

Te Taumutu Rūnanga

“Ko ngā hau ki
ētahi wāhi, ko
ngā kai ki
Orariki”

WELCOME TO E-PĀNUI

15 June 2020

Matariki ahunga nui, Matariki hunga nui. E te iwi, tēnā koutou.

For our old people, the rise of Matariki signaled the time for the whānau to stop and reflect. The pātaka was full and planning was underway for the new season. According to Rangi Mātāmua, the foremost authority on Māori astronomy, the proverb ‘Matariki ahunga nui’ talks about hospitality, togetherness and the sharing of food.

It’s important to also acknowledge that Matariki was also the time to farewell those who had passed away in the past 12 months, for whānau to gather together to remember them. The proverb ‘Matariki hunga nui’ recognizes that gathering of people.

To those who have departed, we farewell you. For those yet to come, we welcome you. Matariki ahunga nui, Matariki hunga nui.

Now that we are at Alert Level 1 we are reemerging into the world again, cautiously. We see some big challenges ahead of us as a hapū and rūnanga to help our whānau climb out from under the burden of COVID-19. We know we have a number of our whānau struggling financially, emotionally and physically. To that end our executive and staff are working hard to find opportunity and ways to support you. Supplying some kai, like the pork, was one opportunity. We are currently working on others.

This week’s pānui features some updates on marae bookings, waste management expectations, the eco-trench plantings, a rūnanga meeting survey, information on Ngāi Tahu’s hardship grants and more.

Take care out there whānau. Mauri ora ki a tātou!

PORK ON THE MENU

15 June 2020

We are now in week four (4) of pork deliveries. We are likely to receive two (2) more deliveries – unless supply runs out.

The statistics for the first 3 weeks are attached at the end of the pānui for your information. In short, with your help we have managed to provide a kai for over 3,000 people, reaching out to our whānau from as far north as Waikari and Rangiora, east to Ōnuku and south to Ashburton and Geraldine.

If you would like to receive a delivery of pork, please send us your name, home address, number of people in your household, email address and contact phone number. Please email us on taumutu@ngaitahu.iwi.nz

MARAE UPDATE

15 June 2020

There’s a lot going on at our marae. Here’s some updates you might be interested in.

Bookings

As we are now at Alert Level 1, the marae is open for bookings from 1 July 2020 with new Health and Safety plans in place. We look forward to seeing everyone again, kanohi ki te kanohi.

Waste Management

We have a new recycling and waste regime at the marae. We will need everyone’s help to sort our rubbish so we can effectively, efficiently and systematically decrease our negative impact on our environment. We are moving our waste disposal to **Clean Green**. This means that once the marae reopens our waste will be dealt with as follows.

1. All used disposable nappies will have to go home. They cannot be put into the marae bins.
2. All food scraps will go to composting. All bones will need to be removed from the food waste and placed in a separate container for disposal by our team.
3. All plastics, tins, recycling will need to be cleaned thoroughly and placed into the correct bin for our team to sort.
4. All clean rubbish can be placed into a bag for the team to sort for disposal.
5. We will be moving away from the use of disposable items e.g. paper cups and plates, apart from plastic items which can be washed and reused.

There are likely to be more changes as we move through this process. The aim is to be good kaitiaki and increase our reuse, recycling and composting and eventually to get to zero waste. We know it will take time for all of us to retrain our well entrenched habits! Please come on the journey with us.

There will be signage going up at the marae reminding us how to deal with the waste. Please help us to be better kaitiaki for Papatūānuku.

Container On The Move

Recently the Marae Trustees agreed to move the container off the marae grounds and relocate it to Orariki. The container has lived by the gate on the marae for many years now and has been the background of many a photo or activity.



Container at its new home, Orariki

Fencing

In the last week fencing has been erected between the wetlands and Orariki, around the eco-trench and along Church Road.



New fencing and planting, Eco-Trench, June 2020



New fencing at Te Repo Orariki, June 2020



New fencing, Orariki, June 2020

Papatahoro Restoration Project

For the past 4 – 6 years we have been running a long-term restoration of our waterways and wetlands. Papatahoro is the stream which runs between the marae and Pohau Cottage, the stream by the playground.

The Papatahoro Restoration Project is the next phase in the wider waterway restoration plan. This project will be delivered in 2 phrases – Preparation and Site Works.

Preparation will include sediment and vegetation removal. Site works will include construction of a wetland and boardwalk.

A fish survey was recently completed of Papatahoro and we are now awaiting the report. Harakeke encroaching into Papatahoro will be removed this week, split and replanted along the riparian margins of the stream.

RŪNANGA MEETING SURVEY

15 June 2020

We ran our first ZOOM Rūnanga meeting recently. Thank you to those who connected with us.

An action from this hui was to canvas whānau to see if we should move some of our Rūnanga meetings to Zoom hui. We'd love to hear your thoughts.

The three areas we want to focus on are:

1. Do you want Zoom Rūnanga Hui?
2. If we continue to use Zoom, would it be helpful to have an alternative location to access (town office or marae office)?
3. Are there any barriers for whānau to use Zoom?

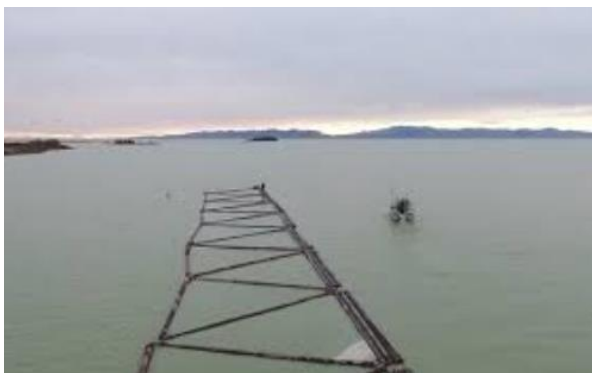
Let us know what you think. You can do that via one of the following ways.

- Fill in the poll on our Members page on facebook
- Follow this link and take the survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P6H2DF8>
- Email us on Taumutu@ngaitahu.iwi.ng.

WAIHORA – Wave Barrier Notification

15 June 2020

Co-governance arrangements for Te Waihora were put in place in 2011 between Ngāi Tahu and Environment Canterbury, with Christchurch City Council, Selwyn District Council and Department of Conservation joining in subsequent years. The current Ngāi Tahu appointees are Liz Brown, Rei Simon, Yvette Lewis-Couch and Megan McKay.



Wave Barrier installed in 2011, Te Waihora

The primary goal of the voluntary group is to co-lead restoration and environmental protection of Te Waihora. Whakaora Te Waihora (TWT) is the operational arm of the restoration efforts. David

Murphy, TWT Project Manager, oversees several restoration projects.

One innovative project was the installation of a 100-meter wave barrier on the south western side of Te Waihora in 2011. The wave barrier was established to protect an artificial wetland growing macrophytes on the lake shore.



Location of the current wave barrier

On the latest inspection of the wave barrier carried out by NIWA they found the chains securing the logs had rusted to an extent where they pose a risk of breaking. Consequently, the barrier and floating artificial wetlands will be removed. Removal of the floating wetland was already planned but the decision to remove the wave barrier is new. Work will continue on trying different macrophytes for lake restoration but instead of the wave barrier a more naturally sheltered location will be used.

The fact that the wave barrier only lasted for 4-5 years is testament to the dynamic nature of Te Waihora and the difficulty in trying this type of approach. We have gathered valuable information and learnt many lessons from this experiment.

NIWA are currently working through the plan of how and when it will be removed.

You can see a quick video of what the wave barrier looks like via the following link.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pwVH_HcAJfS

COVID-19 HARDSHIP GRANTS

12 June 2020

E tōrino tou nei a mihi whakaaroharoha, e horowaru tou a maioha matihere, tēnā koutou katoa e te tini o Tahu Pōtiki. Otirā, tēnā tātou i tēnei karere ka whārikitia nei, hai ō tautoko.



I hope you and your whānau are safe and well in this first week of alert level 1. We have all made sacrifices for the greater good, and I have found the ability to once again see whānau and friends kanohi ki te kanohi and give them a hug, or to enjoy simple pleasures like going for a coffee with a friend without restriction, have been a very welcome reward.

The last three months have been a trying time for all of us as we have navigated the challenges of COVID-19. Some whānau have been hit harder than others by the impacts of the pandemic. Some have seen their mahi reduce dramatically, while others have lost their jobs, or even their businesses, altogether.

From the outset we said we would monitor this evolving situation and ensure we were positioned to offer support in a way that is both sustainable and responsible. With this in mind, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu has widened the criteria for our Pūtea Manaaki hardship grants to provide support to registered Ngāi Tahu whānau directly negatively affected by the pandemic.

These one-off hardship grants of up to NZ\$500 per person are to help support retraining or to increase employment options.

To find out more about the grants and the application criteria, and to learn how to apply for one, visit our website. The application forms will be available on the

website from Monday 15 June 2020 and must be submitted by Sunday 12 July 2020 at 11.59pm.

Please note that the grants are available at the sole discretion of Te Rūnanga and decisions will be made in accordance with relevant Te Rūnanga policy. Some applications may not be granted as funds are limited.

To help spread the word about these grants with your Ngāi Tahu whānau and friends, please find an A4 poster available to print and an email link [here](#).

While this is not a cure-all solution, we hope it will help ease some of the pressure for those worst affected. Looking ahead more broadly, we are continuing to focus on the "new normal" beyond alert level 1 and how we can best continue to provide assistance and support to rebuild whānau, rūnanga and our communities.

COVID-19 has created a catalyst for looking at new and different approaches to how we can do things better, and what new opportunities for employment there may be as a result. Rest assured, reinvigorating our whānau wellbeing will continue to be the number one priority over the coming months and years.

Mō tātou, ā, mō kā uri ā muri ake nei – for us and our children after us.

I ruka i kā manaakitaka o te wāhi karo.

Lisa Tumahai
Kaiwhakahaere

MATARIKI AHUNGA NUI The great mounds of Matariki

Our whanaunga Maatakiwi Wakefield, who works for the Māori Library Services at the Christchurch Library, has been very busy and has a cool activity for us to do while we are tucked up inside, away from the chills of the season.

Following is a link to a great video tutorial on how to make a paper star box. You'll find a printable make sheet for this and a number of other Matariki crafts and activities on the library's website:
[https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/matariki-for-kid.../...](https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/matariki-for-kid.../) ^Moata



Maatakiwi Wakefield, making a star box, June 2020

Give it a go whānau and while you are making the star box how about having a chat about what Matariki means for you and your whānau.

Mātakitaki mai - check this out the video. Karawhiua - give it a go!

<https://www.facebook.com/ChristchurchCityLibraries/videos/288949418898434/>

#Matariki #Mahitoti #Mahiawhānau

TE WHARE WĀNANGA O TE RUAHIKIHIKI, Wānanga Series 2020

12 June 2020

Due to the Covid-19 rāhui we had to put our wānanga on hold. We have just started to rebook facilitators and confirming dates. So please keep watching this space.

The first two wānanga will be the Whakapapa Wānanga and the Karanga Wānanga.

The whakapapa wānanga with our whanaunga, Arapata Reuben is to help us identify our 1848 kaumātua and the Taumutu whānau who descend from those kaumātua. We will also have a kōrero about some of our 1848 kaumātua who may need to be added to our list. If we have a chance, Arapata will also help us explore some of the connections, we have with the 4 other principle hapū including some interesting information taken from Government census undertaken in the 1870's and 1890's.

The karanga wānanga facilitated by Puamiria Parata-Goodall and Maatakiwi Wakefield are for those women who are currently active practitioners of karanga on our marae and those who are highly likely to step up to be the kaikaranga for their marae and hapū. It's also for our wāhine who keep our paepae warm, those that sing the waiata, those that help prep the whare and marae, those who care for the tikanga a tāua mā, a pōua mā. This is a series of 5 wānanga. We have

already held two. The purpose of the wānanga are to grow our paepae wāhine and provide support for those women already doing the hard slog on our respective mahau.

IN CLOSING...

As you can see, we have lots going on. Next edition we will report on the outcome of our Ngāi Tahu Fund applications, a Whānau Ora Navigator opportunity and updates on other kaupapa we are working on.

We'd love to hear from you and to include your stories and pictures.

If you have kōrero and pānui to share, please email it to Taumutu@ngaitahu.iwi.nz.

Our closing whakataukī is explained as such by Rangī Mātāmua in this book, Matariki, The Star of the Year.

"This proverb can be used when speaking about the many illustrious chiefs who have departed the world of the living and have gathered in the cavern of Matariki. Alternatively, this proverb can be used when addressing a company of leaders and experts, likening them to the many great chiefs who have passed into the afterlife."

Te ope o te rua Matariki

The company from the cavern of Matariki



Moki under the night sky

Kia tau ngā manaakitanga ki runga i a tātou. Take care out there whānau.