

# Te Tūkaiaia

Te Karanga o te Iwi

Hōngongoi / July 2016

**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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## Wild Ginger – one of the greatest threats to our Ngahere and Coastline



Wild Ginger (*Hedychium gardnerianum*)

The wild ginger plant (*Hedychium gardnerianum*) also known as kahili ginger or ginger lily has been described as one of the greatest threats to our whenua; likened to a forest fire – it destroys everything. It is said to be one the world's top 100 worst invasive species.

The wild ginger we have in New Zealand is a hybrid of Kahili ginger and white ginger, and was first introduced in the 1860's as a garden plant because of its colourful flowers and fragrant scent. This pest plant loves the warm, wet Northland climate and with a lack of native predators, this plant has now taken a strong foothold over our forests and whenua.

This pest plant forms deep dense beds, making it all the more difficult to dig up. The stems have no branches and are erect, growing up to 2 metres tall with large, green, shiny alternate lance shaped leaves. Flower

heads are 25-45cm tall with lemon-yellow flowers and red stamens during autumn.

The wild ginger plant is a problem in New Zealand because it is shade tolerant, long-lived and hardy, as well as being fast growing. The density of the plant blocks light and smothers native plants, whilst spreading rapidly, thus taking over a forest floor in a very short time frame. Often the plant grows so dense that it becomes almost impenetrable making native seedling germination almost impossible and degrading the habitat for ground dwelling birds such as the kiwi. Wild ginger produces around 100 seeds per flower head every year!

As the forest canopy begins to die, ginger is the only plant usually remaining – and this is already very evident around many of Northland's forests and coastlines, and is now a direct threat to our native kauri forests.

Clive Stone, Kaitiaki and Manager of the Ngātiwai Trust Board Resource Management Unit (RMU) says, "From an Iwi perspective our major concern is with the state of the ginger growth over the past 30 years and how easily and quickly it spreads. Because most of it grows beneath the canopy of the surrounding bush, it has grown unnoticed at such a rapid rate that it has spread throughout some of the major forests within our rohe. We believe that if it is left unchecked, it will eventually take-over and destroy our native ngahere (forests) which, in turn will further threaten the survival of the other native wildlife species within these areas."



Clive Stone – Kaitiaki and manager of Ngātiwai Trust Board RMU

Another example that could be considered is the Ginger Fruit Fly. This fly causes shoot death, stunted plants and flower death. To date, research shows that it completes its life cycle only on wild ginger.

New Zealand has a 90 year history of working with biocontrol agents. In the late 1980's and 1990's the ragwort flea beetle was widely

distributed and is responsible for the decline of ragwort in New Zealand, which was once a common sight in Northland.

More recently biocontrol agents have been released in New Zealand to combat the woolly nightshade, Chinese privet and Japanese honeysuckle. Biocontrol's are a safe and effective management tool – with around 550 agents released worldwide against 224 weed species, with only 8 instances of non-target attack and 7 of those being predicted.

Clive and Dane have been working closely with Northland Regional Council, Far North, Kaipara and Whangarei District Councils, Department of Conservation, Landcare Research, Hancock Forest Management and Summit Forests to investigate biocontrol options.



Dane Karepu – Kaitiaki and assistant manager of Ngātiwai Trust Board RMU

Small patches of ginger can be controlled manually or with herbicides containing metsulfuron-methyl, however is only possible in small patches. Studies have shown that the success rate of eradication is significantly reduced with larger ginger patches. A lot of ginger patches are found in dense bush or forestry areas, so the use of herbicides is not possible as it can move through the soil and affect other native plants.

Dane Karepu, Kaitiaki and assistant manager of the Ngātiwai Trust Board RMU says, "More investment needs to be made into different methods to control wild ginger. Overseas studies have shown that the most effective tool to beat this dangerous pest is the use of a biological control agent. This is something that is introduced and is a known natural predator of ginger. The idea is that it would reduce the wild ginger population down to a manageable level."

An example of a ginger predator that could be introduced is the Ginger Weevil. This weevil attacks all parts of the plant with larvae which causes damage to the plants roots. This beetle feeds on all species of ginger, including the hybrid species found in New Zealand.

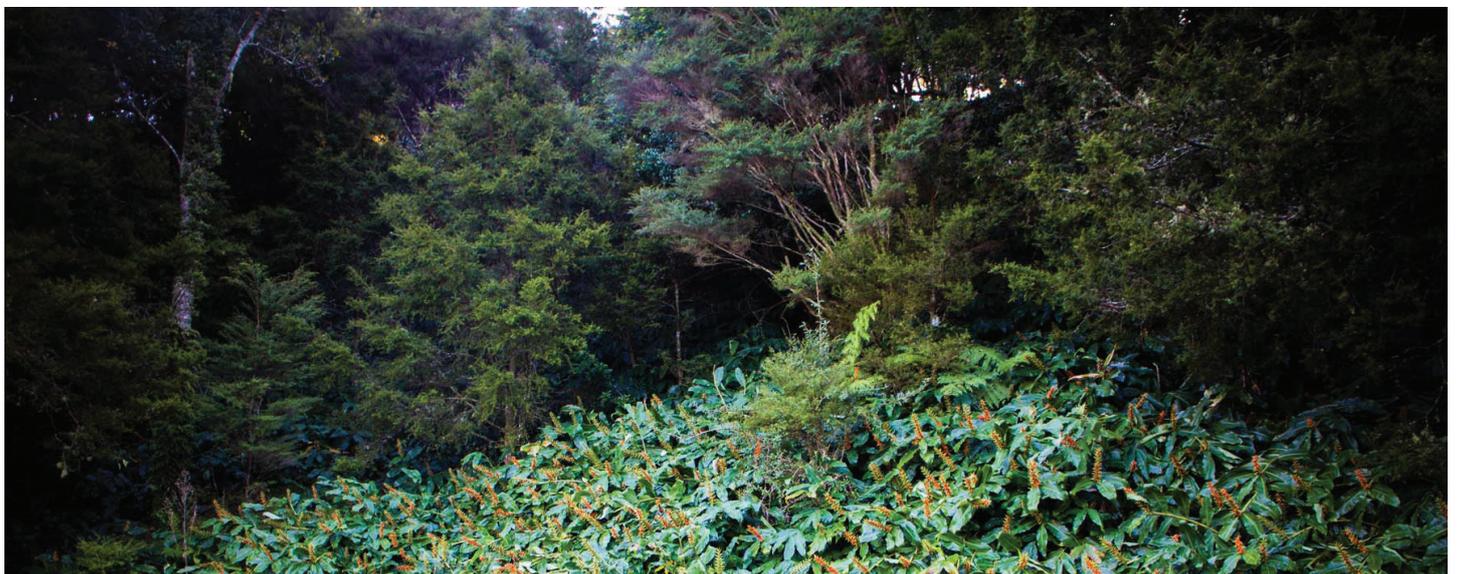


The Ginger Weevil – A known predator of the wild ginger plant and potential biocontrol agent

A new website is currently being established ([www.stopwildginger.co.nz](http://www.stopwildginger.co.nz)) to raise awareness of the ginger infestation and just how devastating this plant can be in Northland. An interactive map has been developed on the website which has detailed information of the main ginger problems and also allows you to submit your details and relevant sites where you know ginger is a problem.

Clive says, "We hope that with raised awareness of this issue, increased funding for better research and smarter technologies to control it, that together as a region, as kaitiaki of our rohe we can get on top of what is probably the single biggest threat to our ngahere and coastline. If you know of any large ginger outbreaks in your area, I urge you to log this information into the online mapping tool on the new website that has been established or feel free to contact me directly at the Ngātiwai Trust Board."

The new website:  
[www.stopwildginger.co.nz](http://www.stopwildginger.co.nz)  
is due to go live in the next two weeks.





# Mokau Marae Rebuild

*Fundraising Tournament*

**28th  
& 29th**

**December  
2016**

**Nau mai, haere mai!**

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**ASB STADIUM,  
KENSINGTON PARK  
WESTERN HILLS DRIVE,  
WHANGAREI**

**BASKETBALL**

**28TH DECEMBER**

A & B Grades  
Over 45 mixed Grade

Entry: \$80 Per Team

**NETBALL**

**29TH DECEMBER**

A & B Grades,  
Mixed Grade

Entry: \$70 Per Team

**TOUCH RUGBY**

**29TH DECEMBER**

A & B Grades,  
Mixed Grade

Entry: \$100 Per Team

*Entries Close 9th December 2016*

Fees **MUST** accompany Team Registration Entry.

# Pānui: Summary of the Ngātiwai Trust Board Meeting of Trustees on 1 July 2016

- **Aquaculture Settlement:** - The funds for the Northern Space Aquaculture settlement are still held with Te Ohu Kaimoana.
- **Ngātiwai Hui-A-Iwi:** - The hui-a-iwi will be held at Te Whanau O Rangiwahakaahu Marae, Matapouri this weekend. NTB operational quarterly reports will be available for whanau to take home. Presentation and workshops will be held regarding up-dates on the Treaty Settlements, Urgency Hearings and the impact of separate settlements on Ngātiwai.
- **Marae Reports:** - Updates from each marae Trustee were given as follows:
  - **Kawa:** - Everything is running as it should at Kawa Marae.
  - **Matapouri:** - The marae committee has held a couple meetings over the last few months. The committee has been updated with Trust Board issues in particular Treaty Claims. We're privileged to be hosting the Ngātiwai Hui-A-Iwi this weekend and acknowledge Uncle Nupere Ngawaka for the tautoko he provides on our marae taumata. The committee hopes to explore options to complete major renovations to the marae in the near future.
  - **Mokau:** - The marae rebuild is well underway and on budget.
  - **Motairehe:** - The new septic tank is in place we're awaiting installation of the new power generators. The marae committee will be looking to complete some funding applications/proposals for further essentials.
  - **Ngaiotonga:** - The marae has officially been re-opened, most of the whakaahua have been placed back on the marae walls. The marae also held a working bee recently and acknowledge Oakura for their assistance.
  - **Oakura:** - Petina Stone has been elected as the Chairperson of Oakura Marae. The marae has recently had an electrical wiring upgrade, the marae committee is currently exploring options for marae insurance. The marae also enjoyed a waka ama day during the month.
- **Otetao:** - The marae has purchased new ovens which have been installed in the kauta and supply of new mattresses for the whareniui. Plans are underway to upgrade the ablutions.
- **Omaha:** - Omaha Marae held its Annual General Meeting last Saturday.
- **Pataua:** - The marae accounts were audited and passed through the marae Annual General Meeting that was held in March 2016.
- **Punaruku:** - The request to build the marae at Waikaramihi has been declined
- **Tuparehuia:** - The marae committee has been established for 1 year now. The financial accounts for the previous committee are up to date and the current financial accounts are being completed now. The marae committee is working through matters and is awaiting feedback from NTB regarding the Licence to Occupy.
- **Whananaki:** - An upgrade of the marae dining area and ablutions is being worked on, this means the marae is only available for day bookings. Whananaki will be hosting the Ngati Rehua, Ngātiwai hui on Friday 8th July 2016.
- **Ngātiwai Trust Board and Operational Policies:** - All Board and Operational policies are under review.
- **Sponsorship Applications:** - All sponsorship applications are currently on hold until further notice whilst the sponsorship policy is being reviewed.
- **Te Matawai Nomination:** - The Board supports Aperahama Kerepeti-Edwards nomination for selection as the Te Matawai Representative for Te Taitokerau.
- **Trust Deed Focus Group:** - The Roopu have completed a simplified booklet which includes short definitions for each of the section within the Trust Deed. The booklet will be reviewed by the independent Legal Advisor and will be forwarded to the Trust Board with recommendations prior to Roopu taking the information on a marae roadshow.

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# Treaty Settlement - Urgent Hearing to be held 4-6 October at Toll Stadium

# UPDATE

During July 2016 the legal counsels for the Ngātiwai Trust Board (NTB), the Crown and claimants participated in a judicial conference with the Waitangi Tribunal to discuss the statement of issues, the proposed hearings timetable, disclosure of information, venue and other logistics. On the 29th of July The Waitangi Tribunal released a further memorandum to confirm that they will hold the hearings at Toll Stadium on 4, 5 & 6 October 2016. In its subsequent memorandum the Tribunal clarified the matters to be inquired into at the hearings in its statement of issues.

## Tribunal Statement of Issues

1. How did the Crown require the Ngātiwai Trust Board (NTB) to demonstrate support and consent for their deed of mandate? To what extent, if any, was that support and consent shown?
2. To what extent, if at all, did the Crown seek to establish the nature and level of support from groups who opposed the mandate?
3. To what extent, if any, did the Crown actively protect the position of hapū and the ability for hapū to exercise tino rangatiratanga?
  - a. Did the hapū referred to in the NTB deed of mandate support and/or consent to that mandate?
  - b. Does the NTB mandate provide for representation of hapū?
4. Are the remedies available under the NTB deed of mandate workable?
5. Are the claimants prejudicially affected, or likely to be prejudicially affected, by the Crown's recognition of the NTB deed of mandate? If so, to what extent?
6. Was the Crown's decision to recognise the NTB mandate consistent with the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi/Te Tiriti o Waitangi?
7. What structures are currently available to Ngātiwai for use as a mandated entity for Treaty settlement purposes?
8. What is the relationship between the claimants' hapū that are listed in the NTB deed of mandate and the marae listed in section 14 of the NTB deed of mandate?
9. If the Tribunal concludes any of the claims are well-founded, what, if any, practical recommendations should the Tribunal make?
10. To what extent do the claimants represent the hapū of Ngātiwai?

As previously advised, the board has paused any decisions concerning the establishment of the supporting structures in the deed of mandate including; the Negotiations Team, Kaumātua Advisors, Hapū & Marae representatives, a Research Group and two additional Treaty Claims Committee Members.

However, we want to continue to have discussions with you, our whanau, hapū / iwi to receive your input and will continue to have hui to update you on these matters as we go.



## UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

We are updating our tribal database. Please make sure we have the correct details for you.

If any of your contact details have changed since you registered please call Toni-Marie Sweeney on 09 972 7347 or email [registrations@ngatiwai.iwi.nz](mailto:registrations@ngatiwai.iwi.nz) to let us know.

# RAUPO TARANGA

## Poor Knights Lily – Xeronema Callistemon

Raupo Taranga, originally only found on Tawhiti Rahi and Aorangi (The Poor Knights) as well as Taranga (Hen) islands in the Ngātiwai rohe, has sword like leaves and bottlebrush-like red flowers. These are only seen when the plant matures at around 10 years old. Raupo Taranga grows on rock faces in full sun and are mostly found in full sun near the top of the islands. However, the largest plant on these Ngātiwai islands was found under the canopy of a large pōhutukawa tree.

### Raupo Taranga ki a Ngātiwai

Ngātiwai, as kaitiaki to all moana and whenua in our rohe, have a responsibility to ensure the continued protection of the Raupo Taranga. The mātauranga of Ngātiwai regarding this taonga is that it is considered to be the intellectual property of Ngātiwai, and must only be used with the written consent of Ngātiwai. It is Ngātiwai's aspiration to enhance our intrinsic connection with this taonga species.



### How big

Raupo Taranga can grow up to 1.5 metres high, however, when grown from seed in cultivation they grow very slowly, usually only 80mm high in the first two years. They begin to grow faster after they are four or five years old.

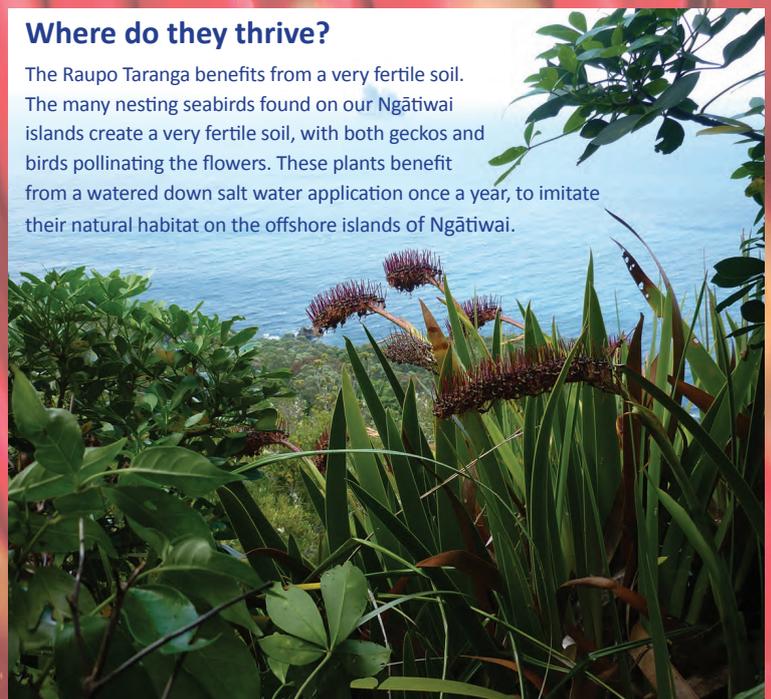


### Where to find them

Raupo Taranga are abundant on Ngātiwai islands Tawhiti Rahi and Taranga. In the early 20th century, specimens were brought to the New Zealand mainland and can now be purchased in several nurseries. This species can be difficult to grow and does not tolerate frosts or wet soil, nor will it survive as a potted plant if the pot is too big for the size of the plant. Raupo Taranga are spectacular as streetscapes and can be seen in many cities around New Zealand.

### Where do they thrive?

The Raupo Taranga benefits from a very fertile soil. The many nesting seabirds found on our Ngātiwai islands create a very fertile soil, with both geckos and birds pollinating the flowers. These plants benefit from a watered down salt water application once a year, to imitate their natural habitat on the offshore islands of Ngātiwai.





## Te Taura Whiri I Te Reo Māori

### NGĀTIWAI WĀNANGA REO, NGĀTIWAI WHAKAHIRAHIRA

The purpose of these three wānanga is for Mā Te Reo to support the development and revitalisation of te reo Māori within the Iwi, Hapū & Whānau of Ngātiwai, and is for ALL whānau. This is one of five priorities for Te Taura Whiri I Te Reo Māori.

**Māori language Act 1987: To generally promote the Māori language, its use as a living language and as an ordinary means of communication within the rohe of Ngātiwai.**

1. Te Mana o Te Reo – increasing the status of Māori language in NZ society.
2. Te Ako I Te Reo – Increasing the number of whānau Māori who can speak te reo.
3. Te Mārama Pū ki te Whakaora – increasing critical awareness about Te Reo revitalisation.
4. Te kōunga o Te Reo – supporting the quality and appropriate use of the Māori language and iwi dialect maintenance.
5. Te kōrerotanga o Te Reo – Increasing the use of Te reo among whānau especially in the home.

**WĀNANGA 1** will be held at Te Puna o Te Mātauranga Northtec Marae, Raumanga

**WĀNANGA 2 & 3** at Paratene Te Manu, Ngunguru Marae

If you would like to enrol, please contact admin at Ngatiwai Education:

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#### WĀNANGA 1:

19-21st August 2016

Tikanga: WHAKAORA

Matua pūkōrerorero

Ko Matua Tony Barber rāua ko Whaea Mere Barber

#### WĀNANGA 2:

26-28th August 2016

Tikanga: KARANGA, PAO, AND KIWAHA

Matua pūkōrerorero

Ko Matua Taipari Munro

#### WĀNANGA 3:

2-4th September 2016

Tikanga: TAUPARAPARA, WHAKATAUKI, AND WHAIKÖRERO

Matua pūkōrerorero

Ko Matua Taipari Munro

All Wānanga will run from 6pm Friday until 11am Sunday.

## Important Dates



WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
Kaumatua Hui - Te Hononga O Nga Kaumatua I Roto Whangaruru Contact: Gary Reti, Ph 4336644	Otetao Marae	10.30am Thursday 20 August
Ngātiwai Trust Board Hui-a-iwi	Venue to be confirmed.	9-10 September
Waitangi Tribunal Urgency Hearing	The Ngātiwai Mandate Inquiry, at Toll Stadium, Whangarei	4-6 October
Mokau Marae Rebuild Sports Fundraising Tournament	ASB Stadium, Kensington Park, Western Hills Drive	28-29 December
Ngātiwai Waiata Classes - Please bring a plate for a shared lunch	Ngātiwai Education – Level 1, Toll Stadium	Every Thursday 10am
Ngaiotonga Valley Community Centre Market Day	Ngaiotonga	First Saturday of every month, 9am-12pm

### TE TAURA WHIRI I TE REO MĀORI - NGĀTIWAI WĀNANGA REO, NGĀTIWAI WHAKAHIRAHIRA

Wānanga 1	Te Puna O Te Matauranga Marae, Northtech	19-21 August
Wānanga 2	Paratene Te Manu, Ngunguru Marae	26-28 August
Wānanga 3	Paratene Te Manu, Ngunguru Marae	2-4 September

All Wānanga run from Friday 6pm until Sunday 11am

# He Tangata

