

MUAUPOKO PANUI

*Ko Kurahaupō te waka, Ko Tararua te maunga, Ko Punahau te roto, Ko Hōkio te awa, Ko Muaūpoko te iwi
Ko Kohuturoa rāua ko Kawiu ngā marae*

This image of Tanguru a Muaūpoko Rangatira was taken from the one shilling coin, showing Tanguru kneeling down with his taiaha. The name of his taiaha is Mahera Paki Tanguru-o-te Rangi.



TANGURU

HE MAMAE AROHA

Tangi atu rā ngā tini aitua, koutou kua riro ki tua o Paerau e ngau kino nei e te mameae. Taku aroha noa i te murau o te tini, te wenerau o te mano. Moe mai i roto i ngā ringaringa o te Ariki, oti atu e.

E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā kanohi ora o Muaūpoko koutou hoki ngā mātaiwaka e takahi nei i te whenua hei tutuki i ngā wawata o rātou mā.

Mauriora ki a tātou katoa!

2013 Board Member Elections

Voting has now opened for the 2013 MTA Board Elections. No elections are required this year for the Ngāi Te Ao and Punahau hapū electorates as their representatives were elected unopposed. Similarly, no election is required for the Ngāti Tamarangi hapū electorate as no nominations were received for the vacancies in that electorate. The Board will consider how to fill those vacancies in the near future.

Voting papers have now been mailed to registered members of the Ngarue, Ngāti Hine, Ngāti Pariri and Ngāti Whanokirangi hapū electorates who can vote by post or online. To vote online, go to <https://ivote.electionz.com/Elections/mp2013>

Profiles of the candidates standing for election can be viewed from the internet voting site. Voting will close at 5.00pm on 4 June 2013.

Members that are not registered or have not received voting papers should contact the election helpline on 0508 666 887 (NZ residents only) or email elections@electionz.com

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Muaūpoko Education and Te Reo Strategy

In the expression of Rangatiratanga, Muaūpoko Tribal Authority has entered into an agreement with the Ministry of Education to work collaboratively on areas of shared interest to support Muaūpoko learners to achieve education success as Muaūpoko. This work will also support Muaūpoko to increase their influence in education within their tribal boundary.

In the expression of Muaūpokitanga, key educational priorities also are:

- To increase speakers of Te Reo Māori for Muaūpoko
- To increase the knowledge and understanding of Muaūpoko identity and culture

The journey towards achieving our priorities to date has involved the voices of our Muaūpoko Whānau, Ngā Kura ki Taitoko, Muaūpoko Kaiako, Muaūpoko Rangatahi and the Muaūpoko Advisory Team (education).

No reira, mōkōri anō kia rere ngā mihi ki a koutou e tautoko ana i tēnei kaupapa whakahirahira.

“Whakahono Kia Tū Kaha, Muaūpoko”.

Mahanga & Maia Williams
Project Coordinators

Muaūpoko Survey

On behalf of the Muaūpoko Tribal Authority and our Chief Executive Officer Steve Hirini, we would like to thank the many School Communities from Early Childhood to Adult Learning Services for your participation in the Muaūpoko Education & Te Reo Survey.

To our Muaūpoko Whānau who participated in the Survey, we thank you for your time, talents and treasures. Please be advised that this engagement process with Muaūpoko Whānau is still ongoing. Here's how you can participate:

- You can now fill in a survey online, it's that simple: www.muaupoko.iwi.nz
- Pick up a survey from Tiffany Hori-Te-Pa at the MTA Office
- Email Tiffany to receive a Survey: tiffany@muaupoko.iwi.nz
- Contact Tiffany on 06 367 3311. If not available please leave a message including your postal address to receive a Survey.

Your 'voices' will contribute to the design of a Muaūpoko Education Strategy and Te Reo Strategy, due to our intent to be more effective in assisting our Muaūpoko Whānau and local School communities in meeting their educational aspirations alongside us as local Iwi.

Muaūpoko Hui Rangatahi

On 22 April 2013, we held our first Muaūpoko Hui Rangatahi at Kohuturoa Marae. The purpose of the hui was to:

- Connect Muaūpoko Rangatahi with each other and their Tūrangawaewae
- Increase their knowledge and understanding of Muaūpoko identity and culture
- Contribute their 'voices' to the Muaūpoko Education & Te Reo Strategy.

We are extremely happy to report that the hui was a huge success from the Pōwhiri (Welcome) to the Poroporoaki (Farewell). A three day programme was developed to be diverse and fun; Rangatahi learnt Muaūpoko waiata, heard stories from their elders about growing up on the lake, learnt about Waiwiri and Puanga, visited the Kurahaupo Waka, experienced Waka Ama on Punahau (Lake Horowhenua), took part in ngā toi workshops for rāranga (weaving), tā moko and painting, worked together to take care of their Marae and other activities. Rangatahi also found time to tell us, “What is Muaūpoko succeeding as Muaūpoko.”

Here are some of the 'voices' captured from our evaluation session:

- I'm glad I came

- I enjoyed learning my whakapapa and how we all related to each other
- I enjoyed meeting new cousins
- We should have more of these hui
- Waka Ama was the bomb and I enjoyed rowing on our Lake for the first time
- I liked hearing all the kōrero from our Kaumatua about Waiwiri, Punahau and Kurahaupo
- It was cool doing weaving and watching Tā moko being done inside the Wharenui
- The Kai was mean as
- I wish our hui was longer cause I'm now getting to know my cousins
- First time I've stayed here on my Marae, I'm gonna Facebook my cousins and tell them what they missed out on

Overall we had 30 Rangatahi attend and a second Muaūpoko Hui Rangatahi is scheduled for later in the year, to be held at Kawiu marae.

E ngā rangatira mō āpōpō, matakuikui au te mihi kau atu ki a koutou. Kia kaha, Kia māia, Kia mataara!

Urgent Notice

Calling all Muaupoko Kaiako who teach Māori learners in Education, Health and Social Service Sectors to attend a Wānanga workshop in support of the: **Muaūpoko Education & Te Reo Strategy.**

When: 10.00am, Saturday 8 June 2013 to 1.00pm Sunday 9 June 2013

Venue: Kohuturoa Marae, Levin

Programme: available on the MTA website www.muaupoko.iwi.nz

For catering purposes please confirm your availability, contact details below. nga mihi na,

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Muaupoko Kaunihera Kaumatua Me Nga Kuia

The Kaunihera Committee hereby invite Muaupoko Kaumatua to their next hui on Friday 31 May 2013, 1.00pm at the MTA Office. A quick reminder that Kaunihera hui is held the last Friday of every month at 1.00pm with the venue to be confirmed in the monthly Muaupoko panui.

Lake Trustees Update

This panui is the first of many updates the Trust will be providing to the beneficial owners of Lake Punahau (Horowhenua). Trustees have expressed a collective commitment to keeping our beneficial owners up to date on Trust activities and key issues concerning the Lake, and is exploring a range of ways to do this regularly.

Yesterday a Trust meeting was held at Thompson House. This was attended by a contingent of beneficial owners and their whanau who wished to bring their concerns about the Lake Accord - a document the Trust has been considering in draft form.

The hui heard from trustees and owners. The korero was heart-felt and all in attendance were unanimous in their ambition to see the condition of the Lake returned to its former beauty, and for the existing paru to be removed once and for all.

The hui heard from impassioned kaumatua who spoke of the many hara (wrongs) over decades of pollution into our Lake. They, like us all, want to see the Lake restored but never at the expense of losing, or watering down, the clear ownership rights of beneficial owners enshrined in statute, which was the direct result of the fight our ancestors took to the Government and Courts and won. The Trust confirmed its absolute commitment to achieving both aims.

The Lake Accord document is part of the first stage of exploring a potential Lake restoration project. It is a non-binding arrangement that enables the parties to commit to a process to work out a draft plan for restoration of the Lake. The Accord sets out high level principles of collaboration and identifies key areas of focus. Through this process the Trust will contribute to the development of the draft plan. The parties will likely use as a start point for discussion the recommendations contained in the Gibbs Report. The five parties are: Lake Trust, Horizons, Horowhenua District Council, Lake Domain Board and Department of Conservation.

The Trust will bring the detail of the draft plan to a hui of beneficial owners in the very near future to seek comments and endorsement at that point as there will then be enough detail for owners to consider. The Trust's obligation to seek owner approval before any restoration plan can be finalised and implemented will be expressed in the terms of the Accord.

A copy of the draft Accord document and a copy of the Gibbs report summary can be obtained from the MTA office.

Lake Trustees now meet monthly which are usually scheduled for the third Sunday of every month, at Thompson House. Beneficial owners are welcome to attend these meetings for a public forum that can be set aside for that purpose if needed. Please register with Trust Secretary, Keri Hori Te Pa, Horowhenua Lake Trust, PO Box 312, Levin, 5540.

Lake Horowhenua Trustees