngawaka and Rhipa Davies-Ngawaka and whanau
Kia ora tatou nga whanau o Ngati Rehua Ngatiwai ki Aotea!

The winter months brought with it a single night of severe weather storms that wreaked havoc upon our quiet little village and beloved marae. Major flooding bringing a deluge of mud and debris swept into many whanau homes and the marae destroying foundations and wrecking walls, linings and floor coverings. The height of water reaching up to and over a metre high!

In spite of this major catastrophe I am proud to say that our whanau from the bay; Kawa and our marae committee rallied together and began the clean-up. Uncle Opo has been asked to assist us with the remedial works and this has meant removing the bottom of the walls and linings that were damaged by the flooding including all of the carpet throughout the marae have been taken out.

We have temporarily closed the marae whilst we go through these assessments. Marae insurance has covered some of the immediate costs but not all of the areas affected by the flood are included e.g. waste-water system. Our marae committee have been very concerned and worried about raising the funds required to complete the major remedial works however a visit from our Trust Chair and Auckland Council brought many blessings including confirmed support to assist us with our remedial work. There will be a process put in place that we’ll need to work through with council regarding understanding the extent of support required and we are working with our Trust to provide this information. We look forward to reopening our marae asap for all our whanau to enjoy.

Kia ora tatou te whanau!

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Did you know?

Originally built in the 80’s by whanau the building was used not only for the purposes of a marae but also as a common room to raise funds to complete the establishment of the marae. By the early 2000's further funding opportunities enabled trustees to complete the long awaited dream. Uncle Peter Davies led the final build and development and our marae was opened by Uncle Haupeke Piripi and Ngati Wai-kaumatua. The whare nui was named Whakaruruhau by Aunty Whetu McGregor this name is in reference to being a place to support and give shelter to whanau needing comfort and rest. The names of the whare kai for both Motairehe and Kawa marae were discussed many years earlier and were each given the name of one of Rehua’s wives by the kaumatua. The name of the Motairehe whare kai is Waipahihi after Rehua’s second wife.

The name of the Kawa marae whare kai is Hinuere these names recognise and honour both wahine and keep our connections strong.

Uncle Haupeke and our Ngatiwai kaumatua supported the whakaaro of Piki Paria’s old people.

Contributors: Hillarey McGregor; Lyn Lyttle; Hope Munro and Noelene Ngawaka-Fortzer

Support for Kawa and Motairehe marae

Ngati Rehua Ngatiwai ki Aotea Trust has developed many valued and strategic relationships and one of these is with Auckland Council at a senior executive level.

Recently our Trust Chair invited the CEO of Te Waka Angamua Johnny Freeland and two of his senior executive team to Aotea to discuss our tribal strategic aims and goals. Whilst over, a trip was made to both marae and to sites earmarked for new development.

We are pleased to advise that Te Waka Angamua confirmed support for our strategic development plans and also confirmed to whanau to support additional financial assistance to both our marae for the opening; infrastructure and remedial work.

Both marae committees are working with the Trust to provide information to Te Waka Angamua.

“Thank you this is a dream come true for us”

Kawa and Motairehe marae committees
We have commissioned Envi-
sion consultants to carry out a
feasibility study on a Waste and
Recovery Facility on Aotea. Pre-
liminary findings are showing the
commercial and environmental
viability of moving into this area.
We are in discussions with senior
officials of council to pursue this
enterprise.

We are extending the findings
from our eco-
tourism feasibility
study that we commissioned last
year and are facilitating high level
discussions with council and DOC
to establish a cultural visitor cen-
tre located in the Northern part
of Aotea.

We have successfully won the
contract to event manage the
Aotea Walking Festival 2015 and
are investigating complimentary
cultural eco-tourism packages that
are available for the domestic and
international visitor. We are in the
final stage of signing off new sign-
age being erected on Aotea that pro-
files our brand and profile.

Future goals are on track

Our mahi is guided by our Strate-
gic Plan 2013-2018 and we are
delighted that many of the identi-
fied goals and objectives are on
target for completion.

We are working on strengthen-
ing our current Treaty Settlement
package and to this end we have
reconfigured our treaty negotia-
tions team with the Trust taking a
more hands-on role and actively
leading and engaged in all aspects
of our negotiations.

We are pleased to advise that we
have increased our land redress;
widened our cultural redress and
introduced new commercial areas.
With the general elections now
over we expect to move to our
Deed of Settlement very soon. An-
other key goal identified is to sup-
port economic development.

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.

On the 26th of September 1996 the Ngāti Wai
Trust Board formally resolved that the Ngāti
Rehua Ngatiwai ki Aotea Trust represents
Ngati Rehua Ngatiwai ki Aotea and is the right
and proper organization to be contacted in all
things concerning Aotea and its surrounding
islands.

We want all Ngati Rehua Ngatiwai ki Aotea
descendants to feel and have a sense of connection
and belongingness to Aotea, our surround-
ing islands and traditional boundaries.

Everyone has a part to play and something to
share

Ko koe ko au Ko au ko koe
Register with Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust

Ko motu tohora i whaka kohatu naia Te Tai Tonga
Ko nga Taratara o Toi te huatahi Te Tai Tokerau
Ko motu Rangiahua Te Tai Hauauru
Ko Kaitoke kohatu Te Tai Rawhiti
Ko Hirakimata te maunga tapu waenganui,
Ko te moananui o Toi te huatahi te moana,
Ko Tukaiaia; ko Te Mauri me Te Tuatara nga kaitiaki
Ko Rehua raua ko Te Rangituangahuru nga tupuna
Ko Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki te moana te iwi

Tihei wa mauri ora!

Who can register?
Those who whakapapa to any one of our three significant tupuna:

- Rehua
- Ranginui
- Te Awe

Why register?
- To be recognised as a beneficiary of the Trust
- To stay connected with your hapū, iwi and marae
- To help us stay in touch and keep you informed
- To be informed and involved in our Treaty claims process
- To have your say in our hapū, iwi development for now and the future
- To increase the mana of our hapū, iwi when advocating for the rights of our people

Who will see my information?
Unless you ask us not to, we will share your details with your marae. We do not share your details with anyone else unless we have your permission.

Already registered?
To check your registration or update your details, email us at; koreromai@ngatirehuangatiwaikiaotea.co.nz and we’ll help you get it sorted or go online to our website and register at; www.ngatirehuangatiwaikiaotea.co.nz

Kia ora tatou te whanau!