

# Kāti Huirapa Runaka ki Puketeraki

# Pānui Rima / September 2019



#### MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN

Climate change is something we are now very much aware off. You only have to look at the coastal erosion that is occurring in our takiwā to realise that things are changing.

In this addition Korako Edwards has written an article on a 2-day Climate Change Symposium he recently attended at TRoNT in Christ-church. He was part of a Kāti Huirapa rakatahi team that included Rauhina Scott-Fyfe supported by Lyn Carter.

Lyn is already a huge contributor to the TRONT Climate Change Strategy being the Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka climate change champion and has recently published a book Indigenous Pacific Approaches to Climate Change. Aotearoa/New Zealand. So, I feel we are already leading the way in this area.

From the feedback I have received from Lyn and others I am extremely proud of the way Korako and Rauhina represented Kāti Huirapa rakatahi. They showed leadership qualities and gave a passionate, well informed feedback on day 2 to the wider Symposium.

Based on the commitment shown by Korako and Rauhina I feel that our future is in good hands. They are currently preparing a number of practical ways that we can implement both at the Marae and as an organisation to reduce our impact on the environment.

I look forward to receiving their ideas and supporting their implementation.

Matapura Ellison -Chairperson

## POROPOROĀKĪ: TAHU PŌTIKI



E Tahu e, e Tahu e! Ko tanuku te tihi o Hikaroroa Ko kā waikamo e rere nei, me he wai o Waikouaiti Ko te Tai o Araiteuru e papaki nei ki te ākau o Karitāne, Ko horo! Ko horo!

Hikaroroa is shaken, tears flow like the Waikouaiti, Araiteuru crashes into the banks of Karitāne, debris wasted into the abyss!

Ko te hōro tawhito o Huirapa ko moe, ekari, ko Huirapa onāianei e ora ana i āu mahi.

Although the old Puke hall lays to rest, you have helped resurrect the stories of old for the new generation

Huriawa Karamea, Huirapa Kōkōwai, He kura huna ko karo, Kāhore ia nei! Kāhore ia nei!

The clay from Huriawa preserves our ancestral house.

Will our knowledge be lost, Never! Never!

## Tāpuketia koe kia marama tō titiro ki te Tai o Araiteuru, tau ana!



Tahu with Ripeka



#### Robert John McLachlan

# Born 28 November 1931, died 16 July, 2019.



John was born and spent his early life at Pūrākaunui.

His connections to Pūrākaunui, his research into the history of Māori associations with the district, and his vision for preserving and protecting the land, have provided the impetus for making a new film, 'Motoitoi', to be released later this year.

The 2010 film, 'Pūrākaunui te Turangawaewae', conveyed themes defined by John – the people, land and spirituality; geological origins; the archaeological record; Māori occupations; the coming of the Europeans; Kemp's purchase; local families of Māori descent; and family memories.

John's presence and ability to articulate his strongly held values always commanded respect, and his vision and leadership in establishing the Pūrākaunui Block Incorporation have left a huge legacy for generations to come.

John was the eldest of the three children of Robert and Sarah Motoitoi McLachlan (nee Miller). He was a descendant of Motoitoi through Maria's first marriage to William Stevens.

His parents farmed a small parcel of Māori land inherited by his mother. He grew up in a period profoundly influenced by the Great Depression. His family lived predominantly off the land and sea, and rarely had money to buy superfluous consumer commodities. He spoke of the love and kindness of his family life. John attended Pūrākaunui School.

He married Isobel in 1957. He built a holiday home on his parent's land at Pūrākaunui while their children were young.

John found work with NZ Railways in Dunedin from an early age. Initially he was in uniform as a shunter and then a guard. In 1975 he took a promotion of sorts and took on a role as the secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen. This was a Wellington position and he shifted the family north to Tawa. He remained in this role until retirement in 1988. He and his wife, Isobel, then shifted to Paraparaumu. He became very busy within the community, especially with his work within Forest and Bird, and remained passionate about promoting land use to ensure land was being used to the best of its capabilities. His interest in environmental and conservation issues led to his work for Forest and Bird, the Purakaunui Block, and his support for the Orokonui Ecosanctuary.

John was a very determined, visionary man, ready to challenge the bureaucracy and fight for what is right. John led the charge to incorporate the Maori land at Pūrākaunui in 1973 and preserve the communal ownership in law.

In the late 1960s the Māori Affairs Department began a legally sanctioned push to alter the status of any land with four owners or less, from Māori to general (European) title. Three sections within the Pūrākaunui Reserve were transferred to private ownership during this time. The Reserve was in danger of shrinking to the point of finally becoming unmanageable and economically unsustainable. The Purakunui Block Incorporation was formed in 1973. John was elected Secretary, a position he held until 2015.

He gained a huge knowledge of history related to the district, and was successful with the Waitangi Tribunal in securing the accretion land at Pūrākaunui in 1997. A further 37 hectares of beachfront land were awarded to the Incorporation. He fought to restore the original names of Pūrākaunui, Whareakeake and Wharau Wera Wera, achieving success with the first two.

He had a keen interest in restoring the original names of geographic places in the district to acknowledge those who have lived there throughout the centuries. In particular John believed the name 'Murdering Beach' was a negative and historically biased name for such a beautiful stretch of coastline. This created huge debate at the time and a great deal of media controversy. The Geographic Board



supported the name change to 'Whareakeake" and the re-introduction of the 'u' to Pūrākaunui

When interviewed in 2016, John said: "We were one of only two families of part Māori descent, living in that small rural coastal community where the predominant values were European rather than Māori. My life has been immeasurably enriched through gaining greater understanding of the Māori world view and values, and in particular, the spiritual and mythological link with the land".

John described the Māori world view – all creation is one interlinked and interdependant family. At his funeral service at Paraparaumu his coffin was covered by the cloak Te Atakura, lent by the the runaka at Puketeraki as a mark of respect for John. Te Atakura was the first korowai made in the Puketeraki community for 70 – 80 years, and triggered a renaissance of raranga for the community.

Dr Terry Ryan said – "so saddened to learn of the passing of John McLachlan. He had been a good friend to me for some 50 years. He was always so loyal to Pūrākaunui, as a descendant of Motoitoi."

Haere e te Rangatira a John, i tou moengaroa.

Aroha-nui.

Niccy Taylor

#### WAKA LAUNCH NĀ SUZI FLACK

On Saturday 20th July on the Waikouaiti awa, Hauteruruku ki Puketeraki Waka Club launched their newest waka, Hiwa-i-te-rangi.

Over the last 2 years a core group of 8-12 club members have been meeting weekly, but well over 50 others have been involved to complete the build. This waka was built on the same moulds and design as our double hull waka, Hauteruruku, also using strip planked kahikatea.

As Hiwa-i-te-rangi was built by mainly young builders there were many firsts - first time using a thicknesser, a band saw, a spokeshave, a jigsaw and learning the fibre glassing process.

This was all taught under the mentorship of George Meikle and Brendan Flack, who did well to stand back and let others learn.

This waka has a single hull with the ama (out-rigger) built from kōrari (stalk of the harakeke flower) and the mast and boom made of bamboo. The waka is named after the youngest star of the Matariki cluster, the star to which you send your dreams and aspiration. Special thanks to the Ngāi Tahu Fund for their support for this project.









# TOHORĀ (WHALE) JAWBONE

In mid-August, Vaseilli Juanides, a member of the Hauteruruku ki Puketeraki Waka Club, spotted in the Waikouaiti estuary what seemed to be a large bone lying on the sea floor.

It took a lot of effort to recover the bone and deliver it to the Puketeraki Marae office. The Department of Conservation and the Otago Museum were alerted.



The Otago Museum have advised that the jawbone is

"from a Mysticetes (baleen whale). There are about 9 species of baleen whales that occur in the territorial waters of New Zealand. The bone is 4080mm long and is the right mandible and it is likely to have come from Eubalaena australis, the southern right whale".

The bone will be stored and displayed in the interim but ultimately it may be used for carving. Our appreciation goes out to Vaseilli for his foresight and to the Otago Museum and Department of Conservation for their advice.

Over the past few weeks numerous sightings of the tohorā (Southern right whale )have been seen close into the shore from Puketeraki. Southern right whales were once widespread throughout much of the southern hemisphere; the New Zealand population once numbering more than 30,000 individuals. However, over a relatively short space of time during the 19th century, commercial whaling saw this population reduce to fewer than 100 individuals.

Since 1937, when commercial hunting for right whales was banned, the population has been bouncing back.

Emma Burns, Curator, Natural Science and Kane Fleury Assistant Curator, OTAGO MUSEUM

#### WHALE BONE FIND SEPT 2008

In 2018 another bone was found by Tamati Whitaker in a nearby area opposite the boat club on the reserve.

This is a jaw bone measuring 2210 mm long and 145mm at its widest point. There are cut marks present on its lateral surface that are likely to be from the when the whale was flensed when whales were hunted.

The Otago Museum have assessed that it is the left mandible but they are not sure what species of Mysticetes this bone is from yet but they will continue comparing it to others to try and find out.



Tamati Whitaker with his 2018 whale bone find

#### CLIMATE CHANGE SYMPOSIUM BY KORAKO EDWARDS





Korako Edwards

During the weekend of August 3rd - 4th it was my privilege to represent our Rūnaka alongside Rauhina Scott-Fyfe and Lyn Carter at the Kāi Tahu Climate Change Symposium.

On the Saturday a pre-hui was held for a number of rakatahi from each of the Papatipu rūnaka. This space was dedicated to the rakatahi so that we could formulate some of our ideas around Climate Change that we could then feed into the wider Climate Change Symposium on the Sunday. For many of us rakatahi, especially the younger group, it was our first time learning a lot of the higher level implications which Climate Change poses to our future. In this regard, the rakatahi hui was an opportunity for some of our rōpū to learn more about Climate Change. We also ran through some activities which had us think through key concerns, possible solutions and things we would like to see as rakatahi in terms of Climate Change response. I hope to see that TRoNT will continue to hold these Climate Change Symposiums and that our rakatahi group will also continue to connect with each other to ensure the generations of rakatahi who will inherit much of Climate Change effects have their voices heard.

#### CLIMATE CHANGE SYMPOSIUM CONTINUED....

#### Feedback

On the Sunday the rakatahi were given some time to feedback some of our thoughts around climate change to the wider Kāi Tahu whānui. Some of the key points we discussed were:

- 1. The need for all Tahu to be educated in Climate Change so that we're able to be resilient and adaptable in the face of Climate Change
- 2. More representation of rakatahi and rakatahi views at Iwi and hapū levels.
- 3. Frustration in the amount of time it takes for things to get done. Why can't we see more action now?

For me I found it encouraging that many of our Kāi Tahu whānau were eager to hear from the rakatahi and were thinking in a way which looks to ensure the best future for our youngest tamariki and even those who are yet to come. I believe the next steps are to see that rakatahi involved more, not only in the Climate Change space, but across all the different facets of Iwi leadership. More information about the Climate Change Hui will be reported at Hui-ā-Iwi November.



Left to right : Korako Edwards , Lyn Carter , Rauhina Scott-Fyfe

# KĀ KAUPAPA E HEKE MAI NEI UPCOMING EVENTS AND REMINDERS

#### WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

Kaumātua Afternoon Tea

Presentation by Southern DHB

#### 27—29 SEPTEMBER

Puketeraki haereka ki Takapō Further details next page

#### **SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER**

RGM and AGM at Puketeraki Marae start 10.00 am

#### 22-24 NOVEMBER

Hui a Iwi Invercargill. Watch out for the upcoming wānaka calendar to help prepare for our contribution to Te Ata Kura stage at the Hui a Iwi.

# Kāti Huirapa Runaka (KHR) stats as at Sept 2019

Members who Whakapapa to Kāti Huirapa = 3,303 ( Provided by TRONT)

# Current number registered with Kāti Huirapa = 1269

As you can see we still have a lot of members who are not registered with us directly. If you know someone who is not registered please encourage them to do so . Our registration form is located at the back of this newsletter.

# Puketeraki haereka ki Takapō

27th-29th September 2019

"He tātai whetū ki te raki, mau tou mau tou, He tātai takata ki te mata o te whenua, karo noa karo noa"

Our marae, Puketeraki are travelling inland to Takapō to experience the Dark Sky Project Experience as well as learning our inland connections. This tourism venture is co-owned by Ngāi Tahu Tourism. There are a couple of threads to this haereka;

- Whakawhanaukataka: That our whānau of all generations get to spend time together.
- Korero tuku iho: Listen to stories of migration and settlement of our people.
- 3. Te Tupuni a Wehi-nui-a-mamao: To listen and learn stories of our star narratives at the new tourism venture.

The runaka is intending to provide Bus transport, accommodation and access to the experience but whanau may be asked to contribute towards Kai. This is a whanau friendly kaupapa. Nau mai haere mai e kā whanau katoa.

#### **Details:**

When: 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> September, Leave Dunedin 27<sup>th</sup> 9am, return Dunedin 29<sup>th</sup> 5pm (Note: Daylight savings starts 29<sup>th</sup> September moving clocks forward 1 hour)

For more details or if you are interested in coming please email waiariki@puketeraki.nz to confirm your seat.

https://www.darkskyproject.co.nz

## KĀ PŪTEA TAUTOKO

## HE KOROWAI MANAAKI

Last financial year almost \$4,000 has been given to assist whānau of all ages who have asked for a little boost to deal with life's challenges. Modest grants of up to \$300 dollars can be made to registered members. You can find more information & the application form on the Runaka website <a href="https://www.puketeraki.nz">www.puketeraki.nz</a>

# HE KOROWAI KŌKIRI

This is a pūtea open to registered members who are already active at the marae and Rūnaka especially those in leadership or demonstrating emerging leadership. It is intended to encourage members who are pushing the boundaries and/or striving to develop themselves in ways that will benefit themselves and our Runaka. The maximum grant of \$1,000 per applicant is open to all ages. It has supported a range of opportunities including participation in professional conferences, the Manawa Titi programme, Aoraki Bound, Spirit of Adventure, engagement in specialist hui. You can find more information & the application form on the Runaka website <a href="https://www.puketeraki.nz">www.puketeraki.nz</a>

## LOOKING BACK—FROM 2005 NEWSLETTER









# COMPETITION— COME UP WITH THE BEST CAPTION TO THIS 2005 PHOTO AND WIN \$40 PETROL VOUCHER



Email your Best Caption to admin@puketeraki.nz or post to Karitane PDC, Otago 9440 by 27 September 2019

#### Please fill out one form for EACH PERSON registering with the Runaka



Membership of our Runaka is made up of individuals who are the uri (descendants) of the 1848 kaumātua of Kāi Te Ruahikihiki and/or Kāti Huirapa, or are the uri of those families included in the Native Reserves of the Araiteuru rohe who choose to affiliate through registration.

Please note that this registration is separate from that maintained by the

Whakapapa Registration Unit of Te Rūnanga o Ngãi Tahu

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Send to: Kāti Huirapa Runaka ki Puketeraki, C/- Karitane PDC, Karitane 9440

or email: admin@puketeraki.nz

Are you registered with the Whakapapa Registration Unit of Te Rūnanga o Ngãi Tahu	YES / NO
Do you give permission to verify your whakapapa with the Whakapapa Registration Unit of Te Rūnanga	YES / NO
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