

## Iwi hosts Waitangi celebration

10,000 expected to largest regional celebration

**N**gāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc is proud to host the 24th annual Waitangi Day Family Celebrations, commemorating the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi between Ngāti Kahungunu and the Crown. This event is the largest regional celebration on our national day and is the only regional event in New Zealand organised and largely funded by an iwi. This year, we are sharing the message of unity.

Waitangi Day is a free event, accessible to everyone in the community. The Mitre10 Sports Park is an ideal venue, offering all the amenities needed to host a large public gathering, including off-road parking for over 2000 vehicles and drinking water fountains in the front and rear of the 2000-seat grandstand.

The event is expected to draw a crowd of over 10,000 people as there are no other major events planned locally on the day. The celebrations will feature a variety of activities that appeal to all ages, with key elements being learning, fun, and interaction between Ngāti Kahungunu, other iwi, and our diverse communities in Hawke's Bay.

### Event Highlights

● **Waitangi Day Ceremony:** Marking 184 years since the signing of the Treaty, the ceremony will open with a pōwhiri, anthem, and addresses by iwi, community, and civic leaders, including Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc chairman Bayden Barber, Napier Mayor Kirsten Wise, Hastings District Council Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst, and



Kahungunu's Waitangi Day Family Celebrations will boast a range of entertainment.



Unity is the key theme on Waitangi Day.

Hawke's Bay Regional Council chairwoman Hinewai Ormsby.

● **Treaty Talks:** A series of speakers will share thoughts on topics around the Treaty, covering history, relevancy, and links to education, social, environmental, and economic impacts for all New Zealanders.

● **Multicultural Concert:** Performances by dance troupes, bands, and singers representing Māori, Pacific, Asian, and world cultures.

● **Theme of the Day:** "Tatou Tatou, Come Together" – a call for unity and togetherness.

### Objectives of the Day

● To create pride in all New Zealanders by bringing people together.

● To share our positives as a nation.

● To provide positive interaction between Ngāti Kahungunu and the wider community, recognising mana whenua in the event.

### Innovative Activities

● **Flag-Waving:** We invite the public to bring their flags of any shape, size, colour, and meaning. Community members are welcome to bring flags representing their nationhood or original homeland, including marae, hapū, iwi, school, sports, or kaupapa flags. Flags can be on poles or handheld.

● **Line Dance Routine:** At midday, everyone with flags or without is invited to join a line dance routine called "Boots on the Ground". A tutorial will be posted on our Facebook page on Wednesday, January 29, for folks to learn the routine.

Redbands are welcome to be worn if cowboy boots are not available.

● **Flag-Waving Appreciation:** Show appreciation for singers, dancers, and speakers by waving your flags at least three times and up to seven times for good luck. If you like the talk, wave your flag; if not, don't wave it.

### Additional Attractions

● **Mahons Thrill Amusement Rides:** Free rides from 10am to 3pm, including the Hurricanes, Pirates of the Caribbean, Pirate Swing Ship, Swing Tugboat, and Cup and Saucer.

● **Spark Fun:** Free hot rod rides for kids from 10am to 3pm.

● **Vendor Stalls:** 50+ stalls selling a wide variety of world and Kiwi foods, jewellery, glasses, hats, clothing, crafts

### DETAILS

● **Event:** Waitangi Day Family Celebrations. Free entry

● **Location:** Mitre10 Sports Park, 14 Percival Rd, Hastings

### PROGRAMME

● 9am Stalls open. Rides open 10am

● Manaia's Acoustic Jams

● Hukarere Girls' College Kapa Haka

● Taikura Kapa haka

● Te Aute College Kapa Haka

● Taliha Blake

● Waitangi Day Official Ceremony. Speeches by community leaders.

● Waamarama Kapa Haka

● Red Band

● Toko Parataito Cook Islands Dancers & Drummers

● Mahina Lawrence

● Te Whanau Puoro Band

● Benjamin Tupare Davies Trio

● Bay Batucada Brazilian Salsa Band

● Manioro Dance

● Fusion Dance

● Te Haroto Marae Kapa Haka

● Rude Boyz Band

● 4pm Close

and gadgets. Health and service organisations are promoting their services.

● **Outdoor Screens and Mist Curtains:** Two full-size outdoor screens bring stage action close up and mist curtains around the site for people to cool off.

Join us for a day of celebration, learning, and fun as we commemorate the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi and come together as a community.

"Tatou te Iwi o Ngāti Kahungunu,  
kia awhina tia tātou katoa o te  
Iwi o Ngāti Kahungunu"

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# Toi Matarua lays leadership path

By rangatahi, for rangatahi – roopu broadens from performance into research and promotion of wellbeing

**M**any people think rangatahi (youth-aged) Māori are troublemakers, that we don't care about school, or we lack ambition. These stereotypes hide the truth about our strengths, talents and the things we are actually interested in.

This article is a monthly series in Tihei Kahungunu. Our stories represent the voice of rangatahi in our Toi Matarua (TM) rangatahi roopu. We call our series "Pakaru Pānuī". Sharing content that is true to the rangatahi Māori experience is so important to us! Which is why TM have employed our expert rangatahi communications team, "Pakaru Pānuī", to lead our online community engagement.

TM – Toi Matarua is a rangatahi/youth programme to help enable rangatahi to navigate their future by becoming leaders within their communities. It was established in 2011 as a "by rangatahi, for rangatahi" performing arts group to help understand mental health and suicide prevention. The programme has transformed into an emerging, rangatahi-led research organisation that specialises in health and wellbeing, social and justice issues pertaining to Māori. We proudly



continue to be a voice for rangatahi and we are grateful that we can speak in this Tihei Kahungunu monthly edition.

Last year "Pakaru Pānuī" featured nine times in Tihei Kahungunu. We participated in 26 rangatahi events and engaged on several social media platforms that rangatahi view. However, we are keen to ensure we are understood and that our voice is heard and read by older generations, who sometimes misunderstand our view.

#### Last year's top interests:

1. Māoritanga and identity
2. Politics
3. Mental health
4. Suicide prevention
5. Te reo Māori

#### Our top moments:

In August, Toi Matarua attended the LEGO

Family Spirit Conference 2024 in Alice Springs, Australia. The event brought together indigenous groups like the Māori, First Nations British Columbians, Native Americans and the Arrernte, who were the hosts. During the week, people shared their cultures and talked about how to create spaces where tamariki could play.

In November Toi Matarua showcased the production *Undiscovered*. We performed three shows, one in Hamilton and two in Napier.

We had four wānanga in preparation for our show. We learnt all the show content such as dance, haka, waiata, contemporary haka and acting. We had professional dance tutors come in to teach us some sets as well as a Mau Rākau tutor. The show was based on the story of Urutengānana, the God of light in Māori mythology, the first-born child of the primordial parents, Ranginui the Sky Father and Papatūānuku Mother Earth.

In August, Toi Matarua held a four-day rangatahi wellbeing wānanga in Rotorua. Rangatahi from Kahungunu and all over the North Island came to be the first to listen to our rangatahi audiobook *Kia Au, Ko Au*. The wānanga taught rangatahi

tools for improving sleep, including Dr Sally Rye's "Rongo ā puku" exercises, traditional oriori, meditation, sound and therapy. Our audiobook was made available on platforms including Spotify, YouTube and our website, toimatarua.com, as a tool for healing and better sleep.

Last year we rebranded our social enterprise, Māku. We went out into the community to sell our kawakawa balms and attend multiple markets and events in Hawke's Bay, we also set up our online store and now you can buy our balms at <https://www.maku-organics.com/>.

Towards the end of the year we were lucky enough to attend the Hikoi mō te Tiriti. We took a small group of rangatahi to Wellington. We woke at 2.30am to join the hikoi in Petone and walk into central Wellington – it was a long walk but we were encouraged and inspired by the nannies and pēpi walking alongside us. Despite our tiredness, we pushed through because we knew we were a part of something historically significant to our culture and generation.

Last year was one we won't forget and we look forward to doing more amazing kaupapa this year.

## All participants must register for Ngāti Kahungunu board elections

The Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (NKII) Board Elections take place every three years.

Nine elections take place simultaneously for ten positions on the Board as follows: The election of six Taiwhenua/Rohe representatives, two Taurahere representatives (from the new Northern and Southern Districts), one kaumātua representative and chairman position.

All members currently on the NKII Board were participants of the 2022 NKII Board election process except for Jenny Nelson-Smith, who was appointed after the passing of the late John Barry Heperi-Smith.

All participants whether candidates, nominators or voters, must be registered to participate in this election.

All registered participants must be Nga Uri a Kahungunu – descendants of Kahungunu, 18 years of age or over at the time of the election which is April 24.

Nominations for these board positions open on February 3.

Those eligible to stand for positions will be informed directly.

Nominations close on February 28 and on March 4 a notice will be made public to announce the candidates.

On March 24, voting papers will be posted to all registered iwi members who are eligible to vote as noted above.

The Taiwhenua/Rohe Boards are made up of registered marae representatives who have been appointed or elected by their respective marae and/or they have been elected in accordance to their own



**Thompson Hokianga (Heretaunga), Haami Hilton (Kaumātua), Brian Ruawai-Hamilton (Taurahere-Southern), Bayden Barber (Chair), Eruera Beattie (Taurahere-Northern), Nigel How (Wairoa), Hori Reti (Te Whanganui-ā-Orotū), Melissa Ihaka (Wairarapa), Hayden Hape (Tāmaki-nui-ā-Rua), Jenny Nelson-Smith (Tamatea).**

respective constitutions.

The Taurahere Boards are made up of registered Kahungunu representatives who reside outside the Kahungunu rohe.

Candidates for the Taiwhenua/Rohe/Taurahere representative positions on the board will come from the current pool of active Taiwhenua/Rohe/Taurahere Board members at the time nominations open for the iwi election which is February 3.

Kaumātua nominations come from an open pool.

The criteria for the kaumātua representative is as follows: You need to be a registered tangata whenua member of Kahungunu descent; be 60 years or

older; be interested in the future of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi; be registered to participate in the 2025 election; be proficient in Kahungunu tikanga, kawa and reo; and, reside in the Kahungunu rohe.

Nominations for the Iwi chair position will come from the pool of Taiwhenua Board members who meet the criteria requirement at the time nominations open for the iwi election which is February 3.

The incumbent chair becomes an eligible candidate to the position of chairperson without going through a marae/Taiwhenua election process as

stated in 9.2.1 in the Constitution.

The Independent Returning Officer for the NKII Board Election is Dale Ofsoske of Election Services.

It is important that our database is as accurate as possible for our voting papers to reach you in time.

#### Please update your details

If you are registered with the iwi and you aren't sure if we have the right information for you, please call us on our 0800 524 864 number or visit our website [kahungunu.iwi.nz/are-you-registered](http://kahungunu.iwi.nz/are-you-registered) or email [database@kahungunu.iwi.nz](mailto:database@kahungunu.iwi.nz)

## AUNTY'S GARDEN

### Instant traditional boil-up, just add water

**Hanui Lawrence**

This has already been a year of many changes (globally that is), and right here in the Bay Waitangi Day looms with many varied activities to learn from. A time to have family fun and to reminisce about the Treaty which at the moment is under great scrutiny and debate.

No matter what our thoughts are, whether we're here or there, for or against, life goes on.

At the moment the dahlias in Aunty's Garden are so beautiful, my mother's favourite flower which I planted randomly in the maara kai to remind me of her beautiful spirit. Red, lilac, varying shades of pink, white, orange, purple, yellow and a very deep red. It's just beautiful. I'm reminiscing (*The Good Life*),

a TV series years ago starring Penelope Keith as the character, Margo, who would share her stories about vegetable gardens of her home in Putney, South London. It was so much fun to watch and so down to earth.

With 2025, set goals to be happy, to find joy, to strive, to align, to enjoy life with the family, to have the odd hot chocolate or coffee or a fruity ice creams, so delicious. The good life is with us, we just need to embrace it.

Happy New Year everyone. Enjoy life, enjoy the year. This month's recipe is my favourite Boil-Up.

#### RECIPE INGREDIENTS

- Meat – Pork bones, pork pieces or pork ribs
- Greens – Puha or watercress, Toihi or

wene wene (Kamokamo ends), spinach or silverbeet.

- Potatoes, Kumara and Kamokamo
- Sliced onions and salt

(You choose how much of everything you like depending on your size of whānau).

#### METHOD

- Put bones in a large pot. Add salt, and sliced onions to your liking and boil for an hour and a half.
- Prepare your greens and put aside.
- In another pot, steam potatoes, kumara and kamokamo and put aside. Steam till cooked but still firm.
- Once the meat falls off the bone add the greens and bring back to the boil until greens are cooked. Before serving, add the potatoes, kumara and kamokamo into the pot and it's ready to eat. Enjoy your kai.



This gem is Hanui Lawrence's favourite boil-up.

## Last-minute boat proves positive for big-hearted paddler

At the beginning of the year Waka Ama Aotearoa New Zealand hosts the National Sprint Championships at Lake Karapiro. This year's event took place from January 12-18 and participants came from all over the country to put their hard training into action.

Each year the Te Rau Oranga O Ngāti Kahungunu Waka Ama Club puts forward its teams. This year the club had 110 paddlers competing in teams ranging from midgets (the youngest paddlers were 6 years old) to senior master women (over 50 years old).

The Te Rau Oranga O Ngāti Kahungunu Waka Ama Club medal results:

- Bobby John-Heta – gold, Intermediate boys W1500m final.
- Aria Taurima – bronze, J23 W1500m final.
- Ruamano Black – silver, Intermediate boys W6500m final – Bobby John-Heta, Vaka Kaufusi, Kireara Paringatai, Daemyn Te Kahu, Ariki Kite, Tutawake Huata.
- Ruamano Black & White – silver, Intermediate boys W12500m final – Bobby John-Heta, Vaka Kaufusi, Kireara Paringatai, Daemyn Te Kahu, Ariki Kite, Tutawake Huata, Chorus Bird, Haaroa Buxton, Quartet Bird, Rangikawhaki Murphy, Shane Chand, Tolani Penetito.
- Ruamano Blue & Green – bronze, J16 Men W12500m final – Te Ariki Maui, Heiani Huata-Pouira, Hamiora Fatialofa, Tawa Paringatai, Davey Simutoga, Kiato Buxton, Aratana Te Kahu, Fonua Ofa, Julius Raihania, Riley Waenga, Tainga Smith

"Bobby's gold medal race was a highlight for all of us," said Julie Tangaere, the club chairperson. "He was strong



Bobby John-Heta scooped gold in the intermediate boys W1 5000m final.

# Bobby scoops waka win

throughout the regatta and his size, strength, power and determination came through as we all watched in awe as he did his thing and achieved first place and won his gold medal in the intermediate boys W1 singles race.

"The win was even more poignant because up to the day before the tournament we were struggling to find a waka that could actually accommodate Bobby's frame and size. He had tried a few different waka which he kept falling out of and struggled to stabilise. Thankfully, Jorian (Julie's son) was able to source a good waka from a friend and, after testing it a couple of times, it was the waka he used and medalled in."

Bobby is a 12-year-old former student of Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Ara Hou. This year he heads off to high school at Hato Paora College in Fielding. He and his older brother, Leedti, have been a part of the club since they were midgets. Like all other local kids, they came to give waka ama a try and they were hooked.

"What all new whānau discover when they come to Te Rau Oranga is that waka ama is more than just a sport for us. It's a way of life," says Tangaere.

"The wairua, whānaungatanga and manaakitanga are a big part of the waka ama vibe and it's what brings our whānau back to the club year after year".

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated

acknowledges and congratulates everyone who participates in the Waka ama kaupapa. This traditional sport brings whānau together on all levels. We acknowledge Te Rau Oranga O Ngāti Kahungunu Waka Ama Club and all of their supporters including kaumātua Kere Mihaere, Mana Ahuriri Trust and Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Ara Hou who supported the club with resources to ensure this year's campaign was successful.

To all of the paddlers especially our gold medallist, young Bobby John-Heta, we wish you well in your future endeavours.

Well done everyone!



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THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2025

7:45AM GATHER AT THE  
ĀTEA-A-RANGI, WAITANGI PARK,  
AWATOTO.

8:15 AM HIKOI  
(KOTAHITANGA) ALONG TE AWA  
O MOKOTUARARO.

8:45 AM HAKA PŌWHIRI  
FARNDON PARK, RIVERSIDE.

11:00 AM KŌRERO FROM A RANGE  
OF SPEAKERS, AND WORKSHOPS  
WITH A FOCUS ON HONOURING  
TE TIRITI O WAITANGI NOW AND  
IN THE FUTURE.



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## NGĀTI KAHUNGUNU MĀTAURANGA AWARDS

“Celebrating Kotahitanga”



**Wairoa Taiwhenua**  
Tai-Awhi Alternate  
Education  
Recipient  
Rangatiratanga



**Dr David  
Tipene-Leach**  
Recipient  
Mātauranga



**Te Korou  
Whangataua**  
Recipient  
Te Reo me ona Tikanga



**Mereana Pitman**  
Recipient - Whakaputanga  
me Tiriti o Waitangi



**Evelyn Ratima**  
Recipient  
Tipuria te Aroha



**Marei Apatu**  
Recipient  
Whakawhanaungatanga

Thursday 30 Jan 2025,  
6.00pm - 10.30pm  
Toitoti Assembly Room

On Thursday 30 January, Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated will host its inaugural Mātauranga Awards Dinner event to celebrate our Kotahitanga Iwi Champions. Honorary recipients to be announced on the night include the Lifetime Achievement and Kahungunu Champion awards. Kotahitanga category recipients pictured to the left.



## NGĀTI KAHUNGUNU MĀTAURANGA SYMPOSIUM

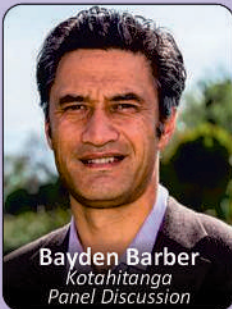
“Celebrating Kotahitanga”

Friday 31 Jan 2025, 8.30am-4.30pm  
Toitoti Assembly Room

**Registration for Symposium \$65 per person**

[iwi card holders free registration - excludes the awards evening]

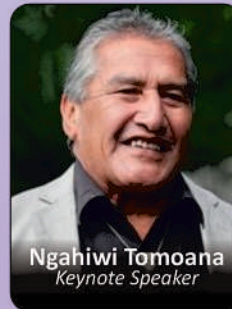
On Friday 31 January, Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated will host its inaugural Mātauranga Symposium to further support the iwi’s educational strategic objectives which focus on advancing educational aspirations for Kahungunu whānau. Keynote speaker Ngahiwi Tomoana will focus on Kotahitanga and Mātauranga from his own life experiences on all levels from his own upbringing at home, on the marae, and as an iwi leader. A panel discussion facilitated by Whare Isaac-Sharland with an exciting group of panellists including, educator, Kaiako, iwi leader Mahinarangi Huata-Harawira, Māori Activist and Te Tiriti o Waitangi expert, Mereana Pitman, Renowned Researcher Professor Dr David Tipene Leach, Principal Consultant specialising in cultural competency, Henare Kani, and Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated Chairman, Bayden Barber. The discussion Kaupapa is 'Kotahitanga'. Workshop presenters will focus on 5 key areas as stipulated in the refreshed Ngāti Kahungunu Education Strategy. Participants will attend 4 of the 5 workshops throughout the day. Mātauranga, Te Reo Māori, Rangatiratanga, Tipuria te Aroha and Whanaungatanga are the key kaupapa.



**Bayden Barber**  
Kotahitanga  
Panel Discussion



**Henare Kani**  
Kotahitanga  
Panel Discussion



**Ngahiwi Tomoana**  
Keynote Speaker



**Mereana Pitman**  
Kotahitanga  
Panel Discussion



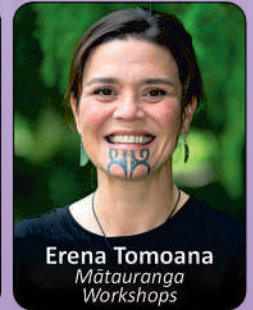
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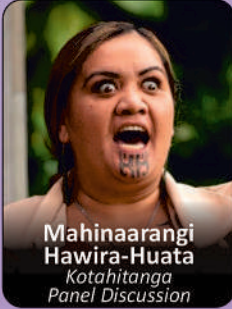
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**Whare Issac-Sharland**  
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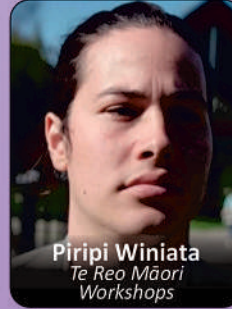
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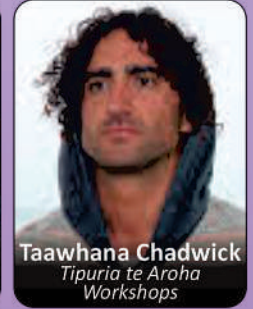
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Panel Discussion



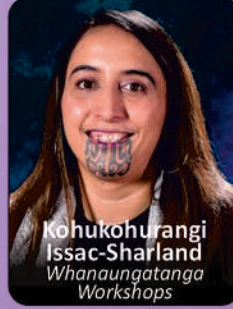
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**Taawhana Chadwick**  
Tipuria te Aroha  
Workshops



**Kohukohurangi  
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Workshops



**Kiino Krystal**  
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**Karel Wairau and D'Artagnan King are heading to Finland for a cultural exchange.**

# Friends prepare for Finnish adventure

Four-week cultural exchange aims to empower teenage ambassadors

**P**assionate educator and rangatahi leader Te Whiti Seeds has created an opportunity of a lifetime for two Hastings boys.

Karel Wairau and D'Artagnan King will travel to Finland on February 5 and spend four weeks visiting schools to share stories of their upbringing.

They will also have a cultural exchange of experiences with rangatahi and their families in Finland.

Karel and D'Artagnan, both 15, have been friends since they were in primary school.

They both live in Hastings and attend

Karamū High School. The chance to visit Finland is a first-time experience for both of them.

Seeds, who teaches at Taikura Rudolf Steiner in Hastings, is the founder of He Rangatahi Pounamu, a non-profit organisation for youth leadership through an ambassador programme where youngsters between 14 and 17 travel to Finland to build their experience and future opportunities.

Seeds had the opportunity as a teenager to travel to Finland in 2000.

He said he was and is still overwhelmed, and has deep respect and love for the Finnish people, after the love and light they shared with him during his young years.

"This teenage experience has helped me to circumnavigate trials, tribulations, relationships, languages, culture and

understand my own personal 'tūrangawaewae', standing place or identity," said Seeds.

He believed that opportunity helped him to aspire to become a teacher and help youth navigate through life and reach their own potential.

"The power that I have experienced through my travels to Finland and meeting my new Finnish family, and making friends from all over the world is empowering," he said.

Karel was first approached by Seeds about being on the He Rangatahi Pounamu ambassador programme, then later brought D'Artagnan along.

A set of questions was asked and a parents' interview took place.

The opportunity for travel was put to the boys and their parents.

They needed to prove their

commitment and support from their parents because the trip is costing about \$14,000 each. As soon as it was confirmed, families started to raise funds for the trip.

Seeds and support worker Tracy Mclean, Karel's mum, will travel with the pair to Finland.

The boys are super excited about their opportunity.

The real gems will be revealed as the boys develop meaningful respect for self and others and come to understand their own personal tūrangawaewae.

Watch this space, the future looks brighter already.

**i** For more information about He Rangatahi Pounamu – Treasured Youth, email Te Whiti Seeds at rangatahipounamu@gmail.com

## HELP PROTECT NAPIER'S UNIQUE FLORA AND FAUNA



Napier City Council is looking at ways to provide protection for Napier's unique flora and fauna through notifying the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity Variation to the District Plan.

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# Feb 6: Walk of unity, talk of unity

Focus of Waitangi Day celebration on moving forward together

**H**ow we can move forward and live together well is the focus of Waitangi Day commemorations at Clive's Farndon Park on February 6.

This annual historic event, close to Waipureku, where Te Tiriti was signed in 1840, promises opportunities for reflection and action.

The day starts at 7.45am at Ātea a Rangi, Waitangi Park, with karakia, followed by the Hikoī of Unity, a 3km walk to Farndon Park.

Nau mai, haere mai – all are welcome, and bring your flags!

The hikoī will pause at the Clive Bridge for karakia at the memorial plaque remembering the Kahungunu chiefs who signed Te Tiriti close by – Te Hapuku, Hoani Waikato and Harawira Mahika Te Tātēre.

"The hikoī is a beautiful and popular way to begin the day and an opportunity to reflect," says Waipureku Waitangi Trust chairwoman Maxine Boag.

Non-walkers will join the group riverside at 8.45am at Farndon Park for the haka pōwhiri, led by manawhenua. This will be followed by speeches in the marquee first from keynote speaker Vincent O'Malley, then from local mayors and the chairman of the regional council.

"After the walk of unity we begin the talk of unity. Like the walk, the kaupapa of the day is about remembering our history as we move forward together. It's kotahitanga in action," Boag said.

"The focus is how are we all – tangata whenua and tangata Tiriti – moving forward in honouring Te Tiriti in



**Students from Hukarere Girls' College welcome people to Farndon Park at last year's Waipureku Waitangi Commemoration.**

partnership, as individuals, as collectives, as a region and as a nation?

"With the bicentennial of Te Tiriti just 16 years away in 2040, it's high time the promises made and the promise of Te Tiriti were widely understood. We need to talk about the promises broken too."

Award-winning historian and author Vincent O'Malley will deliver the keynote speech at 9.45am. He has worked as a professional historian focused mainly on Treaty of Waitangi claims research since 1993 and in that time has prepared and presented many research reports on behalf of iwi around the country, including Te Matau-a-Māui Hawke's Bay. His books include the bestseller, *The New Zealand Wars/Ngā Pakanga o Aotearoa*. He

won the 2022 Ockham New Zealand Book Award for non-fiction for *Voices from the New Zealand Wars/He Reo nō ngā Pakanga o Aotearoa*, and he received a Prime Minister's Award for Literary Achievement that same year.

After kai o te ata (morning tea) at 10.30, a second session begins at 11am, with a range of speakers and workshops focusing on "honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi now and in the future".

"The intention is to talk about the Treaty in ways that look out for everyone and are mana-enhancing for all, and then act on that. That is the spirit of Te Tiriti and the challenge is how we live up to it," Boag says.

Thought-provoking korero is being

recorded especially for the Waipureku commemoration by nationally and internationally famous speakers. The identities of these speakers, who are each providing 5-minute video presentations, will be revealed closer to the day.

## Waipureku Waitangi Commemoration

Thursday February 6

Event Details

7.45am – 8:15 am Meet at Ātea a Rangi, Awatoto, to start the hikoī.

8.15am – 8:45 am Hikoī along the banks of Te Awa o Mokotūāraro to Farndon Park.

8.45am – 9:30 am Haka Pōwhiri

9.45am – 10:00 am Address by keynote speaker Vincent O'Malley

10am-10.15am Local Government leaders on the actions they have taken to honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

10.15am-11am Kai o te ata (Morning tea)

During this time, everyone will be invited to sign the Te Tiriti o te Rangimārie (Peace Treaty).

11am – Local History, the signing of Te Tiriti in Te Matau a Māui/Hawke's Bay.

11.30am – Five short talks from speakers.

12.15pm Wānanga (Workshop) on "Honouring Te Tiriti now and in the future"

1.15pm Mahi korero – Where to from here? Action Plan.

Light refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon.

Iwi kaumatua, descendants of the signatories of Te Tiriti at Waipureku, members of Parliament, local mayors, chairs, councillors and staff, tangata whenua and tangata Tiriti are expected at the commemoration

 See our Facebook page: Waipureku Waitangi Commemoration

**Let's go to Church!**

**Flaxmere Christian Fellowship**  
220 Flaxmere Avenue, Hastings  
Main Sunday Meeting - 10:00AM

*The Flaxmere Christian Fellowship is a local Church which has been operating since 1980. Situated on Flaxmere Avenue it draws people from around the Hastings and Napier area. This Pentecostal Church was birthed out of the Charismatic renewal of the late 1970's.*

The main meeting is every Sunday morning starting 10:00. A Bible College also operates on Sunday evenings for those serious about advancing their knowledge of the Bible. Different groups run during the weekend which cater to youth and adults. Children's Sunday school

classes run on a fortnightly basis during the Main Sunday service.

The Fellowship aims at reaching people with the Good News of Jesus Christ and the transformational power that message brings. It is

involved with different programs in the community to help bring this to pass. The Flaxmere Christian Fellowship is also a strong advocate for the Jewish People's right to exist as an independent and sovereign state on their historical ancient land in Israel.

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