

# Te Tūkaiāia

Te Karanga o te Iwi

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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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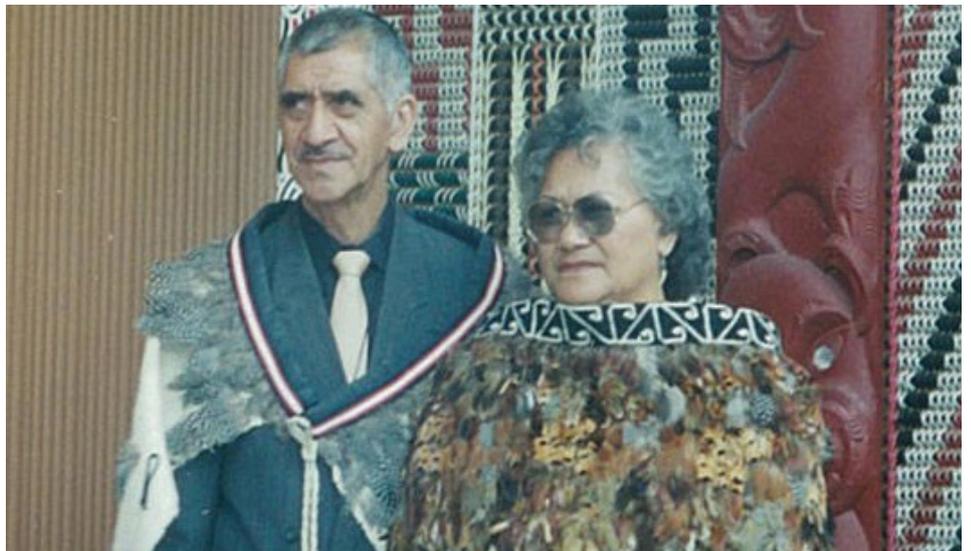
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## HE MAIMAI AROHA

### Pona Wiremu Matenga and Harihari Lizzie Matenga



Pona and Lizzie Matenga

Te Pona Wiremu Matenga was born the only son of Wiremu Wiapo Matenga. He spent most of his life growing up in the presence of kaumātua and he held in high regard the tikanga of Ngātiwai throughout his life. Harihari Lizzie Matenga (nee Paraone Hemana) was born at Arapaoa in the Kaipara and spent the first 16 years of her life there until she and Pona met at a Maungaturoto pub where Lizzie was a waitress. They married at Otamatea on the 18 May 1946 and resided in Arapaoa, in the Kaipara until 1947 when they moved to Whangaruru. Lizzie wrote of their move.

"After arriving by train to Whangarei we were met by old Hoori Reti who was then Whangaruru Transport. He had this cattle truck we loaded our stuff on to it and ourselves we made this journey to

Ngaiotonga... boy, that was a trip and a half! We arrived at Ngaiotonga dark and I didn't even know where the hell I was... I couldn't believe my eyes, it was sheer darkness. Just a couple of candles burning in this paylan cottage and a lot of little children."

Pona was ordained as a Rātana minister at Rātana Pā Wanganui. For himself and Lizzie this was considered one of his highest achievements. At a time when the many religions had not yet embraced reo or tikanga Māori, the Rātana faith held a special place for them.

In 1958 they moved to Hikurangi just outside of Whangarei while their house was being built in Kamo. By this time they had nine children and needed more room. Pona had been driving trucks for several



*Pona and Lizzie with their whanau at their 50th (Golden) wedding anniversary in 1996*

companies in Whangarei and Lizzie was busy raising the family.

By 1970 Pona and Lizzie had 13 children and Lizzie was working for the Whangarei Hospital laundry. She worked there until 1983 when she decided to purchase her own laundromat business.

Pona and Lizzie Matenga were well known throughout the country for their voluntary work in Taitokerau and throughout Aotearoa. Pona held many roles and was kaumātua for the Northland District Health Board, Whangarei Police, Northland Regional Council, Dept of Internal Affairs, Te Puni Kōkiri, and part of a team of Māori advisers who worked with the Department of Conservation's Pātaka Kōmiti group.

He was well known for adhering to the tikanga handed down to him and many found he would not waver. However, they also found he would always respect mana tangata and handle situations with care. This is what endeared him to the many who knew him, Māori and Pākeha alike.

Both Pona and Lizzie were nominated for a New Zealand Royal Honour award in 2005 and were both awarded the Queen's

Service Medal (QSM) in honour of their work. Below are some of the many tributes from Māori and Pākeha that were made in recognition of their personal attributes and the sacrifices they had made in their lives.

"For me, Pona and Liz display all the very best attributes of community leaders, leaders who truly exist to make their community a better place. They exhibit the highest standards of honesty, integrity and human kindness."

Stephen McKernan, CEO Counties Manukau District Health Board 2003

"I have always found Pona to be wise but challenging, totally committed to the notion of true partnership and very honest."

Ken Whelan, CEO Northland Health 2001

"I (was) witness to the long hours, day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year, of input into whānau and hapu well being. Te Rangatira is always there for us. To help us get it right, i te ao Maori me te ao Pakeha."

Emily Ashby, Ngāpuhi Iwi Social Services 2003

Pona and Lizzie hold a special place in the minds of Ngātiwai whānui which didn't go un-noticed. The impacts their work had on people and communities is still remembered to this day.

Their devotion and commitment to whānau and community can be summarised by a tribute written by kaumātua Te Aupouri Whautere-Witehira.

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*Moetonga te maunga  
Whangaroa te awa  
Ngaiotonga te marae  
Ngātiwai te whare  
Maumaharatanga ki ngā Tama Toa o  
Tūmatauenga  
Māhuhu-ki-te-Rangi te waka  
Ngāti Tautahi te hapū  
Ngātiwai te iwi*

*Te Pona Wiremu Matenga*

*Born – 4 October 1927  
Died – 4 January 2009  
Tokatoka te maunga  
Arapaoa te awa*

*Kaipara te moana  
Waihaua te marae  
Kirihipi te whare  
Māhuhu-ki-te-Rangi te waka  
Te Uri o Hau me Tūwharetoa ngā hapū  
Ngātiwhātua te iwi*

*Harihari Lizzie Matenga*

*Born: 28 December 1929  
Died: 19 February 2015*

**Haere atu kourua hei whetū ki te rangi, tīaho mai mo ake tonu atu**

# Dream of the Olympics for Ngātiwai Beach Volleyball Champion

Jasmine Milton's dream is to play beach volleyball at the Olympics one day and is set firmly on achieving that goal. In July 2015 Jasmine will travel to Los Angeles America to compete in a number of tournaments in the New Zealand under-nineteen's Beach Volleyball squad.

Jasmine is excited about the opportunity for her to grow in the sport "The development of this squad is the start of a two year plan where 4 female athletes from my group of 8 will be selected to carry on and follow through to a world champs event in 2017. This trip has really opened my eyes to how far this sport can take me."

The New Zealand Volleyball Association selected Jasmine for the Los Angeles team after she excelled in training camps and an under-seventeen's volleyball development training in Australia in January 2015. Travelling to America is a complete squad total of 32 which includes both Under 21 men and women as well as the under nineteen group.

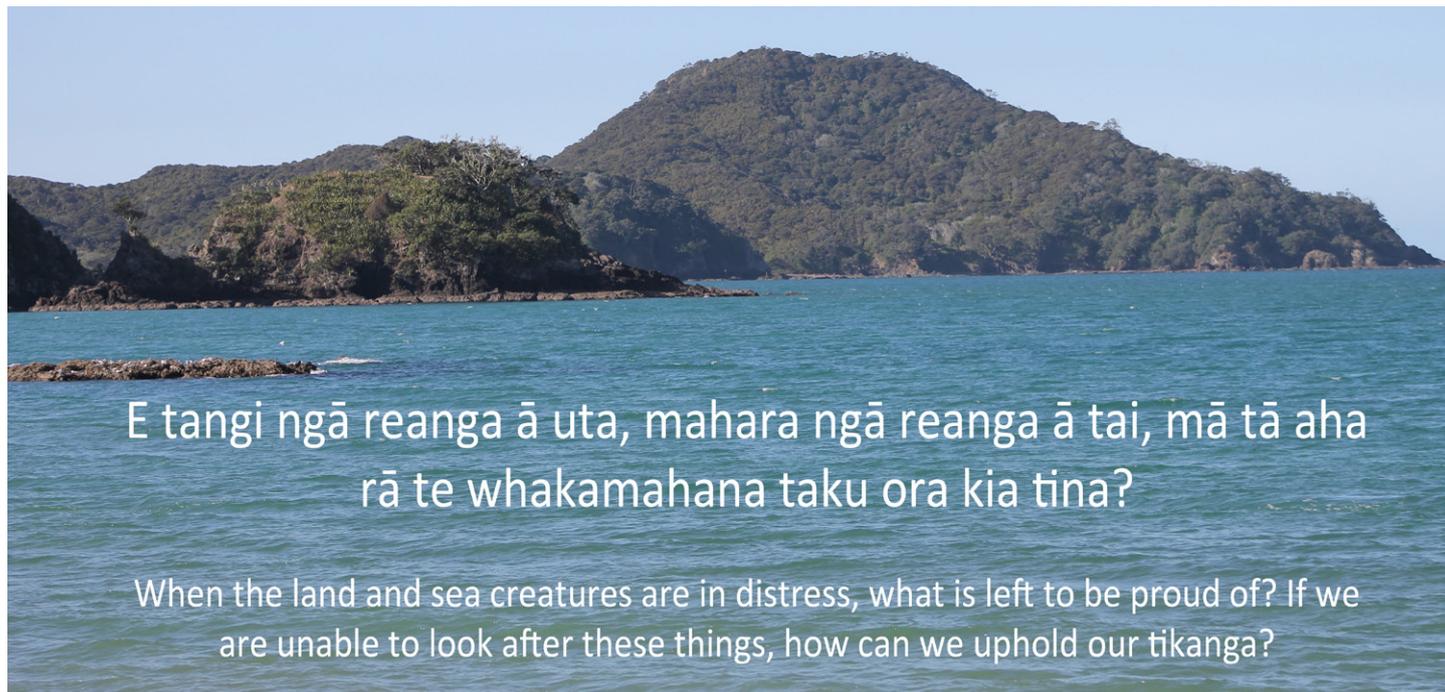
Jasmine is still surprised at her selection "I was shocked and excited to find out that they had chosen me to be a part of the team even after my first trip, this team is much more of an achievement and the level of athleticism demanded of me is elevated significantly. And being 15 I am the youngest in the squad and this is a huge opportunity for me as I have a goal of competing in the Olympics one day. This trip is bringing me closer to achievement of that goal".



Jasmine (foreground black cap) blocks a shot representing NZ U17's beach volleyball early this year in Surfers, Australia

Ngātiwai Trust Board sponsored Jasmine as part of supporting continuing investment in Ngātiwai taitamariki who represent New Zealand overseas. Board chair Haydn Edmonds has noticed a trend "I see an increasing number of Ngātiwai taitamariki representing New Zealand and very young too. In all respects this is a big deal for Ngātiwai. We get to showcase our best in a global setting with those that have big future ahead of them."

Māhuhu-ki-te-Rangi te waka  
Pukearinga te maunga  
Ngunguru te awa  
Ngāti Taka te hapū  
Ngātiwai te iwi  
Paratene Te Manu te marae  
Ko Bessie Tana tōku karani māmā  
Ko Simon Milton tōku karani pāpā  
Kei Ngunguru taku kainga  
Nō Ngunguru ahau



E tangi ngā reanga ā uta, mahara ngā reanga ā tai, mā tā aha  
rā te whakamahana taku ora kia tina?

When the land and sea creatures are in distress, what is left to be proud of? If we  
are unable to look after these things, how can we uphold our tikanga?

# Bronze Medal Win at Pacific Games 2015 in Papua New Guinea

Te Kohuroa (Kohu) Kawiti is over the moon with her bronze medal win in weightlifting at the Pacific Games 2015 in Port Moresby Papua New Guinea last week and is still coming down from the experience. Kohu at 16 years old qualified in the 58kg bodyweight class lifting a personal best in the clean and jerk event which clinched the bronze medal position "I started out quite bad in the snatch and missed two lifts which had me worried a bit. So I started at a low weight in the clean and jerk and then did a massive jump in weight. My coach was confident I could do it, and sure enough".

Kohu is trained and supported by Jake Lawgun from Northland Olympic Weightlifting in Whangarei and also Ray Everest at Epsom MCR while she is at school in Auckland. She believes she has learned a lot gaining valuable experience

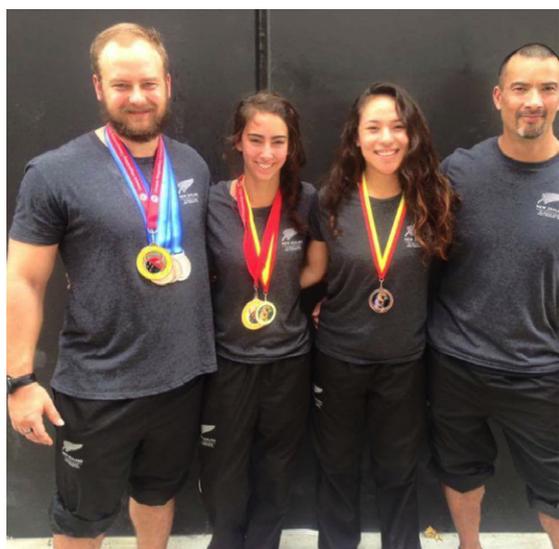
in competition Olympic lifting "I still can't believe I represented New Zealand and lifted with the best lifters across the Pacific. Top lifters use the Pacific Games to qualify for the Commonwealth Games. It blows me away!" Kohu's next competition is in Wellington next month and her focus is to develop her lifting technique further.

For the future however Kohu's goal is to break the New Zealand U-17 clean and jerk record which stands at 71kg "I'm just four kilos off the record but I can't chase numbers. Because I already have the strength I have to just focus on the technique and the records will fall. It's exciting, and I'm hoping to follow in my brother Taiao's footsteps who won Gold at the Oceania Championships last year too."

Kohu spent most of her time at the Pacific Games venue but got a chance to get into Port Moresby township to look around. "It was quite scary at first but the people were awesome and really friendly and the kids are cool too."

"Me and my family did heaps of fundraising beforehand with hangis and sausage sizzles and raffles so when Ngātiwai Trust Board sponsored me it was the most awesome boost. I am very grateful for the support."

*Ngātiwai, Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Hāmoa ngā iwi  
Te Uri o Hīkiahiki, Ngāti Hine, Magiagi ngā hapū  
Ngaiotonga, Magiagi ōku kainga  
Ngaiotonga me Kawiti ngā marae  
Te Kohuroa Riripeti Maarara Kawiti ahau*



Kohu (2nd right) with the Northland NZ Team and their medals

# Pīpīwharauoa

## Shining Cuckoo - – Chrysococcyx Lucidus

### Pīpīwharauoa ki a Ngātiwai

The pīpīwharauoa is considered a kaitiaki of Te Whānau Whero hapū at Whananāki. When this Ngātiwai hapū occupied the maunga near Whakapara, they named it pīpīwharauoa.

Kaumātua at Tūtūkākā talk of the pīpīwharauoa flying from Tawhiti Rahi and Aorangi islands at the end of each winter, and that their waiata signals the beginning of spring.

When the waiata of the pīpīwharauoa is heard, it tells us that the warmer times are coming and kaumātua would tell their whānau it was time to begin the gardens. This song was considered a good omen and that the harvest would be abundant, and the people would rejoice.

Ngātiwai use a whakatauki about the pīpīwharauoa – “I hea koe i te tangi o te pīpīwharauoa?” (Where were you when the pīpīwharauoa cried?). This whakatauki refers to the song of the pīpīwharauoa signalling that spring is near and that this is a time of work. If anyone would speak with criticism of others’ work, this whakatauki is used to respond to them, meaning “Where were you when this work [that you are criticising] was being done?”

### About

Pīpīwharauoa was known as the “bird of Hawaiki” and it has been speculated that knowledge of the migratory flight of this bird from Hawaiki, encouraged Māori to come to New Zealand.

The pīpīwharauoa is thought to breed only in New Zealand and is one of only two forest birds that are migrants to New Zealand, the other being the long-tailed cuckoo. Pīpīwharauoa arrive in New Zealand in the spring looking exhausted after their long flight from places such as New Guinea and the Pacific Islands. The pīpīwharauoa, like other cuckoos, don’t make their own nests. They lay their egg then put them into the nest of the kōriroriro (grey warbler).

Their eggs are olive-green in colour, and pīpīwharauoa have been seen removing the eggs of the grey-warbler from their nests, and carrying their own egg in their beak to the nest for the kōriroriro to foster.

The waiata of the pīpīwharauoa is distinctive and begins with a quiet whistle, becoming louder and ending in a series of downward notes.

### Where to find them

Pīpīwharauoa populate areas where their host species the kōriroriro live, in or near dense scrub, and only occasionally in farmed and urban areas. An elusive bird, they are heard but not often seen.

### Menu

Pīpīwharauoa eat insects and their larvae. They have the ability to eat toxic insects like hairy caterpillars and ladybirds which are avoided by many other birds.

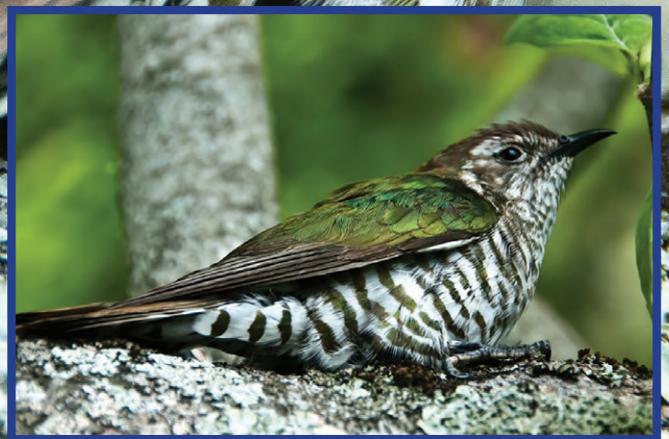
### Danger

Pīpīwharauoa have been known to hunt for the hairy caterpillar in urban gardens, and are sometimes killed by cats. They are prone to flying into windows and can be stunned or even die from the collision – this is often the only time New Zealanders see these little birds.

Deforestation is thought to be threatening the pīpīwharauoa, particularly in the countries where they spend the winter.

### How big?

The pīpīwharauoa grows to about the size of a sparrow, but has iridescent green feathers with a speckled chest and a striped belly.



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# DID YOU KNOW...

**Ngātiwai whanau who smoke regularly have declined!**

\* Source: Statistics New Zealand 2013 Census

28.8 percent said they smoked cigarettes regularly which was a decrease from 2006, when 35.8 percent said they smoked regularly



## He Tangata - Ngā Marae

