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TE RŪNANGA O WHANGAROA RECOGNISES HEALTH CONCERNS

Targeted health services in rural and isolated areas recognised

From left: Jaime Whyte, Practice and Registered Nurse, Doris Pitcher Administrator, Jessica Ione Smeed Practice lead, Registered Nurse, Hine.

Acknowledged for the leadership in adopting to the challenges of COVID and Alert Level 4, Te Rūnanga o Whangaroa recently expanded its health portfolio with the establishment of Te Hauāuka Mobile Nursing Outreach Service.

The need for targeted services in rural and isolated areas has been recognised by Te Rūnanga o Whangaroa, Broadway Health, and Northland District Health Board, who have all set out to provide an easy access, and ambulatory health service.

As a result, Te Hauāuka covers the Whangaroa rohe in a re-fashioned camper trailer to provide specific, localised, and accessible services. A weekly schedule covers locations from Te Ausiwa Community Hub, Waitāruke, Tōtara North Community Hub, Kaeo Community Hub, Te Ngāitī Māroa Marae Te Ta, Te Tapu Marae Mātauri, Wainui Marae, Te Ngaere Marae.

The free service is not dependant on where you are medically registered – delivering a range of preventative and health education to those who cannot get to a clinic at any one time. Allowing for kaumātua ōkuru and kaumātua checks in the comfort of their own homes, many have expressed their praise, says Linton Smith (Ngāti Hine, Ngāpuhi). Lead Nurse of Te Hauāuka

"Our kaumātua and kuia are the backbone of our communities. Their health and wellbeing affects their whānau, their tamariki, their mokopuna and their extended whānau. Ensuring their health is important – in doing so, these aged-a-ers (their wellbeing is better, and being healthy allows to lessen the burden as much as possible," she says.

Clearly committed to our kaumātua, with a sense of whakaihiihi, Te Hauāuka recently organised a morning tea to sit with and share the learning and insights from Alert Level 4. With its focus kaumātua from various marae, tahiwi and the local care facility, Kaeo Lodge, happily taking part – the day was a big hit.

"We understand that small communities such as Whangaroa have deep whakapapa connections. For many it was their first community outing due to the consideration of continued health concerns," says Jaime Whyte, Te Hauāuka Nurse. "We've been reminded that social wellbeing is an important part of the whare tapawha model – healthy bodies and healthy minds keep our people connecting," she says.

A special day for all, as Te Hauāuka – Mobile Nursing Outreach Service hosted a morning tea in Kaeo to share and connect with kaumātua and kuia from around the rohe.

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For more information about Te Hauāuka Mobile Outreach Nursing Service, schedules are regularly posted on Facebook /whangaroa.iwi.nz or call 09-405-9340 – 0800GOKAEO

Innovation Hub opens in Kerikeri

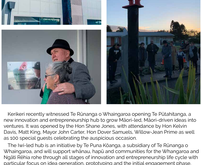
Te Pūtahitanga

Rere ana ngā kōwaiwai pūtahi ki te moana o Whangaroa

I roto i ngā haora o te ātapō i pā mai he ō nō Whangaroa, nō Ngāti Rēhia nōki kia whakatūria ngā Pūtahitanga o te Kōwaiwai o Whangaroa, ki te whā o Marsden Avenue. "Ka wai te ngoa o tēnei – ko Te Pūtahitanga!

"Wānanate te hunga i tae atu te rongo ki ngā taiutaku a Kipa Munroe rāt Ngāti Rēhia, whānui ke ōna kōrero pānui nō waenga i Ngāti Rēhia me Whangaroa. I ū pukē te kī ki te ngau o te kōrero; ki te ngau o te pae, waihoki, kihai hoki a taiwo i kitea. Ka haere mai ki te whare kōrero o Shane Jones ki te whakamahia tonutanga o ōna kupu, o ōna mahara ki ngā tamariki, ngā tamariki tāngata o Whangaroa. Tae rawa atu ki te ngau kōrero o Karetāwera a Wātāhia Tua, me ngā kupu *Ngāhoro o Anuru Kira* – ka rongo ha mātauārangi o te runga rawa, pau te kaki.

Ka whakatū ngā tamariki i te whare, ka nui o ngā kupu, o ngā kōrero i tere mai a Ora. Hanamai Wātāhi ānua. Mutu ana te kauapiro 'te ata hāpara ki te pou whakaro i ngā rangatira i kuhunga o te whare. He mahi i oti pai a te ringa whao a Lloyd Morgan, ā, he whakamātauranga i a Puhi. Ōtira ki ngā honongo whenua, ngā honongo whakapapa, me ngā honongo kōrero nō waenga i a Whangaroa me Ngāti Rēhia.



Kerikeri recently witnessed Te Rūnanga o Whangaroa opening Te Pūtahitanga, a new innovation and entrepreneurship hub to grow Māori and Māori-driven ideas into ventures. It was opened by the Hon Shane Jones, with attendance by Hon Kelvin Davis, Matt King, Mayor John Carter, Hon Dover Samuels, Willow-Jean Prime as well as 300 special guests celebrating the auspicious occasion.

The 1ha site hub is an initiative by Te Puna Kōanga, a subsidiary of Te Rūnanga o Whangaroa, and will support whānau, hapū and communities for the Whangaroa and Ngāti Rēhia rohe through all stages of innovation and entrepreneurship life cycle with particular focus on idea generation, prototyping and the initial engagement phase.

Te Rūnanga o Whangaroa Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Toa Fairexa says the need for innovation spaces in the Far North is high. It comprises of state-of-the-art areas for collaboration, education and project incubation. Situated in the heart of the Kerikeri business zone.

Te Rūnanga o Whangaroa Chairperson Murray Moses says the premises located at 3 Clark Rd, Kerikeri was purchased by the iwi asset holding company, Whangaroa Fisheries Company Limited (WCFL) to diversify its current portfolio.

"The purchase also supports our organisations need for more office space due to the growing staffing needs and expanded service delivery capacity," he said. "Additionally, the Te Pūtahitanga premises provides a strategic base in the nearest urban centre in consideration for wider delivery across the broader mid-North area."

Te Pūtahitanga is open Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5pm | Ph: 09-407-0340 | email: reception@whangaroa.iwi.nz

The final event for the successful Whangaroa Rangatiri/Fuanga celebrations held this year.

"My kaarahi always instilled in me that we are just as capable as anyone else"

Toa Fainexa, CEO of Te Rūnanga o Whangaroa has recently graduated from the Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Auckland.

Te Ngāti Kahu ki Whangaroa, Te Mānuhiri ōwhāna nō raua ko Daisy and went to school at the local Waitukare Catholic school for Year 1 to Year 8. Growing up in the Far North, Toa was a shy kid and was surrounded by a number of positive role models. Toa says his Grandmother was one of his greatest influences.

"My kaarai always instilled in me that we are just as capable as anyone else and it's important for me to be a role model for younger kids and other Māori and Pasifika people, for them to see that they can do anything."

Living in Te Tabakawa has meant for a number of years furthering his education was put on hold. Access to tertiary and higher education is limited for people in the North and the lack of tertiary providers together with the necessity of travelling to Auckland, or further, mean many whānau chose not to believe any serious consideration.

CEO Toa Fainexa with with Casey and the boys celebrating his recent graduation (capping ceremony)

"My position meant I had the means and support from Te Rūnanga o Whāngaroa to be able to control. That's not the case for so many. If I can make a difference by continuing to give back to Whangaroa and looking into permanent postgraduate opportunities for our rohe or indeed Te Tabakawa whānui, I have an obligation to do so," he says.

"We have some intelligent and talented tamariki and taitamariki in our rohe. If we can inspire them to believe in themselves – as my kaarai and mātua did for me – just imagine what our next generation can achieve."

Te Rūnanga o Whangaroa provides discretionary education scholarships for all eligible individuals to fulfill education and academic potential. These range from Pānga Rere through to Tertiary level learning.

More information on eligibility and application, please visit whangaroa.iwi.nz

Ahakoa tū ana ki uta, taupunga ana ki tai

A purpose built shelter was opened recently to house and protect the Whangaroa waka, a long-held vision for Te Rūnanga o Whangaroa since the creation of the waka in the late nineties.

Tata Morgan (Ngāti Ruamāhue, Ngāti Rangimatakaiwi) was delighted that the long-held vision to be able to store our waka longer-term had become a reality. "Although an intermediary stage, having a specially raised structure for our waka is a progressive development," he says.

In a year of flexibilities, the build was stalled a number of times due to COVID and a number of difficulties including foundations issues. The site is situated at Te Ngaere, Te Rūnanga o Whangaroa premises situated at the edge of Whangaroa Harbour.

"We had to be flexible and patient and understand that our kaumātua and tuakana were to be able to offer her time and energies to a project that aims to preserve our waka taonga." There were times where we had to deal with āhuangaua outside of our control, but never was that a point where we felt we would not get the taupuna completed. I'm proud of the team and the mahi that was able to be accomplished.

Waka Ebes, the ropū of kaihoe led by Mohi Kara and wife Hylar Tua Kara, have seen an increase of interest and commitment by our Whangaroa whānau – most of which can be attributed to their personal commitment and teachings. "Ko Tua mua he tamāiti tupu nō ngā whakatupuranga o ēku mātua o ēku tūpuna – I'm but a child born of my parents and my ancestors. I'm lucky to receive. What I've been taught I now must teach," he says.

"Special acknowledgements go to Aunty Ani Adams and the Adams whānau for their decades long commitment to our waka and housing them for the last 20+ years. It is humbling that the kaupapa can continue from such strong foundations from Aunty Ani and Uncle Hēkopa (Adams)." Mohi continued.

For further information on Te Waka Ēbes and the Waka programmes phone us on 09-405-9340

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