

Nga Taonga o NgaiTakoto

Pepi of the Month, Each issue we feature our babies of NgaiTakoto.

This month we welcome Rosa Awarau-Adams



Rosa Waipuna Toi Awarau-Adams

Born: 05/09/16

Weight: 9lbs 4oz

Parents: Kohine Awarau-Adams & Robert Adams

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Rakich Sisters Chasing Dreams

NgaiTakoto Runanga is delighted to feature Chantelle Davies (right) and Veronica Rakich (left), sisters graduating just a day apart. On December 14th in Brisbane Australia, Veronica completed her postgraduate studies – Graduate Diploma of secondary Education in Humaities (History and Geography) and LOTE (Mandarin Chinese) at Griffith's Mt Gravatt campus, while here in New Zealand, sister Chantelle – a recipient of the Te Runanga o NgaiTakoto Walter Erstich Scholarship was preparing for her graduation on the 15th in Christchurch where she graduated from the Polytechnic Institute of Technology (now ARA) and University of Canterbury completing a Bachelor of Musical Arts - majoring in voice, followed by a Graduate Diploma of Teaching and Learning (Primary).

Both sisters take pride in their aspirations to pursue teaching careers with Chantelle adding *"I loved bossing the music groups around when I was at High School. Then I took up some part time teaching singing at a Primary School and found I absolutely loved it. I took the leap and made it a career"*.

Chantelle currently teaches both general classroom and private music lessons and is studying Te Reo part time by distance, she is passionate about bringing more Te Reo into mainstream schools.

Sister Veronica is now in her second term teaching at St George State High School, where she teaches Humanities & Social Sciences, Career & Work Education, Certificate II in Active Volunteering, and TIC for industrial Technology and Design. *"My decision to teach in a rural location was something I always wanted to do, to gain independence and really integrate myself into my career as a first-year teacher"*.

Acknowledgements are made to both their families and friends for all their support and encouragement throughout this journey. Te Runanga o NgaiTakoto congratulates both sisters for all their efforts and hard work put in towards their future aspirations.



Connecting With Our Roots

NgaiTakoto Australia Charitable Trust was established by Te Runanga o NgaiTakoto in 2013. The Trustees and State Delegates for NgaiTakoto Australia represent all beneficiaries now residing in Australia. Our purpose is to promote *NgaiTakototanga* amongst all our iwi members in Australia, to build an organisation that will benefit present and future members and to ultimately re-connect them to their roots.



Archdeacon Kaio Malcolm Karipa
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Born in Kaitaia and raised in Waimanoni, Kaio has lived in Australia since 1981. Completed a Bachelor Degree in Theology and a Diploma in Secondary Education at the University of Auckland in 2000. Ordained Deacon in 1998 in Auckland and in 1999 was ordained Priest in Kaitaia.

Currently resides in Sydney and is Chaplain to the Maori Anglican Community from December 2000 and Archdeacon for Maori Work in Sydney (NZ) from 2007.

Kaio is also responsible for establishing the NgaiTakoto Australia Charitable Trust.

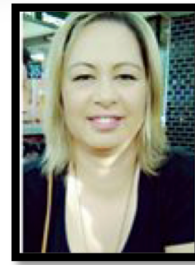


Mark Marino - New South Wales Director
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Mark & family left New Zealand in 1968 for Australia where he was educated as well as representing Australia in Baseball. He left for the USA in 1981 when offered an athletic scholarship & became the first Maori to accept such a scholarship. While there Mark studied Aerospace Engineering & Business Finance. He then went on to be the first Maori to sign a professional baseball contract with the California Angels in 1985. He returned to Australia in 1995 where he immediately went into the Finance Industry until 2014 & was responsible for Residential & Commercial finance & investment.

Mark has also been an Executive & Non-Executive Member on multiple Boards of Management for Not for Profit organisations. In 2014 Mark took on the Chief Executive Officer position on both a State Sporting Organisation as well as a National Sporting Franchise. As such he has a background in Strategic Planning & Budget management.

Mark was instrumental in the formation and establishment of the NgaiTakoto Australia Charitable Trust.



Keitiria McCaughey - Queensland Director
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Born in Rotorua and grew up in Turangi, Keitiria completed her schooling there. She worked for varied organisations namely Tuwharetoa Maori Trust board, TOWA, Hauora Whanui and Child Youth and Family. As these opportunities presented themselves it allowed her to further enrich her skillset.

She studied Social Work and Criminology at Victoria University Wellington and later studied Government Management and Certified Indigenous studies in Australia. She moved to Australia Pilbara Western Australia with her family in 2011 to manage the Prevention and Diversion Program for Western Australia Regional Pilbara Corrective Services for two years. She then moved interstate to Queensland where she currently resides and works for one of the leading Registered Training Organisations as a Program Leader Conwal Institute and Online Courses Australia

My connection to NgaiTakoto and Paparore is through my Grandmother Ngawini Raiha Kahui Ariki (nee Hemi)



Diana Awarau (South Australia Delegate)
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Arrived in Australia in 1965, returned to Aotearoa in 1969 and married Chris Wells, returned to Australia with their daughter Tanetta in 1972. Lived and worked in Queensland and Western Australia for 6 years before settling in Adelaide, South Australia. Adelaide has now been her home for over 36 years.

Graduated University of S.A. in 1994 with a BA in Aboriginal Studies, major was in Anthropology. Also graduated as a Social Worker from Flinders University in 2002 and worked mainly in Adult Mental Health.

In 2010, Dianne left the State Health System and started her own practice. She now works directly with clients across the city of Adelaide. Services Dianne provides are both clinical and holistic, including: mental assessments, CBT and DBT therapy, mind therapy, individual or family counseling for grief, domestic violence, homelessness, Court Orders, aged care, disability, Veteran Affairs services and mobile home visits.

"Support and develop future programs that seek to empower and build on the resilience and strengths of our younger generations including our mokopuna and all of our Rangatahi and whanau associated with NgaiTakoto Australia".



Cherie McCormack (Victoria Delegate)

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Cherie was born in Melbourne, and during her school years was brought up in Kaitaia with her grandmother Akinihi (Aggie) Paraone Smith, she then returned to NSW and now resides in Melbourne with her husband and family. Although she is a qualified division two nurse, she is now self-employed and is a qualified specialist makeup artist.

"Ensure beneficiaries of NgaiTakoto Australia re-connect and stay connected with our roots, so that we and our children know who and where we come from". Cherie McCormick



Patricia Tahitahi nee Brown (South Australia Delegate) Shared Role

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Patricia was born and raised in Waimanoni and attended Kaitaia College until leaving for Auckland to board at Hepburn Hostel whilst attending Auckland Technical Institute. There she met her husband Timothy Tahitahi and moved to Australia in 1986 and have been here ever since.

Patricia has always lived in South Australia and for the last 17 years resided in the small country town of Murray Bridge. She is an active member of the Maori Community and the Indigenous Church and is part of a small business, which involves Ngarrindjeri women making arts and crafts and selling them. It has given Patricia an opportunity to enhance her life skills in communication, financial management, Cultural awareness and to live a more holistic lifestyle.

"NgaiTakoto Australia to provide a Te reo programme for our beneficiaries living in Australia. Also, provide an historical platform for our children and mokopuna to learn about some of our history. We have so many colourful, awe-inspiring ancestors, Kaumatua and Kuia that need their stories to be told by improving our method of delivery to suit the present fascination with the Internet. Click on our webpage and then click on our ancestors and read all about them and their lives would be amazing, not just for our children but for adults too".

Patricia Tahitahi



George Hooper (Queensland Delegate)

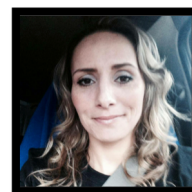
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George was born and raised in Waimanoni. He arrived in Queensland in May 2006 looking for better work opportunities and a better lifestyle for him and his family. George is based in the Gold Coast, Queensland.

"Aspirations for NgaiTakoto Australia are "simple" (Whakawhanaungatanga) finding an easier way to come together with other whanau and getting to know each other. We are uniquely NgaiTakoto and I want my children to know what that means especially living here in Australia".
George Hooper



Kimberly Bailey (New South Wales Delegate)

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Kimberley was raised both in Waiharara and Auckland where she completed Secondary schooling. She completed Sports and Leadership Certification and a Retailing Course in Kaitaia before moving to Australia in 1999

Since moving to Sydney she has over 15 years of Financial Services, Banking and Hospitality Management experience. She has 5 children and her partner Matthew Kelly. She has also completed various Certificates in Financial Services Bookkeeping and Accounting.

"I would like to assist NgaiTakoto Australia in providing opportunities for our Iwi to reconnect and build a foundation, which will allow our Iwi to be actively involved in decision making made here as well as back home. NgaiTakoto Australia is endeavoring to aid in Education and Universal Grants/Scholarships and Programs which will enrich our present and future generations". **Kimberly Bailey**



Papiwharaua Hikoi

On September 14th NgaiTakoto - with support from Healthy Families Far North and the Department of Conservation - invited the community along to join local Kaumatua and Kuia for a walk around Lake Ngatu in celebration of Conservation Week 2016 and the beginning of spring.

Local and national media coverage was positive on the event that drew over 100 walkers from Kaumatua and Kuia groups, local schools and Kohanga reo who completed the 4km loop trek.

Guest speakers included Shane Jones who enlightened walkers and supporters to a brief history of the lake and the days spring event. Other activities involved the harvesting of kuta, making rongoa, waiata, kayaking and a BBQ lunch to finish the day off.

NgaiTakoto encourage whanau to come along to the annual event, learn about environmental awareness, history and enjoy the day's entertainment.



Dune Lakes Project

The project that launched in Te Hiku hopes to train up unemployed young Māori in the Far North to work in the environment, restoring the region's lakes and wetlands.

The Far North is home to many rare dune lakes, including Lake Wahakari, Lake Waipareira and Split Lake, all of which will be managed using Te Hiku project funding.

Te Hiku is led by three Far North iwi, Ngāi Takoto, Te Rarawa, and Te Aupōuri.

Ngāi Takoto environmental manager Kaio Hooper, says 18 young Māori will be employed and trained to work on restoring northland's environment.

"Our goal is to get out to our communities and our marae to target youth that probably haven't started off on the right foot and are stuck in the WINZ process, where they just do a training, go back on the dole and basically aren't aspiring to do anything further," said Mr Hooper.

Mr Hooper said they want to support the youth and provide training for jobs after the two-year long project finishes.

Teams will be involved with clearing areas around the lakes, fencing, planting, pest control and monitoring the ecological lake conditions. The Ministry has committed \$318,900 for the Environment over the next two years.

Mr Hooper said, "We're trying to create a long term strategy that will continue after the funding's dried up," he said. "The idea is that the funding is just a kick starter then after that two years we should be in a place where each iwi can continue the project on their own regard with their own money instead of just getting hand outs."