

## Temple tour a spiritual journey

Ngāti Kahungunu VIPs attend special open day with Ngāpuhi iwi leaders

Ruth Wong

**N**gāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated and accompanying leaders were invited to attend the Open House of the Hamilton NZ Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints' Temple on August 25.

Around 50 Kahungunu members met in Temple View to embark on this wonderful VIP Tour of the Hamilton NZ Temple.

The one-day trip began with an early gathering in Hastings before embarking on our trip to Waikato to make it in time for the scheduled tours.

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Taumata had been invited by Dr Ash Puriri as part of the Official Temple Opening Committee to attend this special day with Ngāpuhi iwi.

Ash had coordinated this iwi approach to invite iwi leaders to not only attend the open house, but also learn of the history and efforts of many men and women from around the country, who had dedicated their time and talent to building this beautiful temple back in the 1950s.

Many of these people came from Kahungunu and Ngāpuhi. This huge network of volunteers were called Labour Missionaries.

In those days, the Labour Missionaries relied on kai and supplies from around the country to support them and their families. Ngāti Kahungunu members of the church would take truckloads of fruit and vegetables to support the Labour Missionaries.

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi was always well known for its great manaaki or support to feed the people.



Ruth Wong (front left) with her small tour group.

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Kahungunu trip participant

The day started with a meet and greet at the Foster Rd, Temple View, chapel where a light breakfast had been prepared.

A large group photo was taken and everyone was escorted up to the Temple carpark where tour guides greeted us prior to entering the temple. Groups of 10-20 people were invited to commence the tours every 10 minutes to keep the momentum going.

At any one time, 10 groups were inside the temple, moving from room to room as tour guides expressed the special blessings received in the 'House of the Lord'. On entrance, everyone was given shoe coverings to ensure the beautiful temple flooring was kept clean.

Prior to this Temple being

built, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints from New Zealand would save up and travel to the Hawaiian temple to receive their higher blessings.

The Hamilton temple, which was originally built in the early 1950s, opened in 1958 and that was the last time an open house took place there.

In 2018 the temple closed for refurbishment and since then many members of the church have travelled to neighbouring temples to continue their faithful service and remind them of their covenants they have made with their God. Members have continued to have frequent visits to the Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Hawaii, Fiji, Tonga, Tahiti and Samoa temples.

Two more temples are being built in Auckland and Wellington.

It is hoped that they will be completed within the next five years.

The Hamilton Temple will be dedicated by Church leaders in October before it opens to temple patrons.

On the way home, participants shared their beautiful experiences and observations.

Here's what they said:

"It was different to what I had expected, I thought it would be a big Cathedral inside, but it was nice to see the different rooms."

"It was beautiful to see the font and learn of the meaning of the Oxen and the gathering of the Twelve Tribes of Israel."

"I felt special in the Temple, especially in the Celestial Room. I could feel my ancestors."

"I took my husband's picture into the temple. He was with me all the way."

"It was good having the little slippers on to keep the temple clean. It's a reminder of how we should be clean in our thoughts."

"Are we going to go to the Wellington and Auckland Open Houses?"

"I loved being in the temple and having the sacred blessings of the temple explained. I would like to go back."

"Now I know why whakapapa is so important to the Mormons, because they believe that families can be sealed together forever, and that's beautiful."

Ngāti Kahungunu whānau were blessed to have had this opportunity to take our iwi through to this special occasion. At the end of the tours both iwi met at the David O. McKay Stake and Cultural Event Centre where we were entertained by a choir of young single adults from Auckland and Hastings, led by Hastings-born musician Shaqaila Uelese.

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# 12 wahine receive moko kauwae at marae

Continuing the great tradition and expression of leadership

**Tina Talaic**  
Mōhaka Marae

**O**n May 21, 12 wahine of Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Pāhauwera descent received moko kauwae at Mōhaka marae (Waipapa a Iwi) inside Te Kahu o Te Rangi Whare tupuna.

These wahine were Cheyenne Aranui, Maree Gilbert, Kauri Aranui, Lilly Hema, Meredith Barber, Casma Moore, Te Awatea Ward, Michele Coxhead, Jasmine Mete, Lynn Phillips, Deidre Cooper and Zoey Pene.

With several cancellations due to Covid, we are extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to complete our Mokopapa ki Mōhaka Marae 22. As always our mokopapa wouldn't happen without the expertise of Haruru Arts – Cody Hollis and Mokohua – Tāmanuhiri Russell, and first time welcoming Kaitā Pou Puketapu and his wahine to Waipapa a Iwi marae.

We stood at dawn in the awa, sending karakia and waiata to our Atua and tupuna to be with us this day as we adorn ourselves with these taonga tuku iho. Our Manu circled high overhead as we looked over to the River mouth where the awa meets



the moana. As the pōwhiri and karanga rang out across the marae ātea we hear mention of Rarohenga, Uetonga, Mataora and Ruamoko.

Our Mokopapa ki Mōhaka marae kaiwhiwhi 22 would love the opportunity to thank the following Mōhaka, Waipapa a Iwi marae, Deb Tuhi, Margaret Eriha, Tommy Heta, Te Wānanga o Ngāti Pāhauwera, Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust, Bonny Hatami, Kathryn Gale, Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāti Kahungunu o te Wairoa, Creative NZ, Charlie and

Thelma Lambert, Rongopai and Huria Kira, Debbie Ngahau, Ngahau Davis, Cody Hollis, Tāmanuhiri Russell, Pou Puketapu, Mereana Keefe, Francis Waihape, Ariki Spooner, Lance Moore, and a special mention to all our whānau and friends present to tautoko us.

This life changing experience has given these wahine a new sense of hope and courage as they embrace whakapapa, wairua, tikanga, aroha, manaakitanga and all those values that envelope Māoritanga. It enables the

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release of past trauma and negative feelings while embracing positive vibes.

One of the wahine mentions complete strangers approaching her, saying how beautiful her kauae is.

For some, the mokokaue has helped wahine to slow down and be more mindful of self and others. It's brought on a whole attitude change. "I find that I'm not cussing any more."

For others life has not changed and they remain mindful and happy in themselves, yet more accomplished knowing they

have moved into a new role as an example, a wahine in leadership and responsibility. One wahine described it like this, "I have a feeling of belonging and peace, humility, yet I am very honoured and proud to feel absolutely firm in where I stand and what I believe."

Mōhaka marae will continue to have this opportunity for whānau at least bi-annually to continue this great tradition and expression of leadership within their community.

Tihei Pāhauwera!

## Search to connect missing medals with soliders' whānau

David Stone of Te Mata Law has selflessly been striving to find and contact the families of the 28th (Māori) Battalion soldiers who were never issued with their World War II medals – and in some instances those who went on to fight in Korea and never received those medals as well.

To see the list of all Māori Battalion soldiers who have unclaimed medals go to their website: [www.tematalaw.co.nz](http://www.tematalaw.co.nz).

If you have any inquiries about unclaimed medals from a member of the Māori Battalion please email us at [contactus@tematalaw.co.nz](mailto:contactus@tematalaw.co.nz). Alternatively, please call us

at 0508 836 282 and press 7 for Harry. If no one is available by phone please leave a message.

Individuals wishing to apply for the unclaimed medals of a member of the Māori Battalion must fill out the New Zealand Military Medals application form. These forms are available.

An applicant must show their link to the soldier.

This must be done through a birth, death and/or marriage certificate.

Documents showing whakapapa to the soldier will not be accepted by the army.

For example if the soldier is your father, your birth

certificate or a marriage certificate will list both your parents. Thus proving your link to the soldier.

If the soldier is your grandfather on your mother's side you will need to produce your birth or marriage certificate and your mother's birth, death or marriage certificate.

We know that there may be a number of applications for one soldier's medals.

In that instance the medals will be granted to the applicant with the closest relationship to the soldier.

Priority is as follows: Wife, children, siblings, grandchildren and grand-

**Take time to view the list and help connect whānau members to their loved ones' medals**

nieces and nephews.

If you are unable to provide the necessary documents to prove your link to the soldier please let us know when you contact us.

The army is planning on honouring these soldiers and their whānau in the near future with medals ceremonies.

Dates and venues are still to

be confirmed but will be communicated to applicants when they have been arranged.

You could be the key connector. Take time to view the list and help connect whānau members to their loved ones' medals.

Please take time to go through the list and share this email with any whānau members of the soldiers you may recognise and ask them to contact David at either [David@tematalaw.co.nz](mailto:David@tematalaw.co.nz) or [contactus@tematalaw.co.nz](mailto:contactus@tematalaw.co.nz) and go to our website [www.tematalaw.co.nz](http://www.tematalaw.co.nz) for all the details they need to claim these taonga.

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# Kahungunu leaders join trip to Samoa

60 years since the signing of Treaty of Friendship between two countries

Bayden Barber

**O**n August 1 and 2, I along with former NKII chair Ngahiwi Tomoana, were invited to accompany Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and her delegation (including MPs from every political party and Samoan community leaders) on a short trip to Samoa to commemorate 60 years since the signing of the Treaty of Friendship between New Zealand and Samoa.

This was a very important occasion for both countries as it reaffirmed our mutual commitment to building a stronger future together.

Ngāti Kahungunu had recently hosted Samoan Prime Minister, Fiamē Naomi Mata'afa here in Hastings back on June 16, so it was great to visit her at her tūrangawaewae (place of standing).

Although it was only two days and a night, it was jam packed with a host of official engagements, the first of which was an Ava Ceremony at the Robert Louis Stevenson Museum (named after the famous writer), followed by official speeches by the respective Prime Ministers.

Both addresses were very respectful and acknowledged



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**Samoa Prime Minister Fiamē Naomi Mata'afa with Ngāti Kahungunu chairman Bayden Barber.**

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the contributions both countries had made since the signing of the Treaty of Friendship 60 years ago.

They also acknowledged the importance of that partnership moving forward,

especially in the areas of economic development, health and education. There is much that can be achieved by working together so this was a great step in the right direction.

death blow to many of the small business that rely on tourism spending.

However, there is much work happening to turn this around. On day two, we spent a couple of hours at the Samoan Business Hub where local products and services were on show.

It was awesome.

There are clearly opportunities to look at trade and business relationships between Ngāti Kahungunu and Samoa.

We already have a common whakapapa thread around the Takitimu waka, now we can look to take that relationship to another level.

One of the businesses on show was Ola Pacifica which sends Samoan cocoa to Hastings where our tuahine Alofagia 'Nia' Isara-Belcher (CEO) turns it into the best chocolate on offer.

It was great to make these local connections along with the fact that Ngahiwi's home village was not far from where we were staying.

Already we are planning how we can organise a trade delegation to return with a particular interest in horticulture, agriculture and natural remedies.

A big mihi to our hosts, Samoan Prime Minister Fiamē and her officials for the awesome manaaki and we look forward to our future mahi together. Faafetae Lava.

**Bayden Barber** is Ngāti Kahungunu chairman.

## AUNTY'S GARDEN

A birthday trifle by any other name would taste as sweet...

Hanui Lawrence

My full name is Arohanui. I was named by my father who told me of the great love for the soldiers who fought through the world wars. Namely the Anzacs because that was the day of my birth – April 25.

Arohanui means Love Big. Growing up I was called Hanui. I don't know how that came about, but that's what I was called by my siblings and cousins. But dad called me by my full name all the days of his life.

At primary school I was called A-ranui. A as in As, Ro as in Rat and then Nui. I decided to change my name to Aroha when I went to high school. There again it was pronounced A as in As, Ro as in Rat and then the ha Ar-a-ha. Back then I wondered why my parents gave me a long name that I didn't really like, and seemed so hard for people to pronounce correctly. Of course, with maturity and when your own children come along, names are more meaningful and quite beautiful. Some names are ancestral and others are new and more modern.

Two weeks ago in preparing for 3-year-old Te Orewai's birthday party at the park, I thought of her name which comes from the north, and means "Falling Water". When she was born, she had a shade of blue eyes which have now turned green. A clingy, shy little girl and typical 3-year-old, her great-grandad gave her that name because it comes from the country place where he was born and raised.

Recently while relaxing at Auntie's Garden with my friend Dorothea, we somehow got to talk about families and names. She mentioned some of her siblings names like Gabrielle,



**A Birthday Trifle.**

Ursula and Catherine, and her own name Dorothea. Such lovely names.

So what's in a name? How did the names come about? Most have beautiful meanings but most importantly we need to love our name because they're ours and we own them. What we do with our names is important too.

### Our Recipe – A Birthday Trifle

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Sponge cake
- Custard
- 1 bottle raspberry fizz
- Cream optional
- 1 large tin of fruit salad of peaches
- Raspberry jam

#### METHOD:

Divide the sponge cake. Layer half of it into a bowl adding the fizz. Add jam and half the fruit, then the custard. Add the rest of the ingredients and the custard should bring it almost to the top of the bowl. Sprinkle flake of whatever you have to garnish. There's no need to whip the cream.



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# NGĀTI KAHUNGUNU - INSPIRING LEADERSHIP

## Wairoa District Council

Mayoral Candidate	General Ward	General Ward	Māori Ward
			
Benita Cairns "Your Voice, Your Choice"	Ngaire Culshaw "Voice for the Voiceless"	Denise Eaglesome "Consistent, Reliable, Experienced"	Benita Cairns "Your Voice, Your Choice"
Māori Ward	Māori Ward	Māori Ward	Māori Ward
			
Danika Goldsack "Ka Mau Te Wehi"	Melissa Kaimoana "People First"	Wayne Taylor "Te Uri Heke Mai"	Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke "Kia Hao te Rangatahi"

## Hastings District Council

Flaxmere General Ward	Flaxmere General Ward	Flaxmere General Ward	Takitimu Māori Ward
			
Henry Heke "Strong Leadership, Local Voice"	Michael Ngahuka "Mike for Flaxmere"	Marcelle Raheke "All voices matter"	Dallas Adams "Vote for Real"
Takitimu Māori Ward	Takitimu Māori Ward	Takitimu Māori Ward	Takitimu Māori Ward
			
Ana Apatu "Brave Decisions Better Future"	Sarah Greening-Smith "Connect, Support, Thrive"	Kellie Jessup "Consult, Create, Execute"	Renata Nepe "Tirohanga Māori, Whakaaro Māori, Arero Māori"

## Hawke's Bay Regional Council

Ahuriri-Napier General	Māui ki te Raki Māori	Māui ki te Raki Māori	Māui ki te Tonga Māori	Wairoa General
				
Hinewai Ormsby "Protecting & Restoring our Taiao"	Michelle McIlroy "Together we can help many"	Charles Lambert "I win, you win"	Thompson Hokianga "Reclaiming, Reframing, Reinstating Rangatiratanga"	Api Tapine "Prosperity, Progress & Positivity"

## Tararua District Council

Mayoral Candidate	North Tararua Ward	North Tararua Ward	North Tararua Ward	Tamaki-nui-ā-Rua Māori	Tamaki-nui-ā-Rua Māori
					
James Kendrick "Our Environment, Our People, Our Future"	James Harold "Get the basics Right"	James Kendrick "Our Environment, Our People, Our Future"	Paul Te Huki "Ordinary people can make a difference"	Naioma Chase "Let's Grow Together"	Dot Watson "Refreshing Local Democracy"

Wairoa District Council

HB Regional Council

Hastings District Council

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## Napier City Council

Onekawa-Tamatea Ward	Nelson Park Ward	Taradale Ward
		
Te Kira Lawrence "Fresh perspective and working for the people"	Sally Crown "Capable, Collaborative, Community Minded"	Chad Tareha "A strong voice for Napier"

Tararua District Council

Masterton District Council

## Masterton District Council

At Large	Masterton General	Whakaoriori Māori
		
Drew Hullah "Fresh Youthful Thinking"	Tom Hullena "A better Masterton for All"	Marama Tuuta "Engari he toa takitani"

Carterton District Council


South Wairarapa Council

Carterton District Council

Mayoral Candidate

Ron Mark "Vote for me"

South Wairarapa District Council

Mayoral Candidate

Pip Maynard "One Vote, One People"



Design on air ambulance recalls the narrative of Māui and the kōkako bird

**A** recent graduate of EIT's Master of Professional Creative Practice has put the final feathers on Hawke's Bay's dedicated Air Ambulance, operated by Skyline Aviation.

Artist Tim Whaitiri-Henderson, with the supporting supervision of Chris Bryant-Toi from EIT's IDEASchool, was tasked with designing a livery on Skyline Aviation's newly relaunched B200C Air Ambulance ZK-PLK.

The design reflects its Māori name 'Te Manu Atawhai' as a 'bird of care' that will take to the sky in about 2000 missions annually.

It recalls the narrative of the Pacific ancestor, Māui and the kōkako bird.

According to traditional Māori narratives, the kōkako filled its blue wattles with water to provide relief to Māui while he fought with the sun, Tama-nui-te-rā.

Inspired by this narrative, Whaitiri-Henderson visually acknowledges the kōkako as a 'manu atawhai' or avian aid providing healthcare and wellbeing within a Māui spiral design that demonstrates overcoming adversity.

Seeing it for the first time was an emotional experience.

"You spend hours and hours on the computer trying



A new livery on Skyline Aviation's newly relaunched B200C Air Ambulance ZK-PLK was unveiled this week. The livery was designed by Tim Whaitiri-Henderson (centre), a recent graduate of EIT's Master of Professional Creative Practice. With him is Chris Bryant-Toi, Te Hono ki Toi supervisor at EIT's IDEASchool and Dr Mandy Rudge, the programme co-ordinator of EIT IDEASchool's postgraduate programmes.

"Through my Master's, and the environment EIT provided, I was able to reconnect with my culture."

Bryant-Toi says this is an example of how EIT equips students with the skills needed to interact with the community and give back.

New Zealand Air Ambulance Service CEO Annabel Toogood says working with Whaitiri-Henderson, iwi and kaumatua Tiwana Aranui enabled them to design the future look of their air ambulance service that symbolises cultural inclusion and reflection of the work the aircraft does.

Skyline Aviation and the New Zealand Air Ambulance specialise in providing medically equipped air ambulance aircraft and trained aeromedical pilots, doctors and nurses to transport patients in and out of the region.

## EIT graduate puts final feathers on 'bird of care'

You spend hours and hours on the computer trying to get an idea of what it might look like, so to finally see it in reality, I'm blown away.

— Tim Whaitiri-Henderson, artist

to get an idea of what it might look like, so to finally see it in reality, I'm blown away," Whaitiri-Henderson said.

He has gone on to start his own business, Toi Whaitiri.

He says it is the first time he has been given the honour of creating a design like this.

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# Voice of communities heard in local elections

Iwi urges voters to get involved in decision-making

**N**gāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated is pleased to support Kahungunu whānau who have put themselves forward in this year's local government elections.

From September 21, you can vote in your local elections selecting your next mayor, councillors and board members to represent your voice in decisions made for your community.

Local government is how communities make democratic decisions about how their towns, cities and regions work and how they develop in the future. It refers to activities of organisations known as local authorities – city, regional and district

## Key dates

- September 16-21: Voting documents delivered
- October 4: Last day for posting vote by mail. After this date votes must be returned to council's secure ballot boxes
- October 8 at noon election day – voting closes
- October 8 from noon – preliminary results
- October 13-19: Declaration of results
- October/November: Elected members' swearing-in ceremonies

councils, as well as community and local boards.

While Parliament is elected to deal with issues relevant to the whole of Aotearoa New Zealand, local government enables democratic decision-making by and for, local communities.

Councils and boards have a critical role to play in supporting the resilience and prosperity of all our people and communities. Making good local decisions matter.

There are 78 local, regional and unitary councils. In the Kahungunu rohe we cross through three regional and eight territorial councils. Within these councils are local community boards.



October 4, 2022, will be the last day for posting votes by mail in this year's local government elections.

- Hawke's Bay Regional Council
- Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council (Horizons)
- Wellington Regional Council
- Wairoa District Council
- Hastings District Council
- Central Hawke's Bay District Council
- Tararua District Council
- Masterton District Council
- Carterton District Council
- South Wairarapa District Council

## Have your say and help shape support services for single parents

Are you a single parent? Keen to wānanga and contribute your thoughts and ideas on how the system could be better?

Ngāti Kahungunu are partnering with Project Gender on the Single Parents Project to include the voice of Ngāti Kahungunu whānau.

The Single Parents Project is about understanding the

experiences of single parents in Aotearoa New Zealand.

We want to hear about your day-to-day lives in order to learn what would support you and your tamariki/children to thrive.

We want to learn what needs to change in how agencies and services support single parents.

We will be running focus

groups in the coming weeks and invite you to participate if you:

1. Do not live with a partner/spouse.

2. Have a dependent child/children aged under 18 who lives with you at least half of the time.

This is an independent project and none of your information will be shared

with any government agencies. Everything you say in the focus group will be 100 per cent confidential.

Project Gender will be taking what we learn to help bring about change in how the system operates in Aotearoa.

Please get in touch with Mel Humphries, email [mel@kahungunu.iwi.nz](mailto:mel@kahungunu.iwi.nz) or 0274826401 to take part. We

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The main meeting is every Sunday morning starting 10:00. 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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