April – June 20

Tupu ki roto Tupu ki waho Tupu ki te whai ao ki te Ao Mārama, Tihei mauri ora!

Tēnā ra tātau e te nui o 'Āti 'Ue. Tātau i roto i ngā tini ahuatanga o te wā. Tangihia ngā mate o te wā, kia tae atu ki te Wāhi Ngaro, kai Tīwarawara rāno. Ki a tātau te pito ora e hāpai nei i ngā mahi i waihotia mai, tēnā tātau katoa. Ngāti Whakaue ki tai, Ngāti Whakaue ki uta, koia nei tō tātau karere i ngā pitopito kōrero o te wā. Ko 'Uerongo he tohu aroha nā ngā Poari huhua o tō tātau iwi. Kia hiwa rā, kia hiwa rā!

E harikoa ana te ngākau ki te tuku atu i te pānui nei a 'Uerongo, hai kawenga kōrero mā Ngāti Whakaue. Ia te toru mārama puta atu ai a 'Uerongo ki a tātau o Ngāti Whakaue. Nō ngā Poari huhua o Ngāti Whakaue tēnei kaupapa hai painga mō te iwi. Ko te mahi a 'Uerongo he whakamōhio atu ki a koe ngā nukuhanga me ngā nekehanga o ia te Poari kia mōhio ai koe i wā rātau nā Kaupapa.

We hope you enjoy this edition of 'Uerongo, a quarterly newsletter for Ngāti Whakaue. 'Uerongo is a collaborative effort between our Ngāti Whakaue entities. The purpose of 'Uerongo is to provide you with news and updates on the activities and events of our Ngāti Whakaue entities. We have added a new section highlighting the trustees and managment teams behind some of our entities.

NGATI WHAKAUE EDUCATION ENDOWMENT Trust BOARD Te Toroihi Malauranga	
GRANTS	CLOSING DATES
Postgraduate Scholarship – refer to website for criteria	OPEN. Online application form closes 21 July 2023.
<b>Discretionary</b> - refer to our website for eligibility and criteria	Online form must be submitted prior to monthly Committee meeting - closing dates are listed on website
<b>Dive Sponsorship</b> - Adult open water dive programmes	Applications for 2022/23 sponsorships are OPEN. Refer to website for further information.
Individual School Representative National Sports Grant. To support Ngati Whakaue students selected to compete in a National Tournament in a School team.	Refer to website for information and criteria. Online application form open all year.
Swim Sponsorship – for Ngati Whakaue children in Learn to swim programmes with SwimMagic and Orange Swim School.	Applications for 2023 sponsorship from Term 3 are OPEN. Refer website for additional information

#### Application must be made online through the Board's website at www.ngatiwhakaue-eetb.org.nz

#### June 2023

Tertiary grant applications for 2023 are currently being reviewed. Numbers of student applications increased by 30% from 101 last year to 132 this year. In many cases, additional funding is also made available through JV arrangements with Māori Education Trust.

An increased number of applications were received this year for Haane Manahi Scholarship, and these are also currently under review by the Committee. These scholarships are to support Trades and Apprentices and will open again next year.

The Board has recently reviewed their policy for Nga Mahi a Rehia grants, resulting in increased funding being made available to assist school teams competing in Regional and National kapa haka competitions. Further information will be available on our website shortly.



#### **Ally Gibbons**

Trustee Board member, Ngati Whakaue Education Endowment Trust

I consider it a privilege to return as a representative and trustee from John Paul College, having previously served in 1999 for Rotorua Girls High School. During my previous tenure, I witnessed the profound impact of the Ngāti Whakaue Education Endowment Trust Board in supporting ākonga through literacy programs. I also acknowledge the significant contributions the board has made to scholarships and cultural events, such as kapa haka, both locally and on national and international platforms.

The importance of providing a platform for our young people to express themselves is equally as vital as nurturing their academic aspirations.



My whakapapa to our tupuna, Tūnohopū, fills me with immense personal pride. This pride extends to the numerous rangatahi who have benefited from the Ngāti Whakaue Educational Endowment Fund, which has enabled them to seize opportunities they may not have otherwise had due to financial constraints. I have had the privilege of witnessing their transformative journeys.

As a Trustee, my aspirations are to build upon the excellent work of those who preceded me and to ensure the prudent distribution of these funds. I look forward to collaborating with like-minded Trustees in securing a bright future for our hapū and iwi.

In my current role as Deputy Principal and Kaihautū Māori at John Paul College, I have returned to support our rangatahi Māori after having taught here in the 1980's. My own educational journey as an ākonga at Rotorua Girls High School, followed by becoming a Kaiako and Tumuaki at various kura along the way. These experiences have shaped my perspectives and deepened my passion for the concept of "Māori experiencing success as Māori". This involves providing them with access to te ao Māori, te reo Māori, and its tikanga, all of which hold immense value for their development as learners. It is my hope that they venture into the next chapter of their lives with a strong sense of Māori cultural identity and confidence for their respective futures.

I wholeheartedly affirm the mission of the Board, to enhance the legacy of Ngāti Whakaue Tupuna by responsibly and effectively managing the endowment and providing financial support to the Trust's beneficiaries for educational purposes, thus adding value and benefit to our community.

Ally Gibbons

TĒNĀ RĀ TĀTAU NGĀTI WHAKAUE I ROTO I NGĀ TŪTAKAREREWATANGA O TE WĀ NEI.

## NGĀTI WHAKAUE WAHINE TOA APPOINTED AS MANAHAUTŪ (CEO) OF NGĀTI WHAKAUE ASSETS TRUST

# Candice Waiti Richards

Ngāti Whakaue, Ngāti Pikiao, Ngāti Mākino, Ngāti Rangitihi

Te Kotahitanga o Ngāti Whakaue Assets Trust is proud to announce Candice Waiti Richards (Ngāti Whakaue, Ngāti Pikiao, Ngāti Mākino, Ngāti Rangitihi) has been appointed as our new Manahautū (CEO).

Pou Taki (Chairperson) Hemi Rolleston says "Candice's strategic expertise, combined with a proven ability to deliver commercially and her demonstrated service at Ngāti Whakaue marae and hapū level and in our hapori over many years, will be an asset to the Trust. We are excited to have such a culturally and commercial strong wahine Māori appointed as our Manahautū - to lead our talented operational team and to work alongside our Board."

For the full announcement, visit our website - whakaue.com



## RINGA RAUTIA 2.0 - GRADUATION

We are thrilled to announce the successful graduation of our Business Development Programme, Ringa Rautia.

Over the past months, our talented cohort of entrepreneurs has undergone an intensive journey of learning, growth, and innovation. Through mentorship, workshops, and working on their business, they have developed essential skills and knowledge to firm up the foundations of their pakihi and move forward with confidence.

We are proud to be a part of their remarkable progress, witnessing their innovative ideas transform into viable enterprises.

The programme's success is a testament to the dedication and commitment of our Kaipakihi and the unwavering support from our NWAT team, business coach Linda Bradbrook and specilised tutors from Toi-Ohomai.

We extend our gratitude for your invaluable contributions to this remarkable achievement. Together, we have laid the foundation for a brighter entrepreneurial future. Keep an eye on our social media for profiles of each of the pakihi.





## **RINGA RAUTIA 2.0 - GRADUATION**

As part of the graduation night, each pakihi delivered a 2 minute pitch and we were blown away by the calibre of this rōpū. Tautokohia ngā pakihi Ngāti Whakaue! Here is a list of Ringa Rautia 2.0 graduates:

Sa'hayla Harden and Isaiah Karaitiana - Toi Nikorima Erena Temara - Kaulab Ltd Heeni Brown - Puhikura Ltd Manurere McGarvey - Mokopuna Ltd Rhyle Watene-Hakaria - Independent Blanks Jazz Inia-McGarvey

Waretini and Kaea Walters - Toia Construction Sinead Poumako - Shape Me Beauty Wiremu Heke - CB Lawn Barbers Maurice Stone Jnr - Stone Builds Rhayvon Mihaere - Reia Creative



### WHAKAUE MĀMĀ WHAI HUA NUI 3.0



The Trust were delighted to facilitate another rōpū of Ngāti Whakaue Māmā through the Sorted Kāinga Ora financial literacy programme through Te Puni Kōkiri - e mihi ana.

Throughout this empowering initiative, we have equipped a group of māmā with essential financial knowledge and skills to support their whānau financial well-being. Over the course of the programme, these dedicated māmā have learned about budgeting, saving, investing, and managing debt, enabling them to make informed financial decisions.

A special mihi to our guest speakers who brought practical advice and expertise. Māori women enhance everything they are a part of and this was definitely true of Whakaue Māmā Whai Hua Nui.





Ngāti Whakaue Iho; Ngāti Whakaue Ake Ngāti Whakaue Tangata; Ngāti Whakaue Tikanga

https://taumata.org.nz/news/

#### Strategic Plan Finalised

We are excited to confirm that we received great feedback on the final draft of our refreshed Strategic Plan at our Hui-ā-Iwi and from our staff over the past month. We can now confirm this has been ratified by our Board of Trustees and will provide the road map for our organisation for the next 12 years.

This was recently shared at the Rotorua Principal's Association to create awareness of our future direction and how schools can support and align their mahi with our aspirations. Our strategic plan will be posted on our Te Taumata o Ngāti Whakaue website

#### Te Pokapū

Our hard working triage team at Te Pokapū do the intial assessments to support whānau in housing distress to access emergency housing. We have had a number of vacancies in this team so look forward to announcing some appointments over the coming weeks which will help bolster the important mahi happening in this space. Our team triage on average around 200 whānau per month. We are proud to be working in this space supporting whānau at their most vulnerable time.

#### Puna Manawa haerenga ki Maketu

As part of our Ngāti Whakaue rich curriculum taught within our centre, our tamariki, whānau and staff enjoyed a haerenga to Maketu in last month. A big thank you to Aunty Norma Sturley and Matua Kahi Hanara for supporting this haerenga to ensure our kōrero is shared with our tamariki mokopuna, whānau and staff



#### Te Ahu o Te Reo Māori Graduation

We had over 200 teachers and education staff from our ECE, Primary and Secondary school sector take part in our fourth intake (Terenga 4) of Te Ahu o Te Reo Māori. Our Pounamantū – Rangitiaria Tibble and our Pou Taituara – Jasmine Waerea have done an awesome job of working with our skilled Pouako to design and implement another exciting 20 week terenga that encapulates not only te reo Māori but also a programme rich in local kōrero, waiata and tikanga.

We want to acknowledge all those ākonga who participated and especially schools such as Glenholme School and Rotorua Intermediate who opted for a whole school approach. Ngā mihi nunui ki a koutou. We know our tamariki in schools are benefiting from the new learning journey their kaiako are on with us.

Our next terenga starts in July so if you work in schools or an ECE centre email your enquiry to jasmine@taumata.org.nz





Photos from our recent Terenga 4 Graduation

Ngāti Whakaue Iho; Ngāti Whakaue Ake Ngāti Whakaue Tangata, Ngāti Whakaue Tikanga Te Taumata o Ngāti Whakaue Iho-Ake Te Puna Ora o te Iwi



#### Message From our Board Chairperson – Rawiri Bhana

As we approach Matariki, and look to the New Year, we also look towards the upcoming changes within Te Taumata o Ngāti Whakaue. Since our the last issue of Uerongo, Te Taumata has been excited to complete and present to our iwi the our 2035 Strategic Document. We are very proud of that this strategy was a result of listening to our staff, our iwi in person and online, and also working with our Board. As we move into Matariki we look forward to implementing elements of this new strategic direction over the years to come.

Matariki has also brought with it huge changes within our staff at Te Taumata.

Firstly, the Board and all our Staff wish to acknowledge the contribution that Aunty Norma Sturley has made to our iwi, our marae and also Te Taumata o Ngāti Whakaue, as our longest serving staff member. Her tireless efforts, often not seen behind the scenes at Te Taumata in supporting programs, supporting staff and upholding the mana of Te Tauamata and Ngāti Whakaue can never fully be quantified. But it cannot ever be questioned that she has given her all to Ngāti Whakaue and Te Taumata. We wish her all the best of health and luck as she moves into the next phase of her life.

Secondly, the Board would like to first thank and second congratulate Candice Waiti Richards as she transitions within our iwi, and moves from being Te Taumata Finance Manager to her new role as the new Manahautū of Ngāti Whakaue Assets Trust. Candice's appointment although a huge loss for Te Taumata is actually a massive 'win' for Ngāti Whakaue. Candice came on 5 years ago at Te Taumata and has been instrumental in turning around through her shrewd financial acumen the financial balance sheet of Te Taumata. She also has over her 5 years at Te Tauamata has as and when required stepped up in the GM role, and so her transition to Assets Trust is one we know she will do with ease, and do with absolute integrity.

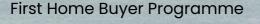
Finally, after 3 years as our GM, the Board wish to congratulate Tina Leach on her appointment to an exciting new senior role within the Ministry of Education. The last 3 years Tina has worked tirelessly for her iwi, to a point that Te Taumata is now seen by many Government departments look to us as their preferred social sector partner. Tina has overseen a restructure of old programs, the sustainable growth of current and new programs, a doubling of staff and has lead the mahi that lead to the new "roadmap" strategic direction for the new GM to follow. Tina has given her all to working for Ngāti Whakaue the last 3 years, and spent countless hours ensuring that not only our doors remained open, but has created a legacy that ensures that Te Tauamata o Ngāti Whakaue will be here and fit for purpose and continue to work towards ensuring the Ngāti Whakaue Lifecycle continues now and forever. As Pou Taki of Te Taumata o Ngāti Whakaue it has been an absolute honor and privilege to have worked side by side with Tina over the last 3 years.



Tēnā koutou e te lwi,

We hope you and the whānau are all keeping well.

Provided below is an update on some of the kaupapa to share with you all. The Incorporation have made significant progress on the Wharenui Rise Development. Stage One are 52 lots which have all sold and over 90% of houses now built. Stage 2 of the Rise was officially released this month comprises of 84 lot.



We have had a massive response from whānau for the homes that have been made available in Stage 2 of the Wharenui Rise Development. Applications are open whānau . For more information and to download the Register Of Interest form visit our website: <u>www.ngatiwhakue.iwi.nz</u> or contact the office and we can email the forms out to you.

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To view profiles of the Trustees and follow the activities of the Trust and Charitable Trust please visit our website - www.pukeroa.co.nz



#### WAI ARIKI HOT SPRINGS & SPA A 'First of it's kind' in Aotearoa



TE WHAKATUWHERATANGA O WAI ARIKI - 01 JUNE 2023

The dawn karakia was led by Dr Anaha Hiini, with Ngāti Whakaue kaumatua, builders, suppliers and those involved since its inception supporting. The morning was blessed with calm wind and skies befitting the occasion and ceremony.

The Spa was officially opened on 15th June 2023 by Prime Minister Chris Hipkins with support from Ministers Kiritapu Allen and Peeni Henare. The Pukeroa website will shortly hold photos and video footage of both events.

We aim to provide employment for as many Ngāti Whakaue as we can.

#### NGĀTI WHAKAUE SPA MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to access Wai Ariki Hot Springs & Spa products and offerings that are available from time to time at a discounted rate, you will need to apply to be a Ngāti Whakaue Member of the Spa. This can only be provided by completing the Uru Whakaue application forms. Our whakapapa team will verify the information you provide and forward to Spa management who will then contact you directly. Forms may be collected from the Pukeroa Office or by email uruwhakaue@pukeroa.co.nz

NOTE – The Spa is a 'luxury' wellness offering unlike anything else in the world! It is not the Poly Pools – the offerings are not only far superior – there is a greater range of experiences providing ways to relax, unwind and rejuvenate in high quality surroundings! PUKEROA ORUAWHATA TRUST GOVERNANCE & OPERATIONAL TEAM To view profiles of the Trustees and follow the

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#### QE HEALTH

The old building is in the process of being demolished. What will fill the site is being worked on – however, will be some years away. In the meantime, the vacant space will be levelled and grassed over.

#### NEW STORES OPEN IN ROTORUA CENTRAL

If you haven't already visited these stores – they are open and trading well! Skechers opened initially as a 'pop-up' store while they were awaiting their store fitout from Australia. This has since arrived and they are now hard at work fitting out the store (next to Cotton On). Two great stores to add to your shopping experience!



AGM

Will be held on Saturday 4 November 2023, starting at 10am. Use this time to check your contact details and bank account are up to date by contacting Deloitte, 07 343 1050.

Rawiri Waru is the trustee retiring by rotation this year and has indicated he is available for re-election. Advertisements seeking nomination for the one trustee position will be posted on our website and the Rotorua Daily Post late August 2023.





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