

## Moving moments at opening

Wharerangi Marae vision becomes a reality with Manahau meeting house

Jeremy Tātere MacLeod

**A**t 4.30am on Saturday, November 26, history was made with the dawn opening ceremony of the Manahau meeting house at Wharerangi Marae.

This has long been a dream of the people of that marae and all their hard efforts came to fruition with the celebrations held at the official opening.

The dawn ceremony was carried out by a kähui tohunga comprised of local practitioners and also those of the Te Pūkaitara academy. The incantations rang out one after the other as the hundreds of visitors advanced on to the marae to witness the ancient ceremony.

The karakia lasted close to 30 minutes. Once the traditional Māori ceremony was completed in the house, the Ringatū church undertook a special service. The Ringatū faith was invited given the history between the church and Wharerangi Marae.

The kaumātua of the marae, Piri Prentice, deemed it appropriate to ask the faith to participate in the official ceremony in recognition of the ancestors of that marae who were followers of the faith.

It was a very moving ceremony where several members of the hapū were visibly moved to tears as they



witnessed the embodiment of their vision to see the Manahau meeting house completed.

The locals proudly shouted the names of the components of the house as the tohunga posed the question during his karakia. Their pride was evident as their ancestors were celebrated through depictions on the house.

Later that morning, visitors

from neighbouring marae and tribes were welcomed with a mass haka party comprised of kura and hapū members. Several speakers on the home side shared the history and whakapapa of the house.

The visitor speakers shared their own histories and connections to Wharerangi and paid homage to the house.

During the dawn ceremony, the entire marae was pitch black. One had to marvel at the glorious display of stars across the chest of Ranginui.

Tautoru and Matariki shone brightly upon the proceedings.

Once the prayers were complete, the lights were switched on to reveal a grand house adorned from top to bottom with carvings, tukutuku panels, painted

kōwhaiwhai and photos of ancestors of the marae.

A sole female voice let out a call to welcome the house into the world of light, and she asked the house to awaken and rise when she used the simple expression of "maranga e te tipuna e, maranga mai, maranga mai, maranga mai", which resulted in a spray of affirmative support from the house – "kia ora, kia ora!"

Openings of new whare like this are one of the few occasions where Māori can fully execute traditional kawanga whare practices that involve ancient incantations.

The prayers are entrenched in the stories of our gods, where they are invoked through mesmerising recitation.

**The opening of the Manahau meeting house at Wharerangi Marae is the realisation of its people's long-held dream.**

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Perhaps the most poignant moment of the day was the entrance of kaumātua Prentice, who entered the whare and sat in the middle of a packed house.

Upon the conclusion of the final prayer, I said 'E koro! Kua tutuki te wāhi ki a mātau. Kua tāia te kawa o tō whare, kua tutuki i a mātau tāu nā tono. Anei ka whakahokia te mauri o tō whare ki a koe! Kua oti! Kia ora huihui tātau katoa! Our role is completed. We have completed the opening ceremony of your house and have achieved what you have asked of us. We now return the life force of your house to you! It is completed!'

To which kaumātua Prentice replied with a humble yet powerful "Kia ora! Kia ora!"

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## AUNTY'S GARDEN

## Garden workshops attracting a crowd

Roast chicken with spinach and rocket.



## Thank you to all the helpers at Aunty's Garden

## Hanui Lawrence

**B**ecause I don't have devices like a cellphone or computer, I have this amazing secretary who sends out notices of what is happening at Aunty's Garden. We've been growing vegetables and fruit at the garden now for some 20 years.

It doesn't seem that long, but the many people who have embraced what is grown here is fantastic. Just recently a workshop (the third) in a series of four was held, and Marion advised me that the interest was very high. The evening in question arrived, and people just poured in through the gate, 70 in all recorded and I'm sure some missed the registration. I watched for a while and thought 'How am I going to do this workshop?'

The wānanga turned out to be very good, with everyone planting, watering and covering at least four plants each and then helping each other at one of the six areas that I had prepared for planting. All this followed by a barbecue and gorgeous salads from the maara.

The follow-on evening of the workshop was attended by 35 people where the recipients followed the same procedures

with a smaller crew, and then dinner. As this goes to print, the kumara are thriving except for the gaps where the pūkeko blatantly pull these plants out, like it's a game for these destructive birds.

Thanks must go to all who have come to the wānanga. There is one more to come in mid January. Thanks to the Z Service Station in Karamu Rd, Hastings, who sponsor Aunty's Garden with fuel and compost.

Thanks too, to the staff of Plant and Food for their generosity in donating seeds and staff also come and work once a month in Aunty's Garden. Thanks too, to the special needs group that comes with their supervisor to work in the maara.

Corrections are still coming from time to time to do the hard yards. And thanks to my family, the grandkids, the newly found friends who come with them on many Saturday mornings and give a good few hours of hard work without a groan.

I must also acknowledge the helping hands from church who come often. When I need help, I always call upon my church ward family and they always come in droves. And finally to the regulars who always support Aunty's Garden - thank you all.

Our recipe for this edition is roast chicken with spinach and rocket.

**What you need:**

- One butterfly chicken (I get mine from Mad Butcher)
- 2 carrots
- 3 onions
- 6 cloves of garlic
- Handful spinach and rocket leaves
- Soya sauce, salt and pepper
- Pot of kumara.

**Method:**

Roast chicken in an oven bag with sliced carrots and chunky cut onions, a few squirts of soya sauce, tie and place in an oven dish. Peel or scrape kumara, cut into pieces and put into oven bag, with dash of butter. Tie and put bags in oven dish side by side for 45 minutes for 180 degrees.

Wash spinach and rocket, sautee in a frying pan with 1 ½ cups of hot water. Finely chop garlic and onion rings, add salt and pepper and add 2 tablespoons of butter, saute and keep fresh and green.

To serve remove chicken and content from bag and put into shallow serving dish. Spread saute greens on top and roast kumara on side. Love eating as chicken and veges are green and tender and melt in your mouth.

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# Empowering our whānau to be safe

Joint initiative tackles family harm before rush

Chris Karaitiana

**T**e Kura is a Ngāti Kahungunu approach to Whāngaiā Ngā Pā Harakeke, which is a New Zealand Police initiative that encourages collaboration with iwi and other agencies to reduce family harm within Māori communities.

Te Kura, while still in its infancy, has made significant progress strengthening the partnership between police, Government agencies and NGO services across the Hawke's Bay region.

The vision for this past year has been to support the development of authentic two-way partnerships working collectively to empower whānau to be safe from family harm and violence.

Our goals and objectives for the past year has been to build on: Kotahitanga – by strengthening our Ngāti Kahungunu iwi and New Zealand Police partnership model; Mahi Tahī – working as one, collectively with both non-government and government agency partners, holding daily hui and injecting or incorporating our iwi lens, sometimes challenging the way we do things kanohi ki te kanohi (face-to-face) and starting hui with karakia to

support the wellbeing and wairua of participants, and Ora – ensuring that our practices reflect restoration and the aspirations of whānau, allowing for a holistic solutions-focused approach to support whole whānau.

Te Kura is governed under the iwi's Te Ara Toiora (wellbeing) governing group, Te Tumu Whakahaere o Te Wero – Whakamoe Patu (or in short, "Te Wero"). The group consists of Māori service providers that were initially pulled together to achieve Te Wero (the challenge), to

"Whakamoe Patu", or "lay your weapons to rest" – a Kahungunu approach to becoming violence-free. The "Te Wero" group has morphed to become more of a governing group for all aspects of wellbeing in the iwi.

Recently, Te Kura gathered a group of agencies to work on strengthening the aspirations of Te Kura by co-ordinating a stronger voice to seek funding and other resources to help reduce family harm in the Hawke's Bay region within Kahungunu.

It was well-attended by

**Members of the Te Kura Steering Group.**

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representatives from Awhina Services, Ikaroa Rangatahi Services, Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga, Oranga Tamariki, Work and Income, Dove Hawke's Bay, Health Hawke's Bay, Kainga Pasifika, and Family VIP Women's Refuge.

With the Christmas and New Year season fast approaching, the Te Kura team is preparing for their busiest time of the year.

"We're coming up to our worst time of the year, where the pressure increases for whānau violence," said Te Kura co-ordinator Melanie

Humphries.

If you need help whānau, now is the time to ask so we can help you.

We can help by introducing you to the right people who are armed with preventative methods to ease your load and allow you and your family to enjoy the festive season.

● For more information, contact the iwi office on 0800 524 864.

**Chris Karaitiana** is Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated Te Kura lead.



*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

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

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# Iwi seeing the needs and meeting them

4000 Kahungunu members attend annual day

Bayden Barber

**T**ēnā tātou e aku rangatira, anei ētahi whakaaro mō te hui ā tau kātahi anō ka mutu. He aha ngā mea tāku i kite ai, he aha hoki ngā mea tāku i rongō ai i ō tātou tini whanaunga i tae ā tinana atu me te matakītaki a ipurangi nei i taua hui rā.

Just a short reflection on the things I saw and heard from our people at the AGM on Saturday, November 26. We saw more than 4000 iwi members and whānau enjoy our annual day at Splash Planet.

The weather was beautiful which made for a fantastic day.

I would like to make a few observations from our annual general meeting which was held in a quiet corner of the park and allowed for good discussion and engagement with our whānau. If you were not there or did not tune into the livestream, I encourage you to watch it (go to the Kahungunu Iwi Facebook page).

The following were the key "takeaways" from the AGM from my point of view:

■ 1. Kia Maumahara ki te Mana Ahua ake o Ngāti Kahungunu – We are all on the same waka, that is the Tākitimu waka! Upholding the absolute uniqueness of the living breath of Kahungunu is key to our success. No matter who you are and where in Ngāti Kahungunu you hail from, we are all trying to achieve the same vision, "that our Kahungunu people are achieving excellence in all areas of their lives". Ki te Whaiao ki Te Ao Mārama. To achieve this we need to be working together as whānau, hapū and iwi along with our community partners.

■ 2. Performance – it was clear from whānau feedback that we need to be doing more to achieve the aspirations of our Ngāti Kahungunu people. We need to aim for the highest mountain in terms of our performance or as the proverb goes, "whāia te iti Kahurangi ki te tohu koe me maunga



Bayden Barber

teitei". A continuous improvement approach needs to be part of our ethos and culture. What can we do better? How can we improve what was reported at this year's AGM? There is much to be done as a thriving iwi makes for a thriving community.

■ 3. Transparency and

Accountability – AGMs are about fronting our people and reporting on the past year and plans going forward. It was clear from the AGM that our people are looking for more accountability and transparency. The way we ran the AGM, allowing for questions etc. I think was a great start. An Audit, Finance and Risk Committee over the NKII Group is being established and will go a long way to allaying some of these concerns. But this needs to be imbued into the culture of the organisation. We are the kaitiaki of monies and assets that belong to the people, they are not ours. We must care for, protect and grow these iwi assets and be accountable for our management of them.

**The AGM was held in a quiet corner of Splash Planet.**

■ 4. The Future is Exciting – I am optimistic about the future of our iwi. We have had some issues and these were canvassed at the AGM.

There is so much opportunity for our people going forward. Let's seize these opportunities and grow a successful future for our Ngāti Kahungunu people.

Nō reira, kia kaha tātou as we navigate the rough oceans together and look toward reaching a future where our people can excel in areas of education, employment, housing, social and economic development, the taiao and cultural identity.

E hara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari ko taku toa he toa takitini kē!

Nāku noa, me ngā mihi o te wā.

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# Kapa haka teams celebrate end of year

Proud whānau watch as youngsters perform

**T**e Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāti Kahungunu ki Heretaunga has been the host to at least 50 kapa haka teams that participated in a week-long event of kapa haka performances last week.

Teams were made up of kohanga-aged children who performed in the Mokotini Kohanga Reo Kapa Haka Festival, then from Tuesday, November 29 to Thursday, December 1, the Te Ahurei Kuratahi - Ngāti Kahungunu Primary Schools Kapa Haka Festival took place.

On Friday, the Tama Turanga - Ngāti Kahungunu Primary Schools Kapa Haka Regionals saw the standard of kapa haka lift to a whole new standard. Saturday was "Hakanuia" - an inter-marae kapa haka festival.

Each day brought new challenges for the organisers, but everything was well worth the hard work put in by all participants whether performing or helping with the management.

It was tear-jerking for nannies, mums and dads, older siblings, and everyone who watched the mass videos recorded and shared throughout Facebook. Everyone was so proud of their whānau who performed and gave it their all.



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It was a week of kapa haka events. Photo / Supplied

While this was also one of the biggest weeks of the year for any school as the end of the school year fast

approaches, other schools also held their end-of-year events involving kapa haka to celebrate graduating students

Kahia-Chas Tutapiri Ao Kopu. He went along, not so sure of what to expect, but was pleasantly surprised to be greeted by the children who sang and performed for their kaumātua.

"I've never been to a kura that has acknowledged the grandparents like this," Te Rangi Huata said.

"It was done so beautifully. It was a wonderful tradition of having mokopuna performing for their adoring grandparents while their grandparents waived back at their adorable mokopuna.

"One mokopuna would wave to their nanny, and all the nannies would wave back".

A nice lunch was provided afterward then MC Tawhirimakea Karaitiana invited all of the children to have a photo with their grandparents.

"I felt good, proud and will cherish such special occasions to enjoy and remember. This would have been the highlight of the week for these grandparents. I'm so glad I went."

To all the hardworking organisers, managers, cooks, teachers, parents, helpers, and participants, we are all very grateful for your time and energy to make these wonderful things happen in our community.

It's these very activities that build timeless memories, joyful moments to discuss in the future, happy times to remember.

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# Big Ngāti Kahungunu whanau gathering

## Iwi turn out from all over for popular annual event

## Te Rangi Huata

**N**gāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc hosted their 16th annual AGM Pa Sports Day last Saturday at Splash Planet.

It was a glorious sunny Hawke's Bay day that greeted the throngs of whānau, who had travelled from the four corners of the iwi's rohe.

Jesse Munro was the first to arrive at the main entrance at 7am. She was there on behalf of her 100 or so whānau from Pourerere Marae in Central Hawke's Bay to claim the best spot for their group inside Splash Planet.

"This is one duty I love to perform for my whānau. I have arrived early and been first in line for 15 years."

By the time the water theme park opened at 10am, hundreds of excited families had amassed around the main entrance in two lanes, one lane for our iwi members and one lane for ticket buyers on the day.

Most had bought their wristbands beforehand and they swamped two express lanes into Splash Planet.

A large contingent had travelled from Wairoa that morning by bus, van and car. The Wairoa Taiwhenua had bought 300 wristbands for their members and many who



came were school-aged children.

Kaumātua Kathy Mihaere travelled from Dannevirke on a bus organised by Kahungunu ki Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua Taiwhenua.

"I love it. Travelling together, eating kai, attending the hui a tau AGM with other kaumātua and enjoying a game of euchre too."

The biggest challenge organisers faced for this year's event was finance. In the present difficult financial climate, the iwi's asset holding company was unable to offer a dividend to the iwi for its

operating costs. This meant a number of longstanding activities were cancelled for this year's event, including sports, kai hau kai (food care package) and a free fish and chip community lunch.

The one benefit that did remain for all members was subsidised entry into Splash Planet, with a super pass wristband that offered unlimited all-day rides.

This offer proved hugely popular, with wristbands scooped up by over 3000 members visiting the theme park for the day.

The iwi's annual AGM took

**Hundreds of iwi members turned up at Splash Planes for the AGM Pa Sports Day.**

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place in a highly picturesque location next to Splash Planet's sensory garden.

The meeting was attended by more than 100 people, shaded by lofty plane trees. Another 1000 or so iwi members joined the meeting by livestream from as far afield as Christchurch, Perth, Sydney and Brisbane.

The Ngāti Kahungunu AGM was led for the first time by new iwi chairman Bayden Barber.

"It's an exciting time to be in iwi leadership," Barber said. "The Government has a raft of major reforms in water, health

and housing. I look forward to working with our Post Settlement Groups, Taiwhenua, stakeholders and partners. I especially want to hear from our members. In the coming months I plan to visit every corner of Kahungunu with our board to seek feedback from our members starting with today our AGM. Kōrero mai tātou."

● To stay abreast of what is happening with Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated, link to our iwi website: [kahungunu.iwi.nz](http://kahungunu.iwi.nz) and see “Keep Informed”.



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# Kaupapa draws on strengths of whānau

Creating positive change with Corrections

**Ruth Wong**

**W**hen tāne go to prison it is not only them serving the sentence. Their whānau on the outside serve time too in their own way.

Paiheretia Te Muka Tāngata is a cross-agency initiative jointly led by Te Puni Kōkiri, Ara Poutama Aotearoa-Department of Corrections, and the Ministry of Social Development alongside Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (in Hawke's Bay) and in partnership with whānau, hapū, iwi and Māori service providers.

Paiheretia Te Muka Tāngata – Uniting the Threads of Whānau, is a kaupapa that draws on the strengths of the Whānau Ora approach to support both tāne in the Corrections system and their whānau to lead and develop their own pathways to create lasting positive change.

The overarching goal is to improve intergenerational wellbeing and reduce reoffending and imprisonment.

Early in 2021, Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (NKII) entered into a commissioning relationship with Te Puni Kōkiri and Ara Poutama Aotearoa to pilot the Paiheretia Te Muka Tāngata approach in Te Wairoa, Ahuriri

and Heretaunga.

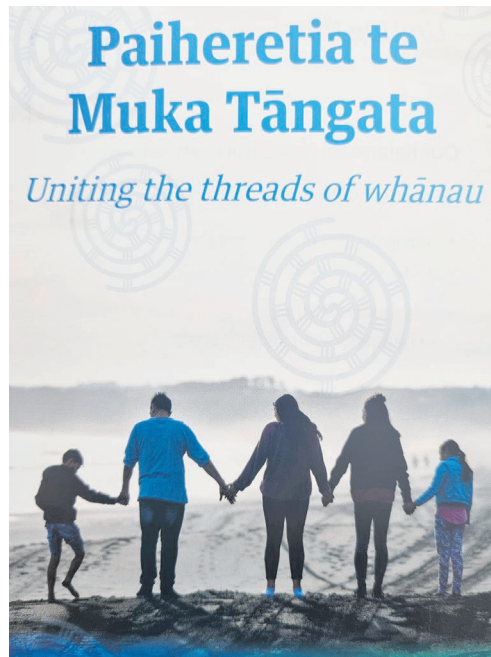
As a result, NKII has partnered with, and commissioned, Te Tumu Whakahaere o Te Wero (Te Wero) to provide a specialist Kaiarataki navigator workforce to work directly with tāne Māori and their whānau in their journey through the system.

Kaiarataki are assisting whānau to build and maintain strong and healthy relationships, plan towards goals, and access the services and support they need.

Recently NKII, Paiheretia Te Muka Tāngata programme manager Melissa White and chief executive Chrissie Hape met ministers in Wellington to present some of the successful outcomes that are taking place in our rohe.

One successful story was a young whānau, mum, dad and six of their seven children, along with their Māori provider Kaiarataki working alongside them, were invited to Wellington to present their success story. Their story was well received by government officials.

The service provider manager said as one of the partners of the collective of iwi Māori providers in Ngāti Kahungunu, it's been amazing to see the growth and development of whānau in their journey while part of Paiheretia Te Muka Tāngata.



"These services are becoming renowned in the community for the amazing work we've been able to achieve already in such a short time."

A Kaiarataki support worker said: "This whānau are leading their own walk. They've really taken control and they've made so many changes. They have quite big plans. They know now that they can do this."

**Paiheretia te Muka Tāngata – uniting the threads of whānau.**

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A Ministry of Social Development integrated services case manager said the ministry has a dedicated workforce for Paiheretia.

"We work really closely with Ngāti Kahungunu iwi and we have a long-standing relationship with them that we're continuing to build on to make sure that whānau have access to appropriate products and services that are tailored to meet their specific needs

## Navigators can help whānau:

- Connect with their loved one in prison
- Navigate and understand the Corrections system
- Plan for the future, set goals, and support whānau to achieve their goals
- Access support to help them connect with their culture and learn to reo Māori
- Access immediate support for kai, medical costs, household costs, petrol or transport costs
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and if we can't provide that, then we help to outsource that need where possible.

"Our focus is to help our whānau become safe and strong and independent."

A whānau member said there had been many challenges, "but I keep positive and keep myself clear-minded as I possibly can because I can see an awesome future if I keep doing what I'm doing and that's keeping control of my life and keeping my family on the path where they need to be".



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# KIA TŪPATO

## Be Safe This Summer

### WATER SAFETY

- At the Beach swim between the flags
- If you're going out on a water craft, wear a life jacket
- Most drownings occur in home pools – Be careful
- Adults – Be waterwise, kids need constant supervision

### SUN SAFETY

- Sunscreen, Slip, Slop, Slap – Have fun in the sun but cover up and keep your skin safe
- Wear a hat and glasses to keep your eyes safe
- Don't spend too much time in the sun
- Keep hydrated

### FIRE SAFETY

- We support fires being used for cultural purposes e.g. hangi and cooking but, we also

encourage extreme care and caution.

- Be responsible and make sure to put out your fires
- If there's a fire ban, make sure to get a fire permit from your local council

### ROAD SAFETY

- Drive to the speeding limit (Police have lowered the tolerance level for the speed limit)
- Drive to the weather conditions
- Don't Drink and Drive

### BUDGET SAFETY

- Be careful with your finances. Don't put added stress on yourself by purchasing things you don't need. Be wise and save your money



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