



TE PAATU KI KAUHANGA TRUST NEWSLETTER
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HE MIHI AROHA

Maiea te mātahi o te tau!

E rere ana ngā whakaaro ki a rātou kua ngaro ki tua o te ārai—e moe, okioki. Koutou kua tiraha ki nga marae maha o te kāinga - haere, hoki atu ki te kāinga tūturu o te tangata.

Tātou ngā waihotanga o rātou mā, e kawē nei i ngā kaupapa hei painga mō te iwi, tēnā tātou katoa. Kia kaha, kia manawanui ki ngā mahi whakahirahira kei mua i te aroaro.

Kia ora huihui mai tātou!

As winter wraps us in its chilly embrace, we hope you're all staying warm and well at home. This season offers us a moment to reflect, reconnect, and acknowledge the progress we've made together.

This month's pānui shares final updates on two kaupapa: Puanga nui o te rangi and the Kauhanga Maara Project.



- Our Puanga celebration on Friday 20 June 2025 was a special morning of remembrance, renewal and whanaungatanga. Although the hāngī was delayed, the event flowed with karanga, takutaku, taonga puoro, waiata and kōrero, highlighting the depth of the Māori New Year. Whānau from Parapara, and Haititai Marangai and Kauhanga marae worked hard to prepare, host and manaaki all who attended. Thank you to everyone who was involved in this special occasion.
- The Kauhanga Māra has now completed its funded phase. More than a garden, it grew relationships, mātauranga, and food resilience. With help from Peria School tamariki, Bunnings Waipapa, Koanga Institute and Grow Your Own Northland, it's become a space for learning and nourishment. Read more about this kaupapa in this issue.

Looking ahead, two hui are on the calendar. The Hui ā-Hapū for Te Paatu ki Kauhanga Trust Board will be held on Saturday 5 July at Taipa Beach Resort. Your presence and input are encouraged. A Research Wānanga is also scheduled for 16 July, with the venue to be confirmed—this will support our mahi on customary interests and historical research.

Finally, we acknowledge two kaimahi whose contracts come to an end this month. Trista Raharuhi has served our whānau with dedication through the COVID Response, Ahikāroa Energy Wellbeing, and Manawa Ora Healthy Homes programme. We wish her all the best as she prepares for the safe arrival of her pēpi. Tony Murray steps down as Trust Administrator but will continue in a part-time role with the claimant group. Ngā mihi nui ki a kōrua.



TE PAATU CFRT

We're pleased to share a few important updates as our mahi continues to progress:

- Hui-ā-Hapū: Saturday 5 July at Taipa Beach Resort. Connect with whānau, hear updates on our claims, and learn about the Wai 45 Renewed Muriwhenua Inquiry.
- Research Wānanga for Claimants: Wednesday 16 July, venue to be confirmed. Claimants will review whakapapa aspects of our Customary Interests Report with our Cultural Advisor James Eruera.

We also include the recent update for the Waitangi Tribunal Research programme below for your information.

The Waitangi Tribunal research programme for the Renewed Muriwhenua Land Inquiry:

Project	Commissionee(s)	Filing date
Completed		
Social Issues report for the Renewed Muriwhenua Land Inquiry (Wai 45), 2002-2020	Brittany Whiley Wai 45, #2.883 & #2.885	24 February 2023
Wai 45, #T15 & #T15(a)		
Muriwhenua Environmental Issues 1840-2022	Dr Tanja Rother Wai 45, #2.879 & #2.888	18 August 2023
Wai 45, #T16, #T16(a), & #T16(b)		
Muriwhenua Post-1865 Block Narratives – Report Two	Suzanne Woodley Wai 45, #2.926 & #2.926(a)	16 December 2024
Wai 45, #T24 & #T24(a)		
Pre-1865 Crown Transactions and Reserves	Dr Megan Mulder Wai 45, #2.920 & #2.935	17 December 2024
Wai 45, #T25		
Muriwhenua Post-1865 Block Narratives – Report One	Heather Bassett Wai 45, #2.925, #2.925(a), & #2.939	29 April 2025
Wai 45, #T28		

Project	Commissionee(s)	Filing date
Underway		
Pre-1840 land transactions ('Old Land Claims')	Dr Barry Rigby & Calum Swears Wai 45, #2.922, #2.936, & #2.945	19 September 2025
Muriwhenua Post-1865 Block Narratives – Report Three	Suzanne Woodley Wai 45, #2.947 & #2.947(a)	4 May 2026
Muriwhenua Post-1865 Block Narratives – Report Four	Heather Bassett Wai 45, #2.948 & #2.948(a)	29 May 2026



Te Paatu ki Kauhanga Trust

Nau mai haere mai

HUI A HAPU

Saturday 05 July 2025
Taipa Beach Resort
22 Taipa Point Road, Taipa 0420
10.00am - 1.00pm

Contact admin@kauhanga.nz for more info!



Research activity for April – June 2025:

Project	Commissionee(s)	Activity
Muriwhenua Post-1865 Block Narratives – Report One	Heather Bassett Wai 45, #2.925, #2.925(a), & #2.939	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final report filed on the record of inquiry, 29 April 2025 Wai 45, #T28
Pre-1840 land transactions ('Old Land Claims')	Dr Barry Rigby & Calum Swears Wai 45, #2.922, #2.936, & #2.945	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension granted for preparation of the draft and final report. Draft report to be circulated late June 2025.
Muriwhenua Post-1865 Block Narratives – Report Three	Suzanne Woodley Wai 45, #2.947 & #2.947(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project brief circulated to parties, 20 May 2025. Research report commissioned, 11 June 2025.
Muriwhenua Post-1865 Block Narratives – Report Four	Heather Bassett Wai 45, #2.948 & #2.948(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project brief circulated to parties, 20 May 2025. Research report commissioned, 11 June 2025.

Upcoming dates and events for July – September 2025:

Project	Commissionee(s)	Activity
Pre-1840 land transactions ('Old Land Claims')	Dr Barry Rigby & Calum Swears Wai 45, #2.922, & #2.936	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research hui to be held mid-July, following distribution of the draft. Final report due 19 September 2025.
Muriwhenua Post-1865 Block Narratives – Report Three	Suzanne Woodley Wai 45, #2.947 & #2.947(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research hui to be held for research to present and discuss research approach with parties, August 2025.
Muriwhenua Post-1865 Block Narratives – Report Four	Heather Bassett Wai 45, #2.948 & #2.948(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research hui to be held for research to present and discuss research approach with parties, August 2025.



PUANGA NUI O TE RANGI

The recent Puanga nui o te rangi celebration held at Maheatai brought together whānau from across the rohe in a heartfelt evening that honoured our ancestors, our environment, and our shared future. Despite the hangi arriving fashionably late, the kaupapa carried on with grace, humour, and the unmistakable warmth of our people. As always, it was the spirit of the gathering—not the schedule—that made the morning unforgettable.

Hosted on the whenua, this year's Puanga event embraced the deeper meanings of the season. Puanga, the bright star that heralds the Māori New Year in the Far North, was acknowledged through karakia and kōrero tuku iho. The event opened with stirring tāonga puoro and waerea, drawing our attention to the spiritual purpose of the morning. This was followed by takutaku and karanga honouring those who have passed and calling for guidance and wellbeing in the year ahead. The playing of taonga puoro carried the mauri across the waters of Ikatiritiri, connecting us to the unseen realms and lifting the collective wairua of the gathering.



Throughout the event, the sense of collaboration was clear. Whānau from Parapara, Haititai Marangai and Kauhanga marae contributed to every aspect of the event—preparing kai, setting up the space, managing the hangi and being actively involved in the early morning hautapu ceremony.

While the kai was delayed, the value of whanaungatanga was not. Waiata and kōrero continued, and laughter filled the gaps where hunger might have grown. That, in itself, was a testament to the significance of the kaupapa.



The event also reminded us what Matariki and Puanga celebrations are truly about. They are not just a mark on the calendar or a public holiday—they are a time to come together and reflect on the past, remember those we have lost, celebrate the gifts of Papatūānuku, and plan with intention for the year ahead. It's about giving thanks for the harvest, sharing stories, and ensuring our mokopuna know who they are and where they come from.

A sincere mihi to everyone who played a role—whether at the front or the back, a kai prepper, a table setter, a kaimihi, a kaiwaiata, or a quiet helper in the background. Your mahi made the morning meaningful. Special thanks to our kaikaranga, kaitakutaku, taonga puoro artists, and ringawera whānau, as well as the many hands that made light work from across Parapara, Haititai Marangai and Kauhanga Marae.

As we move into the new year guided by the light of Puanga, may we continue to walk forward and build with aroha, resilience and unity.





MAARA KAI UPDATE

The Kauhanga Māra project officially reaches completion at the end of the month, marking the end of a productive and inspiring chapter for Te Paatu ki Kauhanga Trust and the Kauhanga / Peria community. What began as a simple vision—to create a maara kai for whānau, tamariki and the whenua—has blossomed into a living example of collective action, mātauranga Māori and strategic partnerships.



This kaupapa was designed not only to grow food, but to grow connection. Whānau of all ages, including tamariki from Peria School, rolled up their sleeves to help with weeding, watering, and planting. Their curiosity and mahi added vibrancy to the maara, and their involvement helped foster a sense of ownership and pride that will last long beyond this final update.



Partnerships played a critical role in the project's success. We acknowledge and thank Bunnings for their generous support with tools, gardening supplies and advice—practical contributions that enabled our whānau to get stuck in with confidence. The Koanga Institute provided expert guidance on seasonal planting and heritage seeds, helping us to establish a cyclical planting calendar that prioritises resilience and biodiversity. We also extend appreciation to Grow Your Own Northland, where we sourced our raised garden beds. Their quality products made installation efficient and accessible, especially for our kaumātua and tamariki.



The maara is now set up for seasonal rotation, and several crops are already thriving, including leafy greens, herbs and tomatoes.

Looking forward, a series of planting workshops will be led by Kauhanga Marae and delivered onsite later this winter. These wānanga will share mātauranga Māori around lunar planting cycles, soil care, and traditional companion planting techniques. The workshops are open to all and aim to encourage maara creation across the rohe.

In addition, a shade fence will soon be installed to provide shelter from prevailing winds and protect delicate seedlings during the hotter months. This enhancement will improve growing conditions and support long-term sustainability.



We offer heartfelt thanks to Northland Regional Council for their funding support, and to Marsh Fletcher, who managed the project from beginning to end with steadfast commitment. His ability to navigate logistics, weather delays, and supplier coordination ensured the kaupapa remained on track and true to its values.

Kauhanga Maara may have reached its project close but its legacy has only just begun. The seeds are in the ground—and in the hearts of our people.