

# E-Paanui

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## Integrity-*tanga* an added key value to move us forward

The vibrancy of another year at Turangawaewae's 130<sup>th</sup> Regatta set the scene once again to showcase our heritage of Kiingitanga and it's far reaching influence both domestic and internationally recognised.

Central to the momentous day, Te Arikinui Kuini Ngawai Hono i te Po welcomed all distinguished guests visiting from near and far, and a speech that provided them insight and understanding of matters that are most important to us as a people. Of key significance, Te Ariki Nui reiterated **"The natural world is constantly speaking through rivers, land, winds and oceans - and it is time to listen"**

Te Arikinui also urged communities to embrace change and act with urgency, drawing on the guidance of our tūpuna. Upcoming planned wānanga are expected to play a central role in shaping future environmental and economic strategies for Waikato-Tainui, with a focus on long-term sustainability and intergenerational outcomes.

Within Matawhaanui Trust, environmental guardianship and Kaitiakitanga has always shaped a large part of our tuakiritanga. Guided by taonga tuku iho, we've always believed that when the Taiao is cared for, it will care for us. We demonstrate this in various ways especially when it comes to providing kai through our Maara- Kaahui Tuuwaā.

This edition of E-Paanui is dedicated to our Taiao in all its elements; our awa and tributaries, our punakai, the whenua we harvest on, the marae we connect from and the whaanau hapori who identify as a river people.

Mauri ora.



## Top Features inside



**Kaumātua gather for club milestone**



**Chairman dedicated to Awa restoration**



**Hawaiiki Hou - Our Next Gen leaders**



# Pou Hauora Health



**TUUHONO**  
EST. 2021  
**HAUORA**

2 Bridge Street, Huntly West  
Raahui Pookeka  
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## Whānau at the Centre of their Health

The real talk of how Tuuhono Hauora are impacting health outcomes when whānau are empowered

At Tuuhono Hauora, health targets are not just system measures – they are about real whānau, real journeys, and timely, mana-enhancing care.

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*Ki te kapaia e kore e whai*

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Through a kaupapa Māori, whānau-centred approach, our Pou Hauora work alongside whānau to navigate the health system, remove barriers, and ensure care is accessible, culturally responsive, and continuous.

Across Aotearoa’s priority health targets – from Faster Cancer Treatment and childhood immunisation, to reducing emergency department pressure and shortening wait times for specialist and elective care – Tuuhono Hauora plays a critical support role.

Early engagement, clear whakamārama, advocacy, and practical support such as transport and reminders help whānau attend appointments, understand their options, and stay connected to care when it matters most.

Our mahi is grounded in whakawhanaungatanga and strength-based practice. By meeting whānau where they are – in homes, communities, and trusted spaces – we improve access for those often hardest to reach. This approach not only supports system efficiency, but more importantly, upholds mana, builds trust, and leads to improved health outcomes for whānau and communities.

Whānau wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do. Through Tuuhono Hauora, health targets are not simply achieved – they are whakamana-ed, strengthened through partnership, equity, and care that recognises the whole person.

**TAMĀRIKI FREE EAR CLINIC**

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**WAKA TUU-HONO**  
HEENAA KA KITE KOE I TE WAKA-TUU I TOO TAATOU HAPORI.

YOU MAY SEE WAKA-TUU OUT AND ABOUT IN OUR COMMUNITY. OUR TUU-TEAM IS VISITING REGISTERED WHAANAU TO CHECK IN AND PROVIDE FOLLOW-UP CARE THROUGH OUR CLINIC.

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# Pou Tiaki

## Papakainga solutions



*Ma te mohio, ka mārama*  
*Knowledge is power*

**March marks the end of our first quarter, we have remained focused on our priority of delivering Maaori-led housing solutions for our whaanau and haapori.**

*As part of our programme activities, the team has been building capability, including attending the Sorted Kaainga Ora Train the Trainers programme. Sorted Kaainga Ora is a financial capability programme co-created by Te Puni Kookiri and Te Ara Ahunga Ora (Retirement Commission). It is designed to empower whaanau to achieve their housing aspirations by strengthening financial capability and providing guidance on the journey to home ownership.*



**Malika Kawana** and **Tia Toka** attended the training on behalf of Matawhaanui Trust and will receive certification confirming they are qualified to deliver the programme. Our goal in the second quarter is to develop a Matawhaanui Trust tailored programme and deliver the programme in the third quarter, supporting local whaanau whose moemoeaa is to own their own home.

## STRENGTHENING THE INDUSTRY ONE APPRENTICE AT A TIME

- We had 3 new Electrical Apprentices start their studies in March. Rutu Tengu, Dean Adair and Te Ohaki Heremia are working towards their NZ Certificate in Electrical Trade over the next 4 years. This brings us to a total of 5 Apprentices, joining Khloe Leef (Mechanical) and Kauri Papanui-Enoka (Scaffolding).
- Outage work continued onsite with the work now extending into April. This is allowing our Outage Team to continue to gain valuable skills and experience, and an additional month of work.
- POU Limited have recently secured Tōtika Accreditation. Along with our IMPAC Prequal, this Health and Safety prequalification sets us up well to take on new contracts and opportunities



**Every month, We endeavour to provide an update of what's happening in our company Pou Limited. The following update is provided by Lori King, Our Site Supervisor of Pou Limited.**

- An ongoing relationship with ProGen gave 3 of our team the opportunity to gain experience on generation sites outside of Huntly. Kurt Gisby and Rairi Kaa spent time at the Wairakei Geothermal Power Station in Taupo, while Kauri Papanui-Enoka travelled to Waipapa Hydroelectric Power Station near Tokoroa. These opportunities are another step towards growth outside of Genesis Energy and the Huntly Power Station.



### MAARA KAI – GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT



*Kaahui Tuuwa - our Maara kai has taken significant steps forward, transforming the garden into a thriving space of growth, learning, and resilience. Recent projects include the completion of our container hub, adding both sustainability and new opportunities for local enterprise. Alongside this, the kaupapa has prioritised training and mentoring our rangatahi, equipping them with hands-on skills across a range of responsibilities—from land care and planting to harvesting and production—building confidence and capability for the future.*

*Major land-clearing mahi has also been completed to prepare the whenua for future expansion, with strategic investment in crops to strengthen yields and ensure seasonal abundance. These efforts are already bearing fruit, as Kaahui Tuuwa continues to provide a reliable supply of fresh, nourishing kai that helps sustain our community through these challenging times. More than a garden, Kaahui Tuuwa stands as a living example of collective effort, manaakitanga, and long-term vision—rooted in the whenua and grown for the wellbeing of our people.*



### Sweet as Honey

*Maara Supervisor **Ngaawi Westrupp** embraced the opportunity to learn the art of beekeeping—an entirely new experience for him. While it was his first time, it is a skill that will stay with him for life. By stepping forward and learning alongside others, Ngaawi continues to lead from the front, setting a strong example for our younger trainees and showing the value of curiosity, courage, and lifelong learning.*



# Pou Tupu

## Enterprise



### A COMMUNITY GYM WITH A VIBE – TE WHARE ORANGA



Winter season is upon us, that means winter sports are about to begin. League and netball trainings have started, jnr teams have afternoon trainings Monday-Friday.

Both Waka Ama clubs Raahui Pookeka and Rangiriri Sports club are using the gym for strength training, for a competition coming up next month in Raglan.

Members are loving the circuit classes facilitated by Shandelle and Rangimarie.

Our gym has recently received a fresh paint job, giving the space a renewed and more energised look. While the work is still in progress, the transformation is already noticeable and is shaping up to be a great upgrade for everyone who uses the gym.



# Pou Taumata

## Caring for our Kaumatua

Through a collaborative and values-driven approach, Matawhaanui Trust and Waahi Whaanui Trust have come together to re-establish our monthly Pou Taumata Hui that creates space for our Kaumātua to congregate, connect, and strengthen relationships through kai, kōrero, and collective planning for the year ahead. Central to this kaupapa is the shared commitment of both organisations to ensure our Kaumātua remain well supported and genuinely cared for, with opportunities to shape, lead, and participate in activities that are meaningful to them.



A key decision going forward is the rotation of hui locations, made possible by the generous support of our marae, enabling Kaumātua to host and welcome one another on their own whenua and further strengthen inter-marae connections. Our next gathering will be hosted at Te Kauri Marae on Wednesday, 29 April. Thank you to marae who have supported us so far.



# Pou Tupu

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### TE PUNA ORA – OUR RONGOAA CLINIC MOVES INTO TOWN

Caprice Turner and her team have well and truly settled into their new Rongoā clinic on the main street of Raahui Pookeka, bringing with them a sense of purpose, warmth, and renewal. From the moment the doors opened, the response from the community has been overwhelming, with a steady flow of visitors curious about the clinic's services and products. Local residents are dropping in to learn more, many expressing keen interest in joining the upcoming workshops, while others are already becoming regular clients as word spreads. With their growing client base and their Rongoā products now more accessible than ever, the clinic has quickly become a vibrant and welcomed presence in the heart of main street.



### BRANDING TANIWHA CART PAYS OFF

Since branding and marketing efforts kicked in, the Taniwha cart has been busier than ever. Alongside reliably supplying coffee to the Fosters team on site across the road, we've seen a steady rise in customers drawn in by clearer branding and an expanded range of offerings. Increased visibility and a stronger identity have helped showcase what the Taniwha cart delivers, turning curiosity into regular custom. The results speak for themselves—marketing has definitely been worth it. The Taniwha cart continues to be a the only place where a fresh brew, alongside a variety of other offerings can be purchased on the west-side.



# Hapori Haapai

## Our Club



### Fosters lay foundation for the new Taniwharau sports and cultural club



The gathering of our old boys and old girls to witness the foundation-laying of the new Taniwharau club was an occasion laced in whakapapa and whanaungatanga. The legacy of the club, woven into the lifeblood of our cherished old boys and old girls, was palpably present as they gathered to celebrate this new milestone. Whaanau got to meet the team of builders who openly shared information about the project and build genuine respect for the mahi they were doing. The day was enriched by heartfelt koorero, where stories of past triumphs and cherished memories were shared, strengthening the bonds among all present. Following the formalities, everyone enjoyed a BBQ lunch held outside Te Whare Oranga gym, where laughter and a sense of excitement filled the day. It was a heart warming moment, honouring the past while looking forward to a vibrant future.





## Revival for Survival

### **Reviving the Waters: Chairman Norm Hill and the Kaitiaki River Sweepers' Vision for a Clean Waikato River**

*In a remarkable demonstration of purpose and commitment to environmental stewardship, Chairman Norm Hill has spearheaded a transformative initiative aimed at restoring the health of the Waikato River. Through his visionary leadership, the Kaitiaki River Sweepers were founded, a dedicated group committed to the river's restoration and conservation.*

*Norm's deep-rooted passion for environmental preservation is complemented by the expertise of Trustee Tim Manukau, whose extensive knowledge of ecological systems enriches the group's efforts. Together, Norm and Tim foster a profound cultural understanding within their expanding team, encouraging a collective dedication to a cleaner, healthier river.*

*The initiative not only focuses on cleaning the river but also emphasizes the importance of cultural heritage and community involvement. Norm's dedication extends beyond local efforts as he recently presented at the Tuna Symposium, where he shared compelling data and findings on how the river's health is intrinsically linked to the revitalization of eel populations. This presentation underscored the critical nature of maintaining healthy waterways for the sustenance of diverse aquatic life, particularly the culturally significant eel species.*

*Norm Hill and the Kaitiaki River Sweepers are not just committed to the physical cleansing of the river; they are also nurturing a movement that interweaves environmental health with cultural reverence and community spirit. Through their unwavering dedication, they are paving the way for a sustainable future for the Waikato River, fostering hope and inspiring action across generations.*



## Connection with Community Board

Staying closely linked with our community board means our local needs continue to be seen and understood. These conversations make room for real kōrero about safety, our environment, the way our area is built and how we include each other, helping our community move forward with unity and care.

Upon further discussion around the Community Speaks initiative that Matawhaanui Trust and Waahi Whānui Trust stood up, we have dismantled those meetings due to the Huntly Community board allowing the community to present directly at every meeting going forward. The next meeting will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup> at Te Whare Awhi, 14 Fraser Street at 6pm



Once the meeting opens and formalities are complete, the public forum begins. This is an opportunity to raise feedback, ask questions, and speak directly with the Board in person. Or you can send through anything you would like raised beforehand.



The Raahui Pookeka Arts Festival occurred on a lovely afternoon by Lake Hakanoa on Saturday 7th March. Event Coordinator Sasha McGaughran, supported by a collective of local business and service providers got behind the creative talents right in our own backyard.

Matawhaanui Trust Pou Hapori Leon Wharekura was delighted to support this kaupapa by MC'ing this event. It's no easy task to plan an event of this size and a lot of behind the scenes mahi is planned.

To all who participated, donated time, resources, funding and commitment to ensure the festival could really reflect the talent's of our creatives and provide our tamariki an awesome event, mauri ora ki a taatou katoa.



## Monthly Music – entertaining our seniors at Kimihia home



What intended on being a couple of performances has now turned into a monthly commitment to sharing Music with the residents of Raahui Pookeka's Kimihia Rest Home. Both Gina Paul and Leon Wharekura have felt the joy of seranading the songs of yesterday to a room full only eager to get involved.



The key is play the songs of their era and be playful. Don't take things too seriously and create a space that allows them to enjoy themselves. Professionally, music has played a significant part of both our lives, and it's nice to just perform for the love of sharing songs that we know they will enjoy.



# Hapori

## Growing Leadership



### **Hawaiiki Hou – A new Frontier**

On Monday 9th March, Matawhaanui Trust held a special evening for our stakeholders, partners and our community of ngaa marae to commemorate the growth and impacts of our mahi over the last seven years.

This evening was purposely designed and led out by our 2<sup>nd</sup> generation of upcoming leaders, the “now” generation. The night was theirs to host and deliver their blueprint of what future success looks like on their watch.



### **Leadership by design**

The blueprint presented this night described a centralized hub that thrived with health and wellbeing services within our golden triangle of our sports and cultural club, our Wharekura and our marae within the rohe of Raahui Pookeka. One where Hauora and wellbeing for all who reside in Raahui Pookeka is connected and integrated.

From the culinary skills that fed our people with produce from our Maara, the presentation which included a Q&A panel, special guest speaker Te Paati Māori MP Hana Rawhiti Maipi-Clark to the finale impact of our local kapahaka roopu “Awhina i te Kaupapa” this evening was a representation of future proofing the legacy of Raahui Pookeka, street by street, whaanau by whaanau.

## **Acknowledging Talent and Tenacity: Herrick Ting and Tevita Lalabalavu**



Matawhaanui Trust proudly acknowledges the journey and contributions of Herrick Ting of Malaysia and Tevita Lalabalavu of Fiji, two doctors who arrived in Aotearoa with the goal of practising medicine after seven years of training in Cuba. While working toward meeting New Zealand medical standards, they were embraced by our Trust and contributed meaningfully to our Hapori vision, by sharing their medical experience and

other valuable skills in IT, data, and systems development. Recently the team got together to pay gratitude and respect for their contributions while employed with Matawhaanui Trust.

Although Tevita had moved on some time ago, Herrick remained with us and continued to play a key role in strengthening Matawhaanui's business systems. With both now having successfully passed their required exams, they are now pursuing their dreams of becoming a paediatrician and a neurosurgeon. We wish them every success in their next chapter.

# MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR

*What's Happening..monthly updates April – June 2026*



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## GoEco Kai Symposium 2026

### Improving Access to Kai

Expressions of Interest

We are looking for keynote speakers and workshop facilitators to share knowledge on:

- ▶ Growing Kai
- ▶ Hunting, Fishing, Diving, Foraging
- ▶ Community-Led Solutions
- ▶ Reducing barriers to kai access
- ▶ Innovative or creative approaches to food sovereignty

May 20-21, 2026 | Hamilton, NZ

Register your interest: <https://forms.gle/aQJcQhH8M6aB3kG9>

## BAYLEYS HUNTLY HALF MARATHON 2026

ENTRIES NOW OPEN!

*Huntly Half Marathon*  
Sunday, 17 May 2026  
*Huntly Speedway, Huntly*

### Monthly Group for anyone 60+

**PROGRAM**

- 11am Mihi whakatau /Korero. (Whareniui)
- 12pm Kai (Whare kai)
- 1pm Walk around various activities and korero

**April**  
Nau mai, Haere mai!

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## Pou Taumata

By Kaumaatua For kaumaatua

159-163 Hetherington Road, Raahui Pookeka

**Wednesday 29 April**  
11am to 2pm  
Last Wednesday of every month

Wednesday 25 March  
Wednesday 29 April  
Wednesday 27 May  
Wednesday 24 June  
Wednesday 29 July

Wednesday 26 August  
Wednesday 30 September  
Wednesday 28 October  
Wednesday 25 November  
Wednesday 30 December

