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MAUNGARUAHINE



Mahi has now started on Maungaruahine. This is a three year project fully funded by Jobs For Nature - DOC.

In, 2020 an assessment of pest plants was done identifying 2,317 non native invasive species. An eradication programme will commence in the month of June. Charlie Smiler and Ngarohaere Whare have also spent the last two weeks observing and recording daily, the birds, native stands of particular trees, the health of the undergrowth, and signs of predators.



Over the next twelve months, a comprehensive trapping programme will get underway. They will record possum, stoat, rat, and other pest catch over this period. In tandem they will document any notable changes in the native trees, and wildlife. Further areas of mahi include lydar images. This is where drone technology can remove all vegetation digitally and we get to see the contours of the maunga, including pa site, trenches, and so on. These images will add as a historical record for Waitaha-A-Hei. and help determine areas for tracks. We strongly encourage and promote opportunity for rangatahi to become involved and eventually lead as kaitiaki for the future.

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MARINE AND COASTAL AREA ACT 2011

HUI - JUNE 12TH - 9.00AM - HEI MARAE

The Marine and coastal Act 2011 was created as a way for iwi to restore their customary interests that were extinguished by the Foreshore Seabed Act 2004. The legal tests and thresholds iwi must meet in this Act means that in reality there will be few full customary title awards made, because the tests for iwi will be extremely difficult to overcome. Te Kapu O Waitaha had lodged an application for customary title extending from Mauao to Maketu from the high ebb tideline and seventeen nautical miles out as allowed by the ACT. This area in the Coastal Marine application by the Trust is consistent with Waitaha Treaty legislation where your negotiators at that time had the foresight to include Coastal marine as part of the Treaty Claim.

To explain more about the legal "tests and thresholds" we had to provide proof of customary kaimoana food gathering, to explain relevant Waitaha tikanga and include that these practices are still exercised in this present day. If we couldn't provide that, the application would not have withstood the legal tests, and therefore would have been rejected in their process. Presently Waitaha application has been acknowledged as having passed all steps of the process to date. With many overlapping claims to the coastal marine in tauranga Moana, our paepae suggests that the best way forward is to invite discussion with the other iwi submitters and promote a tikanga based approach that supports everyone's customary interests.

This hui is set down for **June 12th Saturday 9.00am - 12.00pm at Hei**. All interested whanau are welcome to come along and hear the korero in respect of this kaupapa.

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WAIARI PIPELINE UPDATE

ABOUT THE PIPELINE

The coastal strip from Mount Maunganui to Papamoa is predicted to be Tauranga's highest growth area – expecting Papamoa's population to triple over the next three decades. The water take will be used to service over 35,000 homes in Papamoa. A new water intake facility was also established off Number 1 Road. From there the water will eventually travel through 22 km of pipeline to the poplar lane reservoir.

Te Kapu o Waitaha has been involved in the cultural monitoring of the laying of pipelines to extract water from the Waiari since 2018.

Our concerns over the impact on the Waiari has not changed. Waitaha continues to be represented on the Waiari advisory group established by the environment court. It is timely with the appointment of commissioners to the Tauranga City Council, that a review be undertaken to properly consider the many concerns expressed in terms of the relationship, and the role of the Waiari Advisory Group by the iwi representatives.

We must also consider what response is likely 35 years from now, when the consent to take water from the Waiari expires.

Waitaha representation are Maru Tapsell supported by Whareoteriri Rahiri.

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CULTURAL MONITORING

Waitaha monitors are contracted to various developments from subdivisions, expressways, pipelines, and other large excavations and earthworks projects.

Their job is to ensure protocols are employed in the case of accidental discoveries of koiwi, taonga, mara, and alike. Te Kapu O Waitaha administers such contracts on their behalf.

Since COVID-19, most developments are in catch up mode. This has meant an increased demand for cultural monitoring. Waitaha is extremely lucky to have more than one monitor. This has helped us participate and provide an ongoing presence on whenua within our area of interest in relation to the Waitaha Treaty Claim.

Current cultural monitoring are;

- Best Land Developments in Papamoa - cultural monitor Ngarohaere Whare, recently replaced with Aroha Ririnui
- ZED Development subdivision 83 Dunlop Rd Te Puke - cultural monitor Wharekonehu Te Moni. Te Mania is the name given to the new subdivision and was an ancient nohonga kainga of Waitaha
- Waiari - Raymond Kapene, and previously Whareoteriri Rahiri, Wharekonehu Te Moni and Ngarohaere Whare.
- In the pipeline is Papamoa Junction development, and Stage F for the eastern arterial link from the boundary between Eastern Papamoa and Te Tumu Block.

The Trust will continue to support the monitors acknowledging also the important role they do on behalf of iwi interests.

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CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

WAIRAKEI RESERVE PAPAMOA

"NATIVE PLANTS ARE UGLY AND ATTRACT RATS!" We have been involved in the Wairakei cultural landscape project for the Wairakei Reserve stretching 14 km through Papamoa for the past three years. Our submission to Tauranga City Council was to invest in restoring the Wairakei with native trees and shrubs which would also shelter our native birds, and wildlife who as a result of development are also homeless. The council set aside a budget of \$3 million dedicated to native planting along the stream. Recently the planting came to holt by decision of council due to protests of the residents belonging to Palm Springs who strongly objected to native trees in the reserve bordering their properties claiming native plants were ugly and attract rats. The council has not been able to resolve this issue with those residents, and is now asking that the wider community and iwi provide their feedback on this. We urge that whanau fill in the survey with your view, notwithstanding that Papamoa was one area of Waitaha occupation before confiscated by the Crown. If we fail to have a voice, it is likely we will not see the restoration of the landscape back to its natural state. To complete the survey search this link <https://www.palmbeachreserve.com/wairakei-waterway-survey>

COUNCIL FORUMS

Recent meetings attended include training and certification in bio-security responsiveness for TGA iwi, review of SMA (significant Maori areas) mostly midden deposits, submission for First Right of Refusal Policy development to council land, input to the long term plan, and the changes to Maori Land and rates.

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CHANGES TO RATING OF MAORI LAND

We are following closely the changes in rating of Maori land introduced by Minister Nanaia Mahuta. Whareoteriri recently attended a meeting hosted by Tauranga City Council on the subject of these changes.

In April 2021, the Government passed significant changes to reduce rating barriers for Māori landowners. Most of the changes outlined in the Local Government (Rating of Whenua Māori) Amendment Act 2021 will come into force on 1st July 2021.

The proposed changes to support the use and development of Māori land will:

- provide local authorities with the power to remove rates arrears
- make most unused land non-rateable including [Ngā Whenua Rāhui kawenata](#) land that has been set aside for conservation purposes
- provide a statutory rates remission process for Māori land under development
- allow multiple Māori land blocks from a parent block to be treated as one for rating purposes
- enable individual houses on Māori land to be rated as if they were one rating unit. This will enable low-income homeowners on blocks with more than one home to access rates rebates.

This new information will be discussed in full at our next housing workshop.

We strongly encourage whanau to download the pamphlet on the new rates changes, as there is a lot of good information that may benefit you and your whanau.

Here is the link to find out more information <https://www.tpk.govt.nz/docs/tpk-rating-maori-land-2021.pdf>

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HOUSING & REPAIRS NEXT STEPS

Following the Housing summit, we have set some dates to progress the housing aspirations noted from previous hui.

Primarily we have recorded the following responses;

Housing aspirations;

- repairs to current houses lived in
- home ownership on own whenua
- home ownership on multiple-owned land

The summit highlighted a range of information and resources available to achieve home ownership, housing and repair options. It also highlighted deliberate steps on how to get from point A to point B. The following are dates for further workshops, and building a housing strategy for Waitaha whanau. This will become the blueprint to help you achieve your housing needs, and more importantly to make sure things stay relevant.

HOUSING PLANNING DATES - HEI MARAE 9.00AM - 1.00PM

(VENUE WILL BE RECONFIRMED ONE WEEK PRIOR ON FACEBOOK INCASE THERE IS A CHANGE DUE TO BOOKINGS)

- 13TH June
- 27th June
- 25th July
- 15th August

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MAORI WELLNESS WEEKEND POSTPONED TO JULY 17 & 18

In discussion with Waitaha Hauora, we have decided to postpone the wellness weekend from June to July. This decision was made due to the school holidays and coverage of whanau for COVID-19 vaccinations, flu vaccinations and other promotions.

The Hauora and the Trust will work on a joined communications outlining the registration process for those wanting to receive the COVID vaccination. This will be loaded to the Trust facebook page. If you do not have access to Facebook, please check with the office at least two weeks prior to the 17th of July. Our phone number is 07 573 5314.

Included over the weekend will be;

Poutiri Trust

- rongoa
- mirimiri
- health check ups

WOMB

- midwifery services

We also hope the Te Arawa Fish Truck will be onsite during that weekend.

The promotion of managing our health will be followed by rongoa wananga in September with Pa Ropata, and a "wild food festival" in October (we hope with Maori Chefs specializing in Maori culinary kai).

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HARAKEKE WORKSHOP "toku ao"



Mahi raranga, is not only about learning those traditional practises, it is also offers a time for whanaungatanga, a quiet space ki te noho puku, to learn where your hands are literally connected back to papatuanuku, through harakeke and associated tikanga practises.

Six wahine had signed up for the harakeke workshop with Tracey Takuia. This was held over the month of May, and hosted at the TKOW office.

Learning included tikanga, harvesting, and developing skill in creating rourou, waikawa, and konae.

The following response from nga wahine is testament to their own personal journey and success of the programme.

" it got me off my phone"

" I learned new termonlogy and built confidence through this exercise"

" it was relaxing from the daily grind"

" learning the methodology of weaving was great"

" a special time for us as wahine".

The Trust will consider future workshops and we acknowledge the multiple values from wellness, traditions, practical and knowledge that can be passed on.



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Kanorau DIGITAL PROGRAMME FOR KOEKE Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd June

KANORAU DIGITAL is a 2 day programme to help koeke who find modern technology challenging.

We cannot imagine what it must be like for our koeke living in an almost total digital world. A good example of this is banks no longer dealing in cheques. Then how do they pay for things if it is somewhere in Wellington?. So the simple things that we take for granted can be enormous barriers to independence and confidence.

Kanorau Digital programme offers the following help;

- emails
- video calls
- online banking
- connecting to WIFI
- App navigation and much more.

The programme requires a minimum of ten people to start, and will be held at Te Kapu O Waitaha. We welcome mokopuna to come along as well to support their kuia/koroua. Nau mai.

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd June

Starts 10.00am - 1.00pm at TKOW Office

Lunch provided

WHAT TO BRING

The device you use most

Either your Mobile phone

Or I-Pad or Lap Top

HOW TO SIGN UP

Call Te Arangi

07 573 5314

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TE KAPU Ō WAITAHA MOBILE APP WILL BE LAUNCHED SEPTEMBER 2021

We have always been advocates for keeping our technology up to date, bearing in mind the growing number of whanau who rely on their mobile devices for a range of things, notwithstanding the convenience 24/7. There are many reasons for this development, some of the reasons are because people told us they don't have facebook, or a computer, others said they only use mobile phone, and other data told us that koeke were also high users. Add to the mix, the Charter states Trust voting for elections must be by electronic voting come 2022. It made sense therefore to ensure whatever we decided on how those things happened, to take into consideration the preferences, and what most people of all age groups are currently using. We will be contacting everyone ahead of the launch with video and one on one for those who need help to download the App. The App will include instant access to panui, key dates, elections, grants, and updating your own registration record.

Added features will include our ability to send ALERTS for urgent notices and reminders. An approval will be required for those wanting to download the APP. YOU MUST BE REGISTERED.

Please let your whanau know that this is coming. Not everyone has given us their email address, nor cell phone numbers, and there are likely to be those that have moved and not changed their address with us.



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TE REO OKERE WANANGA "poipoia te kakano kia puawai"



Te Reo Okere takes its name from Te Okere o Atuatua, an area on Papamoa hills. Te Okere o Tua, and Te Okere o Mua are where the upper and lower jaw bones of our tupuna Atuatua were placed to claim whenua for the people of Waitaha. The wananga is based on the principles of "whakairinga korero" and relates to Waitaha values, traditions, cultural and spiritual korero transmitted over time. The first wananga was held last month with 25 participants. The wananga is delivered 100% in te reo. Maturanga included learning pao, tauparara, expansion of mihi and whaikorero, waiata moteatea, tikanga aspects, Waitaha whakapapa links. Each wananga includes the reinforcement of learning through site visits to historical land sites. The first was out to Te Kura o Maia. Whareoteriri and Joshua Te Kani gave the historical account of the landing of Te Arawa ki Katikati moana, including sites of occupation by Waitaha that followed. This highlighted the linkages of whakapapa that occurred over time. The second wananga was held recently with the continuance of building maturanga knowledge. with a site visit to Ottawa, explaining the History and other pa sites. A big mihi to Raewyn and her whanau for doing the catering for Te Reo Okere. Also the support of the marae committee, Punohu and Tapua kia ora tatou.



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COMMERCIAL GROUP HOLDINGS

"making sure Waitaha has a solid financial base for the future"

TE KOPUROA

Te Kopuroa Orchard has produced great results for 2021 Harvest with 15,000 trays per ha SunGold and 11,000 trays per ha Hayward Green. The Hayward kiwifruit achieved Kiwistart this year lifting the overall OGR forecast range to between \$1.1 – \$1.3M. Included in next years plan is to deliver job opportunities for Waitaha in Te Kopuroa. Jobs will be incrementally introduced making sure things are in place that support everyone's success. How this will happen will be discussed and explored with whānau, the Trust and providers. The orchard will be revalued this year, we expect an increase in value since it was first purchased.

WHITIKIORE DEVELOPMENT

The Directors have been working hard to find the best possible option for getting a return from the block while also "landbanking", in other words retaining it. They are at the point now of having identified from proposals a preferred partner who specialises in Retirement Village. Negotiations will commence shortly to firm up the Joint Venture Partnership. We will keep you posted once agreements are concluded and approved.

BUS TOUR - 19th NOVEMBER 2021

The Directors will be inviting whānau to take a tour in November of the Trust commercial assets. This is an opportunity for them to explain and provide an update first hand to whānau in respect of their plans and decisions for the land blocks and commercial assets. We will keep you posted on this as we get closer to November.

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MATARIKI Community Day Saturday 10 July 2021

This year we were approached to participate in the Te Puke community wide Matariki celebrations alongside other iwi and community organisations. The Trust stall will include weaving glow whetu from harakeke, and star facepainting for tamariki.

If whanau wish to run other events for Matariki, can you please bring that korero to the next Waitaha Hui A Iwi

Kia ora.

TE KETE Ō
MATARIKI
A TE PUKE COMMUNITY EVENT

SATURDAY 10 JULY 2021
JUBILEE PARK, 12 NOON - 7:30PM

KAPA HAKA, ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD STALLS,
MARKET PLACE, WORKSHOPS, ACTIVITIES,
PROMOTIONS

2022

**MATARIKI PUBLIC
HOLIDAY!**

The first **Matariki public holiday** will be held on Friday 24 June 2022 .

The public holiday will shift each year, similar to Easter, but will most likely always fall between June and July

JUNE 2021

KEY DATES

11th

Marine &
Coastal Hui
HEI MARAE
9.00AM

13th

Housing
Workshop
HEI MARAE
9.00am

15th

Waitaha
Hui-A-Iwi
HEI MARAE
6.00PM

22nd &
23rd

Koeke Digital
Class
TKOW
10.00AM

25th

Te Reo Okere
25-26 June
HEI MARAE
6.30PM

27th

Housing
Hui
HEI MARAE
9.00AM

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