

Tihei Mauri Ora still helping the community

Response unit still going strong

Tihei Mauri Ora Emergency Response Centre was created in March 2020 as an outcome of a hui held between Hawke's Bay District Health Board, Health Hawke's Bay and Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated including each of the Taiwhenua groups from Wairoa through to Wairarapa. At that meeting iwi leaders and medical professionals discussed the best way to support our communities with the outbreak of Covid-19. Among other things, it was

packages, wood, fish, meat and anything that was accessible, was packaged and carefully distributed to our whānau pounamu. Along with other community groups, this effort was pumped through to our communities.

Government agencies and service providers were linked in with the Tihei Mauri Ora centre and an 0800 number was initiated to be a helpline for whānau needing support during the lockdown.

When Aotearoa returned to work in May 2020, chairman Ngahiwi Tomoana declared that the Tihei Mauri Ora Centre needed to keep going and keep taking care of the needs and bruises of the social and economically injured whānau that would continue to cope with the after shocks of an earthquake. He said, "We don't know what's coming."

Since the community outbreak of Delta in August 2021, the Tihei Mauri Ora response unit has been busy yet again. This time, however, they were preparing lunches for families who were in lockdown and unable to feed their children who had become accustomed to having lunches provided in school. The community support was yet again an amazing effort.

For the past 12 weeks the Tihei Mauri Ora group have been making hangi packs to give away at the vaccination clinics taking place throughout Hawke's Bay.

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated must acknowledge Henry Heke and his team for their inspiring mahi and leadership within

agreed that a welfare unit be set up to help families in our community. It took three days to set up this unit that was called – Tihei Mauri Ora.

It started off as a welfare response unit for whānau pounamu – the most vulnerable – the sick and elderly. It used iwi networks using existing Taiwhenua/district offices as hubs and leaders within those hubs were able to support the coordinated effort in an almost seamless way. The local district councils and Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group also came on board.

Food parcels, care



Hastings District Council chief executive Nigel Bickel, Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc chief executive Chrissie Hape and Henry Heke, group manager, Māori Health, Health Hawke's Bay.



The planning hui held in 2020.

the Tihei Mauri Ora kaupapa. We are grateful for those involved and their families who sacrifice their time as they work in our communities.

Tihei Mauri Ora is a non-emergency telephone triage line that can link you with the information and support you and your whānau needs. The service is completely free.

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Hanui Lawrence

As Christmas is only 19 days away, we hope that you have plenty of vegetables in the garden to make your festive season special.

What made our month special in November was being able to attend our mokopuna's high school graduation. Being together as a family is one of our special things we like to do. We enjoy time to share, time



It's delicious! Enjoy your Christmas Berry Delight and enjoy your Christmas with your family.

to have fun, time to play games, time to do some gardening, time to dance, and sing and reminisce while just being together.

Many people call this the silly season but, as we reflect on the joys of simply spending time together, it is most rewarding. I hope that each of you will have time with your

family and enjoy just being together.

From my family to yours, we wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. If you need some greens and you're popping past the garden, please do drop in.

Raspberries will be starting to come through thick and fast so I've combined a variety of berries together to make a Christmas Berry Delight. One that I have used in the past, it's an oldie, but a goodie. When you've got a big family like mine, it's a lot cheaper to make your own at home.



CHRISTMAS BERRY DELIGHT

Ingredients

- 1 cup of Raspberries (whole)
- 1 cup of Blueberries (whole)
- 6 pink wafers

- 1 X 2 litre tub of vanilla ice cream (or make your own)
- 1 cup of strawberries
- Small bottle of cream
- Some passion fruit (optional)

Method

Layer ice cream then

Hanui Lawrence (second from right) with her whanau.

raspberries, then add wafers. On top of the wafers spread blueberries and then layer more ice cream. Add wafers then layer finely sliced strawberries then ice cream again. As a garnish, drizzle grated peanut slab or Cadbury flake over the top.

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The Fiesta of Lights in Hastings opens on December 18.

Fiesta of Lights glows with 350,000 lights

New light displays join old favourites

A fairyland of 350,000 sparkling lights await visitors to the 23rd annual Fiesta of Lights in Hastings this year. Follow the trail to view 60 light displays including diving penguins, jumping fish,

spurting whales and a host of colourful sea creatures amid thousands of dancing fairy lights animated to music.

New light displays include elephants, giant yellow duck, singing trees and a 7m white rabbit. The old favourites are still there, Toyland, the Running Man, Time Tunnel for kiddies and two fairy light mazes. The nativity scene is 30 metres wide. Other displays include Singalong to the

Twelve Days of Christmas, a delightful Peek a Boo display, fireflies, Chinese dragon and lots more.

Local artists commissioned to make permanent displays for the event over the years include Riks Terstappen, Jil of Aotearoa, Chris Edmonds, Dave Tex Smith, Billy Glover, Shayne Hamlin, James Harris and Anthony Smith. World renowned body artist Cherie Meerlo will be glow painting

THE DETAILS

- Dates: Saturday, December 18 to Sunday, January 9, 2022 including Christmas Day, 9pm to 11pm nightly.
- Entry fee: \$7. Under 3 free. Gate sales. To avoid delays at the gate book online for 9pm, 9.30pm, 10pm and 10.30pm. My Vaccine Pass Entry.
- Eftpos available at gate. Food available most nights and New Year's Eve.
- Open rain or shine: 9pm to 11pm (It gets dark late in summer)
- Location: Tomoana Showgrounds, Gate 3, Kenilworth Rd or Gate 4 Karamu Rd North, Hastings. Free parking in the showgrounds.
- Covid-19: Event at orange: Visitors over 12 years old must show their My Vaccine Pass on entry. A paper or phone copy is acceptable. With my vaccine pass mandate, there is no limit to the number of people that can attend Fiesta of Lights under orange traffic light setting in Hawke's Bay.

visitor faces and arms.

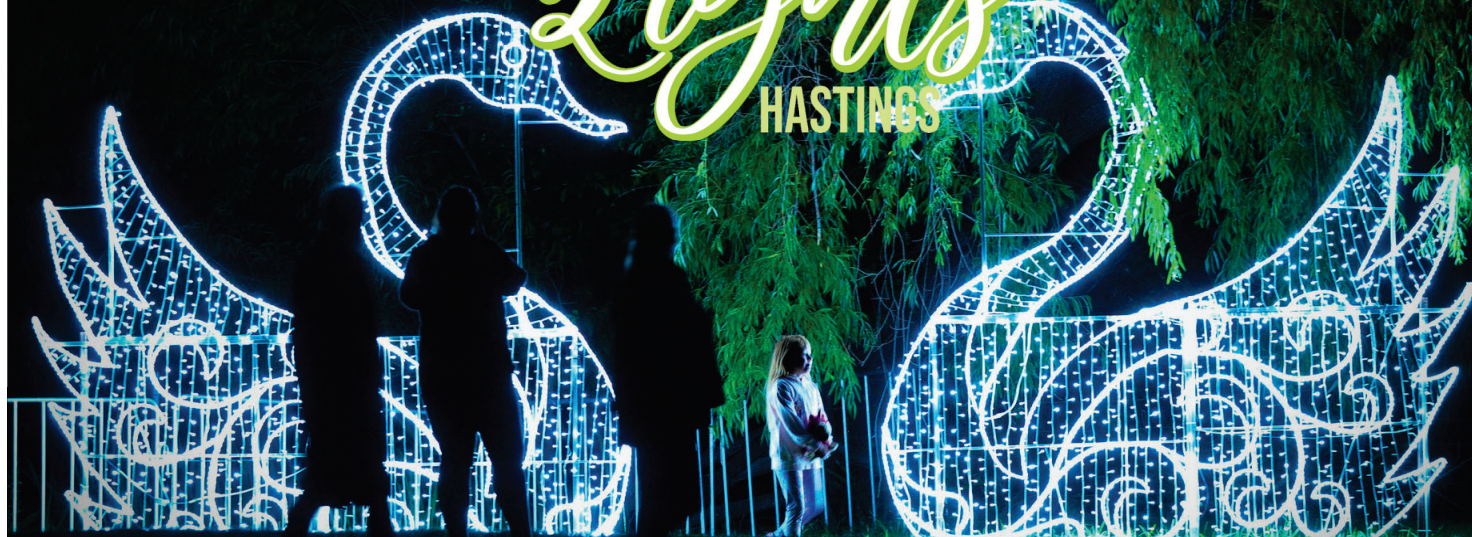
The lights turn on at 9pm and the wonder begins for young and old. We're open every night, rain or shine including Christmas night.

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Keeping whānau safe is new iwi staffer's goal

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated has a new staff member joining the Te Ara Toiora/Health and Wellbeing unit within the tari/office.

Chris Karaitiana is taking on the programme management role for the new "Te Kura" framework, which is a programme being developed to help empower whānau to be safe from family harm and violence.

He worked with Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga for eight years as the domestic violence facilitator, and before that he was with Dove Hawke's Bay for seven years in a similar role, helping whānau with family violence prevention.

Part of the role is to work towards creating a team that will work alongside police to support whānau who enter through notification and incidents; and who are experiencing family harms as victims, and also those responsible for harm.

Te Kura recognises that instances of family harm continue to rise, especially during times of stress such as the coming season. What is usually an enjoyable festive time for many whānau is a time of stress and mayhem for others.

Chris will work alongside community leaders, providers, agencies and other

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Kara Edwards, senior manager

organisations with programmes such as helplines, E Tū Whānau and Māori providers to better support whānau by designing opportunities that will make a difference.

"Chris is a people person, he's easy to get on with, everybody takes to Chris," says Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga senior manager Kara Edwards.

"He connects with the hard-to-reach people and was also responsible for training staff who work with people with challenging behavioural problems.

"He would be called out at

a moment's notice to help with situations of family violence in the home. It's only been a week and we miss Chris at work," says Kara.

"We would welcome him back in a flash."

The concept of Te Kura is based on the famous oriori (traditional chant) of our area, Pinepine te Kura. The traditional values that the song represents is the foundation of our concept. The oriori was aligned to components identified during the research phase.

These components and their link to the oriori are demonstrated in the model include the following:

■ Pinepine te Kura – our kaupapa, cherishing our "tiny kura" or treasures, who are our vulnerable whānau. We have taken regional teachings to found our concept.

■ Te Tira Hou – our governance structure that we hope will consist of representatives from different facets of Māori support services in our rohe.

■ Te Ara o Tāwhaki – the operational component of our model. Within this category are the actual functions of our model.

■ Te Kinga – communication resources that we hope will promote the programme and keep everyone informed about what kind of supports



Chris Karaitiana.

are available.

■ He Kura Nui – data and information that is collected to ensure we are on track toward our kaupapa.

■ Te Toi Huarere – evaluating the effectiveness of the model by establishing measures and then regularly reporting on the measures.

"We are extremely happy that Chris is joining our team and believe that his experience in this field gives us confidence that he is going to

make a great difference in the way we work with our whānau going forward," says Chrissie Hape, iwi chief executive.

"Our Te Ara Toiora team at Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated look forward to working with Chris to achieve our ultimate goal, which is to enhance the mana and wellbeing of Ngāti Kahungunu – the people of Kahungunu, and those in our communities where our whānau reside."

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Historic appointment for female academic

The new head of the University of Otago's Christchurch campus says she has been humbled by her historic appointment.

Professor Suzanne Pitama (Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Whare) has been appointed the new dean and head of campus of the University of Otago, Christchurch.

The former director of the Māori Indigenous Health Institute (MIHI), and associate dean Māori, University of Otago, Christchurch becomes the first Māori female dean of any Otago Medical School.

Professor Pitama's appointment caps an impressive rise from her first



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Professor Helen Nicholson

appointment as lecturer in the Department of Public Health at the University of Otago, Christchurch in 2001.

She has actively participated in many service roles including as the Hauora Māori faculty lead in the Otago Medical School, which includes chairing the Hauora Māori subcommittee, the University of Otago,

Christchurch senior leadership team, a co-director of Te Poutama Rau (Māori andragogy research theme) and the working group for the new Mirror on Society policy for the university's health professional courses.

She is also one of the Māori subeditors on the *New Zealand Medical Journal*, was a special issue editor for *The Clinical Teacher* (on diversity and equity), and serves on two boards: The Health Research Council of New Zealand, and the Australian Medical Council of which she chairs the

indigenous committees within each organisation.

Professor Pitama won the Royal Society of New Zealand's Joan Metge Medal in 2018, and the Prime Minister's Supreme Award for Tertiary Teaching Excellence in 2015.

Acting Vice-Chancellor Professor Helen Nicholson says Professor Pitama has demonstrated excellent leadership in the University and wider community.

"She has a clear vision for the University of Otago, Christchurch and is very well respected throughout the

University of Otago Christchurch, and the wider university. Professor Pitama has already inspired numerous up and coming Māori female academics and this is a really significant appointment in terms of providing a strong role model for the wahine of the future."

The importance of succession is something Professor Pitama is already aware of. A proud Ngāti Kahungunu/Ngāti Whare wahine, she says many Māori leaders have paved the way before her within the

Professor Suzanne Pitama.

University of Otago.

"When I think of our earliest graduates like Te Rangihiroa, the first Māori dean of a Medical School, Professor Eru Pomare, the work in te reo Māori from Professor Poia Rewi, and mana wahine leadership like Professor Jacinta Ruru, I realise the mahi they put in, and the work laid before me now to build on their legacies."

Professor Pitama assumes the role from Professor David Murdoch, who was announced as the university's new vice-chancellor.

Professor Pitama states she was encouraged to apply for the position by her colleagues, and now sees the opportunity to continue to build on the strengths within the Christchurch campus.

"I'm feeling excited about the opportunities we have to move forward on some really key initiatives, which includes the implementation of a governance structure that aligns with Te Tiriti, preparing ourselves for the huge health reforms next year and ensuring our campus is well placed to address equity in our community."

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated is extremely pleased with this news. Suzanne has worked very hard in her career and she's a great example to her whānau, hapū and iwi. She is the daughter of former iwi board deputy chair Riwai (Rill) Meihana and mum Christine.

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The Flaxmere Christian Fellowship is a local Church which has been operating since 1980. Situated on Flaxmere Avenue it draws people from around the Hastings and Napier area. This Pentecostal Church was birthed out of the Charismatic renewal of the late 1970's. The main meeting is every Sunday morning starting 10:30. A Bible College also operates on Sunday evenings for those serious about advancing their knowledge of the Bible. Different groups run during the weekend which cater to youth and adults. Children's Sunday school classes run on a fortnightly basis during the Main Sunday service.

The Fellowship aims at reaching people with the Good News of Jesus Christ and the transformational power that message brings. It is involved with different programs in the community to help bring this to pass. The Flaxmere Christian Fellowship is also a strong advocate for the Jewish People's right to exist as an independent and sovereign state on their historical ancient land in Israel.

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Virtual uplifting and moving AGM for Ngāti Kahungunu iwi

Covid concerns force meeting online

For the first time, Ngāti Kahungunu iwi Inc presented its AGM online as a virtual meeting for their 36,000-plus registered members on Saturday, November 27.

This decision was made because of Covid-19 concerns at the venue that hosts the iwi's annual AGM Sports Day, Hawke's Bay water-themed fun park Splash Planet.

Hastings District Council made the decision for the park to stay closed over summer because of the health and safety risk posed by Covid uncertainty.

Over 10 years the event has attracted thousands of iwi members from throughout the tribe's region, with buses travelling from Wairoa, Dannevirke, Masterton and Wellington for the one-day event.

In the early morning before the gates open to Splash Planet, 1200 players from

During the maumahara to remember loved ones lost during the year, hundreds of love hearts floated on screen as names were recognised and acknowledged.

30-plus marae teams compete in netball, Ki Orahī, 3 v 3 basketball and volleyball across sprawling sports fields in Windsor Park and Karamu

Deputy Chair JB Heperi-Smith with Chief Executive Chrissie Hape fronting the AGM.

High School.

The tribe's AGM takes place late morning in the volleyball pit for just under an hour. The event is live streamed worldwide and broadcast live on speakers scattered around the park.

"It's an amazing day. It's normally our biggest day of the year and it always gives our new crew a good workout for the upcoming season," manager Peran Hutchings said.

"Sadly we're not going ahead this year but we look forward to again hosting this wonderful whānau event in 2022."

As a benefit to their members, every year the iwi pays for buses for members to enjoy the fun day, provides a fish and chip lunch for thousands and a care package for attending families when they leave.

This year the iwi still wanted to provide a benefit to all its members so is distributing funds on a population basis to each of its six taiwhenua/territorial authorities to provide a celebratory highlight occasion for members in their regions.

This year the iwi broadcast the AGM from their Hastings office with a reduced team of essential staff providing technical support and fronted by deputy chairman JB Smith, CEO Chrissie Hape and board secretary Michelle Ferris.

Ngāti Kahungunu iwi support services manager Ruth Wong directed the meeting proceedings to ensure iwi members registered for the broadcast could interact, vote and ask questions live. A total of 120 member registered beforehand on zoom and more than 2000 joined the livestream on facebook.

John Norris, from Engage Video, was contracted to troubleshoot the production and live broadcast.

Iwi chairman Ngahiwi Tomoana followed the AGM broadcast in MIQ from an Auckland hotel. He had just returned from hosting Te Aratini Indigenous Economic & Culture Festival at the World Expo in Dubai.



Tech staff kept the AGM rolling.

Feedback during and after the broadcast was overwhelmingly positive. During the maumahara to remember loved ones lost during the year, hundreds of love hearts floated on screen as names were recognised and acknowledged.

This simple action was moving and emotional. One viewer said: "Thank you so much for remembering my brother."

Two uplifting and memorable moments in the AGM were waiaata by Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāti

Kahungunu ki Heretaunga.

These performances were sung with such passion and conviction by these rangatahi that it drew instant praise and hundreds of love hearts filled the screen by the appreciative online audience.

A bucket of A Grade mutton bird and \$100 voucher from Takitimu Seafoods was the highlight of a live spin-the-wheel draw for all attendees. These were won by Cheryl Pomana and Danielle Keil.

The finale was a live wave onscreen from all iwi members on zoom.

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New horizons within Ngāti Kahungunu

Tuhakia Keepa moving from EIT to health role

Tuhakia Keepa, EIT's former executive director, Poutahu – Māori, recently left EIT Hawke's Bay to take on a new venture in the health sector. Tuhakia, who has been in the role since 2014, has made some significant changes to ensure there has been a strong focus on honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles. He has also helped adapt and transform EIT into a provider that reflects and celebrates te ao Māori. A major milestone that Tuhakia

Although his role has changed, it continues to focus on our iwi vision which is to enhance the mana and wellbeing of Ngāti Kahungunu iwi.

Chrissie Hape



Chrissie Hape and Tuhakia Keepa.

engaged in recently was EIT's Te Pae Tawhiti self-evaluation report where valuable feedback was received to ensure EIT's services work well and respond to the needs of Māori learners and their whānau, as well as the aspirations of the local iwi and Māori communities.

Tuhakia, who is of Te Aitanga a Māhaki, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Maniapoto and Ngāti Ruanui descent, has also been influential in formulating engagement plans for Māori in the new Te Pūkenga

network of polytechnics.

At a farewell function on EIT's Hawke's Bay Campus last week, EIT chief executive Chris Collins thanked Tuhakia for his contribution to EIT. "Tuhakia has provided outstanding leadership across the institution, influencing thinking and changing practises, and has put in place strategies that advance Māori success in our mahi.

"We've still got a long way to go, but he has made a real difference and we shall miss his friendship, and

leadership."

"He goes on to new opportunities with all our blessings."

Tuhakia said he had enjoyed his time at EIT and believed that EIT's Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated has valued the work that he has done at EIT Hawke's Bay, specifically with our Kahungunu whānau who are studying to better their lives and expand horizons.

"Tuhakia has real passion for education and seeing whānau thrive in their pursuit of excellence. His

decision to go back into the health sector is also another area where he will continue to create pathways for wellbeing," says Chrissie Hape, chief executive, Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated.

"Tuhakia is working on the iwi's health reforms and the establishment of the iwi Māori Partnership Board. Although his role has changed, it continues to focus on our iwi vision which is to enhance the mana and wellbeing of Ngāti Kahungunu iwi," she added.

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The background of the card is a festive green with a pattern of small yellow stars and white snowflakes. On the left, there is a large, stylized white star with intricate scrollwork. To its right are two large, golden Christmas ornaments. The front ornament features the Ngāti Kahungunu logo, a blue stylized 'K' with a white swirl. Below the logo, the text 'Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi' and 'INCORPORATED' is written in a black, sans-serif font. The main message is written in a large, white, cursive font. At the bottom, there is a group photo of ten people, five men and five women, dressed in formal or semi-formal attire. One man in the front row is wearing a red Santa hat. The bottom of the card has a yellow banner with black text and green pine branches on the sides.

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