



Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki

Meri Kirihimete 2024

Message From our Chairperson – Matapura Ellison

Ko te tuatahi, e te whānau whānui, nāia nei kā mihi o te Kirihimete ki a koutou i tēnei wā.

Ko te tuarua, e mihi whakamaumahara ki a rātou o ia whānau, o ia whānau, kua mene atu ki te po. Haere koutou i ruka i te rakimarie o Te Atua i ruka rawa. Āpiti hono tātai hono kā huka mate ki ka huka mate. Āpiti hono tātai hono, ka huka ora ki ka huka ora. Kāti rā.

E te kākā tarahae, e mihi tino nui ki a koe, e tā mātou Upoko David - tēnā rā koe. Kai te miharo au ki te koha o koutou, hai makai mō mātau. Kia kaha rā. A big thank you David for the contribution you continue to make as Upoko. I know there are many who seek your counsel on matters concerning Te Ao Māori and their relationship with manawhenua. It is a very important contribution you continue to make on our behalf.

Kai te mihi ki kā kāhui kaumātua me kā whānau whānui o tātou i tēnei wā Kirihimete. Another very special mihi to our ahi kā and all our whānauka who are living outside the takiwa, in other parts of Te Wai Pounamu or the many places of Te Ika a Māui. Our ability to utilise the technology with teams/zoom has been slowly improving and allowing more of our members to engage directly in our Rūnaka General Meetings.

E te whānau, have a well-deserved holiday and we'll see you rested and invigorated for what comes our way in the New Year.



Christmas greetings to all of you, kia ora koutou katoa. Kā mihi to all Rūnaka members and members of our Executive, various komiti, and delegates standing for us on external boards, and a giant tēnā koe to all our staff.

May you all have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and treasure the blessings that we have.

I hope and pray that all our whānau who have lost loved ones, can find Love and Support from our Puketeraki whānui. And may you all have a successful and carefree New Year. Nga mihi nunui ki a koutou katoa.

Arohanui

Nā David Ellison Upoko Puketeraki



Christmas Service Hui te Rangiora Church

The Christmas Service will be held at the church on Monday 23rd December 2024 at 6 pm.

The service will be conducted by The Reverend Tony Curtis, Dean of St Paul's Cathedral with Hinerangi Ferral Heath assisting.

Everyone is welcome.



Return of Hewitt - Allingham Taoka Collections

On 28 November 2024 at the marae, we welcomed Richie and Iris Hewitt with their whānau. Richie's father Jock Hewitt built a collection of taoka from Te Hapupu (Pleasant River) which Richie brought to pass over to the Rūnaka. Archaeologist, Brian Allingham also came to pass over taoka from the same area making this a significant occasion for the Hewitt whānau, Brian and the Rūnaka.



Richie's wife Iris is Kai Tahu and shares whakapapa to Khyla Russell's whānau. Khyla and her sisters were present to whakamana the Hewitt whānau and the occasion.



Dr Gerard O'Regan, Curator Māori, at Tūhura Otago Museum prepared the care and return of the taoka which has been put into the temporary care of Tūhura Otago Museum pending a decision by the Executive and Rūnaka on their future care.



Gerard outlined the history of the taoka which were collected from the 1950's by Jock Hewitt and are mostly from the Hapupu area.

The majority of the taoka are stone flakes, but they also include quite a few large 'blades' typical of early butchery tools; several toki; small dentalium shell necklace reels; and most of a large broken reel pendent which is typical of early ornaments. The latter is made of bone, probably moa, and based on charring and is thought to have eroded from a cremation burial archaeologist Brian Allingham advised.



Among the taoka there are also numerous bones, mostly of midden nature. Importantly, there are a few kōiwi, and in particular a couple of mandibles, one being of a small tamaiti. The kōiwi are held in wāhi tapu at the Museum at the moment.

Richie inherited his father's collection and has held it all these years but wants to see it return to its appropriate home. Legally, being found pre-1975, the taoka are all private property, so the return is also a formal return of ownership to the Rūnaka. Brian Allingham brought an abundance of notes and information that he was given on the collection by Jock Hewitt.



He also collected some significant taoka from Hapupu, including some associated with a burial – a necklace of imitation whale teeth. He has returned these to the Rūnaka.



Richie Hewitt and museum staff inspecting the taoka.



Richie Hewitt, Matapura Ellison and Dr Gerard O'Regan, signing over the Hewitt whānau taoka.



Front: Richie Hewitt and Brian Allingham signing over the taoka, with Philip Hewitt and Matapura Ellison at the back.



Gift giving to Richie and Iris Hewitt, and Brian Allingham from Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki.



Hewitt whānau, Brian Allingham and Rūnaka members.

Hui-a-iwi Kaikōura 22 – 24 November 2024

Some feedback from whānau who attended this great hui and other events.

I want to tell of my amazing week I've had with whānau. I attended my first Hui-a-iwi in Kaikoura, which was also a first to Kaikoura, where I watched kapahaka, danced to TJ and Huri in the evening concert with whānau and I got a matching tā moko with my son Adam. And not forgetting the endless supply of wonderful kai. After arriving home on Monday afternoon, I needed to rest up as on Thursday 26 Taurite Tū groups come together from all over Aotearoa for the first ever Taurite Tū games. It was amazing connecting with kaumatua from all over the motu and from what I heard and saw, we all enjoyed ourselves and look forward to the next one. I want to acknowledge all the kaimahi, volunteers and of course Katrina and all the sponsors for their mahi and making this happen. Can't wait for the next one !!

On Sunday, 1 Dec we spent a beautiful day on the foreshore at the Karitāne Fishing Club for the tamariki Xmas party with whānau. It's been a busy week but loved it all.

Nā Jo Keane



Adam and Jo Keane with matching tā moko.



The energetic and passionate welcome.

I went to my first Hui-a-iwi this year which I enjoyed immensely, except the sea sickness while out whale watching. Now that's a faded memory, I am left with wonderful memories of seeing a sperm whale and dolphins with calf. Wow, cool, rawe. The staff on board were informative and caring.

Having a Puketeraki stall in the big tent was fun and the other stalls were interesting and people friendly. The kai was amazing, and the activities were great. The kapa haka was great too.

I am impressed with the organisation and generosity of Ngāi Tahu and delighted to have made new whānau connections and reconnected with existing ones. Big thank you Ngāi Tahu.

Nā Jen Lucas (Rūnaka Office)

Hui-a-iwi Kaikōura





Tamariki Xmas Party

□ Nā Amy Parata



On December 1st a party was held at the local Karitāne Boat Club for our Tamariki.

The sun was out for the first day of summer and for all the whānau to play, relax, eat and be merry! It was a beautiful day to celebrate our tamariki and connect with friends and whānau.

Delicious Kai was on offer, in the form of a food truck, BBQ and crowd favourite Mr Whippy!

Our tamariki were generously gifted each a present from our special guest Hana KoKo!!....who..... had an uncanny resemblance to our friend Adam Keane, Wheo Kē!



Next was the annual face-off between Puketeraki and Ōtākou in a game of cricket. The cup was proudly taken back by Puketeraki this year.

Big shout-out to those who made this day happen Aroha Ellison, Chad Steiner-Mitchell, Kiri Parata, Adam Keane and everyone else involved. Nga mihi aroha ki a koe.

Taurite Tū Games in Otepoti

□ Nā Jen Lucas, Phyllis Smith & Jo Keane

A first in Aotearoa, Otepoti hosted the inaugural Taurite Tū games, bringing kaumātua from around the motu together to celebrate this nationwide programme for strength, balance and manaakitanga.

In its fourth year, Taurite Tū is currently delivered in 26 organisations throughout Aotearoa, from Whangarei to Motupōhue (Bluff).

More than 200 Taurite Tū kaumātua came to Ōtepoti from 28 - 30 November.

A lot of mahi went into this, and we want to thank the sponsors and supporters, including Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka, WellSouth Primary Health Network, Dunedin Venues, and our whānau for their support.

It made sense to start in Ōtepoti, where the kaupapa was developed.

Falls are a leading cause of injury for ageing people including Māori and these injuries sustained following falls can have major consequences. A 2019 trial showed that regular participation in Taurite Tū makes a positive difference for whānau Māori, with decreases in falls risk, increased whakawhanaungatanga, involvement in Te Ao Māori, and improved general wellness.



Hinerangi Ferrall-Heath and Jo Keane



Whānau ora Kaumatua from Puketeraki who attended, back row: Chad Steiner-Mitchell Rūnaka Ora Kaiārahi, Phyllis Smith, Ann Bateman, Kuini Scott, Gerald O'Connell, Heather O'Connell, Jenny Smith, Jason Phillips.

Front row: Hinerangi Ferrall-Heath, Ebony, and Jess, Jason's support workers, Jo Keane, Adam Keane.

Dianne King, and Giselle Laven also took part.

Thanks to Adam and Chad who looked after us well.

Bachelors in Social Services

□ Nā Chad Steiner-Mitchell

Chad Steiner-Mitchell started his tertiary study journey in 2021, undertaking a Bachelor of Social Services through Otago Polytechnic to complete by the end of 2023 and passing with Distinction at the ripe age of 37.

"Education at a tertiary institution has strengthened my personal confidence and understanding of the world, and helped solidify the threads that weave into my identity"

Chad unsuccessfully applied for the rūnaka scholarship every year since beginning his studies in 2021. In 2023 his application was successful.

"Receiving the rūnaka scholarship importantly came with the expectation to succeed, which worried me. I had not completed a pathway I had chosen in my life until completing my Bachelors in Social Services, and I hate letting people down.

The scholarship also brought the feeling of a korowai, an offering of tautoko, which was so special at the time.



Chad and Matapura Ellison



Staff Changes

We would like to thank Georgina George for her hard work and dedication to the Rūnaka over the last five years. She has moved on to new things and we welcome Ella Peihopa-Jackson who will be joining us in the New Year at the office. Ella lives in Karitāne and has a six-year-old at the local school.

Whiria Ka Aho ki Puketeraki Rōpū

□ Nā: Julia Rata - Te Raki



Jacinta Beckwith and Julia Rata-Te Raki are current members of Whiria Ka Aho ki Puketeraki rōpū and Ōtākou Māori Women's Welfare League. In October they both submitted pieces into the Tukutuku competitions representing their Ōtākou peka at the Te Rōpū Wahine Māori Toko i te Ora/Māori Women's Welfare League National Conference Tainui in Ngaaruawaahia.

It was a successful 2024 for Ōtākou peka, winning five awards in the Arts & Craft competitions.

Jacinta not only took out 1st place in 2023 for her contemporary Tukutuku panel, but it was the first time Ōtākou peka won the esteemed Te Arahina Trophy and the first time since 1977 Ōtākou peka won a national award. Jacinta returned this year with her second contemporary Tukutuku panel and again took out the Te Arahina Trophy for her peka Ōtākou. Julia submitted her first traditional Tukutuku panel at this year's national conference and won the prestigious Miriona-Utu Budge Trophy for Ōtākou peka. This was the first time a Te Waipounamu peka has ever won the Miriona-Utu Budge Trophy.

Both pieces had strict criterion. The panels must measure 24-inch x 12-inch, the technique will be evaluated and the kaupapa of both Tukutuku panel must be "Mana Motuhake."

The traditional panel had to use 100 % traditional materials, and the contemporary panel could use any materials.

Tukutuku weaving has played a big part in Jacinta and Julia's life for the last three years under the watchful eyes of Phyllis Smith. Both Jacinta and Julia were primary participants of 'Whakapapa,' a three piece Tukutuku panel that proudly hangs in Te Awa Koiea Whare, Brinn's Point.

☐ **Nā Nikki Crossan**

A collection of various indigenous artifacts, including bone carvings, shell pendants, and woven items, displayed on a dark surface. The items include a large, textured bone carving at the top center, a bundle of thin, light-colored sticks or reeds to its left, a smooth, oval-shaped shell pendant with a yellowish interior, a dark, elongated bone carving, a circular, textured bone pendant, a large, green, elongated bone carving, and a small, oval-shaped wooden pendant with a dark cord. The artifacts are arranged in a cluster, showcasing their diverse shapes and materials.

A collection of pottery tools including a wooden-handled trowel, a metal rib, a wooden-handled loop tool, a metal wire tool, a metal rib, and a wooden-handled tool, all resting on a light-colored surface.

A collection of various wooden and bone tools, including spears, darts, and arrows, laid out on a dark surface. The tools show different stages of construction, from raw materials to finished items with fletching and feathers.



We did a foraging session at the tātahi (beach) where Ruby talked on what we can pick up to make an oro from ie, kotakota (shells), tumutumu made from toka (stones / rocks), wheua (bones from any manu or animal), kōauau (bladder kelp or *Macrocystis*), pakuru (rākau sticks), uku (clay) which can be made into pūtangitangi. Once we gathered, we played our oro (sound) to the Araiteuru.



Seaweed, shells and driftwood.

Whilst at the tai, we learnt to take from the whenua, play on the whenua, to the whenua and give back to the whenua.

To finish off this wānaka, Ariana and Ruby played their taoka puoro in a whakatā (restful) / meditation type kaupapa whilst Alistair played the pūrerehua in the background.

This wānaka has opened many whatu (eyes) into the importance of mātauraka from taoka puoro. It is heartening to learn more of what our tīpuna practised. There is still much to learn and gain and hope to continue this mahi with another wānaka 'a tērā tau,' next year.



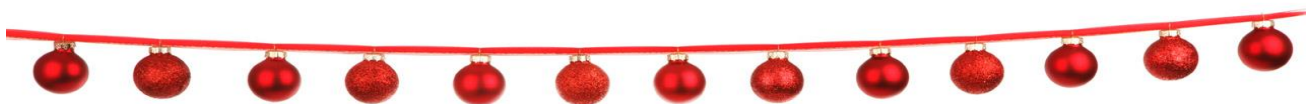
Participants at the wānaka.

Kaumātua Christmas Lunch

□ Nā Aroha Ellison (photos)

Kaumātua enjoyed another amazing lunch at the marae on 10 December 2024. John Broughton presented 'It's in the Bag, which everyone enjoyed immensely, Matapura Ellison played guitar and Graeme Fraser returned with his talents of entertainment. Thank you to all for their mahi.





The 15th Annual East Otago Taiāpure Student Research Evening

University of Otago students came together to present their studies of the East Otago Taiāpure on the evening of Tuesday 10 December 2024. Student supervisor Professor Chris Hepburn accompanied them with interested members of the public, held at Huriawa Peninsula, through Tiakitaka archway and down the pathway to Te Puna ā te Wera.



Students presented the results of their studies on:

- Habit forming seaweed
- Competition between macro and micro algae in a warming ocean
- *Asparagopsis armata*: Co-Culture with Finfish
- What controls ocean temperature within giant kelp forests?
- Restoration of Giant Kelp
- Maternal sub-population structure of the pahu on the southeast coast: revealed using eDNA
- Soldiers in the war against waste
- Restoring of the native kelp forests: the effects of low irradiance on Giant Kelp early life stages
- Invasive *Undaria* management: evaluating Control Strategies for *Undaria pinnatifida*
- Shell we talk RNA viruses: Bivalves spill the intertidal water virome tea

The evening turned out to be a cool and following the presentation everyone was pleased to be inside the old school have warm kai.



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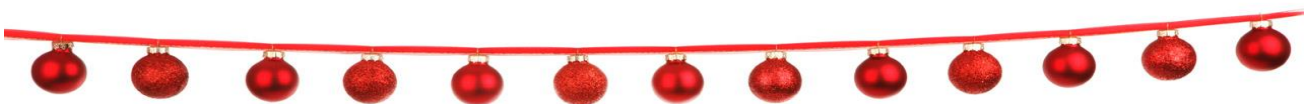
Together they weave a thread in the story of an innovative and resourceful people – Ngāi Tahu.



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Karitane, the mouth of the Waikouaiti River.



**The Rūnaka office will be closed from Monday 23 December 2024
Reopening Monday 13 January 2025**

Pepeha Books

The books are a resource that centres around our tamariki and whānau who could share and enjoy the connections back to their whakapapa, in which the pepeha book series was created.

\$20 per book, or a set of five for \$90 - + \$15 Postage or pick up at the Rūnaka Office. **Please note our closure dates and these will not be available until next year.**



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We would love to see Rūnaka members take advantage of our Christmas discount for Waka and Pā tours.

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