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Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti Quarterly Newsletter

Welcome to the first quarterly newsletter for Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti. Our aim is to promote the activity that tangata whenua and Council progress. Our first edition profiles the iwi representation from Ngāti Raukawa, subsequent editions will profile the other members.

But what is Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti?

Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti is one of the longest lasting partnerships between tangata whenua and Local Government in New Zealand. The partners are the Kāpiti Coast District Council and the tangata whenua (people with 'authority over the land') on the

Kāpiti Coast: Te Āti Awa ki Whakarongotai, Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki/ Ngāti Raukawa, and Ngāti Haumia/Ngāti Toa Rangatira.

Goal of Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti

To forge a relationship of mutual benefit between the Kāpiti Coast District Council and the tangata whenua that will develop into an effective and meaningful partnership.

Background:

Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti stems from two core principles of the Treaty of Waitangi as

identified and defined by the Court of Appeal and the Waitangi Tribunal. The first principle, 'partnership', obliges both parties 'to act reasonably, honourably and in good faith'. For that, consultation is vital.

The second principle, 'active protection', requires the Crown to protect Māori in the use of their lands and waters to the fullest extent practicable.

The three iwi used 'Te Whakaminenga', meaning 'The Confederation', to describe themselves, but the addition 'o Kāpiti' (of Kāpiti) was designed to include the Kāpiti Coast District Council.

Profiling members from Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki



Rupene Waaka JP

Chair of Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti

Iwi affiliations:

Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki/ Ngāti Raukawa.

Hapū affiliations:

Ngāti Kapu,
Ngāti Maiotaki, Ngāti Huia

Rupene is a foundation member of Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti. He has current and previous executive experience with his tribal organisations. Rupene is the current chairperson of the Raukawa Marae Trustees, Raukawa Marae Management Committee and the convenor of Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki. Also a lecturer and researcher at Te Wānanga o Raukawa, with an extensive background knowledge in environmental projects and extensive historical knowledge pertaining to his iwi.

Next edition will profile members of Te Āti Awa



Te Waari Carkeek

Iwi affiliations:

Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki/ Ngāti Raukawa.

Hapū affiliations:

Ngāti Koroki, Ngāti Huia, Ngāti Pare

Te Waari has current and previous executive experience with his tribal organisations. Te Waari is a qualified hearings commissioner for Resource Consents and qualified assessor for Adult Learners. He is also a tour guide for Kāpiti Island Alive Nature Lodge and Rangiatea Church. Until recently, Te Waari chaired Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti leading the relationship through key activity including a review of representation, re-signing of the partnership, Marae Support Policy, Marae Grants Allocation, co-management working parties, and waahi tapu research work.

Matariki launched, MoP re-signed

Raukawa marae played host to over 100 manuhiri at the annual Matariki Celebrations which included the re-signing of the Memorandum of Partnership (MoP) between Council and the three iwi.

The MoP was signed by the chair of Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki – Rupene Waaka, Te Āti Awa Charitable Trust chair – Hemi Sundgren and Ngāti Toa Rangatira chair – Taku Parai.

It was 18 years ago when iwi first signed a Memorandum with Council. A key change this time sees Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki of Ngāti Raukawa sign in place of Te Runanga o Raukawa whose boundary extends from Ōtaki to Bulls and Halcombe.

Interestingly when the MoP was signed in 1994 the CEO of Te Runanga o Raukawa, Ran Jacob asked that a member of a hapū from Ōtaki should sign – and it was Rupene Waaka who duly signed then.

The very popular Māori New Year Matariki calendar was also launched at the marae.

The theme this year is 'Events around the Kāpiti District' and the photographic topics ranged from the recent Māori Business Awards presentations to Māori Racing club figures, past iwi members who received Civic awards, kapa haka competitions and sporting events.

In keeping with Matariki - Te Reo tutor



Ben Ngaia gave a presentation about the rising of the Pleiades or Matariki constellation in mid June.

Later he delighted all present in the marae with mahi-a-ringaringa activities. Manuhiri were entertained with musical items by local singer Graham Rikihana.

Students from Te Kura a iwi o Whakatupuranga Rua Mano were invited to fundraise for their trip to Whangarei for Kapa Haka competitions by putting down the hangi for the lunch.

While guests dined on hangi and fried bread with golden syrup - the kapa haka students performed items from their competition programme.

The Maramataka have gone out to iwi members especially those that featured in the calendar. In the meantime Matariki calendars are on sale for \$10 at district libraries and from Council offices.

Who is Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki?

Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki comes under the legal charity entity of the Raukawa Marae Management Committee, which was registered with the Charities Commission in June 2008. The hapū concerned are Ngāti Pare, Ngāti Koroki and Ngāti Maiotaki based at Raukawa marae. The other two Ngāti Huia ki Katihiku is at Katihiku marae and Ngāti Kapu at Tainui marae.

NHoO will be able to enter arrangements and discussions with Central/Local Government or corporate bodies. Under their rules/ ngā Ture enable them to explore whānau ora programmes. The aims of NHoO are to foster growth and networks between indigenous peoples by organising and participating in activities by supporting them to raise whānau capacity.

Also assisting whānau, hapū and iwi members to reach their full potential, build whānau independence.

This includes promoting activities that assists the community of Ōtaki and others to gain self-esteem and confidence, Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki will hold six meetings a year – open to their hapū members. A quorum comprises a member of each of the five hapū.

WHAT'S COMING UP

Meetings	Dates
Regulatory Management Committee	12th Aug
	27 Sept
Corporate Business Committee	16 Aug
	20 Sept
Paekākāriki Community Board	21 Aug
Council	23 Aug
Paraparaumu Raumati Community Board	31 Aug
Environment and Community	30 Aug
Audit and Risk Sub-committee	13 Sept
Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti	4 Sept



MEMORANDUM OF PARTNERSHIP

between

TE RŪNANGA O TOA RANGATIRA INC

ĀTI AWA KI WHAKARONGOTAI CHARITABLE TRUST

NGĀ HAPŪ O ŌTAKI

and

KĀPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL

signed on

22 JUNE 2012

Te Waari Carkeek steps aside

Te Waari Carkeek the chair of Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti for the last 5 years stepped down at the recent monthly meeting at Taaringaroa meeting room, Raukawa marae.

Members of the committee paid tribute to the work Te Waari has done including his contribution each year to the Waitangi celebrations, rongoā Māori hui and to assisting with the Marae support policy.

Mayor Jenny Rowan said she was sorry to see him step aside.

Te Waari will remain on the committee.

Rupene Waaka, has been elected to be chair.

Māori Economic Development

In March this year members of Te Whakameinga invited recognised Māori business identities in the local Māori community to provide some future pathways and ideas for Māori economic development in Kāpiti.

They included:

- **Charlene Williams** who ran the award winning Ora Toa Māori Health in Porirua since the early 1990's;
- **Professor Whatarangi Winiata** and **Daphne Luke** – who talked about the Māori Business Awards and Te Arahanga o Ngā Iwi;
- **John Barrett** who runs Kāpiti Alive and is chair of Māori Tourism Board; **Sharlene Moate-Davis** – who owns Mokopuna Solutions.

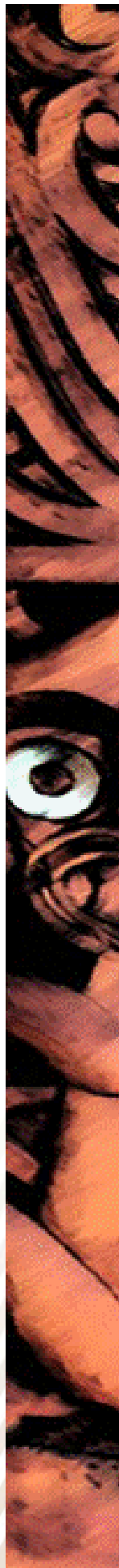
Amongst the success stories were the ability of Ora Toa to build capacity and employing more Māori. Health had provided a valuable economic base and many benefits resulted from the round-the-clock gym open to all ages – young and elderly.

Kāpiti Alive asked for more support to all business's and less regulatory constraints. They have since been named Premier winner of the Māori Business Awards 2012.

A surprising statistic revealed 12.3% per cent of Māori in the district came from other iwi. She said a major local business success was Te Wānanga o Raukawa putting in the first fibre optic cable in Ōtaki ready for ultra fast broadband.

Sharlene talked about a future where Māori business could interface with Council. She wanted to see more businesses working together and weaving in Māori values like kaitiakitanga and rangatiratanga.

With such a good start the working party is in Ōtaki next to look at the Clean Tech Centre in Miro Street.



Marae grants

The importance of marae to tāngata whenua has been expressed through the Long Term Term Plan: marae are our principal home; connect tāngata whenua to their area; are representative of our ancestors and should always remains well maintained and thoroughly respected.

The wellbeing and health of the marae determines the emotional spiritual and physical wellbeing of the people. It has been four years since Council adopted a policy that provides sustainable long-term support for marae development and maintenance.

Led by Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti and developed in conjunction with the four marae in the district, the policy recognises the pivotal role of marae and identifies practical ways to support marae development. The policy identified funding paid by way of grant.

Allocations in the 2009 LTCCP: \$20,000 for 2009/10, \$30,000 for \$2010/11, \$40,000 for 2011/12, \$50,000 for 2012/13 and then adjusted for CPI.

All applications for Marae Support are formally notified to Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti for approval. The four marae have each had full OPUS project reports carried out. OPUS reports identify the future maintenance requirements of each marae and provide estimates of when this work should be carried out.

The reports showed future work could include protection and preservation of the whareniui, health and safety measures and continued ongoing maintenance of the marae. Future funding for projects must show a link back to these plans.

Projects have included: extensive work at Raukawa marae including roof and fire sprinkler systems, Whakarongotai - kitchen refurbishment, Katihiku - mahau restoration and whareniui Tainui marae - whareniui restoration.



2012-2013 Marae Grants Application Process

Applying for 2012/13 Marae Grants

Marae committees will be encouraged to apply from September 2013. Confirmation of Grants will take place in

October 2012. Accountability reports returned within 6 months of completing the work. For application forms

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looking back

Inaugural meeting of grandmothers

The spreading, sheltering magnificence of the Pohutakawa tree at Turoa Kohanga Reo proved to be an inspiration to all grandmothers and daughters who attended the Indigenous Grandmothers hui in Ōtaki.

Mariana Williams – head teacher of Turoa Kohanga Reo paid tribute to Te Whakaminenga at their June hui thanking them for the financial support for them to hold the February hui.

Songs, readings, karakia, mirimiri (massage), early morning and cultural mime dance were some of the activities over three days and a workshop to make a huge canvas korowai. Women from the far north and the south island attended as well as visitors from Germany, America, Canada and Spain.

Highly regarded local artist Debbie Bustin provided the huge canvas backdrop for the Korowai 'feathers' which each of the hui delegates painted and pasted onto the already prepared cloak.

Daughters joined mothers and grandmothers joined mokopuna to paint the final wall hanging showing their dreams and wishes for the future. Mariana told Te Whakaminenga members a local branch of the Indigenous Grandmother healers was formed following the hui.

The local grandmothers collective will be holding another gathering in September when they will launch their karetao puppet house and retrace the legend about Matariki and her six daughters. The initiative comes from local grandmothers, including; artists; healers and teachers exploring Māori traditions further.



looking ahead

Te Reo Māori week

Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori celebrates 25 years of existence on 1 August 2012 and to celebrate we've designated Arohatia te Reo as the theme for Māori Language Week 2012.



Māori Economic Development Strategy

Feature article on progress to date including:

- meeting with key Māori businesses
- follow up meeting to establish priorities from first meeting; and a
- hui at Raukawa marae with a visit to Clean Green Technology in Miro street

Waitangi Day Commemoration

Council staff and Te Whakaminenga members met to talk about next commemoration of Waitangi Day at Whakarongotai marae in 2013.

Rongoā Māori Garden

Launch of the Rongoā Māori Garden at Haruatai Park in Ōtaki occurred with 500 natives planted.

2012/2013 Annual Work Plan

Report back on key priorities for Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti

Iwi Representatives to Standing Committees

The implementation of representatives to standing committees

Grandmothers Hui

A further gathering of the local grandmothers collective is planned following the success of the inaugural meeting.: 21st September at Te Kohanga Reo o Turoa, in Ōtaki from 7pm.

Rongoā Māori

Rongoā Māori will be a regular feature of the newsletter. Rongoā Māori is an holistic system of healing. It refers to the traditional medical system of tangata whenua. Remedies are made from either a single plant or by a combination of many.

Māori traditional healing or rongoā Māori includes a range of traditional healing methodologies including rongoā rākau (herbal remedies), mirimiri (Physical therapies, massage and manipulation), karakia (spiritual rituals, healing and incantations), cultural and spiritual counselling among other variations.

Remedies are gathered from plants, berries, leaves, bark and roots.

Increased interest in its revival and sustainability has prompted calls for its formalisation within the New Zealand public health system.

However, while practices such as rongoā

Māori have potential to support sustainable development and health outcomes, these very practices are under threat due to changes in the natural environment and human society.

In 2011, Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti recommended that Council establish rongoā Māori spaces within Council's Parks and Reserves.

This means that the community will be able to harvest rongoā Māori in a sustainable and non-commercial basis from 15 Council Parks and Reserves.

The first rongoā Māori garden is currently being developed at Haruatai Park in Ōtaki.

In each newsletter, we will profile one of ten species of rongoā rākau that can be harvested from the gardens. Images are courtesy of Pagan Lewis.

For further sustainability initiatives, visit www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/greenservices



Raurekau



Koromiko

Te Haerenga Whakamua – Tangata whenua review of the District Plan

Nā te Kune, te Pupuke Nā te Pupuke, te Hihiri Nā Te Hihiri, Te Mahara o the Hinengaro

The above karakia was offered Rakau Te Ora Te Maipi (Koro Don) and refers to the unlimited potential of a thought, then birth, then living energy until the 'multitudes' are dedicated to it.

The title refers to the journey that began in 1994 between council and tangata whenua of the Kāpiti Coast. This relationship has had another chapter added to it as Te Haerenga Whakamua was released in 2012. This report looks to build on the past with new and innovative ways to contribute to the future of the district.

Commendations and congratulations greeted Pātaka Moore's presentation to Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti hui of his and Caleb Royal's substantial report Te Haerenga Whakamua looking at how tangata whenua approach their responsibilities to the KCDC District Plan. The report was commissioned by the Kāpiti Coast District Council, and Hāpai Whenua Ltd were asked to undertake the work.

Late in 2010, a working party was formed to contribute to the review of the district plan, something that occurs every 10 years.

This working party brought together representatives from the 3 iwi of the district, Raukawa, Te Ati Awa and Ngāti Toa Rangatira. Members were asked to commit to meeting regularly and were also asked to either work with Pātaka and Caleb, or work as conduit between their iwi reps and Hāpai Whenua Ltd. The 144-page booklet was completed in April 2012 and released soon after.

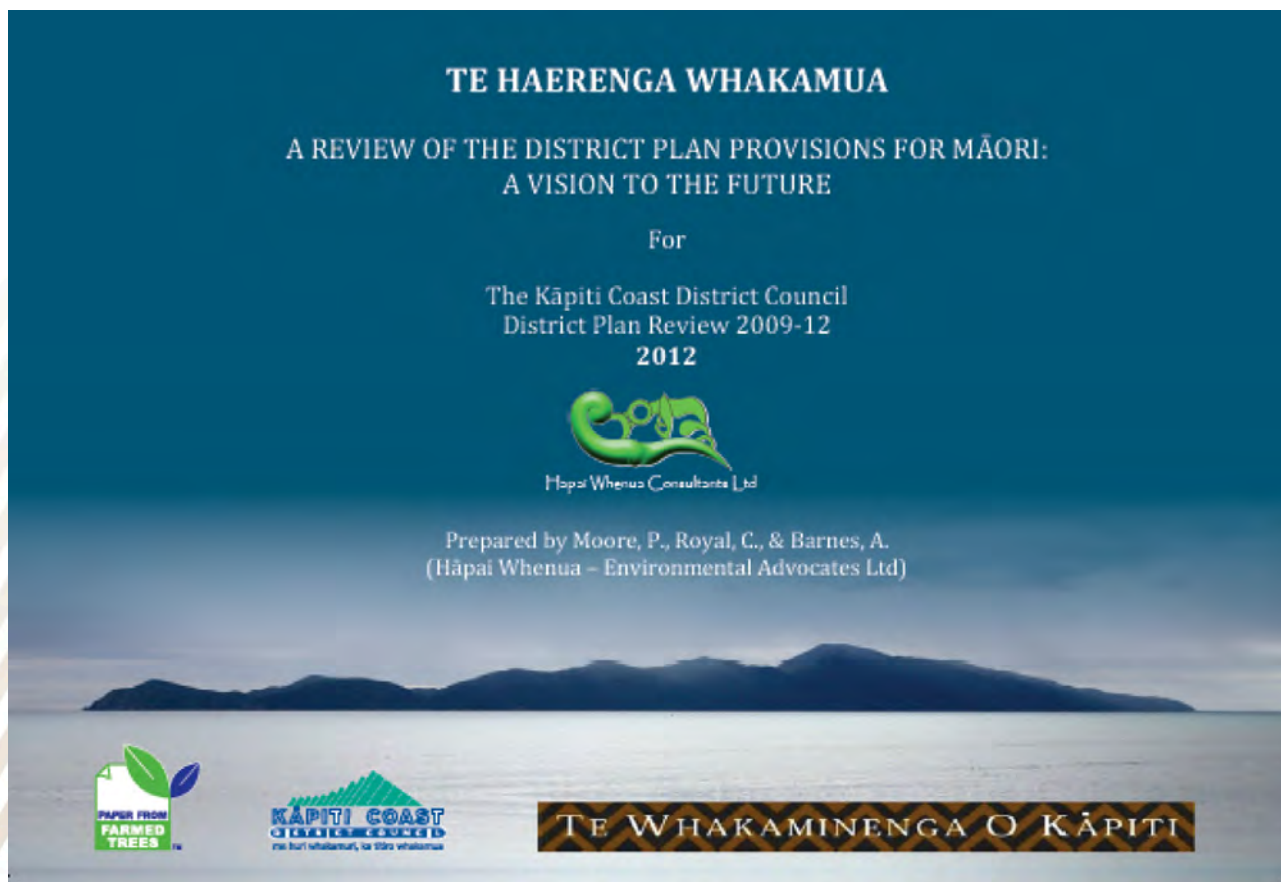
Regular meetings were held over 18 months and the seven discussion topics were discussed: Global change: Issues and pressures, Urban form and transport, Infrastructure and essential systems, Natural hazards and managed retreat, Landscape character and heritage, Biodiversity, Food and rural productivity.

The document provides iwi perspectives using the the seven discussion topics, while expressing these as 'tikanga' (customary practices, protocols and values).

The Te Haerenga Whakamua booklet emphatically states that: "It is through the use of tikanga Māori that kaupapa Māori values will be expressed throughout the district, and a partnership model of management achieved".

They concluded: "Overall a more integrative planning framework, based on the rights and responsibilities guaranteed under Te Tiriti o Waitangi, has the potential to benefit the whole district now and into the future".

Pātaka and Caleb are currently presenting the document to iwi groups such as kaumātua council and marae committees, along with the elected members of the KCDC.



Waitangi Day 2012 – Paekākāriki



Each year, iwi and Council co-host the event. Led by Ngāti Haumia and Ngāti Toa Rangatira, the day commenced with a traditional pōwhiri and quickly gave way to an array of activity to commemorate the day.

From dancing conga lines, to train rides, skate demonstrations, petting zoo, and the local scouts who led activities for the younger children. Bands included Jomba, The Singh Brother and The Yoots.

It was foodies heaven with stalls selling hangi, paua, mussel, pipi and whitebait fritters, mussel chowder, Thai curries, biltong, and sushi.

Displays detailed the history of Ngāti Toa Rangatira and Ngāti Haumia in the district. Whakarongotai Marae will co-host in 2013



Reflecting on the significance of Waitangi Day



The Singh Brothers, Joomba and The Yoots



Family fun in the sun