

Te Tūkaiaia

Te Karanga o te Iwi

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

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

*Beware!
When Tūkaiaia calls at sea,
Ngātiwai are at sea;*

*When Tūkaiaia calls
inland, Ngātiwai are inland*

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Takahiwai Marae welcomes manuhiri from Turkey



Grant Pirihi, Ilker and Tuba Avci with their two daughters in Takahiwai.

In April 2015 Grant Pirihi and his wife Jan travelled as part of a tour group to Turkey to participate in the 100th commemorations of Gallipoli. This trip was significant for Grant as his father, Ngawaka Pirihi, was part of the Medical Corps of the New Zealand Army that fought so bravely at Gallipoli.

Grant and Jan were part of the tour group with other New Zealanders who were also in Turkey for the commemorations, with the tour being guided by local man, Ilker Avci. From the outset of the tour, Grant and Jan formed an instant relationship with Ilker and got along very well with him. While getting to know Ilker they discovered that Ilker's great-grandfather also fought for Turkey in the same war. Ilker's great-grandfather was sadly killed at Chunuk Bair and was never found. Thankfully for the Pirihi whānau, their tupuna, Ngawaka Pirihi was fortunate to come home alive.

Over the time of the tour their relationship with Ilker continued to grow, so Grant

invited Ilker and his family to come over to New Zealand. Ilker says "A lot of people invite us to come to their countries when I am guiding them, but it was Grant who kept inviting me and sending me emails which made us realise he was serious".

"Deciding to come to New Zealand was a big decision for my wife and I, and wasn't something we had thought of doing previously as we actually had wanted to visit the United States. For the price you pay to come to New Zealand we could buy land or an olive orchard in Turkey. But I said to my wife that it would be an adventure of a lifetime so we decided we must go" says Ilker.

Grant says "As we got along with Ilker so well and the link that we have where our tūpuna were basically at war with each other, I thought it would be great for him and his family to come to New Zealand. We told him that we wanted to welcome him onto our Marae and share our stories with his family and our whānau".

So on the 14th January a pōwhiri was held on the Marae at Takahiwai to welcome Ilker, his wife Tuba and their two young daughters. Other manuhiri that were welcomed onto the Marae with them were members of the tour group from Grant and Jan's time in Turkey in 2015. After the pōwhiri, everyone enjoyed a beautiful hākari that was put on by the haukāinga. That night the other manuhiri and whānau were invited to stay on the Marae to listen to Ilker kōrero. Ilker is an educated

historian and an excellent speaker who shared stories from Turkey and gave a Turkish perspective on the war at Gallipoli.

Grant says "Tonight was a fantastic night. It was great to be able to welcome Ilker, Tuba, their daughters and other visitors onto our Marae and show them how we manaaki our guests as māori. Then to be able to share stories of our history into the night was truly awesome".

Grant has organised for Ilker and his family

to enjoy a bus trip to the Waitangi Treaty Grounds to learn more of our history, a visit to Ruapekapeka pa to learn of the battles that were fought there as well as other activities while they are here.

Ilker says "We would like to thank Grant, Jan and all the other friends who have made my family and I feel so welcome. We are excited about being in New Zealand and we are looking forward to the rest of our time here".



Ilker Avcı's korero on Takahiwai Marae with his wife Tuba, their daughters and other manuhiri.

Pānui: Summary of the Ngātiwai Trust Board Meeting of Trustees on 15 January 2016

- **Treaty Claims:** An update regarding the Urgent Enquiries into the Trust Board's mandate was provided. The cut off date for the Trust Board to respond is 22nd January however the Treaty Claims Committee is considering applying for an extension.
- **Trust Deed Review:** The Review Group still awaits legal advice before reporting back to the Board on this matter.
- **Aquaculture New Space/Pre-Settlement:** The Northland settlement monies are now with Te Ohu Kaimoana.
- **Board Sub-Committees:** Will be confirmed at the next Trustee Meeting.
- **Herenga Waka Festival:** Will be held in Tamaki Makaurau on Anniversary Weekend. The Festival is backed by ATEED.
- **Wananga:** The Trust Board is preparing for a wananga to be hosted by Nga Marae o Whangaruru at Ngaiootonga Marae on the weekend of 25th to 27th February 2016. Panui and kaupapa for the wananga will be released from the Trust Board shortly.

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Touch tournament held for Mokau Marae rebuild

On the 8th November 2013 the Mokau Marae tragically caught fire and with the remote location of Mokau, it meant that by the time fire fighters from Hikurangi and Russell arrived, the whare was engulfed in flames with the whare sadly being unable to be saved. Immediately after the fire, whānau vowed to rebuild their whare tūpuna – Te Uri O Hikihiki. It was this determination to rebuild the whare that resulted in a number of fundraising and grant initiatives being explored and pursued.

So with this kaupapa as the driving force, a touch tournament was held on Monday 4th January 2016 at the Oakura Sports Complex in support of the Mokau Marae rebuild. Blondie Kenwright was the organiser and co-ordinator of the day, with the assistance of an awesome team of whānau to ensure the day was well organised and ran smoothly.

The tournament was originally scheduled for Saturday the 2nd January, but due to a severe storm passing through on New

Years Eve that lingered for several days, the decision was made to postpone the tournament until the following Monday. The postponement was a great decision, as by then the weather was glorious which ensured a fantastic turn out.

Participation was great with eight whānau teams entering the tournament on the day. The talent within Ngātiwai that was on display was obvious, with many players both young and old showing their natural skill and ability. The sun was beating down and the temperature was hot, so keeping hydrated and out of the sun between games was the order of the day.

One of the organisers of the tournament, Petina Stone said "It was an awesome day! The touch was great, but the best part of the day was that whānau were able to connect and also reconnect to their whakapapa. It was a day of creating memories with whānau, hapū and iwi in Ngātiwai ki Whangaruru".

The winning team of the day was "Wiki's Tamariki" who were made up of mokopuna of Wiki Harding. It was a close fought final against "Lavava Stones" with the final score being 6 - 5.

Petina thanked all the awesome teams who participated in making it such a successful and memorable day.

As well as the touch tournament there were also food stalls, hangi and 'batons up' raffles held to help out with their fundraising journey. With over \$3,000 raised on the day, Petina said the day was a great success!

Petina also thanked all the other organisers, kai mahi and whānau involved that helped out on the day. Petina said that this will be an ongoing annual event and she looks forward to seeing an even better turn out next year!



The winning team – "Wiki's Tamariki"



The runners up – "Lavava Stones"



Peter Roberts and Jack Simon back from Australia to tautoko the day!

PANUI

Ngātiwai Trust Board Treaty Settlement information Wānanga

Ngātiwai Trust Board would like to invite whānau to a wānanga being held at Ngaio tonga Marae beginning with a pōwhiri at 1pm on Thursday 25th February and concluding with a hākari at 12pm on Saturday 27th February.

Purpose:

The purpose of the wānanga is:

- For the Ngātiwai Trust Board to spend time to kōrero with whānau and share information about the current and future phases of the Treaty Settlement Process.
- Introduce our Trustee's, kai mahi and specialist team to explain their roles in the process.
- Workshops will be run for whānau to enable you to participate and be involved in the process.
- Whakawhanaungatanga.

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This initial pānui is to ensure you are aware of the dates now, with a more detailed pānui to follow with more information.

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Important Dates



WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
Iwi Chairs Forum	Copthorne Hotel - Waitangi	4th – 5th February
Waitangi Day Celebrations	Waitangi Treaty Grounds	6th February
Week 17 Waitangi Treaty claims hearings	Whangarei	15th February
Ngātiwai Trust Board Treaty Settlement Information Wānanga	Ngaio tonga Marae	25 – 27 February Starts 1pm 25th Feb, concludes Saturday 27th 1pm
Ngaio tonga Valley Community Centre Market Day		1st Sunday of every month
Whangaruru Waka Ama	Wharf Road, Whangaruru	Every Sunday – 12pm (weather permitting)

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