

PĀ MAI TŌ REO

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated

Unique migration story to be revealed

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Leaded into our 100th edition of *Tihei Kahungunu*, we have introduced Pā mai to reo! a one-page 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.

Previous to the Takitimu voyage however, we can trace our whakapapa through Polynesia into Melanesia through Micronesia into Austronesia from our origins in Asia. There is an archaeological memory of Māori being in China, but the cultural memory doesn't begin until Taiwan.

I have been lucky to visit these places, talk to experts in their fields and I have knitted the journey together with historians in the Pacific and our own Māori experts who took me under their wing.

I learned from people such as Uncle Wi, Uncle Taanga, Uncle Charlie and others who honed my instincts around whakapapa and history.

Tā Pita Sharples, first chairman of Ngāti Kahungunu, was an anthropologist who studied Māori linguistics through the Pacific into the



Distinct facial tattoos were banned during the period when Japan ruled Taiwan.

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Solomon Islands and further back to the Islands of Palau and Guam.

Dr Pat Hohepa has studied our Māori language, tracing it all the way back to Taiwan while Dr Adele Whyte studied the whakapapa of 70 Māori women back to Taiwan.

Nathan Rarere and others have studied the sailing traditions and the voyaging waka back into Indonesia, the Philippines and Taiwan while others studied Tāmoko and mau rākau all the way back to Taiwan.

I have also observed long houses or whareniui throughout Asia with decorated ridge poles not unlike our tahuhi.

Over the next 12 months, (just how I've learnt most of this information), this unique migration of our people will unfold as I share what I've learned with you.

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OUR OBJECTIVES

- Ngāti Kahungunu - Culturally Strong
- Ngāti Kahungunu - Healthy and Vibrant Whānau
- Ngāti Kahungunu - Economically Strong
- Ngāti Kahungunu - Informed and Participating Citizens in the World
- Ngāti Kahungunu - Independent and Self Determined
- Ngāti Kahungunu - Healthy, Thriving and Sustainable Environment
- Ngāti Kahungunu - Making our Mark

OUR VISION

“Kahungunu - ki te whaiao, ki te ao mārama”
Achieving excellence in all areas of our lives

OUR MISSION

Kia maumahara ki te mana āhua ake o Ngāti Kahungunu
Uphold the absolute uniqueness of the living breath of Kahungunu
“To enhance the mana and well-being of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi”