

# Te Tūkaiāia

Te Karanga o te Iwi

Hakihea / December 2015

Kia Tūpato!  
Ka tangi a Tūkaiāia kei  
te moana, Ko Ngātiwai  
kei te moana e haere ana;

Ka tangi a Tūkaiāia  
Kei tuawhenua, ko Ngātiwai kei  
tuawhenua e haere ana

Beware!  
When Tūkaiāia calls at sea,  
Ngātiwai are at sea;

When Tūkaiāia calls  
inland, Ngātiwai are inland

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## Hope that rāhui will help Ngunguru River come back to life



Ngunguru River / Estuary.

The rāhui that was placed over the  
Ngunguru River by Uncle Sonny  
(Paratene Te Manu) Wellington on the  
22nd November 2015 and acknowledged  
by the whānau of Ngunguru Marae was  
done so with the Wairua of the awa at  
the heart of their decision with the hope  
that it would help to bring the mauri back  
to the river.

Ngunguru Marae secretary Paulette  
Wellington says "To help the kaimoana to  
rejuvenate, the rāhui put into place is that  
there is to be no collection of Pipi, Cockles,  
Tutatua or Mussels in the Ngunguru River  
until further notice. It is intended that the  
rāhui will be in place for at least the next  
two years and will be revisited after the  
summer of 2017/2018."

Over the last few years whānau and locals,  
some who have collected kaimoana from  
the river all their lives, have said and can

show that the kaimoana in the river has  
been dying. The scarcity of shellfish has  
been increasingly noticed and has just got  
worse. There are now acres of dead shells,  
indicating the pipis have not just been  
over fished, more that they have died for  
a number of other reasons. The change in  
the banks at low tide is noticeable. Locals  
say the banks are all moving downstream  
and the depth of soft silt building up is  
concerning.

Many locals have their opinions as to  
why the Kaimoana is dying. Some say  
it is caused by the clearing of forestry  
that is now allowing run-off, increase in  
population, over fishing the area to the  
point of wiping banks out, and other  
retrospective issues that have ultimately all  
compounded on the river to see it in the  
state it now finds itself in. Some are even  
speculating about the causes possibly

being from long ago, when coal mining was abundant in the upper river.

Uncle Sonny Wellington says "The rāhui on the river is for the benefit of future generations, not just those who want to collect shellfish in a few years. It's not just for Māori people, it's for all people."

Iwi and hapū resource management representatives have been working with The Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) who is leading the investigation and is being assisted by the Northland Regional Council (NRC), the National Institute for Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA), and the Northland District Health Board.

MPI and NRC have formed a catchment group to attempt to determine the causes for the deterioration of the river water

after which it is hoped these causes will be addressed.

The announcement of the rāhui has been mainly well received and supported, however there are still ongoing discussions being had amongst whānau and hapū. MPI have just announced an official ban on collection of pipi and cockles in the river, and will be placing signs to warn people they will be fined for not following this legislative directive.

The whānau of Ngunguru Marae would like to thank everyone that has supported the rāhui and ask that whānau, locals and visitors to the area respect and adhere to the ban on collecting shellfish in the river. Whānau and other locals hope that one day the River's mauri will be restored and the River can thrive once more.



Dead cockles like these have been seen in large numbers in the area.

## Massive year for acting CEO

It was only back in May's edition of Te Tūkāiaia that we introduced you to Angeline Waetford, announcing that she had joined the Ngātiwai Trust Board as the new Chief Financial Officer. On the 16th November we announced that CEO Jim Smillie had resigned and that Angeline was to be appointed as acting CEO.

It has been a massive year for Angeline. 2015 has seen her join the Ngātiwai Trust Board as the Chief Financial Officer, coach of the Northland Senior Women's Hockey team who finished as runners up in the National Hockey League Championship, coach of the Te Tai Tokerau Women's Hockey team who were victorious at the 2015 National Maori Hockey Tournament, she won the Northland Coach of the year at the recent Northland Sports awards for the second year running and now holds the title of acting CEO of Ngātiwai Trust Board to finish the year.

Angeline says "It has been a busy year, but I

have loved every minute of it".

As well as being busy with work and hockey, Angeline has also had family move home from Australia who have been living with her up until recently, she has sold 2 homes and has had to move house. "I live with my daughter and her family and on the 20th January we are moving house again to a property we have bought in Ngararatunua with 10 acres". Angeline is excited by this move as it is the area where her mother is buried and her father was born, with her marae is just down the road. "It feels good to be moving there".

Angeline is certainly looking forward to a bit of a break over Christmas and the New Year period. During the first part of the holidays, Angeline will be camping with whānau at Taupo Bay. She is also looking forward to going to see UB40 perform in Kerikeri. In early January Angeline will be in Australia coaching the New Zealand under 19 Hockey team.

2016 looks to be another busy year for Angeline from a work and sports perspective, but Angeline would not want it any other way. "It has been awesome, challenging and rewarding working for my iwi and working hard to try achieve the goals and aspirations we have for our iwi. I am very grateful for the opportunity and enjoy the chance of working for my people, compared to the public practice environment I worked in for the past 25 years. As the acting CEO she hopes to serve and fulfil this position to the best of her capabilities until the Trust Board goes through the process of appointing a permanent CEO next year. Being new to the role, the last month has seen her getting up to speed with all areas involved and dealing with all the work required of her.

"To all whānau within our iwi I want to personally wish you and your whanau a happy, healthy and safe holiday. Merry Christmas and Happy New year to you all. Ngā mihi koutou katoa"



Colleen Greenway (sister), Tina Alcock (niece), Angeline Waetford, Alana Millington (daughter) and Hayden Waetford (son).



Angeline Waetford – acting CEO.

# Meri Kirihimete me ngā whanau o Ngātiwai

**Kia Ora whānau, on behalf of the Ngātiwai Trust Board I would like to wish you all a happy Festive Season.**

What a busy year it has been for everyone, and it is as well at this time of year, I hope we can all take a little bit of time out from our normal schedules to spend with the ones we love. So wherever you may be I hope that you are able to enjoy whanaungatanga but also manaaki those that are not so fortunate to have whanau around them at this time of year.

2016 promises to be another busy but exciting year. I firmly believe that Ngātiwai is thriving. It has been pleasing to see so many of our rangatahi excelling in education and doing well in award ceremonies at their respective school's end of year prize giving. It is also great to see our whānau doing well in tertiary studies and those doing well in business, sports and the arts.

I acknowledge the ahi kā of our respective hapū that keep things in order and ticking

along at our respective marae in our iwi. The work that they do often goes unnoticed, and I want to thank them and acknowledge the work they do. I also acknowledge the important role our kaumātua play in our lives in guiding us, particularly around tikanga. So I ask that you remember to take the time to acknowledge and spend time with your kaumātua.

To my fellow Trustees and the work of the Trust Board's kai mahi. Working for our iwi is both challenging and rewarding and I do appreciate the time and effort that everyone puts in for our iwi to help us thrive now and into the future. Thank you for your continued support and dedication.

I sincerely hope that you enjoy a break over the festive season and enjoy some downtime, but wherever you may go or wherever you may be over this holiday period please be safe and look after those around you. I would like to wish everyone a blessed Festive Season and look forward to an exciting and thriving new year ahead!

Ngā mihi o te Kirihimete ki a koutou katoa

Haydn



Haydn Edmonds – Chairman.



**Meri Kirihimete ki a koutou katoa**

**The Ngātiwai Trust Board would like to wish all our whanau a safe and Merry Christmas.**

#### OFFICE CLOSURE DATES:

The office will be closed from Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December and re-opening on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2016.

# He Tangata



## Important Dates



WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
Ngatiwai offices will be closed for Xmas		23rd Dec 2015 – 11th January 2016
Mokau Marae Rebuild Fundraiser	Oakura Sports Complex	2nd January 2016
170th Centenary of the Battle of Ruapekapeka	Ruapekapeka Pa	10th January 2016
Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust AGM	Kawa Marae	16th January 2016
Term 1 for Schools to open within these dates		1st Feb – 5th Feb 2016
Ngaiotonga Valley Community Centre Market Day		1st Saturday of every month - 9am
Whangaruru Waka Ama	Wharf Road, Whangaruru (weather permitting)	Every Sunday – 12pm

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