



# Te Kāroro

Mana Ahuriri Trust Quarterly Pānui

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## Kahui Kaumātua Ball

Over the past year, our Kāhui Kaumātua has gathered every Thursday evening, creating a consistent space and time for connection, kōrero, and support. The Kāhui Kaumātua was formed with the intent to provide much needed guidance and support on tikanga, reo, kawa, korero, and whakapapa of Ahuriri and any other matter or issue that affects the quality of life and beneficial well-being of the Beneficiaries of Mana Ahuriri Trust.

It evolved into more than what it was intended to be where we now have not only a support network for kaumātua but an advisory rōpū to an active and trusted source of leadership across multiple kaupapa.

The Kāhui meets every Thursday evening at Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui a Orotu. These gatherings are more than meetings – they are spaces of reflection, cultural oversight, and intergenerational guidance. The Kāhui regularly advise organisations such as the Mana Ahuriri Trust, Te Taiwhenua a Whanganui a Orotu Board, Napier City/Hastings Districts and Regional Councils, and community groups, creating a platform where kaumātua voices influence decisions and planning that impact our people.

A special mihi must go to Matua Matiu Eru and Beverly Kemp-Harmer, who have guided this rōpū from the beginning.

- Matiu is a respected kaikōrero and karakia leader from Tangoio me Tūhoe, a former educator and staunch advocate for te reo Māori and cultural revitalisation.
- Bev has extensive knowledge of tikanga Māori, leadership, and marae pōwhiri. She is also a former educator and a lifelong supporter of language and cultural revival.

Their leadership, consistency, and guidance have made this kahui what it is today, a taonga.

## August 2025 Newsletter

To mark a full year of this kaupapa, we gathered on Friday night, 1st August, at the Napier War Memorial to honour our kaumātua and the significant contributions they continue to make. It was a night filled with korero, waiata, laughter, and aroha, a space to reflect on the journey so far and to acknowledge the mana that our kaumātua bring into every space they enter.

Looking to the future, we recognise that this kaupapa is something to be treasured. Our kaumātua are taonga; their presence, their voice, and their whakaaro are central to who we are. The Kāhui Kaumātua continues to grow in relevance and impact, and we look forward to walking alongside them in the years to come.





## Hautapu Ceremony Welcomes Matariki at Pukimokimoki Marae

The hautapu ceremony, *Whāngai i te Hautapu*, means “feed the stars with a sacred offering” and represents one of the most significant traditional practices associated with Matariki, the Māori New Year. Because many of the different stars in Matariki are associated with food, we give thanks for its role in caring for the dead and bringing forth the bounty of the year by offering food.

Before the rising of Matariki, kai is taken from the whenua and is cooked in a *hāngī*. When the *hāngī* is uncovered, the steam of the food rises into the sky to feed Matariki. This ceremony involves cooking kai and sending the steam from it up to the sky as an offering and expression of gratitude for the year before.

The hautapu is deeply rooted in the understanding that when Matariki appears on the eastern horizon in the morning, a ceremony takes place to feed the stars with a sacred offering. This practice connects communities to their ancestors, the natural world, and the cyclical nature of time that Matariki represents.

On June 25, 2025, the Ahuriri community came together at Pukimokimoki Marae for a beautiful hautapu ceremony that exemplified the collaborative spirit of Matariki celebrations. The ceremony was led by Te Roopu Iwi Trust with support from Mana Ahuriri Trust, Maungaharuru Tangitū, Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui a Orotu, and Ngāti Kahungunu Inc.

A particularly moving aspect of the hautapu ceremony was the time set aside for whānau to honour family members who have passed away. Participants brought photographs of their loved ones and spoke their names aloud, creating a powerful connection between the living and the ancestors.

This practice reflects the deep understanding that Matariki is not only about welcoming the new year but also about remembering and honoring those who have gone before us. The steam rising from the *hāngī* carries with it not just gratitude for the year's bounty, but also love and remembrance for whānau members who continue to guide and watch over their descendants.

The ceremony incorporated the traditional elements that make hautapu so meaningful. Mike from Audio Smith enhanced the spiritual atmosphere by illuminating the marae area, creating a beautiful visual setting that honored the significance of the occasion. The careful lighting helped create the sacred space necessary for this dawn ceremony.

Special acknowledgment was given to the ringawera – the kitchen hands and helpers who worked tirelessly to feed the multitude. Their mahi represents the community spirit that makes hautapu possible, recognizing that this ceremony is as much about bringing people together as it is about honoring the stars.

The hautapu at Pukemokimoki Marae serves as a beautiful example of how ancient traditions continue to thrive in contemporary Aotearoa. By gathering to offer food to the stars, share kai together, and reflect on the year that has passed while setting intentions for the year ahead, the community participated in a practice that connects them directly to their tūpuna and to the natural rhythms that have guided Māori life for generations.

As the steam rose from the specially prepared kai up toward Matariki, it carried with it the gratitude, hopes, and aroha of all who gathered – a powerful reminder that we remain connected to the stars, to each other, and to the timeless cycles that unite past, present, and future.

Manawatia a Matariki – Honour Matariki!





## Community Comes Together for Matariki Beach Cleanup

The spirit of aroha and environmental stewardship shone brightly as our community gathered at the National Aquarium carpark for a community beach cleanup organised by Mana Ahuriri Trust.

The impressive 9am turnout saw dedicated volunteers ready to give back to their beloved taiao during Matariki season – a perfect time for celebrating the year's achievements and welcoming new beginnings.

The successful event was made possible through generous support from the Ahuriri Estuary Protection Society, Sustainable Hawke's Bay, and Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc., who provided rubbish bags and gloves for volunteers.

The fantastic turnout of local residents transformed the cleanup into a celebration of community spirit, with volunteers of all ages united in their commitment to protecting the coastal environment.

The timing during Matariki season added special significance to the cleanup efforts. As the Māori New Year encourages reflection on the past year and preparation for what lies ahead, the beach cleanup embodied these values through practical environmental action and community connection.

Following the successful cleanup, Mana Ahuriri provided kai for all volunteers, creating an opportunity to connect and celebrate their collective achievement. This gesture of manaakitanga perfectly embodied the values driving Mana Ahuriri Trust's community initiatives and demonstrated the power of working together for environmental protection.

Mauri ora – the life force connecting all things was clearly evident as volunteers came together to care for their coastal home during this special time of renewal and reflection.

## Mana Ahuriri Trust Gifts Historical Map to Catchment Group

The Mana Ahuriri Trust presented a historical map of Te Whanganui ā Orotu to the Ahuriri Tributaries Catchment Group Trust (ATCGT) at their event at MTG Napier in early May.

The map, which shows the area before the 1931 Napier earthquake, was presented by Joe Reti and Parris Greening "as a gesture of recognition of a collective vision for the Whanga." Chair Robert Pattullo received the koha on behalf of ATCGT as Trust members performed a waiata, creating a meaningful moment that highlighted the partnership between the two organizations.

This type of gesture demonstrates the value of building strong working relationships within the community. When organizations take time to recognize shared goals and acknowledge each other's contributions, it creates a solid foundation for collaboration. The historical map serves as both a practical resource and a symbol of the ongoing partnership focused on caring for our whenua.

The evening also featured presentations from Commissioner Simon Upton on his report "Going With The Grain," along with contributions from Robert Pattullo, Mana Ahuriri Trust's General Manager Parris Greening, and HBRC Chair Hinewai Ormsby. The combination of historical context and current environmental discussion provided a comprehensive look at both where the area has been and where it's heading.

Collaborative efforts like this show how different groups can work together effectively when there's mutual respect and common purpose. The Trust's thoughtful gift reflects the kind of relationship-building that helps communities tackle complex environmental challenges together. When organizations move beyond formal partnerships to genuine cooperation, they're better positioned to achieve lasting positive outcomes for the places and people they serve.



## Moteo Marae Rises Again: A Community Celebrates Resilience and Recovery

In the early morning light, a profound moment of celebration unfolded at Moteo Marae in rural Puketapu, near Napier. The marae, which had suffered significant damage during Cyclone Gabrielle in February 2023, officially reopened its doors to the community in a moving ceremony that embodied the spirit of resilience and collective strength.

As the sun rose over the whenua, whānau, hapū members, and community leaders gathered to witness the blessing and reopening of this sacred space. Heather Skipworth, capturing the moment's beauty, noted how stunning the morning was, describing the warm embrace and wairua of the tīpuna that could be felt as many whānau filled the whare and wharekai.

The ceremony honored the three principal hapū of Moteo Marae: Ngāti Maahu, Ngāti Hinepare, and Ngai Tawhao, all part of the greater Ngāti Kahungunu iwi. The wharenui Rangimarie and the wharekai Hamuera stood restored, ready once again to serve their community.

Cyclone Gabrielle's impact on Hawke's Bay was devastating, and Moteo Marae was among the many sacred sites that bore the brunt of the storm's fury. The marae became a lifeline during the crisis, with army reservists having to brave flood waters to deliver supplies to about 200 stranded people who had sought refuge there during the cyclone's immediate aftermath.

Iwi and hapū in regions affected by Cyclone Gabrielle suffered damage to marae, urupā, and taonga – some irrevocable – causing long-term impacts on these communities. The recovery process has been extensive, requiring not just physical rebuilding but also healing of the spiritual and cultural heart of the community.

The reopening ceremony was more than just the unveiling of rebuilt structures; it was a powerful affirmation of cultural continuity and community resilience. The presence of students who had contributed to the rebuild added a particularly poignant dimension to the celebration, representing the passing of responsibility and care for these sacred spaces to future generations.

Taradale High School representatives noted that the reopening was "a beautiful, moving celebration of all the mahi that has taken place." This mahi represents not just physical labor, but the spiritual and emotional investment that the entire community has made in ensuring their marae could continue to serve its vital role.



## Community Comes Together for Kaikōura Stream Wai Connections Wānanga

What a beautiful day it was on Sunday 15 June at Kaikōura Awa! The community gathered at Wharerangi Marae for a special wai monitoring workshop that brought together mātauranga Māori and modern science in the most wonderful way.

Organized by the Ahuriri Tributaries Catchment Group with support from Mana Ahuriri Trust and Sustainable Hawke's Bay, this paku wai wānanga was everything we hoped it would be and more.

From 9:30am to 3:00pm, whānau, hapū, and community members of all ages came together to reconnect with our precious waterways.

The day began with the traditional practice of whakaweku – learning how our tūpuna caught kourā (freshwater crayfish) using bundled bracken fern. While the traps didn't yield any kourā this time, the real treasure was watching our tamariki dive into the water with enthusiasm and curiosity, eventually discovering some crayfish through their own searching and exploring.

The workshop beautifully blended traditional knowledge with contemporary science. Participants got hands-on experience with water telescopes and bug-hunting activities, discovering the fascinating world of macro invertebrates that serve as vital kai sources for our ika.



These small creatures are important indicators of stream health and seeing them through the eyes of both science and mātauranga Māori created rich learning opportunities for everyone.

Teachers and kaiako who attended were particularly excited about how this type of experiential learning could be integrated into curriculum, showing how environmental education can be both culturally grounded and scientifically rigorous.

The atmosphere throughout the day was one of genuine connection and joy. With kai provided – including warming soups and drinks – and shelter available, the practical needs were well taken care of, allowing everyone to focus on the kaupapa at hand.

As organizers noted, "The best part of the day was having fun in our awa with our awesome community." This sentiment captured the essence of what made the event so special – it wasn't just about learning techniques or gathering data, but about strengthening the bonds between people and place, between traditional knowledge and contemporary understanding.

The success of this wānanga was made possible through the collaborative efforts of multiple organizations working together with shared purpose. Special acknowledgment goes to Wharerangi Marae for hosting, the Ahuriri Tributaries Catchment Group for their leadership, Mana Ahuriri Trust for their partnership, and Sustainable Hawke's Bay for their ongoing support.

The day demonstrated beautifully how environmental monitoring and care can be both scientifically meaningful and culturally enriching. When we combine the wisdom of our tūpuna with contemporary tools and approaches, we create opportunities for learning that engage the whole person and the whole community.



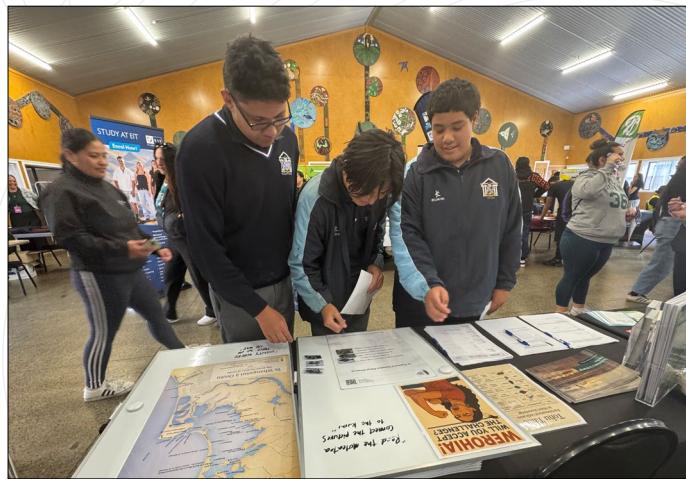
## Expression of Interest: Native Timber from Tuakana Annex building

Mana Ahuriri is seeking expressions of interest for native timber salvaged from the demolition of the Tuakana Annex building at the old Napier Hospital site.

Where suitable, this taonga has been retrieved for whānau, carvers, or community groups to repurpose for cultural, artistic, or practical projects.

Submit a brief proposal outlining your intended use to [info@manaahuriri.org](mailto:info@manaahuriri.org).

Let's honour this resource and keep it within our community.



## Te Kupenga Hauora Rangatahi Expo Brings Young People Together

The Te Kupenga Hauora Rangatahi Expo held on May 21st at Pukemokimoki Marae provided an important opportunity for our rangatahi to connect, learn, and explore pathways for their future development. Mana Ahuriri Trust were there to support the kaupapa and inform rangatahi about educational and community opportunities.

Te Kupenga Hauora - Ahuriri brought their established expertise in rangatahi support to the expo, drawing on their successful track record of programmes designed to build confidence, communication skills, and aspirations for higher learning. Their Social Workers in Schools (SWiS) team has previously developed successful initiatives like Te Puna Mātauranga, which helped Year 8 and 9 students develop practical life skills and explore educational pathways.

Pukemokimoki Marae served as the perfect host venue, continuing its role as "a place of learning, of celebrating, of discussion, of grieving, of time out and a place of stay," having welcomed more than 200,000 people since opening in 2007. The marae's facilities have proven ideal for rangatahi-focused events, as demonstrated by previous successful gatherings.

Earlier this year, similar youth events at the marae showcased "rangatahi take charge within their workshops, during the powhiri and throughout the whole day," indicating the supportive environment the venue provides for young people to step into leadership roles.

The expo represented the ongoing collaborative effort between Māori health organizations and community venues to create meaningful opportunities for rangatahi. The involvement of organizations like Mana Ahuriri Trust in events like this is crucial for building strong, connected communities where whānau can flourish.

Supporting rangatahi development reflects our kaupapa and understanding that investing in our young people today creates stronger, more resilient communities for tomorrow.

The expo built on these organisations strong foundation of community service, which has seen them provide crucial support during times of need, like the Cyclone Gabrielle relief efforts.

## Napier Local Elections 2025 – Have You Enrolled?

The Napier Local Elections are set for Saturday, 11 October 2025, offering a chance to shape local governance, including decisions on Māori wards. Voting is open to all enrolled members aged 18 and over, with a focus on encouraging rangatahi first-time voters.

Key Dates:

Enrol/Check Details: By 1 August 2025

Last Day to Switch Māori/General Roll: 10 July 2025, 11:59 PM

Nominations Open: 4 July 2025

Nominations Close: 1 August 2025

Voting Period: 9 September – 12 PM, 11 October 2025

Election Day: 11 October 2025

Final Results: 16–19 October 2025

Check your enrolment status at [Check Enrolment](#) and visit [Napier City Council](#) about the local elections.

Contact [info@manaahuriri.org](mailto:info@manaahuriri.org) or 0508 00 6262 for support.





## Protecting Taonga: Deer Fence Project Progresses at Balls Clearing Scenic Reserve

A significant conservation milestone was achieved at Balls Clearing Scenic Reserve in June, when a comprehensive deer fence project officially commenced with a traditional karakia ceremony.

The blessing was attended by contractors, Mana Ahuriri Trust representatives, Hawke's Bay Regional Council officials, and community members, marked the beginning of what has become a successful 12-month initiative to protect one of the region's most ecologically and culturally significant sites. The reserve had long been vulnerable to deer browsing that threatened the health of its native podocarp forest and delicate wetland ecosystems, with only standard stock fencing providing inadequate protection.

The installation of specialized deer-proof fencing, now progressing in stages as planned, is already showing promising signs of allowing the area's indigenous flora to begin its recovery.

For Mana Ahuriri Trust and the wider Ahuriri Hapū, Balls Clearing Scenic Reserve represents far more than a conservation area—it is a taonga of immense cultural, historical, and spiritual importance. This significance was formally recognized through the Ahuriri Hapū Claims Settlement Act 2021, which acknowledged the special relationship between Ahuriri Hapū and this Crown-owned site.

The reserve holds the distinction of being one of only two "overlay areas" explicitly mentioned in the Ahuriri Hapū Deed of Settlement, alongside Otatara Pa Historic Reserve. This designation represents formal Crown recognition of the traditional, historical, and spiritual associations that Ahuriri Hapū maintains with the area—connections that stretch back generations and continue to shape the hapū's identity today.

Central to this relationship is the principle of kaitiakitanga, the traditional Māori concept of guardianship that emphasizes the responsibility of tangata whenua to protect and nurture their ancestral lands.

The settlement legislation enshrines the role of Ahuriri Hapū as kaitiaki over Balls Clearing, involving them directly in monitoring the reserve's health, advocating for sound environmental planning, and ensuring their perspectives inform public education about the site.

Balls Clearing stands as a precious remnant of what was once the vast 10,000-acre Puketitiri Bush, a magnificent podocarp forest that dominated the Hawke's Bay foothills. Podocarp forests are ancient ecosystems dominated by coniferous trees such as rimu, tōtara, mataī, and kahikatea—native conifers that can live for hundreds or even thousands of years and form the backbone of New Zealand's original lowland forests.

These forests create complex, multi-layered canopy systems that support diverse communities of native birds, insects, and understory plants, making them among New Zealand's most biodiverse terrestrial ecosystems.

While extensive milling operations transformed much of the region's landscape, Balls Clearing's survival speaks to both its ecological significance and its importance to mana whenua, who would have relied on such forests for essential resources including timber, medicinal plants, and traditional foods.

As the deer fence installation continues to progress through its planned stages, the project has already proven to represent more than just a conservation measure—it embodies the successful integration of mātauranga Māori with modern environmental management.

The formal recognition of Ahuriri Hapū's ancestral connections to Balls Clearing through the settlement process created a framework for the meaningful partnership that has made this project possible.



## **Te Pepeha o Tamatea Pōkai Whenua Wānanga – A Journey Through Song and Story**

May 25th dawned as a perfect day for learning, connection, and remembrance as whānau gathered for the “Te Pepeha o Tamatea Pōkai Whenua Wānanga”. This special haerenga took participants on a meaningful journey to visit the sites embedded within our waiata, bringing the landscape and its stories to life in the most beautiful way.

The day began exactly as all meaningful kaupapa should – with karakia and whakawhanaungatanga. Led by Koro Matiu’s heartfelt karakia, the gathering grounded themselves in wairua, connection, and shared purpose before setting out on their haerenga. This sacred beginning reminded everyone that before we walk the whenua, we must first align as whānau, creating the foundation for everything that would follow.

The pepeha and waiata at the heart of this wānanga honour Tamatea Ure Haea, also known as Tamatea Pōkai-whenua and Tamatea Pōkai-moana, a renowned Māori ariki (chieftain) who was famous as an explorer who circumnavigated both islands of New Zealand. He was the son of Rongokako and Muriwhenua, and his name Tamatea-pōkai-whenua-pōkai-moana means “Tamatea who travelled over land, over sea” – a fitting tribute to his legendary journeys.

Born in Hawaiki before the Great Migration, Tamatea came to New Zealand in the Takitimu canoe, and his descendants became the foundation of Ngāti Kahungunu iwi. His legacy lives on not only in whakapapa but in the very landscape itself – from meeting houses named in his honor to geographical features that carry his story.

Under Tipene Cotterell’s expert guidance, participants discovered how each line of our waiata carries memory, and each verse connects us to the land. Standing on the very whenua referenced in the songs, whānau could feel the stories beneath their feet – stories of transformation, resilience, and the ever-evolving relationship between people and place.

As one participant reflected, “There is whakapapa in our waiata.” This truth became tangible as the group moved through the landscape, understanding how “Ko te moutere, kei te manawa o te whenua tonu” – the island remains at the heart of the land. The pepeha serves as more than just words – it’s a living connection to Tamatea’s epic journey and the spiritual relationship between his descendants and the whenua he traversed.

The wānanga wasn’t just about looking back – it was also about looking forward. Throughout the day, there was rich kōrero among whānau about future learning opportunities. Participants eagerly shared ideas for upcoming wānanga, expressing interest in exploring more sites, delving deeper into waiata, and uncovering layers of whakapapa that connect them to the whenua.

The success of this wānanga was made possible through the generosity and expertise of key contributors. Special acknowledgment goes to Tipene for sharing his time and knowledge, bringing the stories and sites to life with his engaging kōrero.

Koro Matiu’s karakia provided the spiritual foundation that grounded the entire experience. Most importantly, the hapū whānau who joined made the day complete with their presence, participation, and enthusiasm.

The overwhelming positive response and calls for “more of this please” indicate that this wānanga has sparked something important within the community.

He mihi nui ki a koutou e te whānau – great gratitude to all the whānau who made this beautiful day possible.



# Our Estuary, Our Health: What the 2024-25 Cultural Monitoring Report Tells Us

## What is Cultural Monitoring?

Cultural monitoring is our way of keeping watch over Te Whanganui-ā-Orotū (Ahuriri Estuary) from a Māori perspective, examining how pollution affects our ability to practice traditional mahinga kai.

This study was carried out by Cameron Ormsby for Mana Ahuriri Trust, representing the seven hapū of Ahuriri. The research is required under Napier City Council's resource consent conditions because of tangata whenua concerns about stormwater pollution affecting our traditional food sources.

## Why This Matters

For generations, our estuary has provided kai moana for our cultural practices like hui and tangihanga. This monitoring tells us whether we can still safely gather and eat fish and shellfish from these waters.

## Key Findings

The study examined fish populations, heavy metal contamination, and cockle health across the estuary. The results paint a mixed picture of recovery and ongoing contamination.

Fish remain safe to eat when cooked properly, with pātiki showing low heavy metal levels within food safety limits. However, only 15 fish were caught over 36 hours of netting - far too few to support traditional mahinga kai for cultural gatherings.

Cockles show remarkable resilience, with populations at Thames-Tyne recovering from just 4 cockles after the 2021 acid spill to over 500 in the same area. This demonstrates our estuary's natural healing ability when acute pollution stops.

However, serious health risks remain. High levels of E. coli bacteria and norovirus were found in cockles across all sites, making them unsafe for raw consumption.

Norovirus, detected in 75% of samples, can only come from human sewage, indicating ongoing contamination from wastewater entering the estuary. Cockles from the Thames-Tyne industrial area continue showing elevated heavy metals - zinc, lead, and chromium levels 2-4 times higher than other sites.

Some traditional gathering areas are now barren. No cockles were found at Taipō Stream mouth or Onehunga Pump Station, likely due to mud and sediment buildup from decades of urban development.

## What This Means for Whānau

While pātiki remain safe when cooked, cockles pose health risks even when cooked, particularly for tamariki and kaumātua. Low fish numbers mean we cannot rely on the estuary for cultural gatherings, affecting our ability to maintain traditions and teach tamariki about mahinga kai.

The persistence of contamination, despite environmental regulations, shows current stormwater management is inadequate. Human norovirus in shellfish indicates ongoing sewage contamination that should not exist in 2025.

## Moving Forward

This research strengthens our advocacy for better environmental protection. We need more effective stormwater management, stricter enforcement of discharge consents, and better separation of sewage and stormwater systems.

The study shows our estuary wants to be healthy and can recover when pollution pressure reduces. While we cannot yet safely practice all traditional kai gathering as our tīpuna did, this monitoring provides evidence for advocacy and tracks whether improvements actually work.

Through continued monitoring and strong kaitiakitanga, we can work toward a future where our mokopuna can safely harvest traditional kai from these waters.

*Based on the 2024-25 State of the Takiā Cultural Monitoring report for Te Whanganui-ā-Orotū, prepared by Cameron Ormsby for Mana Ahuriri Trust.*



## Ka Uruora Te Matau a Māui Launch



# KA URUORA

Naumai Haere Mai

Mana Ahuriri Trust and Tamatea Pōkai Whenua would like to invite you to their launch of Ka Uruora Te Matau a Māui - a pathway for whānau to achieve financial wellbeing.

**Where:** Waiohiki Marae  
**When:** Saturday 16th August  
**Time:** 11am - 1:30pm

Whanau are able to register for the first financial programme starting 16th September

For more information and to RSVP contact us on 0508 006262 or [info@manaahuriri.org](mailto:info@manaahuriri.org)



Tamatea Pōkai Whenua



Register at the below link or by scanning the QR Code  
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/Gp1DF3gC0j?origin=lprLink>



## Social Media Pānui

Kia ora e te whanau, we've created a Members "Only Facebook" page as an additional way of communicating with our members. We have also had to create a new Instagram and LinkedIn pages links below



## IMPORTANT DATES

15th August – Owen St Karakia  
16th August – Ka Uruora Launch  
16th August – Haerenga for MAT Registered members (limited spots for bus)  
27th September – Pā Warz  
13th & 14th November – Toitū Te Reo symposium  
Annual General Meeting – Mid November  
Taiao Wananga coming  
Te Roopu Taiao Planting Day



## Mana Ahuriri Trust Board Visits Development Sites, Plans Community Tours

June 23 - The Mana Ahuriri Trust Board, alongside Mana Ahuriri Holdings Limited Partnership and the Operations Team, conducted site visits to key development locations yesterday, receiving comprehensive progress updates from Earl of Koau.

The joint visit provided Trust leadership with firsthand insight into the current status of each development site. Earl from Koau delivered detailed briefings on the advancement of work across all locations, marking an important milestone in the Trust's ongoing development initiatives.

Recognizing the significance of these developments for the broader community, the Trust Board emphasized their commitment to keeping whānau informed throughout this journey. The developments represent more than infrastructure projects—they embody the aspirations and future of Ngā uri o Mana Ahuriri Trust.

"This is kaupapa we want to ensure you are also updated on, as this is a journey for you," the Trust communicated to members, highlighting the collaborative nature of these initiatives.

## Upcoming Site Visits for Registered Members

The Trust has scheduled haerenga to these same development sites for registered Mana Ahuriri Trust members on August 16th. These community visits will provide whānau with the opportunity to see the progress firsthand and understand the scope of the developments.

### Important Details: Date: August 16th

#### Open to registered members only

Limited spots available on the bus, registration required.

To secure a spot, registered members must contact the Trust by email at [info@manaahuriri.org](mailto:info@manaahuriri.org) or by phone at 0508 00 6262.

## Registration and Contact Information

The Trust is encouraging all whānau to ensure their registration status is current. Members who are uncertain about their registration status can verify their details by contacting the Trust at [info@manaahuriri.org](mailto:info@manaahuriri.org).

For those who have not yet completed their registration, the Trust emphasized that now is an opportune time to join the registered membership base.

Additionally, registered members who have not been receiving pānui (newsletters) via email are encouraged to reach out to update their contact information. The Trust team can be contacted at [info@manaahuriri.org](mailto:info@manaahuriri.org) to ensure all communication channels remain active.

These development site visits represent a significant step in the Trust's commitment to transparency and community engagement. By planning inclusive haerenga for registered members, the Trust continues to honor the principle that these developments belong to and benefit the entire whānau of Mana Ahuriri.

The Trust's proactive approach to communication and community involvement ensures that all registered members remain connected to this important journey of growth and development for Ngā uri o Mana Ahuriri Trust.

**HE HAERENGA KI TE WHENUA**  
Walk the Whenua • Feel the Mauri • Hear the Vision

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025 - This will be after the Ka Uruora Launch  
Pick up 1:45 pm - Waiohiki Marae • Drop off 4:30 pm - Waiohiki Marae

Mana Ahuriri Trust registered members haerenga

Register via email to secure your spot on the bus asap as spots are limited  
Email Tara to check you are registered with MAT at [info@manaahuriri.org](mailto:info@manaahuriri.org)

# PUKEMOKIMOKI

EHARA TAKU TOA I TE TOA TAKITAHİ, ENGARI HE TOA TAKITINI

*"My strength is not that of one, but of many."*

## **Building Our Future Together: Mana Ahuriri's Housing Journey Begins**

Something exciting is happening in our rohe, and we wanted to give you the first glimpse of what's coming.

Over the past months, Mana Ahuriri Trust has been working behind the scenes to turn our housing vision into reality. Through our development arm, Mana Ahuriri Holdings Limited, we're not just talking about addressing the housing challenges facing our people—we're actively building solutions.

Our housing programme isn't about quick fixes or one-size-fits-all developments. We're creating a portfolio of housing options that serve different needs within our community. From affordable homes for rangatahi taking their first steps into homeownership, to quality rentals for whānau who need flexibility, to premium developments that showcase what's possible when Māori lead with excellence.

Every project is designed with our values at the heart—spaces that support whānau wellbeing, developments that respect our whenua, and homes that strengthen community connections.

We're not doing this alone. Through strategic partnerships with organisations like Hāpai, and Ka Uruora, Koau Capital Partners, TW Group, and more, we've assembled a team that brings together investment expertise, construction excellence, and most importantly, a shared understanding of what Māori housing development needs to achieve.

Our partners share our commitment to creating lasting value for our people, not just profit margins. They understand that when we build houses, we're really building the foundation for stronger whānau and thriving communities.

Our first major residential development, Pukemokimoki on Owen Street, is already taking shape. This project represents everything we stand for—quality development that honors our heritage while meeting contemporary needs. It's proof that our vision isn't just aspiration; it's becoming reality, brick by brick, home by home.

Pukemokimoki will set the standard for all our future developments, demonstrating how Māori-led housing can be both commercially successful and culturally grounded.

We know you want to know more—about timelines, about how you might be involved, about what other developments are in the pipeline. We hear you, and we're preparing to share much more detail very soon.

Keep an eye out for the upcoming MAHLP Quarterly, where we'll be revealing the full scope of our housing programme. You'll get an overall picture of what we're building, where, and how whānau can be part of this journey.

This is just the beginning. Our Treaty settlement gave us resources; now we're turning those resources into the homes our people need.

Stay tuned, whānau.

## **Do you know someone who whakapapa's to Ahuriri Hapū and isn't a member of Mana Ahuriri?**

Our membership drive is always underway, urging all whānau to join or update their details with Mana Ahuriri. Enrolment ensures you can vote in hapū and iwi elections, access resources, and stay connected to our kaupapa.

Why enrol? Vote in Mana Ahuriri Elections, Receive updates on events, funding, and opportunities, Strengthen our collective mana.

Sign up or check your status at [manaahuriri.org/register](http://manaahuriri.org/register).

Mauri ora!  
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