

# QUARTERLY PĀNUI HE AU TŌNA

RAUMATI EDITION 2024/25



Ngāi Takoto Hui-ā-tau 2024



*Meri Kirihimete e ngā whānau o Ngāi Takoto, me  
ngā mihi o te Tau Hou Pākeha*

## WHAKANUIA TŌ TĀTOU IWI

As we reflect on 2024, it has been without a doubt a year of growth, progress, and meaningful connections within our Iwi and community.

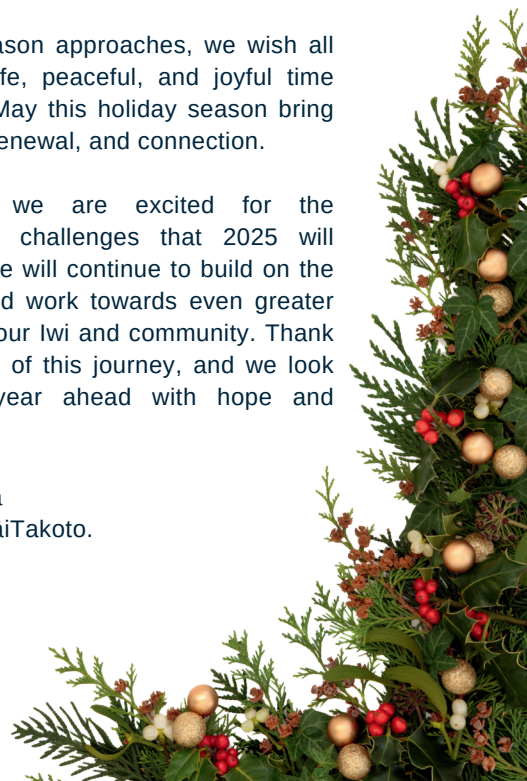
We want to extend our deepest gratitude to all our staff for their hard work, commitment, and support in driving Iwi development. Each of you play a pivotal role in shaping the future, and your contributions are invaluable. Your passion and dedication make all the difference in creating a positive impact for our people.

Acknowledging our whānau of Te Paa a Parore, Mahimaru, Waimanoni and Wharemaru o Kaimaumau as well as the continued efforts of our Marae committee members and whānau who keep the home fires burning. We also take the time to remember those we have lost this year, and in this season, whānau who will come together to celebrate the hura kohatu of their loved ones.

As the festive season approaches, we wish all our whānau a safe, peaceful, and joyful time with loved ones. May this holiday season bring moments of rest, renewal, and connection.

Looking ahead, we are excited for the opportunities and challenges that 2025 will bring. Together, we will continue to build on the foundation laid and work towards even greater achievements for our Iwi and community. Thank you for being part of this journey, and we look forward to the year ahead with hope and optimism.

Ngā Manaakitanga  
Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Takoto.







# KO MĀTOU TĒNEI KO NGĀITAKOTO

»»» *Our People. Our Potential*



**Hine Leaf**, nō Waimanoni me Mahimaru, He uri ia nō NgāiTakoto me Te Uri o Hau hoki, He mokopuna ia nā Jane rāua ko Māori Marsden.

Having recently graduated from AUT with a Bachelor of Health Science in Oral Health. Hine had previously been working as a dental assistant for several years and has seen first-hand the urgent need for more Oral Health Therapists here in Te Taitokerau.

Hine was a recipient of the Te Rūnanga o NgāiTakoto 2024 scholarships intake.

“**I am excited to begin working with our tamariki here in Te Taitokerau and contributing to the well-being of our hāpori.**”

*“This scholarship has helped cover course-related expenses and dental registration costs, for which I am truly grateful, a big mihi to Te Rūnanga o NgāiTakoto for supporting me throughout my studies. I look forward to working with our people in the new year”.*

## THE RETURN OF OINU WHENUA



Rangitane Marsden, Wallace Rivers (Chairman), Craig Wells (CEO)

Friday 13 December marks a momentous occasion for NgāiTakoto alongside ngā hapū o Ngāti Kahu - Ngāti Tohianga, Patukoraha and Te Paatu celebrating the return of Oinu whenua

The land was acquired under the Public Works Act during World War II. In 2012, as part of the NgāiTakoto Treaty settlement, the Kaitaia airport and Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Rangi Āniwaniwa land were included, with the condition that the airport operations would continue.

This event marked the beginning of a long-awaited journey and will result in the establishment of a collaborative Iwi and hapū trust to manage the whenua. The Crown will support this initiative with a \$5.4 million investment for airport upgrades and development, alongside Council who have funding for further investment and have signed a 35-year long-term lease agreement with the collective.

Acknowledgements to all those, both past and present, whose contributions have been instrumental in the return of the whenua. This is a tribute to their dedication and tireless commitment.





## NGĀ WAI MANEA

A beautiful blessing and unveiling for Ngā Wai Manea, the new waharoa at Waimanoni Marae was witnessed by many in the early hours of Saturday 30, November. The ceremony was made even more special with the presence of Te Arikinui Kuīni Nga Wai Hono i Te Pō and Tainui which formed part of her first official visit to the Far North. It was a memorable occasion, marking a significant moment for Waimanoni and Ngāitakoto.

The waharoa was beautifully carved by Waikato whakairo, Renata Te Wiata, bringing a timeless design to life and named in honour of both Te Arikinui and the nearby Rangaunu Harbour.

Kiritokia Brown, was the mother of Francis Paki, the paternal grandfather of Kīngi Tūheitia, Kiritokia descends from Rangatira Paraone Ngaruhe of Te Aupōuri and Matahinerangi of Ngāitakoto who had Ngāwaka Paraone, who is buried at Matarau.

The unveiling is a moment of pride and highlights the importance of reconnecting through whakapapa, creating stronger connections that span generations.



## TE RŪNANGA O NGĀITAKOTO HUI

Hui-ā-lwi held on 19 October provided whānau the opportunity to reconnect with the Trust and have their say on two important topics: the Draft Strategic Plan and proposed changes to the Trust Deed. It was an important moment to make sure that our whānau's views are central to the decisions we make.

Whāia Legal presented the Trust Deed review and gave whānau the ability to engage and feedback into the document which aims to update the structure so it better fits with today's needs and goals. The hui also included breakout sessions which focused on the Draft Strategic Plan 2024-27 for the Rūnanga and whether it lays out the right priorities for the future with feedback from the hui being well received.

The key focus is to remain engaged with our people, to not only share information, but build connections, understanding the needs of our people, and working together to reach the same goals.

Both the Trust Deed and Strategic Plan remained a topic of discussion during the Annual General Meeting which was later held at Te Rangi Āniwaniwa on the 7 December, both hui were made available online allowing more whānau participation and input. Further hui will be held in the new year to keep the momentum of kōrero and engagement going.

All documents pertaining to both hui can be found on our website.



For more updates and to read documents visit:  
[www.ngaitakotoiwi.co.nz](http://www.ngaitakotoiwi.co.nz)





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

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# HE AU TŌNA...

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



sea spurge (Euphorbia paralias)

**Seen this weed on Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe/Ninety Mile Beach?**

## REPORT IT!

**Sea Spurge** has been identified along Te Oneroa-ā-Tohe, posing a significant threat to our beaches and dunes. This highly invasive and toxic plant spreads rapidly. Its sap can cause skin irritation and temporary blindness, and any disturbance to the plant can further disperse its seeds which can also be carried by ocean currents worsening the problem.

We urge our whānau to keep a vigilant eye out over this holiday season, if you do come across this invasive weed, please do not touch it, **SEE IT? REPORT IT!**



**Record your location**



**Call 0800 80 99 66**



**Take photos**



photo's courtesy of Northland Regional Council Facebook

## !! STAY SAFE, STAY RESPONSIBLE !!

As we enter the busy summer period, we want to remind everyone to help us protect our beautiful rohe and ensure its safety for all to enjoy. With the influx of holidaymakers, it's crucial that we all take responsibility to reduce fire risks and keep our environment clean.

- **No Fires:** Fire danger is high during the summer months. Open fires can quickly escalate and cause devastating damage.
- **No Littering:** Keep our rohe pristine. Dispose of rubbish properly and recycle whenever possible. Litter can cause environmental harm and can also pose a fire risk if left unattended.
- **No Camping:** Camping in unauthorised areas is not permitted. This helps reduce the risk of wildfires, preserves our natural spaces, and ensures the safety of everyone.

Our team will be actively monitoring area'a throughout the summer. We're committed to ensuring that any potential risks are identified and managed quickly, particularly with the increase in visitors. Let's work together so we can all enjoy the summer safely and responsibly.



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Kaimaumau fire, 2800ha burnt in December 2021

