

# QUARTERLY PĀNUI HE AU TŌNA

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## KO MĀTOU TĒNEI KO NGĀITAKOTO



*Wānanga Taumata Tapu.*

**Ururaiaha Awarau**, of Waimanoni has been instrumental in providing multiple wānanga a year throughout the Marae of Ngāi Takoto.

Emphasising the importance of connecting / reconnecting Ngāi Takoto whanau to their whakapapa and the effort in lifting the cultural capabilities of whānau. The three-day wānanga provide spaces of whaikōrero, karanga and resources for those attending.

**Te Au Pioke o Rangaunu** is made up of Whanau from Maimaru, Waimanoni, Te Paa ā Parore and Wharemaru ō Kaimaumau. Having performed for the first time at the inaugural Te Hiku Maiangi Festival in 2023 at Te Rangianiwaniwa, practices are set to resume to support whanau to learn about their Ngāi Takototanga,

*"For my mokopuna,  
to learn Te Reo"*

*"How cool would  
it be to stand  
with my husband  
and his iwi of  
Ngāi Takoto"*

*"The best feeling  
doing it with your  
whānau"*







# WHAKANUIA TŌ TĀTOU IWI



**Danielle Thomson (Cook)**, of Wharemaru ō Kaimaumu, appointed as Awanui Primary Schools new Principle this year.

Having already contributed to creating a supportive learning environment for students, she is fast becoming a role model for our small community of Awanui. Her wealth of knowledge, aspirations and experience will help to enrich the educational experience for Awanui School.



»»» *Our People. Our Potential*



**Akinihi Smith**, of Waimanoni celebrated for services to Māori and the Anglican Church was acknowledged at her Investiture ceremony hosted by Her Excellency Dame Cindy Kiro in Auckland last month. She is a well-known and well respected kuia of Ngāi Takoto.

A true stalwart of St Joseph's Māori Anglican Church and the community of Awanui for many years, an active member of the Mother's Union and a dedicated advocate within the Hui Amorangi, the Māori Anglican Diocesan Synod.

“ **With identity comes purpose, with purpose comes change** ”

**Te Paea Cook-Savage**, of Wharemaru ō Kaimaumu, joined the All Blacks Sevens squad in 2022 and made his debut in Cape Town.

He was selected to join this years Paris 2024 Olympic team representing Aotearoa & the Far North. Te Paea progressed to the international rugby stage through unwavering dedication, pursuing his goals with commitment and perseverance.



# NGĀITAKOTO TAI AO CELEBRATES THIRD YEAR OF SUCCESSFUL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

»»» *"Manaaki Whenua, Manaaki Tangata, Haere Whakamua"*

NgāiTakoto TAI AO has entered the third year of its impactful project, marking a significant journey filled with many collaborative opportunities and valuable learnings. Over this time, the Jobs for Nature program has not only provided on-the-job training but has also facilitated vital connections with other Iwi and deepened the relationship with our whenua.



As the team navigate this final year, they have emphasised that strong relationships are essential for building resilience. Our Taiao team play a crucial role in showcasing effective leadership, exploring investment opportunities, and ensuring succession within our community. The ongoing commitment to environmental protection and community engagement highlights NgāiTakoto TAI AO's dedication to preserving the cultural and natural heritage of our region.

The team have been fortunate to partner with SEA LIFE Kelly Tarlton's Aquarium, resulting in the successful release of their second honu, Ngāwai. This collaborative effort involved SEA LIFE, the Department of Conservation, and our local community and kura, culminating in a memorable release event at Kaimaumau. Through these initiatives, NgāiTakoto TAI AO continues to strengthen its ties to the environment and community, paving the way for a sustainable future that honours our traditions and nurtures our natural resources.

“NŌKU TE MOANA,  
Ō ŌKU TŪPUNA NŌ  
HAWAIKII”

*"The ocean is mine, inherited  
from my ancestors from Hawaiiki"*

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# HE AU TŌNA...

*Ko Au Te Whenua, Ko Te Whenua Ko Au...*



Here we explore and share history, updates & mātauranga regarding Ngāi Takoto.

**Tāhuahua-Paopao-Karoro Island** in Rangaunu Harbour is a Nature Reserve. In 2015, the island was renamed from Walker Island to Tāhuahua-Paopao-Karoro Island to honour its cultural significance to Ngāi Takoto.

Tāhuahua-Paopao-Karoro sits at the mouth of Rangaunu Harbour and was once home to Ngāi Takoto whanau.

The name Tāhuahua-Paopao-Karoro comes from traditional Ngāi Takoto korero: Tāhuahua means land mass, Paopao is the sound a baby chick makes as it hatches, and Karoro means seagull. This name reflects the island's use as a habitat and food gathering area.

Local hapu tell of a baby girl named Kura, who was accidentally left on the island by her family while they were collecting food. When they realised and retrieved her, the elders decided to name her after the island to remember the incident and ensure it wouldn't happen again. Thus, she was named Tāhuahua Paopao Karoro Te Awa, or Paopao for short.

The island also has a history of being stripped of vegetation and fertile soil by a massive storm and sea surge, leaving it much smaller than it once was. Today, it's a sanctuary for migratory birds like kuaka and seagulls.

**Dogs prohibited & Permits are required to access Island**



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