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Te Rangi Huata

Cancelling public Waitangi Day celebrations this year due to the change in traffic lights from orange to red was a difficult decision to swallow for me.

As an event organiser I have spent the past 23 years of my life cajoling and persuading New Zealanders to come out in person to celebrate our national day and now it's gone in a blink of an eye.

Yes I do get it. We do need to protect the most vulnerable in our community healthwise. Hastings has done really well on this score with 96 per cent of our citizens single jabbed, 91 per cent double jabbed and 51 per cent boosted with numbers accelerating every day.

I have seen this action unfolding while working at the "happiest drive-thru vaccination station in the nation" at Totara Health in Flaxmere most weekends since November.

Totara Health has administered nearly 26,000 Pfizer jabs and with the support of Tihei Mauriora health hub and Ngāti Kahungunu iwi the drive-thru option has been hugely successful. This is due to the positive feedback from the newly jabbed to whānau and friends.

Host youth workers who all live in Flaxmere provided an updated version of hospitality, offering hot dogs, chips and mini doughnuts washed down with water, iced coffee or hot chocolate.

A DJ playing song requests added to the festive atmosphere. A car-a-oke with live singers and prize draws filled the gaps as the vaccinated waited a 15-minute observation period. At a nominal cost, this simple top of the cliff action event will save thousands of dollars of hospital healthcare services in Hawke's Bay.

The shared experience that a vaccinated person has with others in that vehicle is intangible. It's now a highlight in the social lives of many and a positive memory of a possible fearful encounter with a needle.

Waitangi Day has also created positive memories for thousands in our community. Last year over 10,000 people attended Waitangi Day family celebrations at Mitre10 Sportspark in Hastings.

Many people attend year after year. One of these is 79-year-old Wa Harris: "What a bummer. I was looking so forward to this wonderful day. I will miss seeing all the whānau, eating all the wonderful kai available, and all the kōrero with all the whānau we haven't seen for a while ... plus Taikura being on stage again. ... Such is the way of our lives now."

Taikura seniors' kapa haka group has



Waitangi Day celebrations have always included song and dance.

Celebrating Waitangi Day

Axing of public events tough to hear, but understandable

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Wa Harris

been performing at Waitangi Day celebrations since 2008. Started by Tama Huata in 2007 to keep seniors active in kapa haka the ropu has become a tradition always performing prior to the Waitangi Day formal ceremonies.

Marking Waitangi Day has only been observed in Hawke's Bay since 2000. I was chairman of the Maori Millennium Committee at the time and we had organised a dawn ceremony at Clive with Nga Tukemata Waka Taua on the river. It was hugely successful.

Over breakfast those of us in the committee, Marie Edwards, Tom and Piki Mulligan and Lovie Edwards agreed it was a wonderful occasion. We agreed to capitalise on the success of the one-off dawn ceremony and to do something that was more lasting, like a legacy. I suggested Waitangi Day as it was coming up within six weeks and the committee wholeheartedly agreed.

That's how our Waitangi Day celebrations started. It wasn't the done thing in those days. People preferred to call it a commemoration but I've always believed we have every reason to celebrate as the original Treaty signing

document was about partnership between the Crown and Maori.

In 2000 our budget was \$300 and we had no expectations of how many people would show up but about 500 people came along to Farndon Park, Clive. The occasion has been marked by a hikoi (walk), a ceremony with waka and craft on the water, entertainment, food village and sport.

Touch has been a sporting tradition on Waitangi Day since 2001 and Anaru Bartlett has been the sole organiser of that tournament every year. He is the epitome of passion for touch, and he and his family have embraced living a healthy lifestyle in their lives, work and play.

Another Waitangi Day tradition has been Nga Tukemata o Kahungunu waka, one of the first waka taua in Aotearoa for men and women. The waka is owned by a trust that has used the waka in a programme for people with mental disabilities since 1994. The waka is operated by Jim and Marie Edwards and the community is welcome to row the 40-man waka during the day-long celebrations. Up to 10 trips are scheduled and that day has been an annual

fundraiser to cover the waka's annual insurance bill.

By 2010 the Waitangi Day event at Farndon Park had become hugely popular attracting thousands of people and hundreds of cars with no room for expansion. Land opposite the park used for parking was sold to a developer for housing so I discussed with the committee moving the Waitangi Day event to the Hawke's Bay Sportspark.

My reasoning at the time was that the sportspark offered safe offroad parking, expansion of sports to include more codes, 2000-seat stadium with more toilets than McLean Park, Napier and the potential to grow the event.

The committee were lukewarm to the idea but in 2011 agreed to support a two-part plan. Farndon Park would host a twilight water event on February 5 and a morning water ceremony on February 6 and finish the day at the sportspark with sports, entertainment and food village. Waipureku Waitangi Commemoration funded by all three local councils has replaced the Farndon Park event and is now centred around Waitangi and the Clive River and still attracts visitors to the morning ceremony.

Over the past 10 years Waitangi Day has grown to be the biggest annual event Mitre10 Sportspark, Hastings hosts with 10,000-plus visitors. Ngāti Kahungunu iwi is the only iwi to be the main funder of a Waitangi Day event for a major centre in New Zealand.

National and international acts have included Ardijah, House of Shem, Tomorrow People, Sammy J, Fiji, Ria Hall and Savage. Our Waitangi Day event has also hosted two Ngāti Kahungunu regional kapa haka competitions.

Sports included volleyball, netball, touch, rugby league, rippa rugby, ki-o-rahi and 3x3 basketball.

Since 2017 we have booked Mahons Amusements rides and they have provided free rides all day.

I am always delighted to see the thousands of people who come along and enjoy themselves.

Most of the food vendors come year after year and most sell out. It's good for business and our event supports about 60 businesses. Ten community, sports and school groups also use this occasion as fundraisers and service providers have always seen benefits to their participation.

I am hoping those positive memories will be retained so that when we can again gather for Waitangi Day in person, our enthusiasm will not be diminished.

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Council, wood suppliers team up to offer chance to win one of six refunds on a cord of wood.

Hawke's Bay Regional Council is encouraging people to buy dry wood ahead of winter to heat homes better and ultimately reduce air pollution.

Procurement Lead Mark Heaney says the Regional Council has teamed up some of Good Wood suppliers to offer people who buy from the supplier to go in the draw to win one of six refunds on a cord of wood.

"Summer is the best time to get Good Wood for next winter. Buying wood and storing it properly now means it will burn hotter and produce less smoke, heating your home better and keeping our air clean," Heaney said.

"The supply of dry wood is always limited, and as we get into winter there is less available and the price starts to rise, frequently leaving only wet wood for sale by the end of winter. Professional wood merchants measure moisture content and advise if the wood is not ready to burn yet and the best thing people can do is plan and 'buy to burn next year'."

The Regional Council's Good Wood scheme helps

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Have you got enough food for you and your family where ever you might be stuck?

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Where can you safely isolate without impacting others around you?

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RETRACE & RESPOND

Have you scanned in everywhere you visited? How fast can you respond if notified by MOH?

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SELF RELIANCE

Can you survive until support arrives? [first aid, petrol, money, games, toilet paper, power...]

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TALK & TEST

Do you have your GPs number in your phone? Where are the nearest testing stations?



Tips to improve the efficiency of your fire and minimise air pollution

- Use only dry, seasoned fire wood from a reputable supplier. It can cost more per cord, but you will use less of it to get more warmth into your home. Dry seasoned firewood will have been correctly dried over a two years minimum period of management or dried in a kiln. This careful management achieves a very dry wood that burns with a lot of heat.
- Go outside and check your chimney - you will see smoke when it's first lit, but once the fire is well under way and hot, you should just see a shimmer of heat.
- Don't damp the fire down when you go to bed, as this increases the smoke as the fire smoulders. Modern compliant units won't allow this anyway.
- Never burn treated or painted wood, or driftwood from the beach. It may be free but has hidden costs because burning releases harmful chemicals which will damage your burner and harm your health.
- Put your rubbish in the bin, not in the fire. Burning plastics particularly releases harmful chemicals, and it smells.
- Have your wood burner and flue professionally checked and serviced each year before the winter begins.

buyers know they are getting wood that will burn dry and hot.

"We run this programme because Hawke's Bay's air quality isn't as good as it needs to be during the winter months when people are forced to buy and burn wet wood. This

scheme recognises and promotes merchants who care about air quality, and about their customers getting value for money," adds Mr Heaney.

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Rosser takes up Leinster coaching role

Kahungunu wahine honoured by position

Former Ireland star Tania Rosser is taking on a new challenge after being named as the new coach for Leinster Rugby women.

The 43-year-old Kahungunu wahine, who has played for Leinster Women's Rugby for 10 years during a successful career, has now taken on the role as head coach.

Leinster is equivalent to one of our Super 15 rugby franchises, like the Chiefs and Hurricanes and they are based in Dublin, Ireland.

Rosser, who also played netball, sevens and touch for Ireland, will balance her new job as head coach alongside her work as a primary school teacher, a mentor and running an online business.

She said, "I'm really excited. It's a huge honour and privilege to be here to coach the Leinster women's team."

"I played for many years for them so I know how important it is for the development of the girls and I'm just super excited and can't wait to get started."

She has lived in Ireland since 2001. Initially she went to Ireland on a holiday to visit her partner Simon Broughton, who was there playing rugby. She returned home after a three-month stint but only lasted a month before packing



Tania Rosser played 58 times for Ireland Women and spent a decade at Leinster.

in her job and heading back to Ireland.

Although she played rugby here in Aotearoa, her main interest was netball.

Pretty soon however, following her move to Ireland, her rugby potential was spotted and a few seasons forward, she became one of Leinster's lynchpins.

Mention Rosser's name in Ireland and the Irish knew her as "Number Nine and she's fine".

She's got a pretty awesome

sporting career that has awarded her this awesome role as head coach for Leinster Women's Rugby.

Back in 2005, she featured in a Kahungunu publication and we asked her a few questions for our fact file. These were her answers at the time, and they haven't differed much since then:

• **Earliest rugby memory** – Going to watch her brothers play on Saturday mornings.
• **The best thing about rugby** – Starting against Spain

in the European Champs 2004 and winning.

• **First position ever played** – Scrumhalf in a sevens tournament

• **Best moment outside rugby** – Getting engaged to Simon

• **Worst thing about rugby** – All the bruises on her legs, she can't wear a skirt. And training in the rain and the cold weather.

• **Favourite food** – Garlic mussels, crayfish and Perky Nanas

• **Favourite other sport** – Touch, netball and basketball.

She has maintained that determination, strength and speed is everything on the field.

She's tried and tested this and has played 58 times for Ireland Women's Rugby and has spent a decade at Leinster.

Her parents live in Hastings. They are proud of Tania and her achievements and from a distance they keep abreast of things and eagerly watch as opportunities progress.



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- Designate an 'isolation' room
- Regularly clean/wipe surfaces
- Entertainment (Books, Games etc)

PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE

- Wear a mask in public
- Wash hands regularly
- Stay home if you're feeling sick

PREPARE YOUR WHĀNAU

- Create a plan for if someone in your whare gets māuiui/sick
- Keep a list of whānau details
 - Talk with your tamariki & other whānau about the plan

PREPARE YOUR PĀTAKA

- Store non-perishable kai
- Store kai that your whānau will eat
- Store enough kai for one month
- Store water - use recyclable drink bottles.

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Pandemic and passion for plants inspires public servant to retrain at EIT

Covid-19 prompted EIT student Jen Gale (Ngāi Tahu) to leave a career in public service and follow her passion for gardening and the environment – a move that has paid off for her.

Jen, who completed the year-long Diploma in Environmental Management (Level 5) at the end of last year, started a job as senior environmental compliance officer at the Hawke's Bay Regional Council in November.

She applied for a more junior role but was put forward for the senior position because of her background in analysis and regulation in the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.

"The basic premise of the role is to enforce resource consent, like requirements with wastewater and air discharge, sewage tanks and occasionally land and water pollution events. It is ensuring that the rules of the Resource Management Act are observed according to the consent they have," says Jen.

Gardening with her grandfather as a child gave her a passion for plants and the environment, but when she left her parents' Eskdale farm after school to pursue study in Dunedin, she began a journey that would see her spend many years working as a



Jen Gale (Ngāi Tahu) is forging a new career in environmental management while studying at EIT.

Covid career change

I grew up gardening with Grandad. He showed us how to do it. I always had the passion...

Jen Gale

public servant in Wellington.

Jen, who has a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Otago, returned home in 2019 to work in the Labour Inspectorate in Napier. However, Covid-19 last year caused her to re-evaluate, and she quit her job to enrol in EIT's FREENZ Certificate in Horticulture (General) (Level 3) programme.

"I quit my job and was looking for something to do because I did not want to go straight back into work in the middle of Covid-19. I'd seen

that programme and I thought it would be good, as I had a keen interest in it.

"I grew up gardening with Grandad. He showed us how to do it. I always had the passion, but because I'd rented for so many years before moving back to Napier, I could never have my own garden."

Jen loved the Horticulture programme and how tutors had so much information to pass on to the students.

"You think gardening's easy, but then there's so much behind it. It was more organic

focused than I thought it would be which was great because that is important to me."

In fact, Jen was even considering a career in horticulture management when she heard about the Diploma in Environment Management (Level 5) at EIT. The decision was easy.

The programme put Jen on a path to forging a career in environmental management. Even when she is not working or studying, Jen focuses on the environment, be it picking up

litter on walks or starting a native planting programme on her parents' farm.

Even though she is new in her regional council role, her employers have agreed to let her continue with her studies this year to complete the NZ Diploma in Environmental Management (Level 6).

"The Hawke's Bay Regional Council want me to keep studying, which is great. They're also adjusting my hours during term. They're super supportive of people continuing study and starting new study when they work there, which I think is really cool."

Jen is looking forward to a long career at the council and getting involved in its sustainability projects.

"I would love to do more restoration work, later on. The council does a lot of biodiversity work like restoring the wetlands. I'll try and get in on that as a helper when I can," says Jen.

Gerard Henry, one of Jen's lecturers, says she has been an enthusiastic learner and has contributed to her peers by sharing ideas.

Programme coordinator Lisa Turnbull says EIT's Environmental Management Diplomas equip learners for roles in the exciting world of environmental management.

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Basketballers stopped on the red light

More to Māori event than dribbles, drives, dunks – this is about whānau

Like many Kahungunu wahine/women, Kori Waerea of Bridge Pa, Hastings, has always been an advocate for whānau, sports and anything that promotes activity for healthy whānau in her community.

Throughout the past few months, Kori had organised two teams to go through to the National Māori Basketball Tournament that was to be held in Rotorua from January 24-29.

This event, run by Poitūkohu Māori Aotearoa, isn't just about basketball, it's about whānau/family and whakawhānau and building on the relationship with other iwi members throughout the country.

On Sunday, January 23, Kori, along with more than 2000 participants around the country was gutted to hear the announcement that the event was cancelled due to the country moving into the red light setting, a decision that was made to keep Aotearoa safe.

Kori was travelling to the event with her whānau when she received the news while others were at home loading their kids into the car when the text went around that an announcement was going to

be made by the Prime Minister at 11am.

"Eagerly we all tuned into the news and heard that the whole country was moving from orange to red and those of us on the road literally turned around and made our way home," says Kori.

The news came as a downer for participants young and old, but especially for rangatahi who had trained and were looking forward to the event.

"We had worked so hard to organise ourselves for this event that brings all of our iwi whānau together for this great sport," says Kori. "I have 4 daughters who were playing in different teams".

This year Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (NKII) sponsored six teams and eight individuals to attend the event. Kori's daughters; Kahuroa (U7), Kalarny (U13), Kalaya (U7) and Kyra (U19), were among the individuals who had received sponsorship to attend.

The U7s was a new grade introduced in the tournament. Parents of these young children were eager yet anxious to have their young ones participate. However, they saw this as an awesome opportunity for their small children to experience basketball alongside their older siblings and whānau whānui in this Māori tournament where whānau/family involvement is key.

"The children in our Heretaunga U7 team consisted of tamariki/children aged



Three of Kori Waerea's four daughters.

between 4-6yrs representing the Collier, Waerea, Huata, Paringatai, Peni, Hide, Ngoungou and Davis whānau," says Kori. "In the lead up, we were all super nervous, with some parents worried if their tamaiti/child would even get on the court, worried that they didn't know how to play or that their kid was more of a princess or ninja rather than a baller."

"Our U19 kotiro/girls team

had been training under the expertise of Kaleb Edwards and Nancy Dean, and for months had been juggling work commitments, whānau commitments and other rep sport commitments to make games and trainings. Everyone was keen to attend our favourite annual tourney.

"January 17 was our last gathering to sort through final reminders, directions, meeting times and places, final draws,

exchange last minute changes, ensure we had our uniforms and we wished each other safe travels.

"This set the scene for what would cruelly be ripped away from us with a big fat red light," says Kori.

Many families and organisations have been affected by the changes that need to take place as we move carefully into the future, no matter what the traffic light setting is. Safety for self, for family and community is paramount. It's been a week and Kori has been able to unpack and cope with the sudden change.

"My babies still played basketball with the cuzzies. My older kids were left wondering what to do with the extra week of holidays but they relaxed and enjoyed being home. I was able to chase up 'possible' refunds, collect in uniforms and answer the 100 questions that came my way and unpack gear that took months to accumulate for what was going to be my babies' first time representing Ngāti Kahungunu ki Heretaunga.

"I guess the best part is, we are home and we are safe."

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated wishes to acknowledge all whānau who have had to make significant changes over the past weeks and months to keep our whānau happy, healthy and well. Keep up the good work!

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Phased approach to deal with Omicron

Keeping critical workers in action and the move to digital tools are key

We've begun a new chapter in our whāwhai against Covid. Omicron is here and we've changed our strategy to minimise the impact on whānau and protect the systems that support our health and wellbeing. As case numbers grow, both testing and isolation approaches will change in response.

Recognising this, we have prepared a three-phase plan. Phase One is where we are now and we're doing what we've successfully done with Delta – using our tools for a "stamp it out" approach. Broadly speaking, that includes the same approach to contact tracing and isolation, and a request that everyone who is symptomatic be tested at a community testing station or at a primary health provider. If you are required to isolate, you will receive advice and – if needed – support to do so. At this phase you will need to isolate for 14 days if you are a case, and 10 days if

you are a contact. Our objective is to keep cases as low as possible for as long as possible to allow people to be boosted and children to be vaccinated. In Phase Two, when we are managing hundreds if not several thousand cases, the system will focus more on identifying those most vulnerable and at a greater risk of severe illness. We'll also be focused on identifying and supporting those needed to keep the country going. At this phase, most people will start to be managed through digital tools. Text notifications for positive cases and contacts

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will begin, with phone support still available for those who need it. We'll also reduce the isolation period for cases to 10 days and contacts to seven days in line with best practice overseas. Waihoki, Rapid antigen tests (RATs) will be integrated into our testing system at this phase and will work alongside PCR tests. At Phase Three, when cases are in the thousands, we will make further changes to contact tracing. The definition of contacts will change to household only. This will mean only the highest-risk contacts will need to isolate. Supported self-service, rapid

antigen testing for diagnosing Covid-19 and a self-service tool to enable identification of high-risk contacts will be significant to respond to the high volumes of Omicron cases. Digital technologies will continue to be utilised and people will be supported to self-notify close contacts. Most people will be supported and able to self-isolate at home; and clinical care will focus on anyone with high needs. In Phases Two and Three we have a test-to-return regime for critical workforces, to keep them going. You can read more about the three phase-plan on the Unite Against Covid website.

AUNTYS GARDEN

Lighten the sadness with a salad

Part of a favourite hymn I like to sing goes like this:
Have I done any good in the world today, Have I helped anyone in need?
Have I cheered the sad and made someone feel glad, if not I have failed indeed.
This year, 2022 is going to be a mighty test with all that is around us, and not knowing really, what the future holds. I not only think it, but I know that New Zealanders are mostly

good, kind and generous people. From the media we learn that many people are suffering illnesses that are costly. Many are homeless and many have lost loved ones through accident or drowning which bereft families have us all feeling empathy towards them. Then 'give a little' appears and people so kindly and generously give to others unconditionally. This is such a great support I'm sure, to those that are going through times of sadness, to be comforted by these gestures of kindness.
Thus far at Auntys Garden there has been and still is, an abundance of delicious greens and vegetables. Some fruit is still ripening up, like plums and

other veges that will be ready in the coming months. On a positive note, yours and my deeds will surely outweigh the needs of others. Roll on 2022 - Let's Be Happy.
Quick Potato Salad

- Ingredients:**
- 1 pot full of potatoes (peru peru)
 - 3 courgettes
 - 1 cup of scarlet runner beans
 - Salt and Pepper
 - 1 sachet of cream of chicken soup (Maggi)
 - 1 cup of cream
- Method:**
- Cut potatoes into desired sized. Steam or boil the

- potatoes till just cooked.
- Steam the beans and courgettes until just cooked.
- Add salt and pepper to taste
- Put potatoes into a serving bowl either with the courgettes and beans, then add the sauce, or have the courgettes and beans separately.

- Sauce:**
- Put cup of cream in a pot and simmer.
 - Add the sachet of soup and stir until gently bubbling and until soup mix is dissolved into the sauce and thickens
 - Pour sauce over the potato
- We enjoyed our 'quick potato salad' with bar-b-que sausages. It is delicious and creamy!



Quick Potato Salad.

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Inspiring others to be the best they can be

Kaiwhakahaere Kaupapa project manager aims high

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated is proud to have partnered with our newest Māori company in the rohe, Kauwaka Ltd. Founded by Tātere and Te Rina MacLeod in 2021, Kauwaka is set to make strides supporting the growth of tere Māori within Ngāti Kahungunu. Kauwaka is focused on fostering and developing te reo Māori and tikanga Māori within our communities here in Ngāti Kahungunu. These communities vary across locations and areas of work. Over 80 per cent of current staff members are recipients of the iwi leadership programmes such as Te Tira Hou, Te Pae Tata and Te Pōkaitara.

At present a community that Kauwaka is committed to supporting is the kaiako from early childhood through to secondary school, and the many support staff and whānau that are associated. The Ministry of Education has launched the kaupapa of Te Ahu o te Reo Māori which aims to grow and strengthen an education workforce that can integrate te reo Māori into the learning of all ākonga in Aotearoa. Throughout the year Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated will follow the progress of the programmes that Kauwaka is producing and will provide updates in Tihei Kahungunu. Part of these updates will be introducing the Kauwaka staff. The Kaiwhakahaere Kaupapa project manager is Kelly-Aroha Huata-Hook who is leading Te Toka Tūroa which is the name of the kaupapa of Te Ahu o te Reo

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Kelly-Aroha Huata-Hook

Māori based here in Ngāti Kahungunu.

Huata-Hook was raised and educated in Kahungunu. After graduating from high school she moved to Tāmaki Makaurau/Auckland where she studied at Auckland University. She went on to work for student services at Auckland University of Technology and progressed to Māori liaison officer and onto lecturing.

She was working at the University of Otago when Covid first hit Aotearoa in 2019 which gave her the opportunity to move back to Kahungunu and work from home where she has been able to motivate, teach, encourage and inspire other rangatahi in Kahungunu to become their best.

"I am currently working for Kauwaka as the project manager for Te Toka Tūroa which aims to grow the cultural capability of school

teachers, support staff and whānau by providing them with the tools to implement te reo Māori within their classrooms and to apply a cultural worldview in the school's practice," she said. "I'm excited to be sharing my experience with others".

Huata-Hook is no stranger to the kaupapa of education. Her passion for life and her outlook on education was imbedded in her upbringing from parents Heke Huata and Matua Hook, who have always been great advocates for education.

When asked who her greatest influences in her life are she said, "Māmā raua ko Pāpā. I love my parents three thousand and I always tell them 'when I grow up I want to be just like you' the best thing about them is their pono ki te kaupapa type āhua."

Huata-Hook is excited about bringing Māori knowledge forward to ensure we have self-determination over our own education, health and well-being.

"I feel strongly about bringing our non-Māori whānau, colleagues, friends and community along with us. There will never be enough Māori health workers, educators or innovators to meet our needs so it is imperative to educate and influence all New Zealanders about who we are in the myriad of ways we express being Māori and through this consciousness raising and skill building maximise our collective impact in transforming excellence for Ngāti Kahungunu."

"My goal for our iwi is that we wake up every day being proud to be Kahungunu."

Key information on upcoming Ngāti Kahungunu board elections

The Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (NKII) board elections take place every three years. Over the year constituent taiwhenua boards have held their marae representation elections that make up their boards for eligibility onto the NKII board if they so feel they are ready for the challenge.

Nine elections take place simultaneously for 10 positions on the board as follows: the election of six taiwhenua/rohe representatives, two Taurahere representatives (from the new Northern and Southern Districts), one kaumatua representative and chairman position.

All participants – whether candidate, nominator or voter – must be registered to participate in this election.

All registered participants must be Nga Uri a Kahungunu – descendants of Kahungunu, 18 years of age or over at the time of the election, which is April 26, 2022.

Marae, taiwhenua/rohe & taurahere nominations

Marae/Taiwhenua elections are held and run in accordance to their own constitutions.

For the NKII Election 2022, marae/taiwhenua elections should now be completed in order for newly elected board members to participate in the iwi election 2022 if they so desire.

■ Candidates for the iwi chair will come from the pool of taiwhenua board members who meet the criteria requirement at the time nominations open for the iwi election, which is February 15, 2022.

The incumbent chair becomes an eligible candidate to the position of chairperson without going through a

marae/taiwhenua election process as stated in 9.2.1 in the Constitution.

■ Candidates for the taiwhenua/rohe/taurahere representative positions on the board will come from the current pool of taiwhenua/rohe/taurahere board members at the time nominations open for the iwi election, which is February 15, 2022.

■ The taiwhenua/rohe boards are made up of registered marae representatives who have been appointed or elected by their respective marae to represent their marae on the taiwhenua/rohe boards.

■ The taurahere boards are made up of registered Kahungunu representatives who reside outside the Kahungunu rohe.

Kaumātua nominations

Kaumātua nominees come from an open pool.

Candidates must be able to tick yes to all of the bullet points below to be eligible.

- Be a registered tangata whenua member of Kahungunu descent?
- Be 60 years or older
- Be interested in the future of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi?
- Be registered to participate in the 2022 election
- Be proficient in Kahungunu tikanga, kawa and reo
- Reside in the Kahungunu rohe
- These are exciting times. If you want more information, please check out the iwi website www.kahungunu.iwi.nz/nkiiboardelection2022. If you want to check if you are registered to participate in these elections, please contact the iwi office and communicate with our registration officer – Kerrin Fair – email kerrin@kahungunu.iwi.nz

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