

I te tini me te mano o ngā mokopuna, hui mai, kōrero mai, noho tahi ai ki raro i te marumarutanga o ngā tipuna a-Rongomaiwahine, a-Kahungunu me Tamatakutai. Ko mātau, ko koutou, ko rātau, ko Tātau Tātau e. Tīhei Mauri ora!

He kupu whakataki ~ “*Me aro koe ki te hā o Hineahuone*” pay heed to the dignity of our women. As long as the hearts of our women stay strong we continue to fight and resist extinction as a people. If the hearts of our women fall then we are lost. Auue taukuriee.

Waitangi Day 2018 ~ The Waitangi Day 2018 Concert at Alexandria Park was a great success. The three goals were to encourage rangatahi, parents, and our whānau to register on to Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa. To be given the opportunity to know more about their Post Settlement Governance Entity, and to enjoy listening to their own bands and musicians. The Waitangi Celebrations was a tremendous day for Wairoa with our partners Sports Hawkes Bay in the morning with activities around Waka Ama and water safety were well attended by our rangatahi. And also, The Yroa Ynot activities and rangatahi interviews of our Trustees in both te reo Māori and English was a high light of the morning.

The MCs for the day who we would like to make special mention of; Mr. Tauru Johnson and Mr. Sydney Ropitini kept the whānau enjoying the afternoon with hot fire give a ways and entertaining the crowd. The concert was also a great success with whānau turning out in large numbers to watch their own home grown perform.

The concert started on the dynamite performance of Kiri Gilbert then followed by the band Lyrical Soul performing with soul and style. Of the cuff band One love celebrated the birthday and songs of Bob Marley. NRG Raising the mother and daughter band from Wairoa entertained with song from their latest album. The Wairoa rap duo Rugged & Wylde finished the night with a power house performance. We were also treated to a sneak preview of the latest from one of our kapa haka groups Matangirau who are practicing for the upcoming Matatini Regional Competition to be held in Wairoa between 20th – 21st April 2018. Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa would like to thank all that participated and helped on the day.

The registration drive on the day was a success with 145 new registrations submitted between our clusters. Our kaumātua in attendance engaged with our whānau on whakapapa, tikanga, whānau connections or just had a kōrerorero (chat). Registration personal worked tirelessly all day to receive and process the registrations. The Samsung phone registration initiative substantially increased the number of our rangatahi between the ages of 18 years to 25 years registering. Winners of the Samsung Galaxy S8 phones will be drawn by the kaumātua council on Tuesday the 6th of March.

Registration Update ~ There is currently 7,135 registrations in the data base. Another 311 are being added over the next couple of weeks. The NZ census 2013 recorded that there was 21,060 people that identified as being from Ngāti Kahungunu ki Te Wairoa, 4,473 that identified as Rongomaiwahine, and 1,317 as Ngāti Rākaipaaka. There are also a significant number of Ngāti Kahungunu, region unspecified category of 18,285 that can be attributed as potential members of Tātau Tātua. This says that we have registered about only 22% of possible registrations. A couple of the clusters are going to be running registration drives over the next couple of weeks. Remember to ring, text, email, Facebook and or go around to visit our whānau and encourage them to register. If they ask why remind them of the song “*united we stand divided we fall*” or as we say at home, Tātau Tātau!

~ **Our Vision** ~ Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa: *He Iwi Motuhake, He Tāngata Ōranga Ake*

Logo ~ On Waitangi Day Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa launched their new logo on Tee Shirts and water bottle give-a-ways. The design was commissioned from Chance Rohe. The meaning is explained;

“This image refers to those who keep our home fires alight. To those of each peka of Tātau Tātau, you are all represented by the niho in the central section of this image. The outer section is the wider hapu and Iwi working in unison. As one solid whanau. The inner refers to the 7 clusters of Tātau Tātau”



3rd Reading ~ The time frame for the 3rd Reading is approaching quickly with Trustees working through the logistical details. Once the Trustees are given the date and time from the Office of Treaty Settlements we will have a very limited time to organise ourselves. The Trustees have directed the Project Manager to organise travel, accommodation and catering for the clusters. Trustees through their clusters are organising the lists of whānau wanting to travel to the 3rd Reading.

It is hoped that the ground will shake and the dust will rise as we invade Wellington to meet with the Crown, kanohi ki te kanohi. At that point in time we will remember those that have gone who gave everything to bring the claims process to this point. Let our mokopuna and tamariki be in our upper most thoughts as we smooth the pathway for their future.

E te tī, e te tā ngā mihi rā ki a koutou nei na te tipuna tātau e manaakihia, e tiakinga.

Please feel free to contact either one of your elected Trustees or the Project Manager if there are matters that you wish to discuss. You can find our contact details by going to our website www.ttotw.iwi.nz or social media pages.

Nā mātau,

Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa Trustees