

Aunty Mei's wish comes true

Model finally gets to see
Panía Reef writes **Ruth Wong**

Mei Whaitiri is the model for the frequently visited statue 'Panía of the Reef' on Napier's Marine Parade. She was 13 years old when she posed. In the past 70 years, Mei has wondered what it would be like to go out to sea and sail over Panía's Reef.

Thanks to 975 the Breeze Hawke's Bay and Te Herenga Waka o Ahuriri (Napier Port), Aunty Mei's wish came true and on Friday, June 18, she sailed out.

Radio announcers for 975 the Breeze Hawke's Bay, Justin and Sarah, made the call one day and asked Mei how she felt about sharing her Panía model story with radio listeners.

The 83-year-old was a little hesitant at first, but she said yes and it's been a rather awesome ride with little gem experiences along the way.

Te Kaha Hawaikirangi of Te Herenga Waka o Ahuriri (Napier Port) responded to a request from



The crew of te waka also named Panía, Te Herenga representatives, Justin and Sarah with Mei tucked in the middle.

Photo / Te Whanganui A Orotu

Left: Mei Irihapiti Robin (now Mei Whaitiri) was chosen as the model for Panía of the Reef.

an announcement he heard on the radio.

In the interview with Aunty Mei, she mentioned her wish to go out on the reef, so Breeze announcers put it out there and Te Kaha answered the call.

Pictured is the crew of te waka also named Panía, with Mei tucked in the middle. They're holding a wooden plaque with the picture of the Panía's reef in which they are also sailing on.

Aunty Mei was in awe at her experience.

"I'm chuffed to have been able to go out to sea with these people.

"I didn't realise how long the reef was. It felt like we almost went to Wairoa," shed Mei.

"When I heard that the opportunity was here, I was ready to invite my whānau to come with me, but it was meant to be an intimate experience as only a handful of us could step aboard Panía.

"I loved the experience and I also loved seeing all the crayfish pots out there," she said.

PANÍA OF THE REEF

THE STATUE

A 1.5 metre statue of Panía was unveiled at Napier's Marine Parade on June 10, 1954, and has since been one of the most visited attractions in Napier City.

The statue was commissioned by members of the Thirty Thousand Club after the Anglican Bishop of Aotearoa, Frederick Augustus Bennett, related the legend of Panía to them.

Several students from Hukarere Girls' College were photographed as models for the statue, and eventually, Mei Irihapiti Robin (now Mei Whaitiri), was selected.

THE LEGEND

Panía was a beautiful maiden

who lived in the sea. By daylight she swam about with other sea creatures but after sunset would go to a stream that ran into the bay where the city of Napier now sits.

Karitoki, the handsome son of a Māori chief, met Panía at this stream. He had never seen someone so beautiful and instantly fell in love. Panía fell in love also, and they pledged their lives to each other and were secretly married.

Panía and Karitoki went to his whare (house), and at sunrise Panía prepared to leave but Karitoki tried to stop her.

She explained that as a creature of the ocean, when the sirens of the sea called her each morning, she could not survive

if she did not go to them. She promised to return every evening and their marriage continued on that basis.

Karitoki boasted to his friends about his beautiful wife, but no one believed him because they had never seen her. Frustrated by this, Karitoki consulted a kaumātua (wise elder).

The kaumātua told Karitoki that being a sea creature, Panía would not be allowed to return to the sea if she swallowed cooked food.

That night, as Panía slept, Karitoki took a morsel of cooked food and put it in Panía's mouth. As he did so, Ruru the morepork (owl) called a loud warning and Panía awoke.

Horrified that Karitoki had put

her life in jeopardy, Panía fled to the sea. Her people came to the surface and drew her down into the depths. Karitoki never saw her again.

When people now look deep into the water over the reef, some say they can see Panía with arms outstretched, appealing to her former lover.

It is unknown whether she is imploring him to explain his treachery, or expressing her continuing love.

The sea off Napier is now protected by Moremore, the son of Panía and Karitoki.

He is the kaitiaki (guardian) of the area, a taniwha (spirit) who often disguises himself as a shark, a stingray or an octopus.

— Ruth Wong



When people look at the statue of Panía they see Mei wearing a beautiful Hei Tiki Pounamu. This is a family heirloom that was gifted to her when she was a young girl. At 83 years of age, she continues to wear this same Hei Tiki.

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Congratulations on opening of marae

Ruth Wong

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated congratulates Ngāti Pārau hapū and the Waiohiki Board of Trustees for the opening of their wharehau Hau-Te-Ana-Nui which took place on Saturday, June 12.

As part of this special occasion,

the hapū celebrated the return of their Pou Tipuna: Te Hauwaho; Te Humenga; Pouamate; and Te Kauru o Te Rangi.

These four magnificent pou were commissioned by Tareha Te Moananui in the mid-1800s and represent four rangatira among the mass losses in what has been called the Battle of Te Pakake in 1824. They now stand in the whare

Hau-Te-Ana-Nui with dignity and pride.

In March 2002 the former marae 'Te Huinga' was destroyed by fire. The opening of the whare Hau-Te-Ana-Nui has been a long awaited occasion and a dream come true after so much heart ache and hard work.

The celebration day started with an early morning karakia

ceremony for the Ngāti Pārau hapū before they welcomed and hosted around 300 manuhiri (visitors) later in the morning.

Manuhiri mainly consisted of other marae representatives, surrounding iwi leaders, pasifika representatives, local and regional government officials and the general community.

The new building, made of

steel and concrete, has been designed to avoid any future fire disasters.

This is the first stage of the marae redevelopment programme and future plans include the building of a new wharekai (kitchen/hall).

Ngāti Pārau hapū should be very proud of themselves. Congratulations!

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Our story: Why we don't perform karanga at night

This is a new page in Tihei Kahungunu dedicated to getting our message across



Waimārama Marae.

Tēnā koutou katoa, New to Tihei Kahungunu is this dedicated page called Te Reo Karere. The page supports the refresh of the education curricula in Aotearoa.

Te Reo Karere will feature the following:

- Kupu o te rā – Word of the day
- Ketuketū kiwaha – Phrases
- Pepeha – Kahungunu cultural identity
- Whakatauki – Proverb
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Ko Mōrehu Te Amohaere te wharekai,
Ko Takitimu te waka,
Ko Tiakitai te tangata,
Ko Harawira Mahikāi Te Tātere te rangatira.

WAIMĀRAMA MARAE WHAKATAUKI

“Kei noho wawata noa, kia eke!”
Don't just dream about it.

A FEW LITTLE FACTS ABOUT WAIMĀRAMA MARAE

Te take i kore ai a Waimārama e karanga i te pō. (The reason Waimārama does not call at night).

Our reason for not performing karanga at night is steeped in the account of the battle of Hakikino.

Hakikino was a formidable fortress and had withstood many full frontal assaults. The eventual demise of Hakikino came about as the result of a brilliant piece of strategy put together by Te Aomatarahi, a Kahungunu general.

The people of Waimārama and Hakikino had no idea that Te Aomatarahi was about to attack. He had approached stealthily in to the hills above Waimārama and waited until a fishing party had been sent out from Hakikino. When the fishing party was well out to sea he sent his son Rongomaipureora to attack and kill the fishing party.

The people of Hakikino had no idea what had happened and

were quite relieved to see their fishing party returning, even though it was late at night. Perhaps they believed that the fishing had been so good that their men had been delayed. It is now part of our history that the Kahungunu invader under the cover of darkness was welcomed in through opened gates.

Hinengātiira, the high-born Rangitane princess was the ultimate prize and went on to create a dynasty.

All of us in Waimārama and the wider area are the beneficiaries of this moment in history.

Koinei mātau i kore ai e karanga i te pō. This is why we do not perform karanga at night and welcome what we can't see. This is our unique story.

Supplied by Tawhirimakea Karaitiana

KUPU O TE RĀ – WORDS OF THE DAY

- Kei te hiakai ahau – I am hungry

KETUKETU KIWAHA – PHRASES

- Ka mau te wehi – Awesome
Hai tēnei horopaki, he wairua whakanui tō tēnei kiwaha. In this context, this phrase is used to praise or congratulate someone or something.

- Role Play

Tama: Māmā, i te kura, ko au te toa mō te oma!

Tama: Māmā, at school, I'm the champ at racing!

Māmā: Ka mau te wehi, e tama! -
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Work experience in Bay helps build skills

Ruth Wong talks to Savanna Hiha about her ambition for a legal career

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Ko Petane te marae
Ko Ngāti Kahungunu te hapū
Ko Ngāti Kahungunu te iwi
Ko Tākitimu te waka
Ko Savanna Hiha aha

Savanna Hiha studied a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) at the University of Waikato and in December 2020 graduated with First Class Honours and received the award for the top University of Waikato law student for 2020.

After graduation she worked as a summer clerk through the Government Legal Network and was placed in one of the teams at New Zealand Police based in Wellington.

She is currently furthering her studies toward a Diploma in Te Tohu Paetahi (immersion in te reo Māori).

At the end of this year, Savanna will move to Wellington to prepare for her new role as a judge's clerk in the Supreme Court, starting in

I was fortunate to work with so many friendly staff members who wanted to help develop my skills, giving me the confidence to trust in myself and my abilities.

January 2022.

In 2018-19 Savanna did work experience with Willis Legal, a leading law firm in Hawke's Bay that is committed to supporting and growing people.

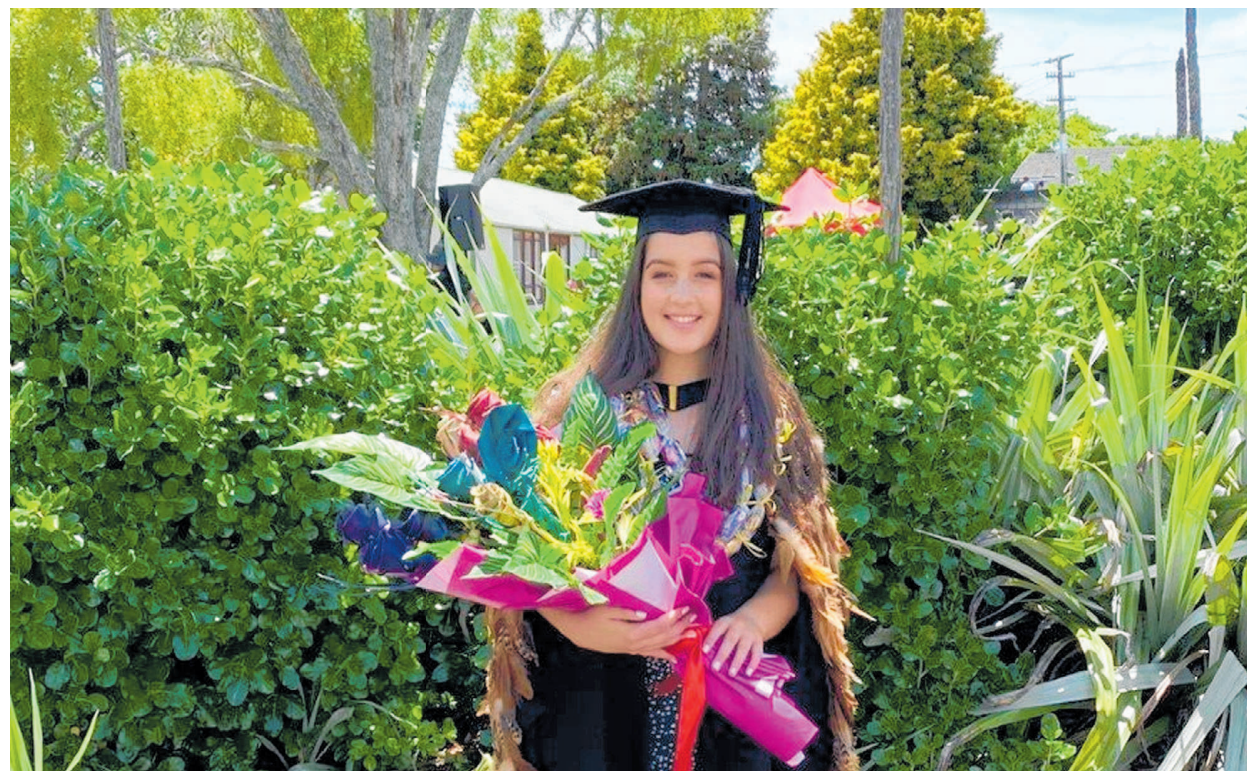
The firm provides work experience and opportunities to help people with aspirations.

Savanna says her time at Willis Legal was her first proper exposure to working in a legal profession.

"I was pleasantly surprised to find that working in a law firm was welcoming, interesting and supportive. I was able to work on a range of projects which utilised skills that I had learnt at university, and also tested my ability to work in areas I had not yet studied," said Savanna.

"My time at Willis Legal helped not only with my studies but also with my understanding of the law in practice. I was fortunate to work with so many friendly staff members who wanted to help develop my skills, giving me the confidence to trust in myself and my abilities."

"Going back to my LLB after my time at Willis Legal, I was equipped with knowledge that assisted with many of my papers and I was able to understand legal concepts much easier. I definitely value the time I spent at Willis Legal, and appreciate the opportunities that were given to me as a summer clerk."



A BIT MORE ABOUT SAVANNA:

I grew up in Napier and I attended William Colenso College.

About my family:
I have a big, supportive family. My parents have both worked in education for as long as I can remember, with my dad currently the principal of Te Aute College and my mum the Restorative Facilitator at William Colenso College. I have four brothers and two sisters, and it is great that all of us can support each other with anything that we have going on in our lives.

What made me choose this career?
Honestly, the reason I got into law was because I thought it looked like a cool career, but after I started to study at university the reason I stuck with it was because I saw how many facets of society are influenced by the law. I made the decision to delay my entrance into the legal profession because being Māori is integral part of my identity, so taking a year to dedicate my life to learning Te Reo Māori was a no-brainer.

Who has helped me through this journey?
I have had so many people support me, with my family and friends being the main backbone in my journey. I also found a lot of support from clubs and groups at my university, particularly Te Whakahiapo - the Waikato Māori Law Students Association. Being a member of that rūpū opened up many doors for me and helped me make so many connections with professionals which would not have happened otherwise.

What would I say to young people thinking about studying and going into a similar career?
I believe that studying law gives you a great understanding of how our country works and what can be done for the betterment of our people. Having only just finished studying I cannot give any great insight into working in the profession, but I think having the motivation to study law can open many doors to countless opportunities for young people. I would encourage all young people going into study, no matter the subject, to build a great support network who will be there for them. Your qualification may only be in your name, but it is a collective effort to get you there.

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The Marine Cultural Health Programme is a kaupapa (initiative), developed in partnership between mana whenua hapū of Ahuriri and Napier Port, to monitor and protect the health of the Ahuriri marine environment as the port builds its new 6 Wharf project.

An Aotearoa New Zealand first, the Programme provides a real-time state of health and aims to help to lay the foundation for the future restoration and enhancement of this environment. The Marine Cultural Health Programme officially launched on Wednesday 14 April at Te Ara o Tāwhaki Marae, Eastern Institute of Technology (EIT).

Learn more about the programme by visiting the innovative and interactive website which includes interviews, maps and monitoring information – marineculturalhealth.co.nz

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MARINE CULTURAL HEALTH PROGRAMME

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Te Herenga Waka o Ahuriri

Journeys of Waka Takitimu

Ngahiwi Tomoana

Pā Mai Tō Reo is an initiative that has grown on from this newspaper Tihei Kahungunu. We are branching into community papers to share a bit more about our history and we are calling it Pā mai tō reo. Pā mai tō reo started last week and featured in Bush Telegraph, CHB Mail, Hastings Leader and the Napier Courier. These are free papers delivered to our whānau in the Kahungunu rohe. Just like Tihei Kahungunu articles, Pā mai tō reo will go on our website kahungunu.iwi.nz and will also be sent out via our panui ki te iwi email network.



Ngahiwi Tomoana

These historical stories will be told in an informal way, as if we were sitting around the fire sharing about old times. The first 12 months will be a chronicle of the journeys of the Waka Takitimu and its origins from Te Moananui a Kiwa and its steady migration over 300 years to its eventual resting place in Te Waipounamu, Aotearoa. I'm looking forward to sharing these stories the same way I learned this information, through informal conversations around the fire. Come and join our history sharing.



Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern visited Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga.

Prime Minister vows to return

Selena Hakiwai

P rime Minister Jacinda Ardern visited Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga this month with Ministers Kelvin Davis, Peeni Henare, Willie Jackson, Meka Whaitiri and Tūkituki MP Anna Lorck to meet with Takitimu Ora Collective - and promises to return.

The Whānau Ora providers who work in partnership with the Government include Te

Taiwhenua o Heretaunga, Te Kupenga Hauora o Ahuriri, Kahungunu Health Service (Choices), Whānau Tahi Trust and Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu to provide intensive and localised support for whānau and tamariki to navigate pathways to fulfil their highest aspirations.

Ardern said the Government has an opportunity to do things differently with groups such as Takitimu Ora. With strong local connections, the collective is best placed to work with whānau to

help them identify issues they want to tackle and ensure they can achieve their own aspirations, with support from the government.

Members of Takitimu Ora were given the opportunity to raise issues and discuss barriers for whānau moving forward with the Prime Minister.

Des Ratima of Whānau Tahi Trust says that "safety for māmā and pēpē is paramount, this includes safety planning alongside community agencies".

Ngā Tini Whetū refers to "the many multitudes of stars" and takes an integrated and strength-based approach to assist whānau.

This programme is funded by Whānau Ora Commissioning Agency who seeks co-investment, co-design and co-production opportunities that support whānau aspirations.

Ardern has promised to return to Heretaunga and meet Takitimu Ora to ensure all parties are accountable to whānau.



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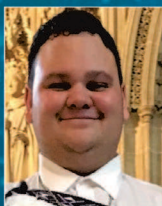


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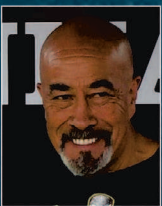
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AUNTY'S GARDEN

Stay positive and enjoy life

Hanui Lawrence

When I turned 62 several years ago, I started to limp and experience pain in the hips area.

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I put up with that for two years before having them both replaced one year apart. Miracles happen! No more pain

Our earth at present is in a "pained state". So much unrest, homelessness, violence, lack of money, starvation, nature seemingly out of whack and so much more.

Yet as I look out my kitchen window and see the beautiful sunrise, my mihi for the day is thankfulness for being alive to enjoy working in Aunty's Garden nurturing what grows there, relishing in the beauty of these vegetables for every one of us to enjoy.

So readers, stay positive and enjoy what years we have left ahead of us. Live your lives to the fullest.

BACON and EGG CRUMBLE with CASS SALAD

Ingredients

Bacon and Egg Crumble:

- 2-3 kumara - medium
- 2-3 potato - medium
- 1 red onion
- 500g streaky bacon
- 9 eggs
- Crumble:**
- 2 cups of self-raising flour
- 100g butter
- Pinch of salt
- Cass Salad:**
- 1 cabbage - small
- Hand full of silverbeet
- Handful of spinach
- 1/2 sweet apple
- Salt and pepper
- 1 cup of grated cheese

Method

Steam kumara and potato, put aside.

Saute onions and bacon briefly. Slice potato and kumara layer into bottom of pie tray.

Add bacon to the top and spread, then the eggs.

Mix flour, butter and salt - work with hands until nice and crumbly bits.

Sprinkle on top of bacon and egg dish and bake until nice and browned.

Finely cut the cabbage, spinach and silverbeet together.

Finley slice apple (with skin on).

Toss all into a bowl with cheese and season with salt and pepper

Dressing for salad

- 1 cup of best foods mayonnaise
- 1 Tbsp vege oil
- 2 Tbsp pineapple juice



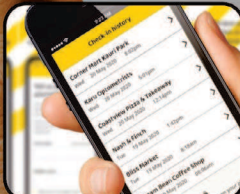
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