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Iwi looks at homes for whānau

20 affordable rental homes in Ōtāne built under Whai Kāinga Whai Oranga programme

In June 2022, Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi leaders were preparing to enter into a housing investment partnership with the Whai Kāinga Whai Oranga Crown agencies, Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, and Te Puni Kōkiri – Ministry of Māori Development.

At the time, \$45.3 million was being granted to Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi to achieve their housing aspirations to build warm healthy and affordable homes for whānau who need them most.

Whai Kāinga Whai Oranga is a four-year, \$730 million commitment to speed up the delivery of Māori-led housing and is jointly administered between Ministry for Housing Urban Development and Te Puni Kōkiri.

When Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi signed up, they were one of four iwi housing prototypes which is a partnership between the Crown and the National Iwi Chairs Forum. The Kahungunu Prototype will work with whānau and partners to facilitate plans to build up to 131 new homes (made up of Papakāinga or Affordable/Social housing rentals) across the Kahungunu rohe.

In 2023, the iwi employed Steve Gordon, Jane Cunningham and Hannah Kupa-Elliot to initiate these Whai Kāinga Whai Oranga housing aspirations for the iwi, however Cyclone Gabrielle hit Hawke's Bay on February 14, 2023.

Fortunately the housing



team was quick to move into providing emergency housing to support affected whānau.

On November 12, 2024, Te Piringa Hapū Authority (based at Omahu Marae) blessed 11 houses destined to provide accommodation for their whānau still displaced by Cyclone Gabrielle. Over 200 homes in Omahu were impacted by the cyclone and while many have returned to their repaired homes, some are still not able to inhabit their homes due to classification,

significant damage or insurance conditions.

A number of cabins have been provided to others who have made these their temporary homes while they navigate options for the future.

In January 2025 the housing team moved back into progressing the Whai Kāinga Whai Oranga Housing project.

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated is committed to enabling the wellbeing of whānau and are exploring a variety of housing options to

support whānau into affordable homes.

Affordable rentals in Ōtāne — Kahungunu Kāinga

Kahungunu Kāinga is excited to announce the development of 20 affordable rental homes in Ōtāne under our Whai Kāinga Whai Oranga programme.

This initiative focuses on providing affordable rentals, (not social housing) to support whānau seeking quality homes at fair rates.

The site features a range of options to suit your needs, including six two-bedroom homes, eight 3-bedroom homes, and six four-bedroom homes.

■ Tenancy move-in dates are set to begin in early March, so don't miss this opportunity.

Register your interest by visiting the website kahungunu.iwi.nz/kainga-housing or email the team at housing@kahungunu.iwi.nz

Ngāti Kahungunu is exploring a variety of housing options to support whānau into affordable homes.

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



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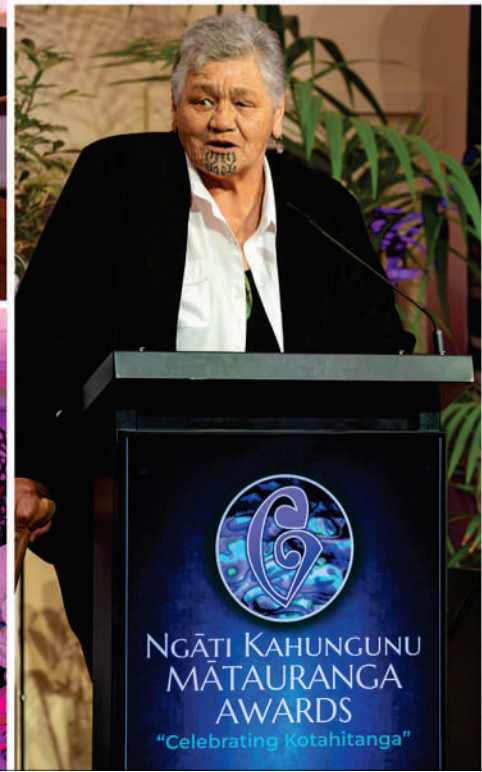




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Ngāti Rongomaiwahine, Ngāti Rākaipaaka,
Ngāti Kahungunu ki Heretaunga,
Ngāti Kahungunu ki Ahuriri,
Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki-nui-ā-Rua and Rangitāne





Record crowds as sun shines on event

Family fun, free rides and togetherness all part of Waitangi Day celebration

Te Rangi Huata

A combination of fine weather and a public holiday drew record crowds to Waitangi Day Family Celebrations at Mitre 10 Park in Hastings.

Organisers were thrilled with the numbers and estimated more than 15,000 passed through the gates to enjoy our national day.

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi event organiser Te Rangi Huata said: "People were queuing in lines to ride the pirate ship and Hurricane an hour before opening time and many came early to sample the wide variety of kai on offer."

By midday, cars entering the park from Percival Rd were backing up to the expressway.

Ivan Aplin, event traffic manager, said: "The sheer volume of cars at times caused delays in parking mainly due to the narrow roading system."

"We coped but it required a big team to keep cars moving in and out for around four hours. In terms of vehicles, around 4000 came through."

Fifty vendors selling food, crafts and jewellery packed the park.



"It's the most vendors we have ever had," said stalls manager and Ngāti Kahungunu Smart Services director and communications adviser Ruth Wong.

"By lunchtime, it was packed. Several vendors sold out and had to bring more supplies several times."

Mahons' rides were busy all day with queues at some of the more popular rides 30m long.

"We've provided the rides free of charge so everyone can have an enjoyable and memorable time on our national day," said Huata.

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc has been organising Waitangi Day celebrations for the past 23 years and a number of dignitaries addressed the

crowd at this year's event.

Bayden Barber, Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc chairman, said: "We want to share our positives as a nation, and the Tiriti o Waitangi is our founding document."

Hastings Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst said the day was to celebrate Te Tiriti o Waitangi and "we are proud of that agreement and partnership".

"Today we recognise it, celebrate it, and adhere to it through te reo Māori. Toitū te Tiriti."

Central Hawke's Bay Mayor Alex Walker said: "In our region, we live te Tiriti and partnership on the ground every day."

"From Central Hawke's Bay, we are so proud of the work

we do together. All of this is us building a beautiful country for our future with our communities first, and we are proud of that."

Napier Mayor Kirsten Wise said it was an honour to commemorate one of the most important days in New Zealand's history.

"Te Tiriti o Waitangi is such an important document for all our people," she said.

"Along with my fellow mayors and chairs, we recommit to honouring our obligations as leaders in our local communities."

Hawke's Bay Regional Council chairman Hinewai Ormsby told the crowd: "Today is about celebrating us, celebrating Ngāti Kahungunu,

and our tangata Tiriti partners. "Together, we can do more every day."

"As the chair of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council, our partnerships across the region must be strong together for our mokopuna. Toitū te Tiriti."

Katie Nimon said: "I'm the member of Parliament for Ahuriri, Mahia, Wairoa, Patoka, Tiniroto. Amazing to be here today to celebrate with you Te Tiriti o Waitangi and what it means for our country and the country that was created from that document."

Tukituki MP Catherine Webb said: "This is what Waitangi Day is about, coming together with the sun shining."

"We produce some of the best produce in the world and we should be celebrating all we have to offer."

"There is so much significance for today. It was great to walk with my four children this morning on the hikoi in Clive."

"We have been coming for a few years now, to stand together, to unite together, to be together."

The event was funded by the Ministry of Culture and Heritage, Napier City Council, Hastings District Council, Hawke's Bay Regional Council, Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga, and Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated.

Te Rangi Huata is the event manager for Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated

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.

Feel free to come and try us out!

Flaxmere Christian Fellowship - 220 Flaxmere Avenue, Hastings

Main Sunday Meeting 10.00am - Phone 06 879 5588

Email: flaxmerechristianfellowship@hotmail.com

Web: www.flaxmerechristianfellowship.com

Staunch team effort nets victory in final

Kahungunu rebounds from earlier losses to win

Bayden Barber

Te Ao Māori once again answered the call of Te Arawa waka and the Poitūkohu Māori (Māori Basketball Association) with 372 teams and over 3000 players participating in the Māori Basketball National Tournament held at Rotorua between January 20 and 25.

The competition is a huge logistical operation with tamariki (U8s) through to rangatahi (U16s) competing during the first half of the week, followed by taiohi (U18s), pakeke (Tāne, Wahine, Mixed) through to koeke (50+) during the second half.

About 30 iwi and rohe around the motu were represented and it was great to see our tamariki out there having fun and competing hard.

Mid-week all iwi were invited to perform waiata and haka at the pō whakangahau. Last year the Ngāti Kahungunu Confederation won the trophy for the best overall performance. This year the honours went to Muriwhenua from the north. The array of iwi uniforms, with well-rehearsed waiata and haka, was impressive.



Ngāti Rongomaiwahine, Ngāti Rākaipaaka, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Heretaunga, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Ahuriri and Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki-nui-ā-Rua and Rangitāne all competed in the various grades during the week. It was probably the most successful Māori Nationals for the Ngāti Kahungunu Confederation with several teams winning their respective grades. Of particular note were the inaugural gold medals for the Rākaipaaka Open Men and Rongomaiwahine Open Women's teams. Congratulations to all our teams and participants.

The Ngāti Kahungunu ki Heretaunga Mixed Masters repeated as Māori National Basketball Champions.

The team started the tournament with hard battles

with Ngāti Tūwharetoa and Te Arawa. This grade sometimes represents rugby or league, often with its hard fouls and niggles. These games were extremely physical with no quarter given. It was good to get day one completed with two wins. The next day was a different story. Ngāti Toa came to play. Owie Arthur, Jared Solomon, Shane Metekingi, Jewel Albert-Cambell and Hina Elkington were knocking down three-pointers from everywhere, putting Kahungunu on the back foot from the beginning.

Kahungunu played catch-up from the start and was unable to catch up. Team captains Rikki Te Kira and Tuehu Harris both made good contributions but it didn't help that forward and iwi chairman Bayden Barber was unavailable due to commitments at Rātana. Full

The Māori Basketball National Tournament held at Rotorua is a huge logistical operation.

credit to Ngāti Toa who played to their game plan and came out on top.

The next game was always going to be the hardest, with Ngāti Rākaipaaka having a strong team this year putting big scores on all teams thus far. The game started well for Rākaipaaka from the three-point line, putting Kahungunu in a hole from the outset. They had a well-balanced team with good outside shooters and lots of experience with veterans like Steve Smith, Karmyn Wynyard and Matt Jaunay. Jaunay in particular was a tough cover, lighting up the score sheet for 30 points with Smith pushing the pace at point guard. Raana Walker was the standout for Kahungunu with 26 points and a brace of rebounds. In the end, Rākaipaaka completely outclassed Kahungunu with a strong win and would go through the round-robin undefeated and straight to the final. This would mean that Kahungunu and Ngāti Toa would battle it out again in the semifinal, the winner facing Ngāti Rākaipaaka in the final that afternoon.

So far in the tournament, Kahungunu had been playing a man-on-man defence, which was tiring the players, and allowing too many scoring opportunities for the opposition. The whakaaro going into the semifinal was to change to a zone defence, well connected by lots of talking.

This would prove the difference. In the semifinal the Ngāti Toa shooters didn't have the space they had the day before, with the Kahungunu defence covering the perimeter. Kahungunu were also more active on offense with Tzar Smiler, Danny Williams, Learna Karena and Geraldine Smiler getting more space and making shots.

This set the scene for another final between Ngāti Kahungunu ki Heretaunga and Ngāti Rākaipaaka. Kahungunu having played their semifinal risked fatigue but the team seemed very energised.

Kahungunu got out to a fast start with early buckets to Bayden Barber and Raana Walker. Kahungunu maintained a healthy lead into halftime. The second half saw Kahungunu go inside to its post players, Barber, Walker and Alby Ellis which paid dividends. Point guards Tzar Smiler, Rikki Te Kira and Danny Williams managed the game well often slowing the pace to ensure the inside players were in the best position to score.

Barber led Kahungunu with a game-high 26 points by consistently getting inside and to the free throw line, but the defence of Learna Karena, Casey Luki and Geraldine Smiler proved the difference.

Bayden Barber is chairman of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated.

FINAL:
Kahungunu 42
Rākaipaaka 27

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Kahungunu 49,
Ngāti Toa 21

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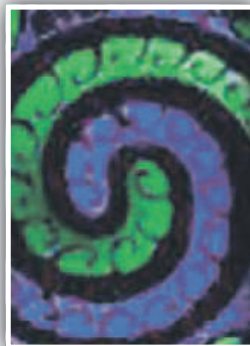
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AUNTY'S GARDEN

Beauty certainly in the eye of the beholder

A gatherer of organic fruit and vegetables comes to Aunty's Garden every week. I asked her if she would like to express her thoughts about Aunty's Garden. She wrote me a letter with her thoughts. Today's article are her quotes. In respect for the writer, I shall call her 'Grateful'. And enjoy our Potato and Kamokamo Bake!

Aunty's Garden is one of my favourite places in Hawke's Bay. I've been visiting for years, and it's always been a highlight of my week. I love being able to choose and harvest fresh, living, spray free, seasonal produce, and the place itself is also special. It's a healing space and always feels peaceful, even when there's a mower a tractor at work.

I'm a big fan of organics so I am pleased that Aunty's Garden isn't contributing any pollution to the air, soil or ground water.

The layout is beautiful – meandering paths, flowers and herbs growing amongst the vegetables. I love to visit the orchard area and see the trees evolve from budding to flowering, to fruiting, to sleeping, until it's time to do it all over again.

Locally produced food

meets our bodies' changing needs as the seasons change, nature gives us what we need, when we need it. I feel a thrill as each type of fruit or vegetable ripens. It's like seeing an old friend again.

Aunty's Garden is somewhere people can become familiar with the whole plants (unlike a supermarket where you can buy the heads of broccoli and cauliflower but not their more nutritious leaves and stems). You can smell the lovely fragrance of broad bean flowers. You can pick food that's just the right size for your needs.

It's a privilege to visit such a living and caring place. I believe the koha system fosters integrity, generosity and gratitude. Aunty's Garden makes fresh and safe produce accessible for everyone, putting wellbeing above profits.

Aunty's Garden is truly a blessing.

POTATO and KAMOKAMO BAKE

What you need

(Make to your family size and taste)

- 6 medium potatoes (Auria is best for this recipe because they're nice and firm, and don't mash up)
- 2 medium kamokamo
- 1 red onion (optional but it's more tasty with)
- 3 rashers of bacon
- 2 cups of cream
- cup of grated cheese
- salt and pepper

Method

- Steam potatoes and kamokamo until half cooked.
- When cool, slice into oven dish, layering potato first then kamokamo on top.
- Finely slice bits of bacon and red onion and spread over the



top, then spread over the cheese and finally pour over the cream.

● Bake in oven for 15-20 mins at 180C or until cheese is golden brown.

This is so yummy and can be eaten as a side plate with

your favourite meat dish or as the main dish with a lovely fresh leafy green salad with luscious tomatoes and other treats from the garden. All of these fresh delights are available at Aunty's Garden, on the outskirts of Hastings, next to Tomoana Showgrounds.

Aunty's Potato and Kamokamo Bake.

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