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CHARITABLE TRUST

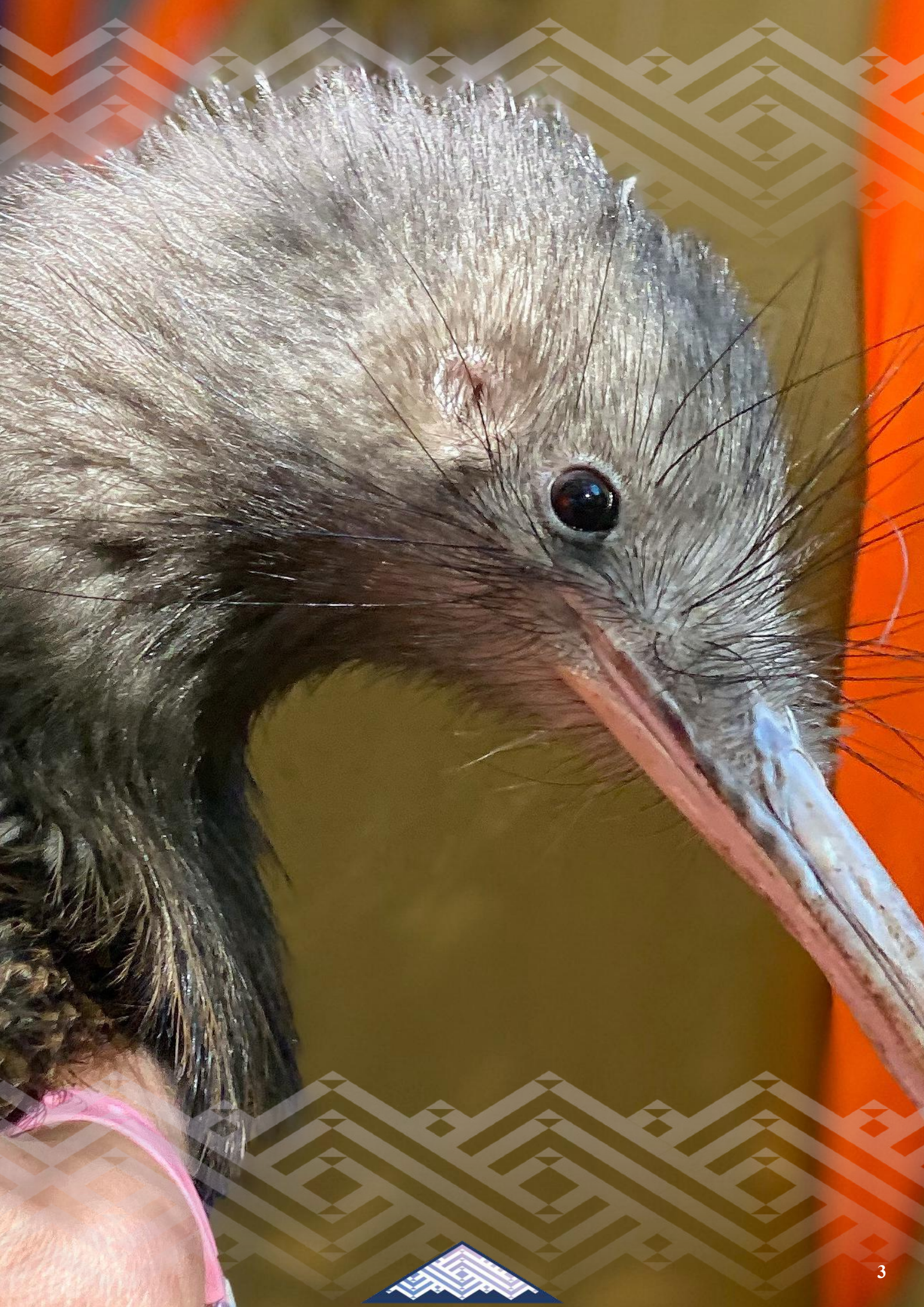
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TE MANO O TE
WHENUA TUPUA



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UENUKU

RUAPEHU TE MAUNGA, MANGANUI-A-TE-AO

OUR VISION
“MARANGA MAI E
RISE UP,

Uenuku Charitable Trust

STRATEGIC PLAN

01-02-2014 - 01-01-2020

On 1st February 2014, a hui-ā-iwi called for the establishment of an Iwi entity - the Uenuku Charitable Trust (UCT). Our Kaupapa is **Te Mana Motuhake o Uenuku**. To promote, develop and sustain equality and equity amongst Uenuku as well as preserve the cultural, social and political independence of Uenuku people o te Ao.

The vision statement is supported by our kaupapa and long-term strategies to take Uenuku into a vibrant future.

Maranga mai e te iwi o Uenuku! Uenuku 2020 is about our ability to rise up from a state of suppression and be victorious; to rise up from the challenges we face and be successful, to rise up from being divided and be united so that together we create and control our own destiny.

Heoi anō,
UENUKU CHARITABLE TRUST

STRATEGY 1: WĀNANGA

Culturally Strong in Te Reo me Ōna Tikanga

Preserve and maintain our Uenuku language and customs.

STRATEGY 2: HAUORA

Strong, Healthy and Vibrant Whānau and Hapū

The health and social wellbeing of our people is paramount.

STRATEGY 3: MĀTAURANGA

Building a brighter future

Invest in education so our people are prepared and skilled for tomorrow.

STRATEGY 4: WHAKATIPU ŌHANGA

Economically Strong

Pursue commercial opportunities to advance our economy and provide for our people.

STRATEGY 5: KAWA

Strong Infrastructures

Strengthen the systems, policies/procedures, planning and monitoring.

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TE AWA, TŪROA TE TANGATA, UENUKU TE IWI.

VISION

MAI UENUKU”
UENUKU

STRATEGY 6: KAITIAKITANGA

Protecting and Enhancing our Environment

Research, investigate and participate in environmental revitalisation projects.

STRATEGY 7: WHENUA TAONGA

Ownership and Protection of Uenuku assets and resources

Strengthen ownership and kaitiakitanga to realise the benefits of these assets.

STRATEGY 8: KANOHI

Effective Representation

day's world.

Represent Uenuku interests effectively, efficiently and ensure that our mana is upheld.

STRATEGY 9: WHANAUNGATANGA

Expansive Networks

de employment.

Strengthen our relationships with Whānau, Hapū, Iwi, Government and NGOs.

STRATEGY 10: TAUHOKOHOKO

Marketing and Communications

itoring of UCT.

Promote Uenuku mana and enhance communications so our people are connected.

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the Rainbow -



Te Maire Hawira

Rangatahi Representative

Ko Ruapehu te Maunga
Ko Whanganui te awa
Ko Uenuku Tamahaki Tamakana ngā iwi
Ko Tuwhakairikawa Haitana rāua ko Harata Haitana (Anderson) ōku tīpuna
Ko Robert Hawira rāua ko Ngarama Hawira (Katene) ōku tīpuna
Ko Frank Haitana rāua ko Stephanie Hawira ōku mātua

Ko Te Maire Hawira ahau
Tihei mouri ora

Tēnā koutou katoa, around this time last year I was presented an opportunity to be a part of the Uenuku Charitable Trust (UCT) board as a Rangatahi Rep. Over the last year I have learnt a lot and, it's been a privilege to watch, listen, learn and help make decisions as part of the Board.

Earlier this year I had the chance to undertake a site visit as a representative for Te Mano o Te Whenua Tupua, the group recently formed by UCT to help with environmental issues and consents. I enjoyed the chance to get out-and-about, hands on, looking at the Ohakune water treatment upgrade and Ohakune and Raetihi waste water management systems.

I've lived in Raetihi all my life, married a local girl Amoa from Mākaranui and together we have three beautiful daughters. We love to explore all our rohe has to offer especially out in our taiao including camping, hunting, hiking, snowboarding and also the Tira Hoe Waka every year.

Looking forward, I would like to learn and contribute as much as I can to help whānau, hapū, and the iwi toward a better future.

E tū Uenuku, Tamahaki, Tamakana.



Tina Wallace

Hapū +Representative – Ngāti Rangi ki Manganui-o-te-Ao

Born and bred in the Waimarino rohe I whakapapa to Uenuku, Tamakana, Tamahaki.

Thanks to Don Robinson I am a mandated hapū representative to the Trust and mandated director for Ruapehu Health Limited (RHL).

I have 30-years plus experience of nursing in the Waimarino and am passionate about the health and wellbeing of our whānau and, how we can maintain and uphold their mana.

Key goals for our hapū is to uplift ourselves from dormancy and provide whanaungatanga and whakapapa knowledge and enlightenment to whanau.

As a director on the RHL board I have the privilege to be part of a Governance team that is very progressive and aware of the needs of our rohe and we as an Iwi, have input in the decision making process.

I have attended three hui and some highlights/issues are:

- In considering the proposed upgrade and expansion of the Waimarino Health Centre what do we and the community want and need?
- How can RHL and the community cohesively work together to transition from Dr Corbett's surgery to Ruapehu Health Limited. We did have teething problems initially but there are minimal issues now.
- How can RHL be viable option? This includes the employment of a fulltime GP who is wanting to live in Raetihi.

RHL has a good Maori staff ratio across the board including management, administration and nurses. This is very beneficial to our whanau.

Caroline Heta

Hapū representative – Ngāti Uenuku

Whakapapa/Pepeha

Ki hāku taha mātua

Kō Te Wehikore Heta rāua kō Doreen Maki Heta (nee Ponga) ō

Kō Whakapoungakau me Ngongotaha me Tarawera rāua kō Ruapehu, Kō Tongariro ngā maunga kōrero

Kō te Rotorua nui ō Kahumatamoe me Rotokauwau, Kō Taupōnui-a-Tia nga roto puna nā Kō Maketu me Te

Kaihau ō Kupe nga moana nā kō Whanganui, kō Makotuku, kō Manganui ō Te Ao, kō Kaituna ngā awa e rere nei

Kō Ngāti Uenukukopako, kō Ngāti Tutemohuta 1, Kō Ngāti Rauhoto, Ngāti Tuhourangi, kō Ngāti Uenukumairarotonga,

kō Ngāti Ruru,

Kō Ngāti Hinekura, Kō Ngāti Kurawhatia, kō Ngāti Uenuku ki Manganui ō Te Ao aku karangatanga hāpu

Kei te taha ō tōku mātua kō Te Arawa, kō Mataatua, kō Tainui, kō Tuhoe

Kei te taha ō toku whaea kō Aotea, kō Takitumu, kō Kurahaupo

He nui ōku takahanga Marae nō reira i ahu mai ana i nga kawai hekeheke kō Awhina me kī Caroline Heta tōku ingoa

I have many roles within our rohe:

- Uenuku Charitable Trust – Ngāti Uenuku Hapū Representative
- UCT Initial Trustee- Pou Environmental
- Pīpīriki Incorporation – Governor, Trustee and Environmental Project Manager
- Ngāporo Waimarino Forest Trust – Governor, Trustee and Environmental Project Manager
- Tīeke Marae – Trustee
- Federation of Māori Authority – Aotea Delegate Representative
- Ruapehu Māori District Council – Uenuku Representative
- Te Rūnanga o te Awa Tupua – Ngāti Uenuku Hapu Representative
- Mo Te Whanau Te Kōhanga Reo – Kai Whakaako
- Aotea Base – Ruapehu Purapura Team Coordinator

Over the last year I have continued to gain great inspiration from ngā uri whakatipu o Tamahaki-Uenuku-Tamakana that, anything is possible and with a can-do attitude we can succeed. The standing and implementation of the Pou Oranga Whenua, Oranga Wairua, Oranga Tangata is one example of this.

The following is kōrero from uri of our three tupuna lines:

- Oranga Whenua: kaitiakitanga & environmental restoration
“Mana Whenua – connects me spiritually, emotionally and physically to the past and the present. It has always been my tūrangawaewae and, it will always be the place I call home. It is a must that we kaitiaki the well-being and restoration of our whenua.”
- Oranga Wairua: restoring social, cultural identity & wellbeing



“This is a question I often ask myself. It is a question that encourages a sense of belonging, a sense of appreciation of who I am and probably more importantly, how life experiences have shaped my character and world viewpoint today. Ko wai au...is also about the many faces we possess and, though we are drawn to a specific hapū or marae, we can also affiliate to other hapū within Te Korowai o Te Wainuiārua and beyond.”

“Our struggle and Māori viewpoint should not be hapū founded, I accept that hapū suffered loss and degradation. Our focus must be Tamahaki-Uenuku-Tamakana centred. Our purpose, objective and impetus should be Tamahaki-Uenuku-Tamakana driven. We all as three iwi under one settlement have suffered loss.”

“Tamahaki-Uenuku-Tamakana is the final bastion and stronghold, unity holds this settlement together, this I hold dear.”

- Oranga Tangata: financial & commercial redress

“I see potential in the value of the land not only as a commodity, but the rewards gained from having laboured from my own sweat. More importantly I see the potential in so many of our Māori people, if they could only recognise the possibilities if they learnt to harness that potential.”

“As a retired Farmer...I understood that to succeed in business it was important, yes to work hard but, with a greater emphasis and diligence to working smart. I enjoy planning and developing ideas and watching those ideas grow and evolve into rewarding projects with sustainable outcomes...and not allowed past failures and negative attitudes to dictate my future, in developing a prosperous and meaningful future for our children and mokopuna.”

“Future opportunities and prosperity belong to us all, but it is driven by those of us who have vision, those of us who demand cohesion, inclusion, transparency, trust, and honesty as the only pathway forward.”

“The past is the past... we cannot change it...the future is yet in the palm of your hands. What we do today will define the future.”

I consider all of our three pou are just as important as the other, one cannot function without the other. We are all Tamahaki-Uenuku-Tamakana and this Settlement is an opportunity for our iwi, hapū and whānau to reconnect. It is an important time to reflect on our journey and consider how the Settlement will create opportunities for whānau to move home.

We are celebrating and sharing the lives and achievements of our people – wherever they are in the world!

Tēnā koutou
Nā Caroline Heta





Nuthaniel Tonihi

*Uri Representative – Central
Chair for Ngāti Maringi*

He uri ahau no runga i te waka o Aotea
Ka tu au i raro i te maru o toku maunga o Ruapehu
Toku awa e rere ana ko te maunga o te Ao Oku Iwi ko Uenuku Tamahaki ratou Ko Tamakana
Toku hapu ko Ngāti Maringi Ko Raetihi toku marae
Ko Te Whakarotahi ki te whakapono te tupuna whare
Ko Tonihi raua ko Ngahuian Te Iwimate oku tupuna
Ko Brenda Tonihi Te Iwimate raua
Ko Rangī Ponga oku matua
Ko Nuthaniel tenei e tu ake nei

Nō reira tēnā koutou tēnā koutou katoa

A personal highlight of the year has been the opportunity to come home and learn what is happening in our rohe, growing and learning and reconnecting with my family. It has also been exciting to see the Board continue to grow in both skills and capacity while seeing what I do in my day-to-day life that I can bring to the table to tautoko.

For me, it is all about whānau and all about transparency for whānau; this is what inspires me to continue.

The Board has been in existence for a few years and to now see we are getting the training and everything that we need to grow together for me, has been another highlight as we all get more ‘hands on’ with our mahi.

At the moment I sit on the environmental pou and one of the reasons for this is because of my background and the expertise I can bring from my mahi. It’s about health of our lands, our awa, everything else follows on from them. This includes the further development of employment opportunities in the horticulture and agriculture industries which will bring greater financial security for whānau.

Through my role of uri representative I’ve also had the opportunity to meet a lot of new people. As we continue to connect we are becoming even stronger and more unified as a voice of our people.

To me it is all about making these connections. I’m having to actually get out there to share and promote what is going on. Reaching out to whānau to ensure that know they belong and are also registered is pivotal. I’m in constant contact with all our family and hapū and for me, this also helps as if I’m getting any feedback from any of our people I’m able to relay this the Board and work to get answers for them.

We all need to be connected and in the know, not knowing could bring all sorts of problems to our collective futures.



Kaylene Crossan

Marae Representative – Mākaranui Marae

Board Secretary

Ko Ruapehu te maunga
Ko Mangawhero / Toanui te awa
Ko Aotea te waka
Ko Ngāti Uenuku te iwi
Ko Ngāti Tara te hapū
Ko Mākarunui te papakāinga
Ko Norman Tuhaha Wallace tōku pāpā
Ko Nita Winiata Te Kakahi tōku māmā
Ko Kaylene Crossan tōku ingoa

Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

It is an honour to be able to represent my whānau and I continue to be inspired by the values bestowed on me through my tūpuna and my moko as I can see a light at the end of the tunnel for them.

Being able to walk in to the Parliament building in 2018 for the signing of Te Korowai o Wainuiārua our Agreement in Principle signified to me we are just about there. I was on top of the world as it signified we are getting very close.

For whānau to be able to see all our aspirations for Settlement come together in one space and, in the near future put our name there and say 'yes are ready and can do this' is an exciting step forward. This coming year is going to be even bigger and more exciting for our iwi.

We are now getting very close to the stage where we are ready to initial and then sign on the dotted line for the Uenuku, Tamahaki, Tamakana settlement. For the uri I represent, the time is now NIGH, there has been a lot of hard work gone into this mahi and our three aspirational kete are equally IMPORTANT pou as we continue to plan a prosperous future for all our whānau.

Moana Ellis

Hapū Representative – Ngāti Maringi

Ko Ruapehu te maunga
Ko Manganui-o-te-Ao te awa
Ko Uenuku te iwi
Ko Moana Ellis tōku ingoa

Tēnā koutou

Ngāti Maringi

The hapū has an active committee which meets at least monthly. Work over the past year has focused on developing a Deed of Trust, establishing a legal entity (Maringi Trust), and starting the process of setting strategic direction. Hapū wānanga will be held as part of the strategic planning process, and will include whakapapa, history, kōrero from our WAI claimants, and planning for social, cultural, economic and environmental initiatives. A key focus will be creating employment, training and development opportunities that support the wellbeing of whānau, hapū and iwi.

Maringi celebrated our Tamakana whakapapa over Labour Weekend (October 2019) at Mākaranui Marae. Organised by Te Kotahitanga Tribal Komiti, about 100 whānau over four days attended the wānanga for Ngāti Tamakana, Ngāti Tūkaiora, Ngāti Maringi and other hapū connected with the papakāinga. A highlight was the full-day hīkoi in the footsteps of Tamakana. Beginning and ending with visits to our urupā at Raetihi and Mākaranui, the hīkoi travelled to Rotoaira and was welcomed to Otūkou Marae to explore our Tamakana and Maringi connections with Ngāti Hikairo.



Te Ranga Tupua Iwi Collective

In mid-March, in response to the escalating Covid-19 crisis, I joined the Te Ranga Tupua Iwi Collective response team. The collective includes Uenuku, Ngāti Haua, Ngāti Hauiti, Ngā Iwi o Mōkai Patea, Ngāti Rangī, Ngā Rauru, Ngāti Tamakōpiri, Ngāi Te Ohuake, Ngā Wairiki-Ngāti Apa, Ngāti Whitikaupeka and Whanganui iwi.

This involvement allowed Uenuku to provide essential, accurate and updated information throughout March and April via our communication platforms. In late March, as the NZ government declared a state of emergency and went to Level 4 (the highest alert level), I joined the Te Ranga Tupua communications team to help make essential information available region-wide. In early April, I was appointed to the Te Ranga Tupua technical advisory group concerned mainly with operational aspects of the pandemic response.

Throughout the height of the crisis, the Te Ranga Tupua teams worked alongside the Emergency Operations Centre, Police, the District Councils and District Health Board meeting daily to provide direct support, information and advocacy to and on behalf of whānau across the region.

I would like to acknowledge the leadership and aroha shown by the Te Ranga Tupua collective. The ability of our leaders to mobilise quickly and respond collectively in a fast-changing environment was critical in protecting our vulnerable communities.

Te Ripo and Te Kōpuka

I am currently appointed as the Uenuku representative to Te Ripo, the Te Awa Tupua iwi collective. Te Ripo was established as an advisory rūpū to Te Kōpuka nā Te Awa Tupua, a joint-governance entity responsible for developing and implementing a strategy to enact the Te Awa Tupua – Whanganui River Claims Settlement Act 2017. Te Ripo meets every six weeks.

Five members of Te Ripo will soon be formally appointed to Te Kōpuka. In the interim, I have sat as a member of Te Kōpuka over the past year. Te Kōpuka is working through a process of appointment and strategic planning, and will soon appoint a project manager. Te Kōpuka meets every six weeks to drive the development of a strategy for Te Awa Tupua.

Whanganui Regional Museum

I have for the past six years been a representative for Uenuku in the Tikanga Māori House, which forms part of the bicultural governance for Whanganui Regional Museum. The Tikanga Māori House focuses on the proper care and protection of the taonga held by the museum, many of which are of Uenuku, Tamakana and Tamahaki provenance. I am also a member of the museum's Joint Council, which governs the museum.

Nō reira, tēnā koutou katoa.





Lesley Edmonds

Marae Representative – Raetihi Marae

On September 28th, 2019 at the Raetihi Marae Annual General Meeting I was re-elected as the Raetihi Marae representative to the Uenuku Charitable Trust for a period of three years.

Given I'd been the Marae representative for the previous four years and the passion and drive I feel for this mahi, I asked to continue my position through to the signing of Te Korowai o Wainuiārua Deed of Settlement.

The mahi as an iwi representative is huge. Whether you're a marae, uri, rangatahi or hapū representative, the magnitude of the role and information required to be considered can be, at times, very over whelming and emotionally draining.

A kete full of maturity is very much needed within oneself. Experience yes, this is also necessary but more importantly, through an underlying respect for each other and honouring the dreams and aspirations of our iwi we will achieve longevity and intergenerational achievement.

I descend from a long line of chieftainship; kai gatherers, marae kaimahi and iwi representatives within religion, whenua kaitiaki and land ownership. My mum was called the “Mother of Raetihi” and she was known as a great organiser. This is a tribute to the commitment, passion and love she had for her people both on, and off the marae. She was a wahine kaha, a no nonsense person and it is with this mana she taught me to be a strong willed person.

Filled with compassion for my people, I have the stewardship and strength to fulfil the mahi I need to do, he taonga tuku Ihoa. With the faith and belief I uphold, and the support of my whānau, marae, kōhanga, hapū and iwi I am confident in fulfilling my duties to the Raetihi Marae Trustees and to my iwi: Tamahaki, Tamakana and Uenuku.

I have thoroughly enjoyed representing Raetihi Marae on the Trust and believe there is room for all our people as we move forward into the initialling and then signing the Deed of Settlement. It is important to remember this is not the end of our Treaty mahi with negotiations for the Tongariro National Park and, Whanganui National Park beginning in the near future.

“Nō reira e hoa Rangatira moe mai rā I te ringa kaha o Te Arikinui, haere, haere hoki atu”



Rayma Connell Bryers

Uri Representative – Northern

Tōku ingoa ko Rayma Connell Bryers
Descendant of Tamakana, Uenuku, Tamahaki,
Born in Auckland and I live in te Raki Paewhenua.

Since February 2015, when elected as the Uri representative for Tāmaki Makaurau, I viewed my role as one who would stand in the gap when needed and bring a voice to the table from our urban perspective.

For the uncle, brother, sister, cousin, aunty and kaumatua who tapped me on the shoulder, it was important for them to have a delegate who would bring an urban perspective, especially to the process of negotiations with the Crown.

As an uri rep, I would suggest that helpful characteristics for this role are as follows:

- Having commitment – it shows you value the vision
- Having a presence – the cause is worthy of you being present; physically, mentally and in spirit
- Being supportive – this builds whanaungatanga and close connections between people
- Being ready to challenge – especially when you have a different viewpoint
- Subscribing to unity – this is our greatest strength.

One of the highlights that occurred during my time, was the recognition of our three tribes and their inclusion on the 2018 NZ Census Form.

This acknowledgement will have a lasting impact on the lives of our children and children's children. Being able to identify ourselves has been a struggle for many who class themselves as urban Māori.

Once upon a time, we were only known as Te Āti Haunui-a-Pāpārangi but with the recognition now of our three tribes, it has become much more relevant to a great number of people who otherwise might feel, a cool detachment from all involvement.

Being mandated under the cloak of Te Korowai o Wainuiārua was a special moment. This was a milestone for many who have been on this journey for half a lifetime it seems. There are now the strands of cooperation which have been woven together in a show of unity.

Our pathway to settlement under lead negotiator Chris McKenzie and the team was a daunting task that had little funding. Chris gave us much hope when he accepted his role. It has been the passion of the members who have participated in this particular team that has driven us to where we are today.

It was a challenge encouraging the whānau in Tāmaki Makaurau to come out of their homes to all on the Roadshow. To hear, see and feel the passion in the voice of those who spoke on behalf of Tamakana, Tamahaki and Uenuku was a special privilege.

Now that we are nearing settlement, it is even more important that our people be informed of the latest developments. It is the responsibility of us all to ensure we reach out to all our whānau and continue to be engaged.

Nāku noa
Rayma Connell-Bryers – Tamakana

Don Robinson

Wai Claimants Representative

UCT Representative to Te Rōpū Mana Whenua

Archives New Zealand

Whanganui Regional Museum

I welcome this new opportunity to report on the affairs of our hapū. My aim has always been to support our three tribes of Uenuku, Tamakana, Tamahaki and Te Korowai o Wainuiārua through continually working to bring our people together. This enables us to grow our strength of occupation across the rohe and the 1.25-million acres of land we descend from.

We are from strong family links and I have always stood up to the Crown and, at times, to the Board on this when speaking on our expectations for Settlement.

Commercial and financial redress is an area in which I continue to offer strong support. Our current financial offer is so low, to protect our collective futures and put us in a strong financial position we will need to allow both this, and our organisation to grow to keep us safe.

This year the board has moved forward in many areas and as we grow in capacity as an iwi, I look forward to more information being shared with us including from all our Treaty partners, local and central authorities, and the Crown.

As we look to the future I am happy but at the same time, saddened. I am happy to support the environmental health and wellbeing of our rohe but recognise, like many, our social needs are high. The levels of health, housing, education and justice for our people are very low and urgently need to be raised, uplifted. I believe we also need to continue to stand up and fight to be more visible in our rohe. Eg: the Waimarino Health Centre should be renamed and identified as the ‘Uenuku Health Centre’.

Mahi has finally begun on strengthening support and capacity across our three core areas of focus. Our kete:

- Oranga Whenua: kaitiakitanga and environmental restoration
- Oranga Wairua: restoring social and cultural identity and wellbeing
- Oranga Tangata: financial and commercial redress

Are both practical and aspirational. To ensure future success we need to all step up, put forward our views, share our experience and most importantly work to ensure the needs of all uri are being met, not just in considering our immediate futures but to work to protect the future of all our generations to come.



Clyde Connell

Hapū Representative – Ngāti Tūkaiora

Ko Ruapehu te maunga
Ko Manganui-o-te-ao te awa
Ko Uenuku/Tamahaki/Tamakana ngā iwi
Ko Tūkaiora te tangata
Ko Clyde Tūkaiora Connell taku ingoa

Nō reira tēnā koutou katoa

Seeing tangible progress being made in the form of operational order & activity within the UCT headquarters continues to keep me inspired. For example this year saw the practical formation of a social and community pou, the beginnings of a community hub project and welcoming Ruapehu REAP to our office.

Just as inspiring is the creation of a whakairo studio nearby and seeing our tūpuna and whakapapa carved into life for the first time in many, many years.

The introduction of zoom hui technology has allowed for higher levels of direct communication between trustees in order to attend meetings remotely which enables efficient decision making for UCT.

A highlight for Tūkaiora is the progress we have made towards an AIP signing possibly in July 2020. At the centre of our aspirations for Settlement are our three Pou Oranga; Whenua, Wairua and Tangata.

They are holistically interwoven like a flax mat, as is our whakapapa intertwines through several iwi and numerous hapū.

The success and wellbeing of each Pou serves to support the overall foundation of our iwi our people. For example, how can we carve pou without feeding the carvers, without blessing the tools and carving, without the land to put the carving on?

How can we help create an ecosanctuary without the workforce, without the unpolluted rivers, without the intensive pest management, without the knowledge passed down from our tūpuna to return the land, fauna and wildlife to their former glory. Are we truly shovel ready?

I tautoko all of our three Pou, a tripod is the strongest stance above all!

Noho ora ra, nā





Kura Wanikau-Tahana-Tūroa

Hapū Representative – Tē Patutokotoko

Ko Ruapehu te maunga
Ko Manganui-o-te-Ao te awa
Ko Patutokotoko te iwi
Ko Tūroa te tangata
Te Āti Haunui-a-Pāpārangi

Current deputations/representations: Cultural art advisor to Ruapehu District Council

The challenges we currently face with the Crown and the collective futures of our own people are the challenges that inspire me to keep fighting on until we reach the goals we need to achieve this purpose. Treaty Settlement is, for us at this moment, a focus for us as iwi in taking our next steps in moving forward.

It has been great to see uri continue to come home bringing their expertise so we are all able to learn. This is helping to bring a more collective strength back to our Board table.

It is also inspiring to see other whānau also stepping up and adding to our kete which helps keep the wheels of UCT spinning as we forge a pathway for our collective futures. We need to continue to be mindful that it's not just about us, our mahi is also about our wider community and how we can work together.

A personal highlight for me has been the Board supporting the Waka Mutunga whakairo Project. Being able to bring the art of carving back into this area, my understanding is that there hasn't been any form of carving here for over 150 years, is a big feather in our cap. The creative arts are about inspiring connections across all realms; historic, hauora, the mental and physical wellbeing of, everything. Whakairo is one way of helping us retain our history and this project has also brought whānau together, at one stage we hosted four generations in the studio.

We still need to work to further strengthen all aspects of our mātauranga. This drives us and serves to underpin and help inform our success in the realms of environmental and financial wellbeing as we continue to build capacity in all areas and further strengthen us as iwi.



Mahanga Williams

Hapū Representative – Ngāti Tamakana

Tēnā koutou

In June 2019, I had represented the interests of Ngāti Tamakana along with Uenuku, Tamahaki and others on the Ruapehu District Maori Council (RDMC). These hui are held monthly, every third Friday of the month, during work hours and required time off work. The purpose of the RDMC, is to:

- discuss issues that affect communities within the Ruapehu District
- receive community proposals and provide feedback including making recommendations.

Unfortunately, by September the RDMC was put on hold due to Council re-elections. Sadly, there have been no further RDMC meetings since this time and we still await an outcome from the Council.

In Labour Weekend 2019, we held a Ngāti Tamakana wānanga at Mākaranui Marae. The purpose of the wānanga was to:

- Whakawhanaungatanga
- Provide uri with an update on our Treaty Settlement
- Learn about whakapapa
- Visit sites of significance
- Revisit the strategic goals and aspirations of Tamakana and Mākaranui Marae.

The Tamakana wānanga was a blast and we had a great turnout. The workshops and activities were well organised and the kai was tino reka and plentiful. During the wānanga, whānau participated in a survey that contributed to my Bachelor of Social Work degree. In presenting this research assignment, I included the above waiata written during the wānanga by myself and our whanaunga, Manaaki Tibble.

In August 2019, at Mākaranui Marae I was re-elected as the Ngāti Tamakana iwi representative onto the Uenuku Charitable Trust (UCT). A position I have held since its establishment in 2014.

The Treaty settlement journey has been a long and challenging process and we look forward to achieving a Deed of Settlement by September this year. My experience with Treaty settlements span more than 25 years and other iwi settlements have shown us what not to do. During this time I have learnt a successful settlement for your people isn't simply the quantum \$\$\$\$. Successful measurements are the strategic goals we set that are focused on growing our whānau and iwi capacity while keeping the home fires burning. The strong relationships we build with others will elevate the mana and aspirations of Uenuku, Tamahaki and Tamakana.

Nō reira, e te iwi, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tatou katoa.
Nā Mahanga.

WAIATA - TAMAKANA E

E ua e te ua, maringi roimata
The rain is raining, tears are flowing
Tau mai te makariri, whakapiri mai
The cold settles, let's come together

Ruapehu te maunga, Mangawhero te awa
Ruapehu is the mountain, Mangawhero is the river

Tamakana te iwi, maranga mai
Tamakana is the people, let us rise up

Ko te kotahitanga, tū mai rā Mākaranui
The unity, stand tall Mākaranui
E hoki mai rā, ngā uri e
Return here the descendants

Tukaiora te tupuna, Tukaiora te tangata
Tukaiora is the ancestor, Tukaiora is the man
Tūtahi tātou, Tamakana e.
Let us stand as one, we are Tamakana.



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