



# TE HAU O TE KAENGA



ISSUE 1 | JANUARY 2024

# TE PIRINGA O NGĀ HAPŪ TE HAU O TE KAENGA

community update

## Message from our Acting GM & Managing Director

Renata Hakiwai



Tēnā tātou,

It with pleasure that we bring to you our first pānui of the year. I'm grateful and feel privileged to hold the position of interim GM and Managing Director for our Piringa Hapū. Our focus has been to serve the current generation while building on the work of those before us, so future generations can achieve their aspirations.

Many of you will know that Te Piringa Hapū (legally known as Ngai Te Ūpokoiri, Ngati Hinemanu me ōna Piringa Hapū Authority Trust) was established in 2019 to advance our collective tino rangatiratanga. When Cyclone Gabrielle hit on 14th February 2023, we answered the call from whānau and hapū to act. We rose up to the challenge and initiated our response phase within days of the storm.

It's important that as we move into the next phase of our work that is our Recovery, that whānau know we are taking a long term approach to our mahi. It's not a sprint - it will be a marathon. Our team has been working tirelessly behind the scenes to advocate and serve our whānau and community with collation of Marae-based services, events, training and community programmes.

Although we are still building our team, establishing our systems and processes, we have a lot of kaupapa on the go that we are delivering. We're driven by the direction of whānau, hapū and hapori who at multiple wānanga last year told us what we needed to do.

In 2024, we will focus on the four key areas of our Ūtaina Recovery Plan. These include, Pou Taiao (Our environment), Pou Tangata (Our welfare and social wellbeing), Pou Ōhanga (Our economic wellbeing), Pou Tikanga (Our spiritual and cultural wellbeing). We are looking at recovery as a 10-year horizon and are doing our utmost to ease the burden on our whānau and lay solid foundations for the years ahead.

As the economy slows down and a global recession is forecast, we recognise how difficult it may become for our whānau to cope with high inflation and interest rates whilst juggling the impacts that Cyclone Gabrielle had on whānau. Our welfare team of navigators are here to help. Our team are working extremely hard to serve our hapū and community. We may not always get it right the first time, however our main focus as a team is to serve and advocate for our whānau.

Moving forward we will continue to regularly update our community to ensure you are well informed with regular hui, regular pānui, navigator visits and social media. This pānui is the first of many, and our team are excited to share their mahi, with key highlights, updates and key announcements.

We have an open-door policy at our office at the Marae, if you have any concerns please do feel free to pop in and see one of the kaimahi, or alternatively email us at [info@piringahapu.com](mailto:info@piringahapu.com).

**Renata Hakiwai**  
**Acting General Manager and Managing Director**  
**Piringa Hapū**



**160 Christmas  
Hampers  
packed and  
delivered by our  
kaimahi to flood  
affected whānau**

**SAVE THE  
DATE.**

**1 YEAR CYCLONE COMMEMORATION KARAKIA  
& BREAKFAST | OMAHU MARAE  
WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 7:30AM**

**COMMUNITY UPDATE 5:30PM - 6:30PM  
WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY OMAHU MARAE**

# POU TANGATA.

## WELFARE & HOUSING

### Hinetitama Wāhine Programme

We are wanting to work with a group of 40 wāhine aged 18 - 32 to provide them with a range of opportunities for leadership and cultural development in our Hinetitama wāhine programme. Opportunities in the following areas:

- Wānanga (Marae, rongoā, significant pā sites, whakapapa, waiata & whakawhanaungatanga)
- Car licenses
- Governance Training
- Pathway Planning
- Kai Provided
- & much more.

### Te Ruinga Rangatahi Programme

We are wanting to work with a group of 40 rangatahi aged 16 - 24 to provide them with a range of opportunities for leadership and cultural development in our Te Ruinga Rangatahi programme. Opportunities in the following areas:

- Wānanga (Marae, rongoā, significant pā sites, whakapapa, waiata & whakawhanaungatanga)
- Car licenses
- Financial Literacy
- Pathway Planning
- Kai & Transportation Provided
- & much more.

Registrations are filling up fast! To register, contact Tia Hokianga 021 084 54210 or [Tia@piringahapu.com](mailto:Tia@piringahapu.com).

## YOUR NAVIGATORS



**Tia Hokianga**

Kaiārahi Lead -  
Community Navigator  
Lead



**Sage Mihaka**

Kaiārahi - Community  
Navigator



**Chad Puna**

Kaiārahi - Community  
Navigator

Kaiārahi/Community Navigators provide support and pastoral care to whānau who have been impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle within the Ōmahu and surrounding communities. Kaiārahi/Community Navigators support individuals and whānau by linking them to integrated internal and external wrap-around services.

These wrap-around services include assisting whānau through advocacy and information and with accessing other wider services (i.e. housing, employment, insurance, counselling, HDC, HBRC) as well as alleviate mental distress and trauma to whānau and deliver community led recovery efforts to lift the morale & spirit of whānau and the wider community.

The role of the Kaiārahi/Community Navigators is to help whānau navigate the complexities of accessing these services and to ensure that they receive the support they need to get back on their feet.

## THEIR ROLE



## Christmas Kai Hampers

Our kaimahi worked hard to prepare, pack and deliver 160 Xmas Kai Hampers (valued over \$350) to our flood affected whānau last xmas. This initiative was rolled out to help support whānau pockets and ease some pressure.

The gratitude and appreciation we received from the whānau was overwhelming. It was heartwarming to see the smiles on their faces when they received their hampers. More photos from this day can be found on our Facebook page.

Our kaimahi are always working hard to support and uplift whanau. With previous successful events like the Kids Halloween event, Quiz night, Whānau Community Xmas Day, and Xmas Hampers, there's always something happening or in the works to help lift the morale of the community.

Currently, the focus is on whanau welfare checks and keeping the community informed with regular updates. The Community Update hui on February 7th will be a great opportunity to touch base and share what's been happening. Additionally, Te Kupenga Hauora will be visiting weekly to offer free support and advice.

Looking to the future, we have some exciting plans in the works. A Wāhine programme and Rangatahi programme will be starting in early February, providing spaces for women and young people to connect and grow. The 1-year anniversary event will also be a time to gather, connect, mourn and celebrate all that has happened so far. Finally, regular whānau welfare check-ins will continue to be a priority, ensuring that everyone in the community is supported and cared for.

## Piringa Hapū Christmas Highlights

We were honored to host our whānau on our Whānau Xmas day! First starting at Runanga Marae for our Xmas Carnival and then at Ōmahu Marae for our gift giving and Xmas hākari. All photos from the day can be found on our facebook page.





## HOUSING KAIMAHI

Taranaki and Guevara, our housing boys, undergoing respirator fitting and testing by Loop Health and Safety Limited.

## HOUSING BUNDLES FOR UNINSURED WHĀNAU

In partnership with New Zealand Red Cross, Piringa Hapū is the only non Govt or civil entity able to deliver these household bundles to our uninsured whānau in need. The bundles vary in size for those that live in 2, 3, or 4 bedroom homes and contain basic household furniture to aid in getting our whānau back on their feet post flood.



### Andrew Coombes | Housing Advocacy & Support

Andrew Coombes, an independent advisor, has provided invaluable support to many of our insured whānau over the past year in navigating their insurance claims. He has been instrumental in providing correctional advice to insurance assessors and companies regarding several scopes and claims. We are immensely grateful for Andrew's voluntary services, which have saved our whānau thousands of dollars through his expertise and guidance.



### HOUSING REPAIRS PROGRAMME

Piringa Hapū is committed to supporting the community in Ōmahū following the devastating floods. As part of our 'Housing Repairs Programme', we are providing assistance to homeowners who are not insured and have been affected by the floods.

Our programme is currently delivering to 40 uninsured houses. We have spaces available, if you would like to apply, please contact [Conway@piringahapu.com](mailto:Conway@piringahapu.com) or [Koriana@piringahapu.com](mailto:Koriana@piringahapu.com).



Our goal is to repair the damaged homes, ensuring that families have a safe and comfortable place to live. Moreover, by the end of the program our requirement is for all participating homeowners to be insured. This will not only provide them with peace of mind but also ensure that they are better prepared for any future natural disasters or unforeseen events.

### J&T Carpentry



## Cabins & Transportable Homes

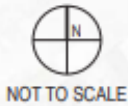
In partnership with NKII, we have secured 40 serviced & non-serviced cabins & transportable homes to be placed on whānau whenua to help our whānau return home while their own homes are still undergoing repairs.

This initiative aims to provide temporary accommodation for our whānau, ensuring their well-being and a smooth transition during the repair process.

# TRANSITIONAL PAPAKAINGA PROJECT.

## Hapū-led, Iwi and Government enabled

In collaboration with Ngāti Kahungunu Incorporated, we are constructing 11 whare as transitional papakainga. These papakainga are intended to provide temporary housing for our whānau who were affected by flooding and are still awaiting repairs to their homes, as well as provide a long term solution to warm and safe housing for our Kaumātua in the future



NOT TO SCALE

stormwater treatment and detention devices planted with native reed, rushes and flax species

limestone boulders in garden bed to match existing character

low garden mounds with understory grasses and dwarf flax mix

informal lime pathway to edge of residential area

canopy/ evergreen tree - 1 every 6 car parks

existing garden beds to remain - potential for infill transplanting plants from gardens that are being removed for new dwellings

native revegetation to dispersal bund, with effluent management species only where required

layered native planting between fence and road boundary, stands of columnar native trees

feature palisade style fencing to road boundary, with varied timber paling fence off set 1.5m into site

dwarf fruit trees

entry experience - including layered fencing and native planting, pou and signage - refer to concept elevations

lawns edged with grasses and tree to ensure no car parking on lawns and provide some separation from driveway

open green space

low garden mounds with understory grasses and dwarf flax mix

low garden mounds with understory and canopy tree

OMAHU MARAE

low hedge species for screening of driveway and utility walls

Effluent Management Dispersal Fields And Infrastructure

dispersal field species only

## LANDSCAPE CONCEPT MASTER PLAN

# POU TIKANGA.

SPIRITUAL AND  
CULTURAL WELLBEING



## NEW STAFF

### Cobham Burns

Cobham Burns has joined our team as a Research Assistant in the Archives Unit. Cobham comes from the Pineaha/Gillies whānau of Ngāi Te Upokoiri, descendants of Hikātōrehe and of Te Uamairangi, and the Tāreha whānau of Te Rangikamangungu,

who held mana and kaitiakitanga of our lands during the great exile. Cobhams focus is on researching and disseminating our tribal mātauranga, researching whakapapa, kōrero tuku iho, tikanga and mātauranga-ā-hapū with a particular focus on GIS Cultural Mapping researching and mapping of sites of significance for our archives.

[Cobham@piringahapu.com](mailto:Cobham@piringahapu.com)

### Maora White

Maora has joined the Pou Tikanga Unit as an interim Project Support Co-ordinator. Her father is from the Sullivan/Tāhau whānau of Hinemanu, Hinepare & Tūwharetoa. Her mother is a Hakiwai from the Hikātōrehe line of Te Upokoiri and a Whitiwhiti/Tāreha of Hawea and Te Rangikamangungu.

Maora provides extensive project support to assist in fulfilling the objectives of the Piringa Hapū Pou Tikanga workstream.

[Maora@piringahapu.com](mailto:Maora@piringahapu.com)

## Pou Tikanga Manager

The Reverend Zhane Tāhau Whelan  
Manager Pou Tikanga (Archives)  
Ngāi Te Upokoiri  
From the Hakiwai, Whitiwhiti- Tāreha, Tāhau and  
Sullivan whānau.  
E: [zhane@piringahapu.com](mailto:zhane@piringahapu.com)

## POU TIKANGA WORKSTREAM PILLARS

### Te Ahiko | Te Piringa Hapū Archives

Securing our culture & identity of our whānau, hapū and marae.

Key Mahi:

- Archiving and collecting of Mātauranga-ā-hapū. Interviewing kaumatua and gathering mātauranga from institutions and whānau.
- Cultural Mapping of wāhi tapu and sites of significance.
- Hapū Research Unit, producing cultural impact assessments.
- Production of Mātauranga-ā-hapū resources for Ministry of Education.
- Development of a fit-for-purpose digital pataka to store our mātauranga.
- Working towards the development of a Whare Taonga. Working on the Marsden Fund application to build a research project around our taonga.

### Te Wānanga O Kahukuranui

Building capacity and capability in the reo and tikanga of the kaenga.

Key Mahi:

- Development of a tribal and fully immersive form of teaching and education in our mātauranga- ā- hapū, reo, tikanga and kawa.
- Development of Te Reo and Tikanga Revitalization/Restoration Strategy for the hapū.
- Supporting the tribal life of our uri and the mahi of te Paepae o Kahukuranui.

### Te Ngakina O Rēnata Kawepō

Enabling the flourishing of tribal life.

Key Mahi:

- Matariki ki Omahu, Renata Kawepō Weekend etc.
- Strategy for embedding cultural influence across our kaenga and takiwā.
- Cultural opportunities for the gathering of the Hapū.
- Development of cultural kaupapa that build the vision of Rēnata Kawepō for a community of aroha, manaakitanga and auahatanga.

## Pānui:

We would like to invite uri who would like to be recorded and interviewed to share and preserve tribal memory and mātauranga to get in touch with us.

✉ [Zhane@piringahapu.com](mailto:Zhane@piringahapu.com)

# SAVE THE DATE

## MĀORI Unity & Flourishing

9AM Sat 13th  
- Sun 14th April 2024

OMAHU MARAE

Karakia | Wānanga | Symposium  
*Family Fun and Activities*

CONTACT: [zhane@piringahapū.com](mailto:zhane@piringahapū.com)



ko Māori tōku ingoa: he tīnana kōtahi

# PŌ MOTEA EVERY MONDAY NIGHT

Omahu Marae 6pm

## HAKANUIA 2023 TE PIRINGA O NGĀ HAPŪ

Upokoiri, Utaina!  
Hinemanu, Utaina!  
Honomōkai, Utaina!  
Mahuika, Utaina!

PIRINGA HAPU HUIA  
TANGATA KIA HIWA RĀ



# UTAINA 10 YEAR RECOVERY PLAN



AVAILABLE TO  
DOWNLOAD  
AND BROWSE  
FROM OUR  
WEBSITE  
PIRINGAHAPU.  
COM





**Daphne Luke**  
Business Development  
Manager

### Ōmahu Business Forum

Much of our mahi has been focused on emergency housing and repairs which provided a great opportunity for us to do some work around businesses that have an affiliation with Ōmahu either through whakapapa or through locality.

We've managed to identify 60 business registrations from micro and SME firms involved in various aspects of construction including civil engineering, builders, electricians, plumbers, civil construction, asbestos removal, project management, water-blasting and specialist cleaning, concreting, joinery, earthworks, decorating, demolition services, roofing, insulation installation, roofing and waste disposal. About 35 number attended a networking event at Omahu Marae in September.

### Online Business Resources

We're also really excited to launch an online suite of business guides, policies and templates to support our businesses to get set up, to grow and to engage in tendering.

The online puna will have links to useful and hard-to-find tools such as: an employee cost calculator, construction noise calculator, and emissions calculator. More than 70 templates, forms and documents have been developed and are available for download, with quick and easy tailoring. These resources will be organised under six categories:

**Only those businesses who register with Te Piringa o ngā hapū will have access to these resources.**

Our whanaunga, Jody Hamilton of JNP Consulting ran a two-hour workshop with those gathered on preparing for procurement. She invited our business people to register for their Tender Ready programme supported by Te Puni Kōkiri's Progressive Procurement programme.

In coming weeks we will be listing those businesses on our new website Business Directory where we can start profiling members through the website and on our social media channels.

The attendees asked for regular gatherings where they can hear more about the opportunities at Ōmāhu and around the district. While we are encouraging our businesses to engage at as many points of opportunity as possible in the region, we are also planning our own schedule of events and gatherings.

We'll be in touch with the date of our next function soon.



Financial & Commercial - What documents are required for the tender process	Sustainability - Business sustainability takes into consideration the impacts of decisions and actions on society.
Health & Safety - Given the complexity and risk involved for most SMEs, the health and safety topic can be extremely stressful. Ticking all the boxes	Quality Management - Ensuring products and services, customer expectations, and customer experience are at the highest level, ensuring a profitable business.
Environmental Management - Environmental Management is about identifying the factors that may be impacted by work and managing the impact.	Staff Employment - Answering tender questions about staff and employment is relatively straight forward with the right processes and record keeping in place.



