



TE KAPU Ō WAITAHA

Hirā Hou

# PANUI-HAKIHEA 2022



# Key updates

## MEETING WITH DOC CEO



A meeting with the CEO, Penny Nelson, and our Regional Office was an important visit for us. It gave us a chance to promote the multi-dimensional good as a result the Job for Nature funding. In other words the benefits are wider than pest control. Those things involve, well-being, intergenerational whanaunga, living out our customary traditions, re-connecting with Taane, and ancestral lands, history, and our unique cultural identity as Waitaha. We hope further proposals will encourage long term sustainability of Kaitiaki on our maunga.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCES



Nga Kaitiaki o te Taiao have been extremely busy the last quarter. Luke and Robbie were invited by DOC to attend the Oceania Global Conservation conference this year, while Rangituaia attended Open Standards for the practice of conservation workshops in Taupo. The long term goal is to support formal training, build networks, and exposure to other fields, such as scientific research which we are also currently involved in with Te Whakahonohono and Food, Plant & Research.

## PATAKA KAI PROJECT



The first of many more wananga with Whakarongotai in respect of surveillance and monitoring of nga awa in the Maketu catchment, primarily the Kaituna, is one of many which seeks to implement monitoring by the traditional maramataka. The kaupapa aims to record, and restore the eco-systems within our waterways to encourage the survival, and revival of certain fish species. If you are interested in becoming involved in this project, please forward your interest to [mokoera@waitaha-iwi.org.nz](mailto:mokoera@waitaha-iwi.org.nz)

## WAIARI



Riaprian planting along the Waiari was one of our recommendations to council as a result of the "water intake" scheme. Plants are now thriving, and over time will improve the water quality and eco systems along the river. In addition the Trust rep., along with Tapuika reps have been heavily engaged with council in discussions and sometimes debate, over matters of tikanga, while seeking benefits for iwi such as scholarships/internships.

## TE UKU O TAKAKOPIRI



The new carpark and visitor entry space, which is scheduled to be completed next year, will be the primary access to the Regional Park and will provide more than 80 additional car park spaces, and a visitor entry space highlighting the stories of the Pāpāmoa Hills' history and Waitaha occupation for members of the public to read.

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### RMA Reform



We continue to engage in the space of the RMA reform. Our priority is to ensure the Treaty Settlement legislation provisions remain strong in the new reform. Crucial will be the solicitor advice from a legal standpoint, to include Waitaha future aspirations, not just the "now". Further we will be also be working together with Tapuika in respect of the Kaituna legislation as it relates to the RMA. We will keep you updated.

### MACA



Te Kapu o Waitaha appeared as an Interested Party in Stage 2 of Nga Potiki MACA application in the High Court. This was due to the Trust having submitted its' MACA application to engage direct with the Crown as one of the options for iwi. This process highlighted some restrictions for Waitaha and no doubt others to argue their case. We have made a submission as a result of the Crown Solicitor(s) recommendation for review.

### THREE WATERS



Currently water services sit with councils. The reform proposes shifting the delivery of three waters services to four new, multi-regional entities that can borrow enough to fund New Zealand's water infrastructure upgrades, both now and in the future. Whilst there is a lot of debate in terms of Board appointments and Maori representation, our position focuses on the delivery of services to iwi communities and at what cost? [compliance, policy rules, rates, and Treaty Settlement obligations]

### CULTURAL MONITORING



Wharekonehu continues to do cultural monitoring on behalf of Waitaha in a number of developments. These include new large scale housing subdivisions in Te Puke, and various upgrades of underground pipe networks in Papamoa. It is important that Waitaha maintain its' presence, and monitor for accidental discoveries of our past.

### SPECIFIC PROJECTS



Maungaruahine car park area now leveled with metal. We have sought signage concept designs which we hope to have installed in the New Year. Ken Phillips archaeologist has been engaged to identify the exact location of the pa site and any other cultural features.

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### RONGOA IDENTIFICATION



Concepts will be drafted for Rongoa signs which will be established in Maungaruahine identifying plant specific known for traditional healing and remedies. These will be located beside future track networks on the maunga. We hope that by doing this we are exercising whakairinga korero through inter generational knowledge, to promote customary practices, and consider traditional options to well-being for whanau. Further there could be opportunities in the future for seed banking, making rongoa product, supply of rongoa to health providers.

### TRACKS



DOC will assist in scoping a formal track system within Maungaruahine. This will play an important part of access for Waitaha whanau, school groups, and potential future tourism. If anyone is interested in becoming involved in any of these projects, you can express your interest by email- [rangituaia@waitaha-iwi.org.nz](mailto:rangituaia@waitaha-iwi.org.nz).

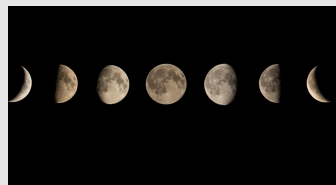
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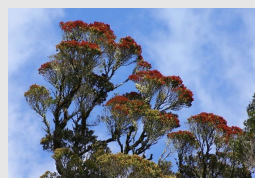
Rangituaia oversees the operations of nga Kaitiaki for Maungaruahine and Otawa. She has introduced a number of technologies which all kaitiaki now use to ensure their Health and safety while out on the job. In addition to safety beacon alerts, Luke has also mastered the GIS Mapping which co-ordinates are mapped electronically to show trap data, and co-ordinates. This data helps us report and to analyse a number of bio-heritage outcomes.

### OTAWA - WHAKAIRINGA KORERO



Funding for the care of Otawa was provided by Manaaki Kaimai Mamaku Trust. At times the whole team is working on the maunga. A substantial amount of trap lines have been laid, and plotted. In addition monitoring Bio-heritage, by the maramataka for research. Our priorities will be to upgrade the car park, and establish signage which we also aim to involve Te Puke schools.

### KAITIAKITANGA



Everyone is kaitiaki when venturing into the ngahere. We encourage people to report any signs of myrtle rust to any of our kaitiaki, or email [rangituaia@waitaha-iwi.org.nz](mailto:rangituaia@waitaha-iwi.org.nz). We also encourage safety at all times over the Xmas break as more people will be out tramping, hunting during the holidays.



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### MANAGED INVESTMENT

**ERIKSENSGLOBAL**  
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The Group Holdings, TKOW, and Charitable Trust has opted to transfer its managed funds from Craigs investment to EriksensGlobal. This move has simplified investment portfolio to 3 investments, Harbour, Castle point, and Milford. Each is specifically aligned to the Statement of Investment strategy. A key priority is to generate revenue while growing our wealth. The hike in inflation will bring with it investment return challenges. We expect that some months will not meet target, however long run we expect the economy to improve.

### HAPAI



HAPAI investments involve a number of commercial tenancies of which the Group Holdings company holds shares with other iwi. This investment continues to provide a good return for the company of 7%.

### TE HOUHOU - KARAKA PINES



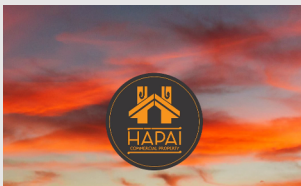
Progress in respect of the retirement village has been slower than the Directors would like. However we have been supporting Karaka Pines to address matters for consenting purposes to try and help get the consent application lodged. It is expected that a consent will be lodged in the New Year. Following approval, development can start, and the Group Holdings can secure its land rental from the deal.

### INVESTMENT IN KOURA QUOTA



The Group holdings has recently committed \$500,000 capital into Puai Tangaroa alongside other iwi in koura quota. This has been as a result of Wakatu Corporation selling down its' \$48 million koura quota. In the scheme of things \$500,000 is not a lot of capital, and represents a small investment by Waitaha, however adds to our investment portfolio with positive future revenue.

### HAPAI HOUSING



While the Group Holdings looks to gaining a long term ground rental from the proposed retirement village, a business case is also being put forward to HAPAI BOARD which proposes the delivery of the retirement houses. If successful, Waitaha will also have another return as an investor, and seeks to secure job and contracting opportunity for relative Waitaha whanau and operators.



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### TE KOPUROA ORCHARD



Expected returns are down on the orchard gate return this year for the 2022 season. This is indicative across the industry primarily due to weather conditions affecting fruit quality. Capital upgrades this year has been the sprinkler system, with continued pump replacement as required. The Directors have undertaken a review of the orchard and look to further maximize its GOLD License with considerations of shifting the license to a higher producing orchard. More to come on this.

### WAITAHA HOME OWNERSHIP PROJECT



Veroni has continued to support land owners with the necessary requirements to update their land Trust Deeds, and Trustees. The next phase will be orders by the court, and then whanau can organise license to occupy rights enabling them to build and live on their land. Complimentary to this is Veronis involvement with WBOPDC to establish a housing project team. Feasibility funding will determine the suitability of land that whanau have said they wish to build on. Other streams of mahi will be future funding to resource infrastructure for those homes, and or papakainga.

### GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS



**HAKARAIA & TE HOUHOU HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS CLOSE 20TH JANUARY 2023!!!** Applications are invited from registered beneficiaries studying at a tertiary level, including apprenticeships. Applications can be made online [www.waitaha-iwi.org.nz](http://www.waitaha-iwi.org.nz), or download the Trust APP. For any queries please use the CHAT feature on the website, or email [tearangi@waitaha-iwi.org.nz](mailto:tearangi@waitaha-iwi.org.nz). Please note there may be some delay at times in response during the Xmas period.

### TE REO OKERE WANANGA



Te Reo Okere has now completed all wananga for the year. The success of this wananga has been down to the commitment of whanau, pouako, those involved in the catering, and to Punohu whose presence every weekend was cherished. The aim of the programme was to support the cultural aspirations of whanau, and grow future support for the pae tapu. This year was the final Okere wananga. It is hoped that whanau will now continue to expand their journey and help others.

### TRUST AGM

**THE TRUST INVITES YOU TO ITS AGM 14TH FEB 2023, 6.30PM - 8.00PM AT HEI MARAE. ALL WAITAHA WHANAU WELCOME. People can attend in person or by video conference link which will be up on our facebook the day before.**



**We wish all whanau a safe holiday over the Xmas break.**

**We look forward to catching up with you all at the AGM, if not before.**

## **Ngā mihi o te Kirihimete me te Tau Hou**

