

## Tēnā koutou katoa,

We hope you are all well, and are prepared for this winter season.

The past six months have seen many developments in the trust and we are pleased to be able to share them with you in this panui.

Thank you to all those who recently partook in the Te Pae o Waimihia elections. Whether you stood for election or voted, we appreciate all those who were involved. The trustees (and therefore direction of the trust) is decided by our whānau and this is how your voice is heard.

A mentionable note in this panui is the retirement of Arapiu (Abe) Seymour (Ngāti Hineure) and William (Garby) Wall (Ngāti Hinerau).

They both have been long-standing trustees of Te Pae o Waimihia Trust and this is an apt time to reflect on some of the significant milestones we have achieved together.

We also introduce our new board members wahine toa Mere Maniapoto (Ngāti Hineure) and Jorian Rameka (Ngāti Hinerau) whose insights and wairua will bring a new dynamic to our board.

The recent elections showed some whānau were missing the Te Pae o Waimiha hapū on their Tūwharetoa Settlement Trust (TST) initial registration. We therefore encourage everyone



*Left: Abe Seymour retires from Te Pae o Waimihia Trust after six years as Trustee*



*Left: Garby Wall retires from Te Pae o Waimihia Trust after six years as Trustee*



to contact TST to ensure your hapū is identified and your contact details are up to date. This is imperative for successful grant applications and trust communications.

If you have any questions regarding the following panui, please contact He Akina (Trust Office) on (07) 378 5180 or email [admin@heakina.co.nz](mailto:admin@heakina.co.nz)

Noho ora mai,

**Ngahere Wall**  
Chairman

## 2021 - 2024 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*Left to right:*

- Matiu Heperi-Northcroft (Ngāti Tutetawha)
- Jorian Rameka (Ngāti Hinerau)
- Dominic Bowden (Ngāti Te Urunga)
- Ngahere Wall (Ngāti Tutemohuta)
- Mere Maniapoto (Ngāti Hineure)
- Gregory Stebbing (Ngāti Rauhoto)



# TRUSTEESHIP

Te Pae o Waimihia trustees represent the six hapū (Ngāti Rauhoto, Ngāti Te Urunga, Ngāti Hineure, Ngāti Hinerau, Ngāti Tutetawha, and Ngāti Tutemohuta).

Every three years, elections are advertised and held through the respective marae to appoint our trustees. The trustees have a big job - they represent the hapū and wishes of the whānau, and drive the direction, decisions, investments, and distributions of the trust.

This year was the end of a term and we are sad to say goodbye to Abe Seymour and Garby Wall who both retired from the trust. They had been on the board since 2015 (alongside Matiu Heperi-Northcroft, Dominic Bowden, Ngahere Wall and Greg Stebbing) and their dedication and input has contributed to many of the Te Pae o Waimihia achievements.

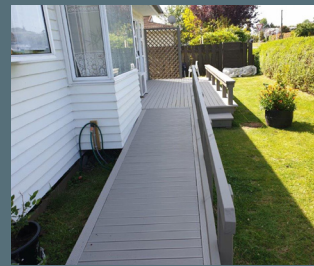
## The 2015 - 2021 Te Pae o Waimihia Board of Trustee Highlights:

- Development of the Strategic Plan
- Development of the Te Pae o Waimihia logo, website, and communication platforms
- Distributions including marae operational and administration grants, kura kaupapa grants, firewood grants, tangihanga grants, dental grants, education grants, sporting grants, sporting representation grants, kaumātua healthy and accessible housing grants, pakeke grants, special grants, health and well-being grants.
- Development of the Investment Strategy
- Investment into Tauhara Properties Limited Partnership investments (Taupō Schools, Taupō Courthouse, Probation Office, Courthouse, 88 Kaimanawa Street)
- Funding and operational support of Poipoia ō Pumanawatanga
- Holding / sponsoring whanaungatanga events (Summer Whānau Fun Day, kaumātua events, IronMāori, Waitangi Day)
- Funding of marae development including Pakira Marae and Tutetawha Marae renovations, Nukuhau Marae wharekai upgrade, Waipahihi Marae ablution block and wharekai upgrade
- Covid-19 response

These are impressive accomplishments and we now welcome a new dynamic of trustees to further progress Te Pae o Waimihia goals and aspirations.



Left and above:  
2020 / 2016 AGMs  
Below: Summer  
Whānau Fun Day



Top and right: Grants  
and distributions  
Below: 11 Tūwharetoa  
Street (TPLP purchase)



Above: Covid-19 lockdown relief packs  
Below: Marae development



# INTRODUCING...



*Mere Maniapoto*  
Ngāti Hineure

*Mihipeka Jorian Rameka*  
Ngāti Hinerau

**Mere Maniapoto** works at TKKM o Whakarewa | Te Reo ki Tūwharetoa and is passionate about the wellbeing of the taiao, wai and the whenua.

She assists numerous marae as kaikaranga, to support the growth and wellbeing of the paepae within the Te Hikuwai rohe.

**Mihipeka Rameka** is a current long standing member of Te Korowai Roopu Tautoko and is an active trustee of Waipahihi Marae.

She is passionate about Te Ao Māori and hapū ora - uplifting the health and wellbeing of her hapū.

## POIPOIA ŌU PUMANAWATANGA

Poipoia ōu Pumanawatanga was established to support Te Pae o Waimihia rangatahi and whānau through the education system. The programme is embedded with core Maori values and takes a holistic approach to motivate rangatahi success.

In 2019 Poipoia ōu Pumanawatanga worked with tamariki in Years 3 - 8, but in 2020 moved that focus to support 20 rangatahi through the National Certificate of Education Achievement (NCEA). This shift was necessary due to the concerning statistics for Māori student under-achievement in NCEA. (In 2018, rangatahi identifying as Ngāti Tūwharetoa descent averaged 64.2% NCEA L2 achievement. However, we are pleased to report that the rangatahi enrolled in the Poipoia programme in 2020 studying NCEA L2 achieved 100%.)

The kaiako believe these results show what is achievable with all Ngāti Tūwharetoa rangatahi studying NCEA, and their goal is to support them through it. Last year, Poipoia ōu Pumanawatanga enlisted the help of some of the teachers at Taupō-nui-a-Tia College and it was said "a learning curve for all".

During a wananga at Pakira Marae, teachers voluntarily attended to provide one-on-one time with rangatahi - in a learning environment more conducive to open conversation. This kaupapa broke down barriers to learning and assisted tamariki through subject milestones. It also left a lasting impression on the teachers leaving feedback that they "wished all schools were like this - where the kids get to learn in their own environments working in partnership with the whānau and community".

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2020 saw Poipoia ōu Pumanawatanga move focus from Years 3 - 8 (above), to supporting rangatahi through NCEA (below)



One teacher wanted to “spend more time on the students building more positive relationships rather than being perceived as a teacher who is always grumpy and unapproachable”. This wananga helped build valuable relationships, and the rangatahi were able to feel immediate gratification for their efforts.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, there were times where kanohi ki te kanohi (face-to-face interaction) was very difficult and so the kaiako had to adjust their support mechanisms using text, phone calls, social media, zoom and google docs. Access to these platforms had to be provided for some rangatahi, as well as training on how to use them. Aroha says, “You name it, every social media platform our rangatahi were engaged with, we jumped on board as well.”

Aroha Wall-McMahon is one of four kaiako and a Director of the Poipoia ōu Pumanawatanga Board. She describes her fulfillment in seeing Ngāti Tūwharetoa tamariki succeed, “Ka ruku hōhonu aha ki tōku nako, ka poipoia I tōku pūmanawatanga, ka ora ai I tōku Āo - As I delve deeper to my inner core seeking my moral purpose, my philosophy, my holistic pedagogical practice that guides, advocate for and hope to build the capability of, in myself and others in an ongoing and responsive way. Therefore I shine, I flourish, I grow, My world is forever alive”.

Te Pae o Waimihia fully funds the programme and believes it is the combined effort of the kaiako, rangatahi, and whānau that contributes to such significant achievements.

Trustee Dominic Bowden says, “We have rangatahi thriving in an encouraging space, gaining confidence,

and really blossoming in their individual strengths. It’s more than just academic achievement.”

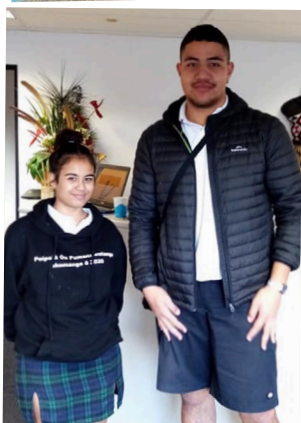
Hukarere Wall (Ngāti Tutemohuta) is one of the rangatahi who recently achieved Endorsement of Excellence NCEA Level 1. Her kaiako describe her as an exceptional young lady with a very promising future.

Below is (edited) feedback of her journey with Poipoia ōu Pumanawatanga:

“I am a year 12 student of Taupō Nui a Tia College and have been attending Poipoia ōu Pumanawatanga since year 11. The effects of Covid were felt immensely by me and my peers and I was also in the process of moving schools halfway through the year. Poipoia was a learning initiative that provided me the support and confidence in achieving level 1. I passed with Excellence.”

“I believe the root of my success lies within the stability and manaakitanga Poipoia supplied for me in times of uncertainty. Poipoia is heavily whānau orientated, and as a result there is mutual trust interwoven within the learning environment. I feel more comfortable expressing my concerns and problems to my whaea knowing my concerns will be heard and acted upon. This is incredibly meaningful to us as our difficulties can often be misconstrued as a reluctance to learn.”

“With Poipoia, the foundation of our relationship is devoid of judgement and hierarchical authority and every one of us (students) are equally recognised regardless of our academic qualifications. We are supported beyond the point of students, but as rangatahi, hei rangatira mo apopo.”



*Above: Christmas breakup*

*Top right / right side: Teachers and rangatahi at the 2020 wananga*

*Right: Poipoia ōu Pumanawatanga kaiako (left-right) Kylee Hema-Allan, Terehia Wilson, Takiora Wall, Aroha Wall-Mahon*

*Left: Year 12 rangatahi, Paikea Harris and Pūrarora Whakatihi*



# 88 KAIMANAWA STREET

The land at 88 Kaimanawa Street was vested to Te Pae o Waimihia by the Department of Conservation. After much consideration on how to best utilize this land, it was decided that an office building was to be built and our Trust Office He Akina, would inhabit this space. The building will be transferred to Tauhara Properties Limited Partnership (TLP) of which Te Pae o Waimihia has an equal share, alongside Opepe Farm Trust.

Founded in 2013, He Akina Ltd was established to support various Ngāti Tūwharetoa entities with a wide range of business services, focusing on finance, trust administration and owner registry services.

Born out of the Opepe Farm Trust administration team, it is now equally owned by Opepe Farm Trust, Te Pae o Waimihia, and Tauhara Moana Trust. It also acts as the trust secretary for Tauhara Middle 15, Tauhara Mountain Trust, Kaimanawa 3B2A & 3B2B Trust, and East Taupō Lands.

This new office signifies a great milestone in our Tauhara trusts collaboration, and offers a welcoming environment for our owners / whānau. We are proud of this new space and remind whānau that our office is open for grant applications and inquiries Monday - Friday, 8.30am - 4.30pm.



*Clockwise from top: Building stages*

*He Akina kaimahi (left to right): Selina Gray (finance), Jan Rameka (kaumātua / marae support), Miria Stephens (Client Services Manager), Vernon Rameka (General Manger), Sarona Rameka (communications), Tessa Ali (finance), Rhiannon Stevens and Wahine Murch (administration)*

## NEW REGISTRATIONS - VERIFICATION PROCESS

Te Pae o Waimihia has distributed over \$1m in grants over the last financial year. With a growing membership of over 6,280 it became necessary to put a verification step in place to safeguard our processes and to ensure consistency across all registrations.

### *Will this affect me?*

If you have received a Te Pae o Waimihia grant before, then no.

If it is your first time applying for a grant (or first time for your tamariki), then you will most likely have to go through the verification step.

### *What if I registered years ago with Tūwharetoa Settlement Trust (TST)?*

You may be registered with TST but unless they have recorded your Te Pae o Waimihia hapū on their

database, you may not be a recognised member of Te Pae o Waimihia.

### *How does this work?*

For new registrations: ensure you tick your respective Te Pae o Waimihia hapū on the registration form.

If you are already registered with TST: please contact TST to ensure they have recorded your Te Pae o Waimihia hapū.

TST send He Akina a weekly list of registered names which are then passed onto the respective hapū / marae for verification. This process can take up to one month and you may be asked for more whakapapa to assist our verification team.

Once verified, you are identified as a Te Pae o Waimihia member and can apply for grants and distributions.

# GRANT RECIPIENT – RANGATAHI PROFILE

Tomairangi Akuhata was one of the most recent recipients of the Te Pae o Waimihia Representative Sports Grants! Of Ngāti Hinerau / Ngāti Haka Patuheuheu / Ngāti Pahauwera descent, he was born and bred in Taupō, attending TKKM o Whakarewa I te reo ki Tūwharetoa until Year 10. He is now 15 years old and is finishing his studies at Taupō-nui-a-Tia College.

Tomairangi is a gifted touch player, whose hard work and dedication has seen him excel in his sports from a young age. He first represented Bay of Plenty in the U9 Mixed team and moved through the age groups until last year making U16 Mixed. For the second year in a row Tomairangi has recently been awarded 'Most Valuable Player, and this year also received the 'Players Player Award'.

In February, the Bay of Plenty U16 Mixed competed in the 2021 Junior Touch Nationals to come in first place. His coach describes Tomairangi as a 'very coachable player, focused, with natural ability'.

Tomairangi is from a whānau of talented touch players - his three older brothers Taonga, Te Matauranga and Ruamano have all represented New Zealand, which is also Tomairangi's ultimate goal. His parents Rob and Hokowaka run the local Taupō touch competition with Rob previously playing representative touch and coaching all the kids through to Taupō representative teams.

In his spare time Tomairangi plays school basketball, hockey, and does crossfit at Kia Ora Strength and Conditioning.



Above: Bay of Plenty Mixed Touch  
Below: Māori Touch Nationals 2020 (Tūwharetoa)



The Sporting Participation Grant distributed \$24,643.78 in the 2020 financial year with a further 28 grants provided in representative sports.

## GRANTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

The following Te Pae o Waimihia grants are still available to registered members:

**Education Grant** (years 0 - 10) - Available grant of up to \$200 per calendar year to contribute towards school fees, stationery, school activities, and/or uniforms.

**Sporting Participation Grant** - Up to \$100 per calendar year to contribute towards sporting fees, subscriptions, equipment and uniforms.

**Sporting Representation Grant** - Up to \$300 per calendar year, per sporting code to contribute towards fees, subscriptions, equipment, uniforms and travel.

**Pakeke / Kaumātua Medical Grant** (50 years and over) -  
Dental treatment: up to \$1000 per calendar year.  
Hearing treatment: up to \$1000 per calendar year.  
Eye treatment: up to \$500 per calendar year.

**Dental Grant** (18 - 50 years) - Up to the value of \$250 per calendar year to contribute towards preventative dentistry and dental hygiene treatments.

**Tangihanga Marae Grant** - \$500 voucher available for the tangi of Te Pae o Waimihia members (or immediate family) who lay at a Te Pae o Waimihia marae. This grant is applied for through the marae representative.

**Firewood** - Every winter, firewood is provided for Te Pae o Waimihia kaumātua who are involved with our marae. This grant is applied for through your Te Pae o Waimihia representative (trustee).

**Kaumātua Healthy and Accessible Homes Grant** - Available to Te Pae o Waimihia kaumātua aged 70 years or over, to contribute towards the funding of home developments to improve health and accessibility (i.e. insulation, mobility ramps, hand rails, bathroom accessibility). Applications go through a needs assessment process with priority given to applications deemed to have the highest level of need.

Terms and Conditions (including processing dates) are on the application forms. Please contact He Akina for more details.