

## Hui Taumata gathers iwi

Event aims to identify solutions for Māori unity – kotahitanga

Ruth Wong

**N**gāti Kahungunu will host national gathering Hui Taumata at Omāhu Marae on May 31 to identify solutions for Māori unity – kotahitanga.

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated chairman Bayden Barber has invited 'Māori Thought Leaders' from around the nation to come to the Hui Taumata to share their whakaaro/ideas on how Māori can be most effective in our united approach. This Hui Taumata is the first of many that will be hosted throughout the country to allow all whānau Māori to be involved.

"We have seen how iwi Māori mobilised in response to the coalition Government's policy retractions and intentions to rewrite Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We have also heard from the paepae at Tūrangawaewae, Rātana and Waitangi about the need for Māori to unite. Kotahitanga is a key outcome that will enable Māori to achieve the Rangātiratanga and Mana Māori Motuhake we aspire to," Barber said.

"We're looking forward to hosting this auspicious occasion and to talk and discuss amongst ourselves about how we can unite our efforts, because together we are stronger."

The Hui Taumata will be held at Omāhu Marae, one of the seven marae in Hawke's Bay that was devastated by Cyclone Gabrielle over a year ago. It's the largest marae in Heretaunga.

"Omāhu is a tohu, or sign, of Māori Mana Motuhake, of



true community resilience in the face of extreme hardship. Omāhu Marae has shown what can be achieved through unified vision and collaborative effort," Barber said.

"Today, Omāhu Marae stands as a testament to the resilience of the human spirit and the enduring power of tradition. It serves as a reminder that, in times of hardship, our greatest strength lies in our connections – to each other, to our ancestors, and to the land that sustains us. And though Cyclone Gabrielle may have tested the marae's resilience, it ultimately served to strengthen the bonds that have held this community together for generations," Chrissie Hape, Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc. chief

executive said.

Extensive planning meetings have taken place to ensure the event is safe and successful. Te Piringa Hapū chairman Meihana Watson, has been at the helm of the recovery programme at the marae. This event is one of many that have taken place at the marae over the past six months. These events have all been to uplift the community.

"Here at Omāhu, we are excited to be hosting the Hui Taumata this weekend, as we come together as te iwi Māori to wānanga, to discuss and to raise up a way forward for us all," Reverend Zhane Tahau-Wheelan said.

A lot of thinking and planning has gone into the management of parking, traffic, walk flow, health and safety, of the event.

**Ngāti Kahungunu gathered at Omāhu Marae.**

Māori Warden manager Jordan Winiata has an extensive plan and is confident that all will go well on the day.

"We've got a full traffic management plan that has been established to ensure everyone comes to the hui and knows where they're going. We'll be utilising a bit of the village to host the motu," Winiata said.

"We're posting up on our social media feeds and also on the website, suggested route options to make sure you come in through the best route possible that we've got for you. There will be opportunity for you to be shuttled up to the marae from our allotted parking space.

"There will be bus stop areas, bus shell areas where

you can park your buses.

"We will also have a lot of support for all of our pakeke and kaumātua in terms of getting to and from different areas that you will be parking at for the Hui Taumata.

"There will be a lot of signage up as you come into Heretaunga, as you come into Omāhu village and as you arrive. Please have confidence in the directions and we'll get everybody safely to the hui.

"The best thing to do whānau, is to register and let us know if you will be bringing a bus and we will make sure to accommodate you when you arrive."

**i** For all information about the Hui Taumata visit the website [www.huitaumata.co.nz](http://www.huitaumata.co.nz)

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**Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu performing at the 40th Anniversary 2023.**

# Long-awaited opening of kura's new home

Kupapa ethos: Mai te kōpu o te Whaea ki te kōpu o Papatuānuku – womb to tomb

**Ruth Wong**

**T**e Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu is opening its new premises on Bennett Rd, Hastings, on Saturday, June 1.

The ethos of Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu is unique in that the overall focus of this kaupapa is the "Mai te kōpu o te Whaea ki te kōpu o Papatuānuku – womb to tomb" and is inclusive of the whole under the rangatiratanga of Te Kauwae Rangatiratanga o Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu.

Te Kauwae Rangatiratanga o Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu is a leadership board made up of leads from the Wānanga, Kōhanga Reo, Kura Kaupapa Māori and Wharekura o Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu and the Kahurangi NZ Māori Dance Theatre.

To fully understand the ethos and kaupapa of Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu it is pertinent to

understand all parts separately with the understanding that each part makes the whole and functions as one whānau under the one kaupapa.

This synergy produces an effect greater than the sum of their individual effects. And so it is with the womb to the tomb educational philosophy, which aims to provide seamless lifelong learning that allows each whānau member to achieve their full potential socially, intellectually, physically, emotionally and spiritually in an environment that affirms their Māori identity by the acknowledgement, respect and continual use of Te Reo Rangatira, practice of Te Aho Matua and the integration of Māori Performing Arts and Takitimu waka Mātauranga underpinning the curriculum delivered at Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu.

The members of Te Kauwae Rangatiratanga came together in 2015 to work in partnership with the Ministry of Education (MOE) on the 'new build &

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relocation project', from Albert St and Beatty St to its new home at Bennett Rd.

"This whole project has been the realisation of these whakatauaiki 'Ko te amorangi ki mua, ko te hapai o ki muri' 'E hara taku toa i te toa takihia' and 'Whāia te iwi kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe me he maunga teitei' where they depict the work of many that has gone into this project to bring it to this point," says Heke Huata, Te Kauwae Rangatiratanga o Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu chairman.

"We opened the kura at Albert St in 1991 and that has been our home for 33 years and we are ready to move on. A lot of great memories will remain with us, but it is time to move."

Saturday, June 1, will mark the completion of phase 1 of

the project and activates Phase 2, which involves the relocation of the whānau from Albert St site to the new site at Bennett Rd, and includes the sale of the Albert St site and the commencement of the new Wānanga build at Bennett Rd.

"We acknowledge the Aorangi Trust Board, the former owners of Bennett Rd, for their rangatiratanga and manaakitanga towards the whānau of Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu and for agreeing to make the land available for purchase by the Ministry of Education for the housing of the Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu whānau," says Heke Huata, Te Kauwae Rangatiratanga chairman.

"As part of the second phase we encourage the Ministry of

Education, Ministry of Arts, Culture and Heritage, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Māori Affairs to unite and work collectively in partnership with Te Kauwae Rangatiratanga o Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu to complete the final phase of the project, which includes the change in status of Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu from PTE status to Wānanga status and assist in building the new Wānanga build for Takitimu waka – Ngāti Kahungunu iwi.

"This will complete the housing of the full womb to tomb philosophy of Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu at its new whenua, Bennett Rd.

At the Ngāti Kahungunu Hui-ā-Iwi at Waipatu Marae on Friday, April 26, Ngāti Kahungunu reinforced their support toward the aspiration of Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu to be the Kahungunu Takitimu Waka Wānanga. A motion was made and fully supported.

The pōhiri for the opening is on June 1 at Bennett Rd at 10am. Kahungunu whānau are welcome to join with tangata whenua on this special day. Nau mai haere mai.



**All ages took part in Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu's performance at the 40th Anniversary 2023.**



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TĀMAKI NUI A RUA**  
Tararua Celebrates Matariki

Dannevirke A&P Showgrounds  
Queen Street, Dannevirke  
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**MATARIKI WHAKANUIA KI  
TAMATEA**  
Celebrate Matariki in  
Central Hawke's Bay

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ones, give thanks for the  
harvest and blessings for the  
future*



**KAI HAU KAI MATARIKI**  
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and Fireworks

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Perciville Rd, Hastings  
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*Kai, entertainment,  
remembrance & fireworks*



**MATARIKI MAHUIKA**  
Storytelling around the fire

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[next to the National Aquarium]  
6pm - 9pm FREE ENTRY

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Maui, float a waka lantern with  
a personal message of  
remembrance or healing,  
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**TĪRAMA MATARIKI  
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QEII Park  
Dixon St, Masterton  
6pm - 8pm FREE ENTRY

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entertainment, remembrance*

# MATARIKI.EVENTS

# Kotahitanga and what it means to me

My Dad's wise words: If you're all talk and no walk, sit down and keep quiet

Ruth Wong

**O**n January 20 this year, Kiingi Tūheitia Pōtatau Te Wherowhero VII hosted a national hui to mobilise iwi Māori to come together and unite.

An estimated 10,000 Māori and non-Māori from around Aotearoa descended on Turangawaewae Marae.

It was a great gathering for Māori and non-Māori alike who share in our grief because of government changes that have impacted, and will continue to impact, on what's important to us.

For our Kahungunu bus and vans, the trip from Waipatu Marae to Ngaruawahia was fun.

It was a celebration for all of us, not only to arrive at one place and be greeted by our whānau in Tainui, but we also enjoyed the ride.

It was a great time of whanaungatanga, a time to share, laugh, sing, listen to stories, watch the little girl from Wairoa play games with nanny from Waimarama and listen to laughter in the back of the bus.

Our iwi chairman, Bayden Barber, is quite the orator and rattled off the history of our



Kahungunu ancestors, connecting everyone up from all over the nation.

I got to know Toro Waka better, a man who was my CEO when I first started working at the iwi office in 2000.

We chatted, we laughed, and he shared his experience

and personal devastation of Cyclone Gabrielle.

It was a really good drive up and back from Ngaruawahia.

I'm sharing this because I've been a part of the team at iwi office helping with all of the exciting things surrounding the government changes, the

**Ruth Wong with her children Hemi and Leilani.**

anxiety, the unity and hearing thoughts and ideas, models of Kotahitanga from all kinds of people, young and old, some with different backgrounds and interests.

It has been very interesting and good to be a part of the whole discussion in the air, like

an innocent fly on the wall.

I had to ask myself what I think Kotahitanga is, and how it resonates with me in my life.

To me, Kotahitanga is the way we do things.

All of us have a set of values. Those values are portrayed in the people we hang around with, the kind of food we eat, the drink we drink, the clothes we wear, the jobs we have, the church we go to, the things we do in our lives, the very thoughts we have right now reading this – it's everything.

I'm assuming that if someone is not reading this, it's because they bypassed the word Kotahitanga in the heading. And that's fine because we don't all need to be the same or have the same interests.

Kotahitanga is definitely an action word. I was always taught by my Samoan father that actions speak louder than words. "If you're all talk and no walk, then sit down and keep quiet," he'd say.

If thoughts precede action, then what we think is what we will do. I'm constantly realigning my thoughts with my actions or the other way around, to check myself.

Kotahitanga for me right now, is unifying what I believe with what I do and if it's not consistent, then it's time to check myself.

What does **Kotahitanga** mean to you? If you don't know what this word means, it's ok. Send me your thoughts - ruth@kahungunu.iwi.nz

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## Guidelines give powerful messages to rangatahi

Ruth Wong

In 2023 rangatahi from secondary schools in Hawke's Bay took part in a wellbeing initiative through Nourishing Hawke's Bay.

He wairua tō te kai is a collaborative local project between Te Kura i Awarua Rangahau Māori Research Centre at EIT | Te Pūkenga and the University of Auckland (UoA).

Schools involved were Wairoa College, Flaxmere College, Hastings Girls' High School, and Te Kura Kaupapa Māori/Wharekura o Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu

As part of their pursuit for better health, these youth researched the New Zealand and overseas health guidelines and applied mātauranga Māori to them, then sought feedback from their peers at school before refining key messages that appeal to their age group.

The Manaora Rangatahi Guidelines comprise of 20 powerful messages of their own that resonates with youth today.

Launched earlier this year, they emphasise a balanced lifestyle that encompasses nutrition, physical activity, cultural awareness, and personal confidence.

The campaign is not just about promoting healthier choices: It's a celebration of youth-led innovation and empowerment.

Clearly, rangatahi, learn better from their own peers, using their own language.

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The Manaora Rangatahi Guidelines have been disseminated through online social media platforms such as Instagram, TikTok, YouTube, and Google, to make them more appealing to young people.

EIT Māori and Indigenous Research Professor David Tipene-Leach says these guidelines are holistic and inclusive of environmental issues and may be the basis of the next generation of wellbeing.

"This positive kaupapa enables and supports our rangatahi – and their voice – to be heard as aspiring Kahungunu leaders, as determined by them as a collective and as individuals," Ngāti Kahungunu Mātauranga manager Tawehi Munro said.

**i** Learn more about the Manaora Rangatahi Guidelines. Support your rangatahi in this transformative journey towards a healthier, more vibrant future. <https://nourishinghawkesbay.org/manaora-rangatahi-campaign/>

# WHAT DOES KOTAHITANGA MEAN TO ME?

**SHILOAH TUAVERA** - UNITY, WORKING TOGETHER AND FUNCTIONING TOGETHER AS ONE. • **NAADEAN WAINOHU** - WHAT DRIVES YOUR PURPOSE FROM THE HEART AND WORKING TOGETHER WITH A LIKE MINDED TEAM • **JULIE FERGUSON** - KOTAHITANGA MEANS COMING TOGETHER AND TOGETHER WE WILL ACHIEVE MORE • **SIAM** - BEING UNITED AS ONE, BEING IN UNISON AND EQUALITY NOT JUST FOR OUR PEOPLE BUT FOR ALL • **JEZZIAH PENNI MATTHEWS** - WORKING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY OR AS A VILLAGE, TO WORK TOGETHER AS ONE TO MAKE AN IMPACT IN SOCIETY • **LILLIAN KAHUKURA** - THAT WE ARE ONE, UNIFIED, GOING ON THE SAME PATH, ALL WANT THE SAME GOAL AND WE WILL ALL GET THERE TOGETHER • **PARRIS SCIASCIA-BROWN** - TOGETHERNESS, THE CONCEPT THAT WE ARE AS ONE, BY GIVING THE MANAAKITANGA, THE AWHITANGA, THE TAUTOKO, THE AROHA, AND AT THE SAME TIME RECEIVING IT BACK. ITS NOT ABOUT LEVELS OR WHO'S WHO OR WHAT'S WHAT, WE ARE ALL ONE AT THE END • **CRENADA** - UNITING TOGETHER AS ONE, AS A WHANAU, AS A ROOPU, MAKING SURE OUR CONNECTIONS ARE NICE AND TIGHT AND THAT WE ARE SUPPORTING EVERYONE ANY WAY WE CAN • **WHETUMARAMA PAENGA** - ANYONE OR EVERYONE WORKING TOGETHER AND UPLIFTING TO CREATE A BETTER FUTURE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION • **LILLIAN BARTLETT** - INHERENTLY AS MĀORI WE ARE A COLLECTIVE, PEOPLE IN THE THINGS THAT WE DO, HOW WE GATHER AROUND KAI, IN SPORT, IN HAKI, AND AS A WAHINE, I THINK ABOUT MOVEMENT IN REGARD TO SPACES IM INVOLVED WITH, THE WAY THAT MY TAMARIKI AND I MOVE AS A WHANAU, THE WAY THAT WE MOVE WITH OUR HAPU AND IWI AND IN TE TAIAO. KOTAHITANGA IS THE WAY THAT WE MOVE IN THE MANY THINGS THAT WE'RE INVOLVED IN • **JANE HUIA** - WORKING TOGETHER AS ONE • **ARIHANA HAKIWAI** - STRENGTH IN KNOWING THE KAUPAPA AND UNITING IN IT • **EZRA TE HUIA** - TO BE OPEN AND TRANSPARENT AND AUTHENTIC. WITH THOSE TWO THINGS WE CAN COME TOGETHER AND UNITE. • **SHAQAILA UELESE** - STANDING TOGETHER MAKING SURE ALL VOICES ARE HEARD AND MAKING DECISIONS THAT INVOLVE EVERYONE • **JAYDEN GILLIES** - GIVES YOU A GREATER PURPOSE TO WORK FOR THAN JUST YOURSELF. AS A MALE ITS ABOUT DOING STUFF THAT BENEFITS OTHERS, PUTTING OTHERS BEFORE YOURSELF. IT'S ABOUT YOU REAPING THE REWARDS OF THEIR JOY • **ANIHERA MCCLUTCHIE** - UNITY, PEOPLE COMING TOGETHER AND MOVING FORWARD FOR ANY KAUPAPA • **DONETTE DELLOW** - THE COMING TOGETHER AS ONE WHEN YOU ARE ON THE SAME KAUPAPA • **SHANE TE HAUKAMO** - COMMUNITY AND UNITY, BRINGING EVERYONE TOGETHER • **HINEMOA COLLIER** - UNITY, SOLIDARITY, A WEAVING OF TOGETHERNESS WHERE WE SHOULD ALL BE HELPING ONE ANOTHER, NO MATTER WHAT WE ARE DOING, NO MATTER OUR THOUGHTS OR WHERE WE ARE • **NEEROD HAPI** - ONENESS WITH YOUR ENVIRONMENT, WITH YOUR IWI, YOUR HAPU, YOUR MARAE, YOUR WHANAU, ESPECIALLY WITH THOSE WHO LIVE AROUND YOU AND CONNECTING WITH THEM, HELPING EACH OTHER THROUGH SAD AND HAPPY TIMES. ENJOYING BEING TOGETHER AS FAMILY. • **TREVOR BIDDLE** - BE IN UNITY, ALL ASPECTS OF TOGETHERNESS • **JAAMIN PERE** - BEING ONE, DOING THINGS AS ONE • **TYRELL GEMMELL** - DO NOT ROW THE BOAT OUT OF UNISON OR YOU WILL NOT REACH THE SHORE • **JINNY CLARKE** - TOGETHERNESS, WE ALL COME TOGETHER AND WE ARE ALL ON THE SAME GOAL OR KAUPAPA. HELP OUR WHANAU TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND GOOD PEOPLE IN SOCIETY. WE ARE ALL ROWING THE SAME WAKA. • **TYSON ATAERA** - UNISON, UNITED, IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD. • **WHITNEY FERRIS** - UNITY, ONE HEART ONE MIND • **HIKUWAI EDWARDS** - BEING TOGETHER, STANDING TOGETHER AND SOLIDARITY

**AUNTY'S GARDEN**

# Kindness and good kai warm heart and puku

Guidelines encourage wholesome foods and staying active

**Hanui Lawrence**

**O**f the 20-odd years of operation at Aunty's Garden, I have seen great kindness given and received from the people who have come to the garden and those surrounding the marae.

Recently after a visit to my home, my friend Ross noticed that getting up and down my steps was a bit of a chore for me.

So he returned out of the blue one early afternoon and proceeded to build a wooden rail in the middle of the steps.

I can lean on this as I move up and down.

Such kindness, not just given to me but he helps young men and women with mental health issues or those who are in need of assistance.

Then there is the youth of Manaora with their recent

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launch of rangatahi guidelines produced from young students from local high schools including Wairoa.

Led by Dr David Tipene-Leach, they recently launched *20 Rangatahi Guidelines for nourishing Hawke's Bay*.



They encourage healthy living by eating good wholesome foods, staying active and playing sports.

I allowed them to put their guideline posters along the fence of Aunty's Garden when I launched my book.

The group presented me with a beautiful pictorial of the mara kai, an additional keepsake of Aunty's Garden. Such kindness brought tears to my eyes.

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■ A verse of a song sung to my grandkids goes like this, *I want to be kind to evryone, For that is right, you see. So I say to myself, Remember this: Kindness begins with me.*

**Kumara Bake Ingredients**

- 4 medium kumara
- 500g mozzarella cheese,
- 500g cream
- 2 red onions

- 4 slices of bacon
- Salt and pepper

**Method**

Steam kumara, don't overcook, cool, slice into rounds and layer into roasting dish, then saute onions and the bacon, layer on top of kumara, spread over grated cheese then pour over cream.

It's easy, it's tasty, it's yummy, and it only takes 20 minutes to bake.

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# Tender tribute to Sir Bom at Monte Cassino

E koro mā, koutou kua ngaro nei i te tirohanga kanohi, koutou o te 28th Māori Battalion i pakanga ki te umu pokapoka o Tūmatauenga mō tātou te take, takoto tiraha mai rā, auē taukuri e!

**Ruth Wong**

**S**ir Bom Gillies was the guest of honour at the 80th year commemoration since the Allied Forces fought the German Army at the battle of Monte Cassino in Southern Italy.

Uncle Robert (Bom) Gillies was 17 when he enlisted in the army, finding his way into the celebrated 28th Māori Battalion.

Bom was born and raised in Waimārama (Ngāti Kurukuru) but later moved to Rotorua where his mother was from (Ngāti Whakaue).

He would serve with his Te Arawa relations from B Company.

Sir Bom was accompanied by his Ngāti Whakaue relations including the Kapa Haka o Ngāti Whakaue, and The A Company rangatahi cadets from Ngāpuhi.

Ngāti Kahungunu chairman Bayden Barber and Whakaata Māori CEO Shane Taurima were there to represent Sir Bom's Ngāti Kahungunu whakapapa and his cousins from D Company. Taurima

also led a large group of media to cover the events.

"It was a great honour to accompany Uncle Bom onto the Monte Cassino Cemetery where so many of our tipuna are buried," Barber said. "It was a surreal experience as we came onto the urupā in full Māori fashion, karanga, tangi, haka, karakia, it was a full expression of our emotions for our young soldiers that never made it home to whānau."

Sir Bom, who is now in his 100th year, was full of emotion as he led the congregation on to the urupā, flanked by his Ngāti Whakaue and Ngāti Kahungunu mokopuna and relations.

The official ceremony included representations from all the Allied Armed Forces who fought to liberate Monte Cassino, including the English, Australians, Canadians, Polish and Indians.

Minister of Defence Judith Collins spoke about her father's experience fighting at Cassino. She was very emotional as she spoke.

After the official ceremony, the crowd was treated to a full bracket of waiata and haka



from Te Kapa o Ngāti Whakaue at the part of the urupā where our Māori soldiers lay.

The following day, the

NZDF and Italian Government held a memorial service at the Cassino Train Station where members of the 28th Māori Battalion suffered heavy

**Sir Bom Gillies with Ngāti Kahungunu chairman Bayden Barber.**

casualties, especially those from A and B Companies.

It was relayed that of the 200 Māori soldiers that fought at the station, 150 were killed, injured or captured.

This battle was probably the worst day of fighting that the battalion experienced during the war. Again, the whakaekē was full of tikanga Māori, with tangi, karanga, haka and karakia.

"I am very grateful for the opportunity to attend both of these services, especially in the presence of our last surviving member of the Māori Battalion who was in 'te mura o te ahi', during that battle," Barber said.

"Despite their valour in battle, Uncle still bemoans how they came home to a country that did not appreciate the cost that Māori paid for citizenship in Aotearoa.

"They were not afforded the opportunities given to their Pākehā colleagues. He tried to purchase a farm in Waimārama after the war but was overlooked for a Pākehā veteran instead.

"This is shocking, especially because he is haukainga, but it is very representative of what many experienced. No jobs and little in the way of future prospects. We can never allow this to happen again.

"Let's honour the brave service or our ancestors by being the best we can be as Ngāti Kahungunu, as Māori, and as New Zealanders."

Of the 200 Māori soldiers that fought at the station, 150 were killed, injured or captured.

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**OUR OBJECTIVES**

- Ngāti Kahungunu - Culturally Strong
- Ngāti Kahungunu - Healthy and Vibrant Whānau
- Ngāti Kahungunu - Economically Strong
- Ngāti Kahungunu - Informed and Participating Citizens in the World
- Ngāti Kahungunu - Independent and Self Determined
- Ngāti Kahungunu - Healthy, Thriving and Sustainable Environment
- Ngāti Kahungunu - Making our Mark

**OUR VISION**

"Kahungunu - ki te whaiao, ki te ao mārama"  
Achieving excellence in all areas of our lives

**OUR MISSION**

Kia maumahara ki te mana āhua ake o Ngāti Kahungunu  
Uphold the absolute uniqueness of the living breath of Kahungunu  
"To enhance the mana and well-being of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi"



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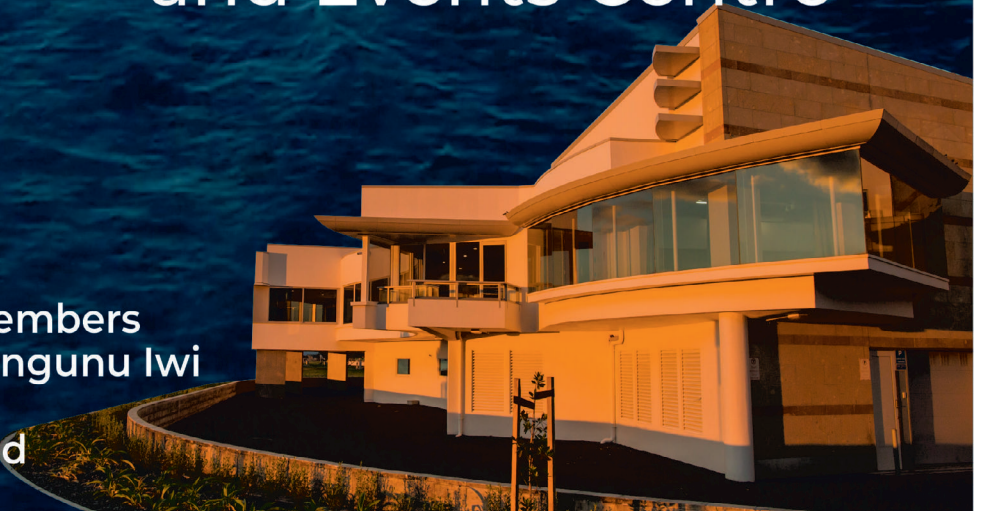


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