



December Pānui 2020

Kāti Huirapa Runaka ki Puketeraki

MERI KIRIHIMETE!



Hura te Ao Gecko

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Ko te tuatahi, he mihi ki kā tini me kā mano kua wehe atu kai muri i te tatau pounamu o Te Pō. Hoki wairua koutou, moe mai, okioki mai i roto i te manaakitanga o te Atua i ruka rawa. Apiti hono tātai hono, ka huka mate ki ka huka mate. Apiti hono tātai hono, ka huka ora ki ka huka ora. Kāti mō tēnei wā.

E kā mana, e kā reo, e kā karangatanga o te wa, tēnā rā koutou katoa.

Ko te tuarua, he mihi ki o mātou Upoko David rātou ko ana whānau kai Paraparaumu. Nāia nei te mihi o te Kirihimete ki a koutou. Ko te tuatoru he mihi mahana ki kā kaumātua, pakeke me kā mokopuna tamariki o ia whānau, o ia whānau. Ki kā mema o kā whānau whānui o Huirapa Runaka ki Puketeraki, tēnā koutou. Koia nei te wā o te Kirihimete, a, te wā o Hana Koko hoki. Ko te tūmanako kia pai ai o koutou wā whakatā kai te haere mai. No reira ōku whanauka, ōku rakatira, tēnā rā koutou katoa.

Merry Christmas to one and all! While the complexity and impact of our COVID -19 world has been very front and centre in 2020, we in New Zealand are so very fortunate that our team of 5 million pulled together so well and we are able to return to a more normal life. Nonetheless, COVID – 19 still looms in the background. I hope our border controls keep us free and maybe sometime soon we can even normalise visits to whānau in Ahitereira or the Cook Islands. In the meantime, if you get the chance to travel around our own country over the break try visiting one of our Kāi Tahu businesses. If you were thinking there's not much to celebrate just now here's a few whakaaro on this very point. Many of you are who are much older than me will have many more memories of events at our marae than myself but I was just thinking about how far we have come in the fifty odd years I've been involved. I do recall we thought we were doing pretty well in the early seventies when, under the supervision of Ted and Riki Parata (fond memories), we first put concrete on the floor in the old kitchen – that was a very big deal! In the late 1990's we replaced our old Huirapa Hall which was so dear to many with the current buildings. Hui Te Rangiora of course still provides a physical and visible link into the past.

Another point to celebrate is that we have had more and more whānau members living in other places wanting to reconnect with the places of our kāika tuturu. A good many people seeking to register with our Runaka might be the first of their whānau in generations to take tentative steps to reconnect – nau mai, haere mai, tauti mai. I think that is just amazing.

Yet more reason to celebrate is our greater capacity to carry our tikanga well during cultural events like tangi and powhiri. We have ebbs and flows still but I've noticed a really big change with a far greater confidence in Te Reo Māori becoming evident. I think Te Wānanga o Aotearoa has played a bit part in making this revitalisation happen, however, I'd be much happier if more of our older members were playing a greater leadership role on our paepae in support of our hui. Ko tāu rourou, ko tāku rourou, ka ora ai tātou – with my basket, with your basket we will thrive! In summary, there's a heap going on that's really positive and good so enjoy all that comes with being together and I hope we can look forward to a 2021 that delivers great things to us. There are tensions and issues that will confront us at times but if we exercise patience, compassion and aroha tētahi ki tetahi we will continue to prosper. Heoti rā, meri Kirihimete ki a koutou katoa.

Nā Matapura Ellison, Chairperson, Kāti Huirapa Runaka ki Puketeraki



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Kāti Huirapa Runaka Pānui

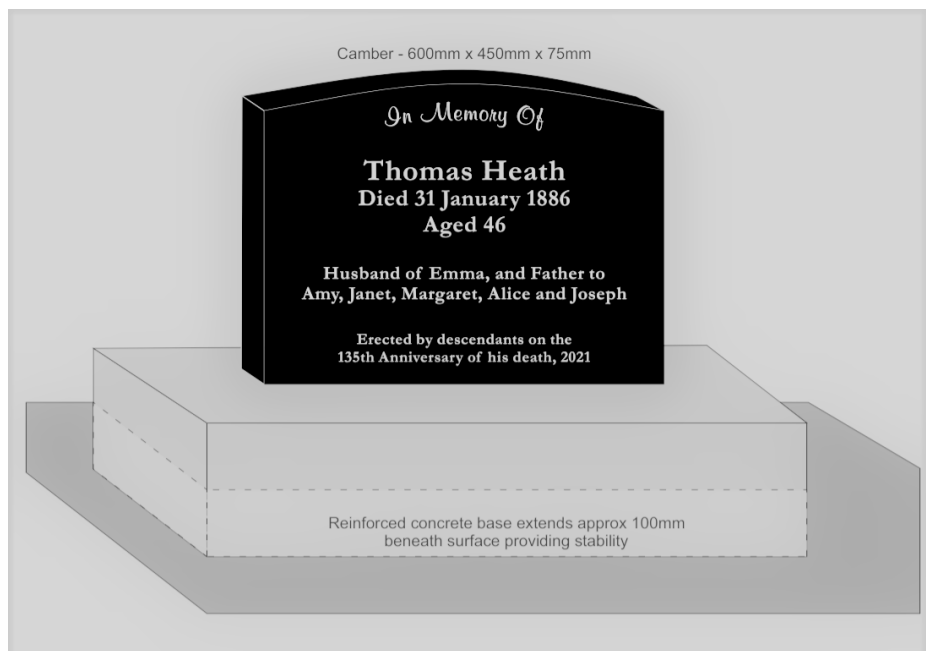
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CALLING ALL HEATH WHĀNAU!

Heath descendants are coming together to raise funds to pay for a headstone for Thomas Heath (1840c - 1886), buried without recognition in the Duntroon Cemetery, North Otago. Can you help with the cost?

Thomas' grave currently sits without any headstone some 40km up the Waitaki river, on its southern banks in the small settlement of Duntroon. Thomas Heath was the first husband to Emma Saunders-Loder and was a father to five children: Amy Pemberton, Janet Stokes, Margaret Sarah Spriggs, Alice Heath and Joseph Thomas Heath.

It is proposed a simple headstone be erected on his grave. It is estimated this headstone will cost around \$2,200 and all funds will go towards it's erection. You can donate here: www.givealittle.co.nz/cause/thomas-heath-headstone



Heath descendants are also invited to attend an unveiling ceremony at the Duntroon Cemetery on Sunday, 31 January 2021 at 11am. This will be 135th anniversary of Thomas' death, an important day for descendants. All welcome!

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CHRISTMAS AT HUI TE RANGIORA CHURCH

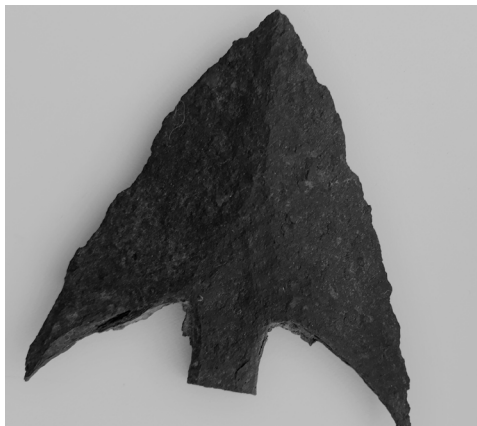
There is a Family Christmas Carol Service on Christmas Eve, Thursday 24 December at 6.30pm. All welcome. Rev. Juan Kinnear will be officiating.
The church is located above Puketeraki Marae in Apes Road, Karitane.
Contact the Runaka Office (03) 465 7300



Harpoon head passed on to Runaka

Brendan has passed on to the Runaka an old harpoon head. He was told that it was originally found by or given to a person who owns a property adjacent to the Old Whaling Station on Huriawa. It was then recently given to a friend of the Runaka who decided that it should be returned to Karitane via the Runaka.

For anyone with an extra interest in harpoon heads we've got a copy of an article written about similar finds around Banks Peninsula that we can share with you, which has been posted on the website www.puketeraki.nz under the 'Popular Readings' tab .



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Kawakawa plants for sale \$40.00

These beautiful plants make a lovely indoor plant with their large green glossy leaves and leave a faint perfume in the air.

The Kawakawa can also be grown outside in a sheltered frost free spot. Kawakawa is also known for its medicinal properties.

To purchase your Kawakawa plant email phylsmith.kls@xtra.co.nz.
or phone 03 4728909



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RUNAKA GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO NAME A NEW GECKO SPECIES (IN THE GENUS MOKOPIRIRAKAU)

In early November Carey Knox, Senior Ecologist /Herpetologist, Wildland Consultants Ltd, contacted Kāti Huirapa to update the Runaka regarding a 2018 discovery of four new lizard species found in the mountains of Oteake Conservation Park, North Otago, including a new gecko species.

After the 2018 discovery Carey and her team undertook the formal process of scientifically describing this new species. They contacted the Runaka as they were now at the stage where a permanent common name and scientific name was needed, and they asked if we would like to come up with a name that is appropriate and meaningful to Runaka for the species.

This new gecko species (in the genus Mokopirirakau) was incidentally encountered whilst undertaking a skink survey at high altitude in the Ida Range and a 'place-holder name' of 'southern black-eyed gecko' was given.

The field team that made the initial discovery were spotlighting the night following the initial discovery in the Ida Range and all commented on how the white spots on the gecko looked just like the clear starry sky above.

Our kaumatua, Phyllis Smith, led the initial vision commenting on the smile on the face and the golden or kowhai colouring which she felt represented a golden dawn-being the first light and the first found of this species.

Phyllis' vision had the support of members so our language team, Tāwini White and Waiariki Parata-Taiapa, went to work on finessing the theme and came up with several suggestions. The chosen one was Hura te ao. This came from the idea of breaking dawn. Hura is used as a word for reveal but can also be applied specifically to the break of dawn as well. This concept ties in with features of the lizard (i.e the yellow around the mouth as the break of sunlight) and the idea that this lizard has revealed itself to us.

Carey has recently advised that she and her team consider our choice, Hura te ao gecko as an ideal name. The bright orange lips were considered a stand-out feature so our name will be used in all publications and correspondence related to this gecko. Very exciting!



Hura te Ao Gecko

Carey has also advised that they have found a couple of new sites for this gecko recently, so the species is now known from three sites across two mountain ranges within Oteake Conservation Park. They expect to discover more sites in the coming months, as they assess more boulder fields and rock tors after nightfall.

Nā, John Youngson

A HUGE THANK YOU!

To all Runaka & Marae Volunteers! We know that life and meaning is given to a Runaka and marae by the hapū, the people that belong and those they manage to attract to support their aspirations. In an effort to pay tribute to those who give generously of their time & expertise, & have done so over a number of years, the Executive is sending a koha for Xmas of a \$100 grocery gift card to 20 people who represent the runaka and/or work across a wide range of kaupapa.

The Executive would also like to say thank you to every one of our numerous volunteers who have continued to contribute to the Runaka through this difficult year. Without the willing voluntary effort of whānau and friends this would be a very different place.

There were some high profile, highly active people who weren't eligible for the koha & they included staff, recent ex-staff, executive members and anyone paid through their mahi for the work they do.

BRINN'S POINT - by Hawea Ellison

Brinn's Point was known to the Māori as Te Awa Koeo – the stream of the small kind of pāua. Near by is the rock Awa Koeo which was formerly a fortified pā.

The correct name is Brind sometimes called Brin, Brinn and Brimm, after Captain W. Brind of the 'Cumberland' and later was captain of the 'Toward Castle'.

Mrs Brind arrived in Otago with her husband. She went back to Sydney with her husband after living at Brinns Point for about 3 years.

To the south of where Seacliff Hospital was is Mount Charlotte which was first called Guilds Hill by early settlers. The Māori name for this hill is Tu-rau-aruhe, which can be translated as 'to stand on the fronds of the bracken fern'.

Other Māori place names are:

- Omimi, Te Mimi o te haki
- Seacliff creek, Waikoko
- Bight on the coast between Omimi & Seacliff, Rauone.

A French missionary priest Father Antoine Seon visited Brinns Point in 1855. He baptised Thomas, Harold and Gangels Thomson. He also baptised James, Catherine and Patrick Leahy as well as Meronica Hinekino.

The whaler William Haberfield arrived at Otago Heads on the 'Mic Mac' in 1836 and worked for Edward Weller before he moved to Moeraki with Hughes and some others.

In the 1840s a early pioneer to take up land there was an Irishman, John Rodden. He died in 1854 and is buried at Brinns Point. Other whalers living there were James Leahy, Bill Thomson, Bill Harper Charles Bradshaw and Bill Apes.

Hopa Ru who died in 1899 lived near Brinns Point. His wife Harriet Ru was an unofficial mid-wife around Brinns Point and the Puketeraki area. Harriet brought as least 50 children into the world without losing a mother or a child.

Brinns Point school opened in 1872 and Seacliff Mental Hospital opened in 1878.

Thanks to Hawea Ellison for providing this information from research he has done over the years relating to Brinn's Point.



UPDATE FROM PUKETERAKI REGISTRATIONS KOMITI

KOMITI MEMBERS

- Lex Kent;
- Ann Kent (nee Duff);
- Waiariki Parata-Taiapa;
- Haines Ellison;
- Matapura Ellison (advisory capacity)

Ron McLachlan is also included in all email correspondence as he provides a conduit between the Komiti and Executive.

APPLICATIONS

The Komiti has met three times this year, February, August and November. We had a meeting scheduled for April but like everything else, this had to be postponed due to covid. We have our final meeting scheduled for Wednesday 16th December.

Thus far in 2020, 120 applications have been accepted and three remain unaccepted. Applications remain unaccepted where we are unable to find a whakapapa connection to Puketeraki. We usually consult with the Ngāi Tahu whakapapa Unit before choosing not to accept an application. When an application is not accepted, the applicant is informed that we have been unable to find a connection to Puketeraki, rather than the applicant being told they have no connection.

POINTS OF INTEREST

For those applications accepted, several applicants descend from Pakinui Harper. We have also had several applications from people descended from Pukukaiaotea. This whānau are now predominantly based in the North Island and are reconnecting with their Ngāi Tahu roots.

OUR PROCESS

We understand there have been some queries regarding the time taken to process applications. We take this opportunity to outline our process below:

1. Applications are received by the Runaka office and a letter of acknowledgement sent, then the applications are posted to Ann.
2. Once Ann has 40 or so applications, a meeting is called to consider these. The Komiti meets on average, four times per year.
3. Applications are considered at the meeting and those accepted are signed and dated by the Komiti. There are usually some that need further research before a decision is made. For these applications, enquiries may be made with the Ngāi Tahu whakapapa unit or people who have knowledge of the applicant's whānau. Once the research is completed, Komiti members are emailed with the findings and asked if they agree to accept or the application(s) or not. Once responses are received, those applications accepted are signed off and dated by one Komiti member. Any other applications remain unsigned.
4. All applications are posted back to the Runaka office along with covering minutes.
5. A copy of the minutes is also emailed to Komiti members, Ron McLachlan and Georgina at the Runaka office.
6. Once applications are returned to the office, people are notified of their registration with the Runaka or in those few cases where the application remains unaccepted, the person is provided with our reasoning for that.

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OTHER MAHI

The Runaka office is receiving more enquiries from people trying to reconnect with their Māoritanga. These people may be unsure if they connect to Puketeraki. Some of these enquiries are forwarded through to the Komiti for initial response. Currently, we receive one of these enquiries on average once a fortnight.

All Komiti members believe it is a privilege to serve such a fundamental and important kaupapa and look forward to continuing with our mahi over the coming years.

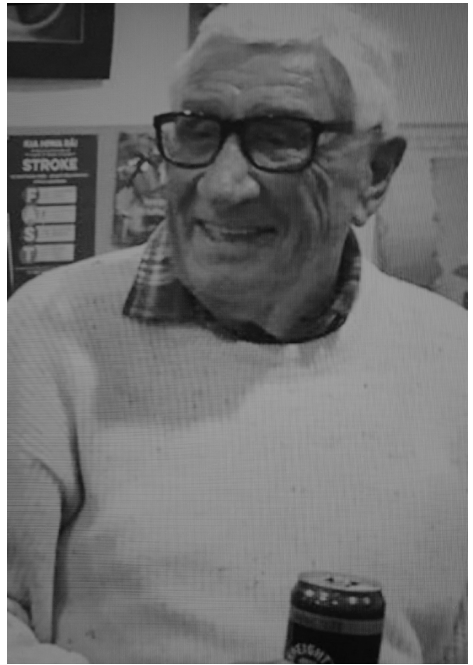
Ngā mihi mahana
Puketeraki Registration Komiti

RAWI PATERSON, FAREWELL

Tēnā Koutou to whānau & friends,

I have been asked if I put some words together about cousin Rawi John Paterson who passed away some weeks ago. These thoughts are of Rawi's (Paddy's) early days at Puketeraki and Karitane plus some of his early employment. He was educated at Karitane Primary School then went on to Otago Boys High School. His employment(I hope I am correct) started with NZ Railways following which he joined the NZ Defence Force. After sometime he went Korea joining the Australian Infantry. When he came back from serving in Korea he joined the NZ Regular Army. While I was doing my Compulsory Training in Burnham I came under the watchful eye of my cousin (Paddy) and got a few tune ups from him which probably did me a lot of good. After he retired from NZ Defence Force he joined the NZ Police Force. Rawi had the first police dog in Napier. His next employment was Security at Kawerau Timber & Paper Mill, he then went to Kopu Mill. Rawi retired to Thames until his passing.

Rawi was well respected by his younger cousins and also by his aunts and uncles. Our Poua, Teone Matapura Ellison was very proud of Rawi perhaps because Poua also attended OBHS. In our travels Coral & I always kept in touch with Rawi. He was a very special man. His health in the past has not been good but he fought the good fight until his passing in November.



To his family and kind friends, all our aroha.
Arohanui , Ros & Coral Wyeth.

CAMPING AT KARITĀNE

We are hoping for more seasonable weather for camping at our favourite seaside spot (Karitāne) over the Xmas and New Year break than we had last year when cooler temperatures & changeable weather was a feature of the holiday period. This year the nohoaka will be well patronised and we've also got whānau taking up the offer to camp at Te Taumata o Puaka. This may be the last year we are able to offer Te Taumata for camping over the break as there is more & more happening at this site that makes it less suitable for whānau camping. In future years, with the new DCC 2nd Generation Plan, whānau may be able to get more use out of their land and have their own camping / nohoaka places.

WHIRIA KA AHO PUKETERAKI HUI RARANGA

Whiria ka aho ki Puketeraki held a hui raranga on 13.12.2020, thank you Taua Phyllis for keeping us organised. This was an opportunity to get the roopu together and to celebrate the end of another year. We welcomed new whanau into the roopu and spent the morning tidying the pā harakeke. This was followed by group work where one group led by Lisa learnt the fish rib base to make kete (4 corner baskets), similar to how the wahakura are made and another group mastered putiputi with Chris and Marianne. This was a great opportunity to catch-up and the energy of the roopu was high as we all enjoyed the day.



As always Betty's sponge and Phyllis' pavlova went down a treat. Watch out for our pānui in the New Year if you would like to learn how to make a tukutuku panel.



We wish you all a safe Christmas and New Year.
Nā, Marianne Te Tau



WHĀNAU AWHINA PLUNKET

Ka hiki ake aku kamo ki oku mauka Hikaroroa, tū
mai Te Taari Te Kaumira, me Uretāne
Ka kaukau ake i ōku awa Waikouaiti me Waihao
Ka hoe tōku waka ko Takitimu
Ka noho i waenganui tōku hapū Kāti Huirapa
Ka moe ki ōku marae Puketeraki me Waihao
Ka awhitia e tōku iwi ko Kāi Tahu
Ko au te mokopuna a Mere Harper
Ko Amanda Malu tōku ingoa
Nō reira tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou
katoa.

It is my honour to write to you today as the Chief Executive of Whānau Āwhina Plunket and also as a descendant of Mere Harper and relation of Tommy Rangiwhia Mutu Ellison, both of whom were beloved and well-respected members of the Karitāne community and significant people in Whānau Āwhina Plunket's whakapapa.

As many of you will know very well, Mere, along with fellow Karitāne tōhuka, midwife and healer, Ria Tikini, was one of the wāhine toa whose mahi, over a century ago, paved the way for Plunket. Tommy Mutu Ellison is known as our first Plunket baby; Mere and Ria helped deliver Tommy Mutu in 1906, later taking him to their friend and neighbour, health reformer Dr Frederic Truby King, working as a team with Dr King and his wife Isabella to nurture baby Tommy back to strength when breastfeeding issues were causing him to lose weight and become unwell.

Sir Truby King played an important role in the founding of Plunket, however, he also held a number of views on eugenics (the practice of selective human breeding where certain aspects were deemed 'preferable' while others were considered undesirable, such as disabilities, non-white ethnicity, and homosexuality), race, and women's roles, which do not reflect the

views of Whānau Āwhina Plunket of today and which we must reject.

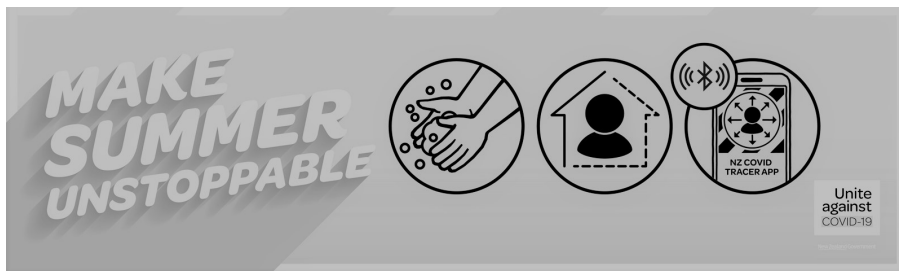
Knowing and acknowledging our whakapapa is important for Whānau Āwhina Plunket so we can meet the aspirations we have for our service and the whānau and families we serve. At the same time, we are acknowledging and apologising for the influence of eugenics and harmful views of race and gender roles on some early Plunket policies and processes. We acknowledge and apologise for the hurt those views caused for whānau Māori. We need to make these acknowledgements so we can heal our history, move towards becoming a truly bicultural organisation, that honours Te Tiriti o Waitangi and achieves equitable outcomes.

In February this year we took a significant step on our bicultural journey, coming back to Karitāne to launch our new visual identity from Puketeraki marae and to celebrate the part Mere and Ria played in the formation of Plunket.

Our new logo includes two tohu, Māori patterns designed for us by artist Len Hetet, emblazoned on the wings of our logo's beautiful abstract butterfly shape. The first tohu is called Tuhonohono and represents the meeting of hands and the embrace of a parent and child. The second tohu is called Ngā Pae o te Harakeke; its central pattern represents our women of strength and is an acknowledgment of Mere Harper and Ria Tikini, and its outer pattern represents the child, parents and grandparents and is likened to the structure of the flax bush. This pattern is also a reference to Truby King, known for his conservation efforts in this area which included extensive planting of flax bushes. As the great-great-granddaughter of Mere Harper, I am proud of what we are doing to shine a light on the legacy of our two taua, Mere and Ria, because it symbolises how we want to work with our whānau – in partnership, acknowledging their whakapapa, and ours – as we all care for and nurture the babies in our whānau.

Nāku noa
Nā Amanda Malu (nee Heath)
Chief Executive
Whānau Āwhina Plunket





COVID-19 - STILL A RISK FOR AOTEAROA AND US

Despite being able to live our lives almost normally, the country and our marae & Runaka hasn't totally avoided the impact of Covid-19 though under Level 1 the marae has been open for noho marae (overnight stays) as well as day hui. There have been some differences from hui to hui but generally we've favoured Covid-19 adaptations of the hariru and promoted measures intended to reduce potential impacts if Covid-19 did make an appearance at any hui.

The Runaka Executive Committee decided when we were still in Level 4 to establish a Covid-19 Whanau response pūtea. \$20,000 was tagged for this purpose with the fund being open until the end of the year. In total 8 grants were made to the value of \$4,000. In the New Year the Executive will consider whether additional or continued support is needed for whānau feeling direct financial impact from Covid-19.

TRONT has been the provider of sanitiser to all the papatipu runaka and they have provided it in quantities that necessitated them also providing the papatipu runaka with a hazardous goods storage cabinet. Rather than having the sanitiser sitting in the cabinet we have been trying to find ways to distribute it and recently sent 100 members from the Bay of Plenty north a special Xmas greeting that contained a bottle of sanitiser. Some sanitiser has made it into hui gift bags and everyone attending meetings at the marae is encouraged to pick up their own purse / car bottle of sanitiser. We still have an abundance of sanitiser for 2021 so if you missed out, or if you are holding gathering or hui where individual bottles would be useful, don't hesitate to contact the Runaka Office & we'll either supply you or put you in touch with the right person at TRONT.

From the Runaka we'll be trying to 'Make Summer Unstoppable' and we encourage everyone to 'slip, slop & scan'; that is slip on a sunhat, slop on sunscreen & scan the QR code.

2021 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- Runaka General meetings (RGM) usually happen 4 times a year and are held at Puketeraki Marae or occasionally at Te Taumata o Puaka (Runaka site in Karitane) on a Sunday. As the Runaka is organised as an incorporated society there are meeting procedures and rules that govern how the Runaka operates and how meetings are run. All registered whakapapa members over the age of 18 have voting rights at the meetings. The meetings are open to whānau not yet registered.
- We have planned 5 RGMs for 2021 as this year's meeting schedule was disrupted by Covid-19 & there are a lot of kaupapa to be attended to.
- RGM dates for 2021 January 31st, March 28th, May 30th, July 25th, October 3rd.
- The Annual General Meeting day is Sunday 7th November.
(NB: dates can change so check with the Runaka Office if unsure).

COMBINED WHĀNAU CHRISTMAS PARTY

Congratulations to our relations at Ōtākou Rūnanga for putting on an amazing Combined Whānau Xmas Party held at the Edgar Stadium on Sunday 13 December. We had a great turn out of Puketeraki tamariki with over 60 attending plus plenty of whānau including kaumatua. There was a greet cheerleader squad encouraging our netball team to victory and all round excellent participation in the activities. Commiserations to Ōtākou for losing the Taoka Te Wera Cup which has returned to pride of place in the Runaka Office. We are looking forward to hosting the 2021 party and have already started to think about what games to have. See you all next year!



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