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Taranaki Iwi Newsletter



MIHI FROM THE CHAIR

He piki raukura he kotore huia whatia ki paerau ki nga matua tupuna

Haere atū rā ngā mate o te wā iti nei

Koutou kua riro i te wā o te mate urutā, ka tangi tonu te ngākau i tō mahuetanga i tēnei ao, no reira haere haere haere atu ra

Kei ngā uri o Taranaki lwi, ahakoa ko te hau ka wherū he raupō tātou ka piko e te hau ka ara

Ara mai ano e ngā uri, tū ake rā ki runga rā me te hari ano

Ka puta ka ora taku iwi e!

I hope everyone has kept themselves well over the winter months, it certainly has been an unnerving time for many of our whānau as we navigate both the cold and flu season, and a global pandemic. As you will be aware, Auckland

is currently under Alert Level 3, and the rest of the country under Alert Level 2. With the overwhelming amount of korero currently circulating on social media it's really important that you seek out the correct information via the official channels such as the Government's Unite against COVID-19' website. There have been a lot of rumours and conspiracy theories spreading online which are really unhelpful and often unkind. Now is the time to tautoko and care for one another.

You may have also seen reported by various news media outlets the call from the Taranaki Iwi Chairs and the Mayors of Taranaki for a regional bubble to keep our rohe protected. This decision was made with much consideration by all iwi and we're confident that this is the best way to protect our communities. The Taranaki Iwi Chairs forum meets regularly and we'll be updating our iwi members as required.

COVID-19 presented us with an opportunity to "stay home and stay safe while keeping in touch with our whānau". The Te Kāhui o Taranaki Board worked with ngā iwi o Taranaki to leverage support for our people, put our iwi perspective forward to Government, Mayoral forum, Taranaki District Health Board, New Zealand Police, New Zealand Fire, Taranaki Regional Council, Civil Defence & Emergency Management and National Iwi to ensure we all got to Level 1 safely. Regular communications kept us all up to date with what was happening as we tried to understand the many messages about COVID-19. During Level 4 and 3, we worked with ngā iwi o Taranaki to distribute food within Taranaki, increase access to flu vaccinations and COVID-19 tests for our people in our rohe, developed a survey to receive feedback from iwi throughout Taranaki and worked with ngā iwi o Taranaki to set up checkpoints in Level 3 with the support of New Zealand Police and Taranaki District Health Board. Our Board and operations team were involved in contacting our uri, distributing Whānau Ora packs and co-ordinating delivery of firewood in our rohe.

Our Operations team continues to support our whānau by connecting with providers who can assist in this space. Please remember if there is anything you're unsure about, reach out and we'll see what we can do to assist.

In this pānui you'll read about our Taranaki Iwi survey that's currently out there. Whilst it might sound technical, it's really just so we can find out things like where our people live, ages and what type of mahi they do. We'd appreciate it if you and your whānau can take the time to fill it in. It will only take about 15 minutes.

In this pānui ...

- Our pēpi packs are free for all of our Taranaki iwi babies born from January the 1st 2020 onwards.
- Elections are coming up with three vacancies for the Board this year.
- Ka Uruora our programme of services supporting whānau to improve their financial wellbeing and achieve financial independence was launched a year ago.

I hope you enjoy this pānui, keep an eye out for more online via our website and Facebook page and by contacting our team at the office. Take care and stay safe.

Ngā manaakitanga o te waahi ngaro ki runga i a koutou katoa.





WHĀKIA AU WHAKĀRO - TIME TO HAVE YOUR SAY

WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT MATTERS TO YOU AND YOUR WHÂNAU.

We invite everyone over the age of 18 years who whakapapa to Taranaki iwi to participate in our Taranaki iwi survey. The survey is a direct channel to the Trust and is an opportunity for uri to have a say, express opinions, give honest feedback and also provide us with a glimpse into the wellbeing and livelihoods of our people; where and how our people live. We're formulating our next 5-year strategic plan and the feedback we receive from the survey will be integral to ensuring that we are mirroring the aspirations of the iwi.

The future planning for our iwi is centred around strengthening our Taranakitanga. The survey seeks to explore our connectedness to one another, to our marae, hapū and iwi. We want to know the barriers which prevent uri from feeling and being connected and our role in breaking those barriers down.

The Taranaki iwi survey was launched on 6th of August to our registered members (over 18 years) who have provided an email contact, however it is open to all who whakapapa to Taranaki iwi regardless of registration. The survey can be completed online via our Facebook page and website (www.taranaki. iwi.nz) or by requesting a hardcopy (return via Freepost) or over the phone with our office kaimahi via our freephone number 0800 Te Kāhui (0800 835 2484).

We urge all of our uri to participate, with as little or as much as you feel comfortable sharing!

SAVE THE DATE - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) has now been set for Saturday 5 December 2020. Please save the date and let your whānau know too. It's really important for uri to come along and find out what we've been doing, ask questions, as well as reconnect with one another. More details including time and location will be provided once confirmed. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page and ipānui for further information.





UPCOMING ELECTIONS

A quick pānui to advise that our trustee elections are coming up in September. We'll be calling for nominations, and then in October we'll be announcing candidates. Early November voting will open! Make sure you keep an eye out on our website and Facebook page for further announcements regarding this kaupapa.

Nominations open	Thursday 17 September 2020
Nominations close	5pm – Friday 2 October 2020
Voting opens	Tuesday 3 November 2020
Postal and Internet Voting closes	5pm – Wednesday 4 December 2020
Ballot Box (at Annual General Meeting)	Saturday 5 December 2020
Election results	Friday 11 December 2020



0800 TE KÄHUI - FREE CALLING WITHIN NZ

Did you know we have a free calling number? 0800 Te Kāhui (0800 835 2484) is our new free calling number so you can contact us for free from anywhere within NZ. Whether you need to update your details or find out what hui are coming up,

the 0800 number means there isn't a barrier for you to get in touch. And, it's easy to remember!

A reminder also that our office hours are from Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm.



PEPI PACK - GET YOURS!

GOODIES FOR OUR BABIES.

We recently announced the introduction of these really cool Pēpi Packs for our Taranaki Iwi pēpi born on or after the 1st of January 2020.

Our team is always thinking about new and innovative ways in which we can connect uri to their Taranakitanga, and we think the pēpi packs are an

awesome way to do this! To welcome the arrival of our newborn pēpi, we've filled these packs with practical items to acknowledge this special occasion. Please share this kaupapa with whanau who you know are expecting pēpi.

"E kore au e ngaro, he kākano i ruia mai i Rangiātea, i Taranaki koia te puna i heke mai ai te tangata. Koia ko ō mātou nei okiokinga, ko mātou nei tō rātou okiokitanga."





TARANAKI IWI ONLINE SHOP

We currently have merchandise in-stock including hoodies, t-shirts, caps, beanies and bucket hats all branded with our Taranaki Iwi tohu. If you haven't checked the online shop out yet head over to our website www.taranaki.iwi.nz and click on the 'Our Services / Shop' tab.



KA URUORA - FINANCIAL WELLBEING FOR WHĀNAU

Ka Uruora is a programme of services supporting whānau to improve their financial wellbeing and achieve financial independence.

It includes a range of integrated services specially designed for whānau Māori, including:

- Financial education to help whānau build financial capability and achieve greater financial security and independence
- A whānau savings programme with special features and benefits designed to support whānau achieve their financial goals
- A whānau housing programme developed to support whānau enter home ownership

 Other benefits offered exclusively to support whānau, including specifically negotiated preferential benefits/rates for various financial and consumer services

For more information and to find out how you can benefit from this kaupapa:

- 0800 Te Kāhui (0800 835 2484)
- mww.kauruora.nz



ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE?

We know that moving house is hoha enough without having to remember to update your contact details so your mail can find you! However, it's really important that we have your most recent details so we can ensure you're kept up to date with what's happening here in the office, and around the rohe particularly as our iwi engagement kaupapa start to expand.

Here's how you can update your details:

- 0800 Te Kāhui (0800 835 2484)
- admin@taranaki.iwi.nz
- taranaki.iwi.nz/update-your-details/



