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Camp builds young leaders

Registrations open for free Ihi rangatahi camp

Tamia Ngawhika,
17 years old

Registrations are officially open for Ihi Camp 2027, an exciting four-day summer wānanga bringing together 80 rangatahi Māori aged 13-17 for an unforgettable experience of leadership, creativity, connection and personal growth.

Following the success of this year's camp at Ōmahu Marae, Toi Matarua is

preparing to welcome rangatahi to Māhia from January 19 to y January 22, 2027.

What makes Ihi Camp special is that it is organised and led by Hawke's Bay rangatahi, for rangatahi. It is about empowering young people to discover their strengths, find their voices and recognise their potential to make a positive difference.

At the heart of the camp is an important kaupapa – raising awareness about mental distress, breaking down stigma and inspiring leadership and hope among rangatahi Māori.

Through youth-led workshops, participants will

explore the principles of ihi, wehi and wana, building confidence, self-expression and meaningful connections with others.

The programme promises plenty of excitement, with activities including haka, waiata, dance, music, theatre, digital storytelling, sports and water adventures. These experiences encourage teamwork, creativity and the confidence to step outside one's comfort zone.

More importantly, Ihi Camp provides a safe and supportive space where young people can talk openly, encourage one another, develop friendships and strengthen their sense of identity and belonging.

Ihi camp empowered rangatahi leadership.

Organisers are seeking 80 rangatahi who demonstrate leadership potential, enjoy creative activities and have a desire to make a difference in their communities.

The wānanga will be held at Mokotahi Hall, 10 Rataua St, Māhia, with overnight accommodation at Māhia Beach Resort, 43 Moana Drive. All participants will stay overnight under the supervision of chaperones and youth workers.

Thanks to funding support, the camp is completely free for

rangatahi who register by December 7, 2026. Chaperone registration costs \$100.

Ihi Camp is more than four days of activities. It is an investment in the next generation of Māori leaders, encouraging young people to believe in themselves, embrace their culture and support the wellbeing of others.

E te whānau, let's encourage our rangatahi to take up this wonderful opportunity!

Registrations close December 7, 2026.



To register or request further information, email sez@toimatarua.co.nz
Ihi Camp 2027 – Rangatahi inspiring rangatahi, building confidence, leadership and hope for the future.

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Young navigators chart ancestral paths

After a two-and-a-half-month Pacific voyage, siblings graduated as Ngāti Kahungunu celestial navigators

Ruth Wong

There was a beautiful wairua in Ahuriri as whānau, kaumātua, supporters and members of the community gathered to welcome home our waka hourua, Te Matau a Māui, following an extraordinary two-and-a-half-month voyage across Te Moananui-a-Kiwa, the great Pacific Ocean.

The homecoming was a moving occasion, filled with aroha, pride and gratitude as the crew returned safely to the shores of Ngāti Kahungunu ki Ahuriri.

Gathered near the Pandora Bridge and Napier Sailing Club, the welcoming party celebrated not only the return of the waka and its crew, but also the enduring connections between our Pacific peoples and the ancestral traditions that continue to guide us.

The voyage, known as Te Hokinga Takitimu, followed the ancient pathways of our ancestral waka Takitimu, reconnecting whakapapa, strengthening relationships and celebrating the remarkable navigational knowledge of our tūpuna.

Owned by Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated and operated by the

One of the most significant achievements was the graduation of siblings Rapihana Hawaikirangi and Te Pō Hawaikirangi-Willison as traditional celestial navigators for Ngāti Kahungunu.

Ātea a Rangi Educational Trust, Te Matau a Māui travelled thousands of nautical miles, journeying from Ahuriri to Samoa, Fiji and back to

Aotearoa.

One of the most significant achievements was the graduation of siblings Rapihana Hawaikirangi and Te Pō Hawaikirangi-Willison as traditional celestial navigators for Ngāti Kahungunu.

Under the guidance of experienced navigator Piripi Smith, the siblings successfully completed their training requirements, learning to navigate through the stars, ocean swells, winds and natural signs.

What a tremendous achievement for these young navigators and a proud moment for their whānau and iwi!

The voyage also brought together crew members from Samoa, Fiji and Tahiti, reinforcing the strong cultural and ancestral relationships shared throughout the Pacific.

As the waka returned home, there was a wonderful sense that this journey represented something much greater than sailing across an ocean. It was about identity, whakapapa, courage, learning and ensuring our ancestral knowledge continues for generations to come.

The journey is not over. In 2028, Te Hokinga Takitimu is expected to continue to the Cook Islands and Tahiti, further strengthening these Pacific connections.

Our heartfelt congratulations and thanks go to the navigators, crew, Ātea a Rangi Educational Trust, whānau and everyone who supported this remarkable kaupapa.

Nau mai, hoki mai ki te kāinga, Te Matau a Māui!

Family celebrates 40 years of choral society

For the Tuimaseve family, music has always been more than a hobby. It is a family tradition spanning generations, and this Christmas, five family members will be part of the Hastings Choral Society and their special concert, Joyful & Triumphant – Music for the Christmas Season.

Musical director Traci Tuimaseve, his sisters Alieta Uelese and Ruth Wong, and their sons Khalael and Hemi, share a lifelong love of singing that began in childhood.

Their musical roots run deep. Raised by wonderful parents, Asovale and the late Huia Tuimaseve, the siblings grew up singing in church and learning musical instruments.

"Mum made sure we all learned different instruments. We can all read music and play the piano, which makes learning new songs much easier," says Alieta.

"Our 85-year-old dad still conducts congregational hymns at church when called upon," adds Ruth. "Singing for us, is a way to share our talents but it's mainly about enjoying being together doing something we all enjoy."

Alieta joined the Hastings Choral Society about ten years ago, drawn by the opportunity to escape a busy working life every Tuesday evening and enjoy beautiful choral music, including Handel's Messiah. Her son Khalael later joined her.

Alieta sings soprano, Ruth alto, Hemi tenor and Khalael bass. Traci leads the choir as Musical Director, bringing more than 30 years of conducting experience.

Following the retirement of longtime conductor Joe Christensen, Traci introduced a broader musical

Joyful & Triumphant – Music for the Christmas Season

December 6, 2026, 2pm

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Tickets: Adults \$25 | School students \$5 | \$22 pre-purchased from choir members.

For tickets and enquiries: hastingschoral@gmail.com

repertoire, blending traditional sacred and classical works with soul and contemporary choral arrangements.

The changes have brought fresh challenges, renewed enthusiasm and growing friendships among choir members.

For the Tuimaseve family, singing together has become even more meaningful with age.

"We cherish the times we can sing together. Our children all enjoy music too," says Alieta.

Accompanied by pianist Sonya Hapi, the choir is preparing an afternoon of Christmas music to conclude its anniversary year.

The family hopes Hawke's Bay audiences will come along, support their community choir and experience the uplifting power of voices singing together.

After all, when five members of one family share the stage, Christmas music really is a family affair.

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New Ngāti Kahungunu homes opened

Iwi plans up to 73 more dwellings and is exploring rent-to-buy options

Ruth Wong

Six new homes were officially opened at Puanani Green in Carterton earlier this month, marking another significant milestone in Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated's commitment to providing quality, affordable housing for whānau.

The opening brought together iwi representatives, partners and supporters to celebrate the completion of the development and acknowledge the collective effort that made it possible.

The six homes form part of the iwi's wider Kahungunu Whai Kāinga, Whai Oranga housing programme, reflecting the Iwi Board's commitment to making housing and pathways to home ownership a key priority.

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated Chair Bayden Barber said the opening was about much more than completing six houses.

"These are more than houses – they are homes where whānau can put down roots, raise their tamariki and feel secure about their future. Every home we deliver is another step towards strengthening the wellbeing of

our whānau and our communities," said Barber.

The homes were delivered through Kahungunu Kāinga, the housing entity established by Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated to lead its growing housing programme.

Through the Whai Kāinga, Whai Oranga programme, the iwi has been working towards delivering 52 affordable rental homes. Developments have already been completed in Otāne and Flaxmere, with further homes under construction as Kahungunu Kāinga continues to expand its housing portfolio.

However, the iwi's vision extends well beyond the construction of affordable rental homes.

Kahungunu Kāinga is investigating further land and housing opportunities, including a potential programme of up to 73 additional homes of varying sizes and types.

Future developments will explore innovative and sustainable construction methods to reduce building costs and ongoing household expenses. These include solar power, energy-efficient hot-water systems, low-maintenance building materials and alternative



Some of the Kahungunu Kāinga team with Kahungunu iwi leaders and representatives Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport.

construction systems.

Another important focus is helping whānau move from renting into home ownership.

Kahungunu Kāinga is working with banking institutions and other partners to investigate rent-to-buy, shared equity and other ownership models that could make home ownership more achievable.

Strong relationships with local, national and international suppliers are also helping the iwi explore ways to deliver quality homes more affordably.

Bayden said the long-term

aspiration was to create lasting change for whānau.

"Our aspiration is bigger than providing affordable rentals. We want to create real pathways for our whānau into home ownership and build intergenerational security. If we can help whānau move from renting, to owning their own home, to leaving something for their tamariki and mokopuna, that is transformational," said Barber.

The opening at Puanani Green represents another step in that journey.

Through Kahungunu Kāinga, the iwi intends to

continue building its housing capability, reinvesting income into future developments and working alongside iwi, hapū, whānau and partners to deliver sustainable housing solutions.

For Ngāti Kahungunu, these six new homes represent much more than buildings. They are places where whānau can establish connections, create memories, raise their tamariki and build stronger futures for generations to come.

Whai Kāinga, whai oranga – secure homes, thriving whānau.

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Kapa haka vision grows at Hakanuiā

Events to nurture young performers

Ruth Wong

Kapa haka will once again bring Ngāti Kahungunu whānau together this

November and December, with a wonderful series of festivals celebrating our reo, tikanga, whakapapa and performing arts, culminating in Hakanuiā at Waimārama Marae on December 5, 2026.

Hakanuiā is more than a kapa haka festival. It's part of a wider vision to strengthen kapa haka throughout Ngāti Kahungunu by encouraging greater participation from whānau, hapū and marae.

Initially hosted by Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāti Kahungunu ki Heretaunga, these kapa haka events have provided a welcoming platform for kōhanga reo, primary schools and marae-based kapa to perform, build confidence and celebrate their identity.

The kaupapa also encourages marae to establish kapa haka groups, with the

long-term aspiration of increasing participation in the Ngāti Kahungunu Regional Kapa Haka Competitions and strengthening our representation at Te Matatini.

Prior to Hakanuiā, our younger generations, some as young as 2 years old, will have their opportunities to shine.

The celebrations begin with Mokotini on November 16, bringing together our youngest performers from kōhanga reo.

From November 17 - 19, Kuratini will celebrate primary school kapa haka, followed by Tama Tūrangā on November 20, providing another opportunity for young performers to demonstrate their skills.

These events are an important part of growing kapa haka from the grassroots, nurturing confidence, pride and cultural knowledge from an early age.

In 2022, Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāti Kahungunu ki Heretaunga hosted more than 50 kapa across a week of



Younger performers will take the stage from November 16, ahead of the December 5 gathering at Waimārama Marae.

performances, demonstrating the tremendous enthusiasm for kapa haka throughout our communities.

Hakanuiā builds on that foundation by bringing the wider whānau and marae together.

For many, kapa haka begins at home and on the marae, where our kaumātua share their knowledge, parents support their tamariki, and

generations learn and perform together.

This year, Waimārama Marae will carry that kaupapa forward, welcoming performers and supporters to celebrate the richness of Ngāti Kahungunu culture.

The aspiration is to see more marae establishing kapa, more whānau participating and more performers developing the confidence to

progress to regional competitions and ultimately Te Matatini.

Every kapa starts somewhere, and these events provide that opportunity.

Nō reira, e te whānau, come together and support our performers at the Mokotini, Kuratini and Tama Tūrangā events, or head out to Waimārama Marae on December 5 for Hakanuiā.



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- Karakia

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Decade of service honoured at marae

Robin Hape was formally returned to his whānau at Te Hauke in a moving pōwhiri

Ruth Wong

After 10 years of dedicated service as chief executive of Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust, Robin Hape was honoured in a moving farewell ceremony at Te Hauke Marae, where he was formally returned to the care and embrace of his whānau/hapū of the Te Rangikoianake at Kahuranaki Marae, Te Hauke.

The occasion was far more than a retirement celebration. It was a powerful demonstration of tikanga Māori, acknowledging the relationships, responsibilities and commitment Robin had shared with Ngāti Pāhauwera over the past decade.

Representatives of Ngāti Pāhauwera accompanied Robin to Te Hauke, where a formal pōwhiri and handover ceremony took place. Ngāti Pāhauwera Trust chairman Toro Waaka spoke highly of Robin's management and leadership.

Robin has also been the chairman of Kahuranaki Marae for nearly 20 years and

his whānau also acknowledged his skills and the bonds formed during his years of service with Ngāti Pāhauwera.

The occasion was a moving reflection of the respect and appreciation Ngāti Pāhauwera held for their departing chief executive. Rather than simply farewelling him, they chose to honour his 10 years of dedicated service by accompanying him home to his own people at Te Hauke Marae and showered him with taonga to show their appreciation.

While somewhat outside the usual tradition, the gesture

carried profound meaning. Ten years earlier, Robin's whānau had accompanied him to Ngāti Pāhauwera to begin his journey as chief executive. It was therefore only fitting that, a decade later, Ngāti Pāhauwera would return him to his whānau and the people of Te Hauke with the same dignity, respect and aroha with which he had first been entrusted to them.

Robin was appointed chief executive in 2016, bringing more than 30 years of experience in Māori development, governance and public service. His professional background included roles

with Māori Affairs, the Hawke's Bay District Health Board, the Ministry of Fisheries and Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārahi.

Throughout his leadership, Ngāti Pāhauwera continued its work to strengthen the social, cultural and economic wellbeing of its people, including supporting whānau through significant challenges such as Cyclone Gabrielle and subsequent flooding.

In te ao Māori, leadership is not measured by achievements alone, or by years in office, but also by the relationships nurtured, the mana upheld and the service

Robin Hape was honoured in moving farewell.

given to others.

By accompanying Robin home, Ngāti Pāhauwera demonstrated the importance of acknowledging those relationships and honouring the person behind the position.

For Robin's whānau, the occasion was an opportunity to welcome him home and acknowledge the years he had devoted to serving another iwi community.

It was a fitting conclusion to a decade of leadership, marked by manaakitanga, dignity and respect, and a formal homecoming.

He mihi nui ki a Robin Hape mō āna mahi rangatira.



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Broccoli salad a popular dish with the whānau

Hanui Lawrence

Naumai Tomoana is my younger sister, and we're stuck at the hip because we were born on the same day: 25/4/46 and 25/4/54.

Yes, we are eight years apart, but me? Well, I've always been fast-forward, moving quickly through my days on earth, until now. I turned 80 this year, and she turned 72.

She organised this cruise, supposedly for herself, but included me. Always so thoughtful and caring of people, very generous and spirited.

I didn't want to go because it is a very busy time in the māra, with plants already out in frost-prone weather and more popping out in the tunnel houses. But I've handed everything over to Heavenly Father and have tried not to worry about it.

The ship we were on is

called the Crown Princess, and when we boarded in Auckland, it had already left Sydney, travelling to Hawaii, Samoa, Fiji and Tahiti, with over 7,000 people on board. When they collected us, they had already been at sea for 31 days.

Mostly elderly and Australians, a few youths and just a few young ones who also boarded in Auckland.

I couldn't help but think spiritually while on board. I would think a lot about Noah's Ark and how it is actually believable because of the size of the ship, which would have had many more animals instead of the 2+2 of Noah's instructions.

On board was one huge family of old people from all walks of life, all shapes and sizes, colours and nationalities, moving together, eating and enjoying many varied activities.

There was also a great array



Left: Aunty Hanui Lawrence's broccoli have been amazing and make for easy meals.

of board games, and the shows had excellent performances that were lots of fun.

Quizzes, workshops, dance lessons, reading, crafting, meeting new people, and complete rest and recreation.

I'm glad I went, and the māra is looking up and has surprisingly survived a couple of hard frosts. Starting to look alive and plentiful.

The broccoli have been amazing so here is a broccoli salad. It's easy, simple to prepare, and looks and tastes great.

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Ingredients

10 Eggs

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1 large tomato

1 carrot

Cheese (optional)

Method

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Mix together with salt and pepper and add your favourite mayonnaise.

This one is really popular with the whānau.

Let's go to Church!

Flaxmere Christian Fellowship
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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 10:00. 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

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The Fellowship aims at reaching people with the Good News of Jesus Christ and the transformational power that message brings. It is

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Baz force behind junior rugby carnival

Tamariki also contest running and chess

Ruth Wong

For more than two decades, the Wakely Shield Rugby Development Tournament has brought together tamariki, whānau and communities from across Hawke's Bay, celebrating not only the game of rugby but also the values of teamwork, friendship and community spirit.

Established in 2003, the tournament provides opportunities for junior rugby players under 50kg to develop their skills, build confidence and proudly represent their communities.

This year's tournament was held from October 5-9 at Taradale Rugby Club, with Napier East making history by winning the Wakely Shield for the first time, defeating Hastings East 17-12 in an exciting final.

Behind this wonderful tournament is a remarkable family legacy.

The Shield honours the late Adele Wakely, a much-loved matriarch of Hawke's Bay junior rugby who dedicated more than 50 years to supporting the sport, beginning in 1959. Following her passing in 2020, aged 88, her son Baz Wakely and granddaughter Caitlin Wakely

have continued her passion and commitment to developing young rugby players.

For 22 years, Baz has been a driving force behind the tournament, generously giving his time and energy to ensure generations of tamariki have opportunities to participate.

But the Wakely Shield is about much more than rugby.

Alongside the matches, running and chess competitions allow tamariki to demonstrate different strengths and contribute to their teams. These activities encourage participation, sportsmanship, confidence and friendships that extend beyond the playing field.

Teams representing Napier, Hastings, Wairoa, Central Hawke's Bay and other communities, including the all-girls Mana Kotiro team, reflect the wonderful diversity and talent of our region.

Equally deserving of recognition are the parents, grandparents, coaches, managers, volunteers and supporters who make this tournament possible.

From organising transport and preparing uniforms to coaching, feeding teams and cheering from the sidelines, their contributions demonstrate the power of community working together



For 22 years, Baz Wakely has been a driving force behind the tournament.

for our tamariki.

Tournaments like the Wakely Shield do not continue for more than two decades by accident. They survive because dedicated people keep showing up, year after year, investing in the wellbeing

and development of our future generations.

Congratulations to Napier East on their historic victory, to every participating team, and especially to Baz Wakely, Caitlin and the many volunteers who continue

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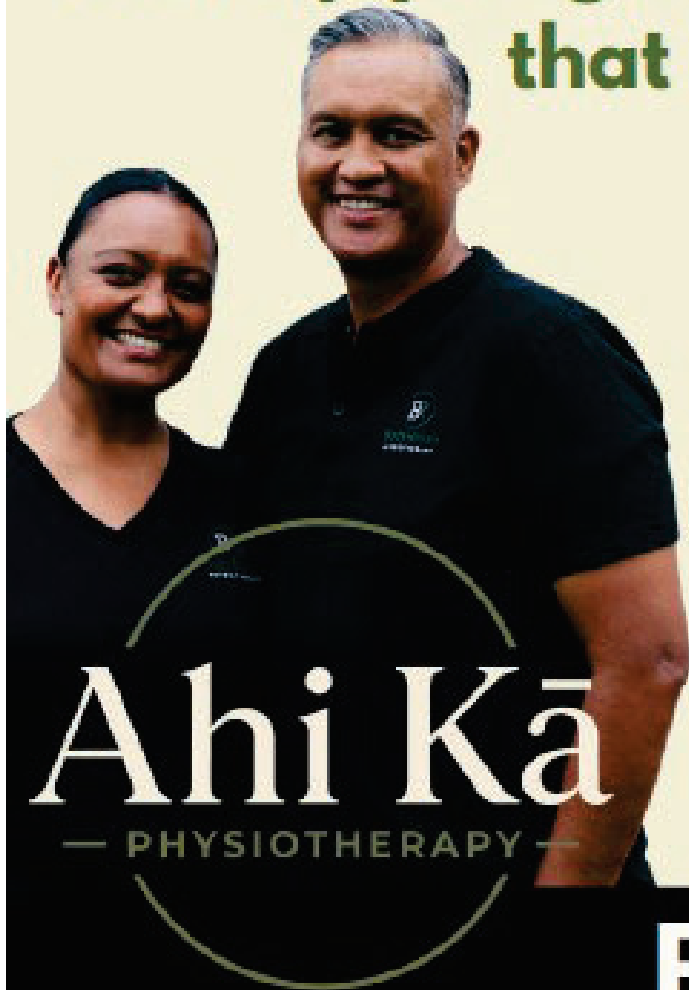
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Stronger
Together

*A little frock, a little magic,
a whole lot of aroha.*

♥ Private invitation for my beloved Staynchl's ♥