

# Pūrongo Kōrero Mō Te Aitarakihi

Number 1 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021

## Introduction

Nau mai, haere mai! The first formal Te Aitarakihi newsletter – Pūrongo Kōrero mō Te Aitarakihi is here. We plan to send them out quarterly at this stage.

2021 has been a period of enormous growth for our organisation. We have changed from a Charitable Trust to an Incorporated Society so our name is now officially 'Te Aitarakihi Society Incorporated' but we will mostly use the name "Te Aitarakihi". This is the part of the organisation that is charged with running the day to day operations with our management, administration, social services and the Multicultural Centre. With that, our kaitiaki land Trust that has now formally changed to a Charitable Trust and is now known as 'Te Aitarakihi Whenua Trust'. This Trust is a vital part of our organisation, but does not interact directly with the public.

In March this year we were fortunate to receive funding to offer a Kaiwhakahononga Hapori (Community Connector) Service and has been a magnificent addition to our kaupapa (more on that in the newsletter).

With our growth we have employed additional staff and added additional office space to keep up with the growing administration requirements. Keep an eye on our facebook page "Te Aitarakihi" as we introduce our team in 2022.

Te Aitarakihi Soc. Inc. is governed by a Board and at our last AGM a new Chairperson, Damon Odey, stepped up into the role along with four new Board Members join us. Raeleen de Joux stepped down from the Chairperson role she has held for the last four years and made a massive contribution while she was at the helm. Now that Raeleen has stepped down from that arm of the organisation, she has taken on the role of Chairperson of the Whenua Trust – so we haven't lost her and the value that she brings to Te Aitarakihi.

With the new COVID traffic light and vaccine pass system now underway, Te Aitarakihi has altered the way it can operate with these new considerations. More details on that on page 11.

Please enjoy our newsletter, see what we have been doing and what we have coming up. Follow what we are up to on our 'Te Aitarakihi' Facebook page and any queries you can contact our office on 03 684 7906 or [admin@teaitarakihi.co.nz](mailto:admin@teaitarakihi.co.nz)

## Chairperson

Future newsletters will feature a report from our chairperson – Damon Odey. For this issue, here is profile of Damon and vast experience he will bring to Te Aitarakihi.

Damon served one term as a Councillor and Chair of Community Development Committee for the Timaru District Council and two terms as Mayor of the Timaru District Council.

He has held other governance roles across a diverse range of entities, such as the Deputy Chair of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum, Founding Trustee on the Aoraki Foundation, a crown appointee on the Digital Economy and Digital Inclusion Ministerial Advisory Group and has past and current directorships on private commercial entities and joint venture boards.

Damon's passion is bringing people and entities together, to harness the power of many, working at a strategic level and never forgetting, the only constant in this world is change. He is privileged and humbled to be able to dedicate his time and experience to continue the massive mahi from those that have come before him and look forward to the continued growth and development of Te Aitarakihi. He also serves as Deputy Chairperson on the Te Aitarakihi Building and Development Committee. This committee is charged with the task to take our Multicultural Centre and other buildings on site to the next level with a full refurbishment. Exciting times.

### **New Board members that also joined at our last AGM:**

**Tania Kemp** – Nurse Practitioner (matanga tapuhi) and director of the pleasant Point Health Center with her husband Darcy.

**Naresha Waa** – Relationship with Te Aitarakihi began at thirteen years old with joining the Te Aitarakihi kapahaka group.

**Joseph Tyro** – A registered social worker and have worked in the health, education, and social service sector for the past 23 years.

**Raumiria Mohi-Henare** - Executive member on Kia Toi Māori o Aoraki since 2018. She joined Te Aitarakihi kapahaka in 2019 and eventually became a co-tutor, while also tutoring kapahaka in seven local kura.

## Taumata

Prepared and presented by Whaea Ani Haul

Te Aitarakihi Taumata Rōpū, is the kaumatua advisory group to Te Aitarakihi on tikanga, kawa, and other matters pertaining to protocol and customs.

I am the current chairperson and preside at meetings held monthly, which are attended by a number of kaumātua, namely whāea Huriata Weeks, Raeleen de Joux, Puhīwahine Melrose, Dawn Rangi-Smith, Margie Goldsmith (our Taumata Rep on the Te Aitarakihi Board) mātua Rawiri Ormsby, Hohepa Holland and Piripi Edwards. Other kaumatua have also been approached in the community to attend these hui to bring their voice to the table. Mā te wā, ka tae rātou.

I will report on these hui at Te Aitarakihi Marae-a-iwi and will give a brief outline in our up and coming newsletters “Te Pūrongo Kōrero a Te Aitarakihi”. The latest kōrero from Taumata involves the processes to be observed at Te Aitarakihi due to the COVID traffic light system. More on that further in the newsletter.

## Kaumātua hui

Whaea Ani Haul presented this report from a recent hui held at Te Aitarakihi Marae-a-iwi.

Tēnā koutou katoa.

Our kaumātua were invited to attend a luncheon to support an initiative from the SCDHB to support efforts to reach out to rangatahi and other sectors of our community to become vaccinated

It was a very successful hui led by Joseph Tyro, SCDHB, who outlined his brief to those who were in attendance, which generated a good discussion, which became emotional at times, as kaumatua expressed their concern at the number of younger and middle aged members of our community who were choosing not to vaccinate

Efforts to help to spread the word from Te Aitarakihi kaumatua are being realised by the release of photographs and messages to the community, encouraging the non-vaccinated sector to consider their stance and to be mindful of the elderly, the at risk, and the young members of the community.



## Kapa Haka

Te Aitarakihi is fortunate to have a strong kapa haka roopu with around 80 regular attendees. The latest lockdown and subsequent restrictions on the number of people that can gather and maintain the required distancing, meant that the roopu could not meet weekly until the weather was friendlier and practice could take place outdoors. They ended up being able to meet for a couple of weeks but with the recent traffic light system, kapa haka decided to end early for the year and will Kapa haka will resume in the new year. Start date to be confirmed – keep an eye out on the facebook pages – ‘Te Aitarakihi’ and ‘Te Aitarakihi kapa haka general page’ for details.

The roopu is in high demand for performances in the local district, here is a sample of the last month of the year for them (although a few cancelations due to ‘you know what’..

Here are some recent and upcoming performances:

- Town Night Market – performance – 26 November
- Night Market/Te Aitarakihi – 3 December (opening and waiata) (Postponed)
- Christmas on the Bay – 11 December with Presbyterian Support and Mana Whenua (Cancelled)
- Ngā Toi o te Rangi Kapa haka Wananga – 11 December (visiting Kapa Haka Roopu from Outautahi)
- Boxing Day – 26 December (opening of the Carnival)(Cancelled)
- End of year break up – 17/18 December for kapa haka members (Cancelled)

Any enquiries about Te Aitarakihi Kapahaka please contact Margie Goldsmith at [margieshared@hotmail.com](mailto:margieshared@hotmail.com)



## What's been on this year

Te Aitarakihi has been working hard to get some educational courses, wānanga and events started again at our Multicultural Centre and have had a lot on offer. If you have any questions about any of these please call the office on 03 684 7906 or email [admin@teaitarakihi.co.nz](mailto:admin@teaitarakihi.co.nz).

### **Waitangi Whānau Fun day – Held on Saturday 6 Feb.**

A busy day to commemorate the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. A day of education, fun and educational activities along with hāngī and other kai on offer.

### **Tāne Ora South Canterbury**

For Tāne (males) - aged from 16 and over. Tāne in the community, supporting each other and creating a safe space to awahi what's going on in their world. The group is based at Te Aitarakihi Multicultural Centre and includes hikoi around the area i.e the beach, the māra etc.

This group meets fortnightly on a Wednesday evening from 5.30pm. They recently had their last hui for the year and next hui will be on 2 Feb 22.

### **Haptūanga Wānanga**

Was run for the first time in March as a collaboration between SCDHB and Te Aitarakihi. It is an antenatal class but through a Māori lens and was attended by hapū whānau. Just the one course was run this year and we would like to see it run again in the future.

### **Raranga Wānanga – 8 weeks**

These wānanga are an introduction to flax weaving to become familiar with:

- Tikanga o te Harakeke & self
- Harvest Practice
- Preparation Practice
- Weaving Practice

During these wānanga you will have the opportunity to weave an object/taonga of your choice. Two wānanga have run this year and we plan to offer them again in 2022.

Te Aitarakihi's Kia Piki te Reo programme is facilitated by the wonderful team from Kia Piki te Reo. This year has seen a lot of action for us since Term 2:

### **Kia Piki te Reo: Taumata 1 & 2 - 10 weeks during term time.**

Taumata 1-2: are our beginner classes that go right from the basics for super beginners, through to basic sentence structure, tense, pronouns, and possessive.

Three of these courses were run this year starting in term 2. Registrations will be sought shortly for Term 1 2022.

### **Kia Piki te Reo: Tuakana Reo - 6 weeks**

Tuakana Reo: is a six week program. That will have maori speakers from our community and move into more complex structures. Completion of taumata 2 or prior re Māori knowledge is required. This course was run during Term 4.



### **Kia Piki te Reo: Whaikōrero**

These classes are to support our tāne to become confident kaikōrero when sitting on the paepae during the pōwhiri and mihi whakatau process. This course is run differently and does not have a set duration, rather a more traditional model of learning where tāne can join when there are vacancies and move through at their own pace. Initially learning what whaikōrero is, its origins and traditions through to constructing whaikōrero to deliver. The classes are open to all tāne connected to Te Aitarakihī and in the Aoraki rohe who are ready to take the tohu and step into the whaikōrero realm.

This course meets fortnightly on Wednesday evenings (alternate weeks to Tāne Ora) during term times and started in Term 2.

### **Hine Ora - 18 Oct - 20 Dec 2021 (10 weeks)**

This wonderful collaboration between Te Aitarakihī and Warrior Princess Workshops is designed for young women ages 17- 25 years. The wānanga equips young women with tools to look after themselves, especially during this sometimes stressful time of the year.

By creating this safe space, we hope to empower these young women to understand their mental health and well-being. During this workshop they made journals and learned how journaling can be an awesome self-care tool. Discussions on coping strategies, sharing stories and learn about the stories of Atua Wāhine. Any questions about further courses, please email [warriorprincessworkshops@outlook.com](mailto:warriorprincessworkshops@outlook.com)

### **Ko Au Ko Koe, Ko Koe Ko Au (I am you and you are me) – two days per month**

This is a collaboration between a number of local social service providers to assist, encourage and show our local people the various different opportunities in the local community such as education, careers, job opportunities etc. Whānau attend for the two days to learn new skills and be exposed to the options available to them.

The first of these was run in July and then the lockdown occurred and the subsequent restrictions. More will happen in 2022. Watch this space!

Also, this year during November we had our first Cultural Competency wānanga that was offered to all of our community:

### **‘Ki Te Whai Ao’ Professional Development – Cultural Competency**

A three-day intensive Professional Development program:

#### **Day 1 – 9am till 4pm**

*Whanaungatanga–Building connection and understanding:*

*Tikanga – Māori world view.*

*Te Takiwā – Local history or our area*

*Te Reo – Basic reo Māori and pronunciation*

#### **Day 2 – 9am till 4pm**

*Te Titiri o Waitangi - Understanding both sides*

*Ngā Hua ō Mua - The impacts of our NZ history*

*Mana Ōrite - Equity and critical consciousness.*

*Te Reo – Basic reo Māori and pronunciation.*

**Day 3 – 9am till 4pm**

*Kawa Whakaruruhau - Cultural safety.*

*Hanga Arawhata - Building bridges*

*Whāinga Whakautu - Response planning*

This course is facilitated by Kia Tika te Ara and was well attended by local and out of town businesses and schools. It is self-funded so it has a cost associated with it.

The programme is aimed at businesses, educators and other organisations that want to develop their understanding of New Zealand history and how that history affects how New Zealand looks and feels in today's landscape. The aim being that this understanding will in turn change how you view and manage situations that may occur within the workplace and life.

**Te Aitarakihi Night Market** was to be held Friday 3 December had to be postponed

**Other key events at Te Aitarakihi:**

- Te Manawataki o Te Reo, home learning te reo Māori course started in May and is a self-paced course.
- Pōwhiri to welcome:
  - Our wonderful Kaiwhakahononga Hāpori (Community Connector) along with new employees, Hāmi Goldsmith, Irene Emond, Dominique Enright and Leanne Taylor-Rose.
  - New He Manu Hou Manager
  - Redwood Development team (neighbouring development to Te Aitarakihi)
  - Three Te Aitarakihi wāhine to celebrate their moko kauwae
- Vaccination Clinics held in September and October
- AGM on 24 May
- Kaumatua Matariki Lunch

## Coming up in 2022

**Te Aitarakihi Night Market 5-8:30pm**

**STAY TUNED FOR NEW DATE!**

A market to promote the arts, handcrafts and kai being produced in our Timaru / South Canterbury rohe. Local stall holders, kai producers and small business have a space to promote into the community and be seen.

This also provides an opportunity for our wider community to see what is available on their doorstep, support local and have a chance to experience new sights and delicious smells at Te Aitarakihi.

**Waitangi Whānau Fun Day – Monday 7 February 10.30am – 1.30pm**

A day to celebrate and commemorate Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Stay tuned for the line up

**Kia Piki te Reo: Taumata 1 & 2 - Terms 1-4, 10 weeks, Tuesday evenings 6.30-8.30pm**

Taumata 1-2: are our beginners classes that go right from the basics for the super beginners, through to basic sentence structure, tense, pronouns and possessives.

**Kia Piki te Reo: Tuakana Reo – 6 week programme during Term 2 & 4**

**Thursday evenings 6.30-8.30pm**

Tuakana Reo: is a six-week program. That will have māori speakers from our community and move into a more complex structure. Completion of taumata 2 or prior reo Māori knowledge is required.

**Kia Piki te Reo: Whaikōrero will continue during term times on alternate Wednesday evenings 6.30-8.30pm**

The classes are open to all tāne connected to Te Aitarakihī and in the Aoraki rohe who are ready to take the thou and step in to the whaikōrero realm.

**Tāne Ora will resume on Wednesday 2 February and run on alternate weeks.**

Tāne in the community, supporting each other and creating a safe space to awhi what's going on in their world.

**Ki Te Whai Ao – Professional Development**

Three-day Professional Development Programme facilitated by Kia Tika te Ara.

Dates for this course are set at:

1. Fridays 25 March, 1 & 8 April
2. Fridays June 3, 10 & 17
3. Fridays August 5, 12 & 19
4. Fridays October 14, 21 & 28

To register, contact Julie at [admin@teaitarakihī.co.nz](mailto:admin@teaitarakihī.co.nz)

Flyer for our first course for 2022:



The flyer is framed with a decorative border. It features the Te Aitarakihī logo at the top left. The main text is arranged in columns. On the right side, there is a detailed schedule for the Development Program (21 hours) over three days. At the bottom right, the Kia Tika te Ara logo is displayed. The contact information for registration is provided at the bottom center.

**TE AITARAKIHI**

Te Aitarakihī in collaboration with **Kia Tika te Ara** are proud to offer our wider South Canterbury community

**Ki Te Whai Ao**  
*"The Glimmer of Dawn"*

A three-day intensive Professional Development program

**Dates :** Fridays 25 March, 1 & 8 April

**Venue :** Te Aitarakihī Multicultural Centre  
50 Bridge Road  
Timaru.

**Cost for the full three-day delivery: \$820 + gst**  
Includes: All resources, morning tea and lunch

**Development Program (21 hours)**

**Day 1 – 9am till 4pm**

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- Tikanga – Māori world view
- Te Takiwā – Local history or our area
- Te Reo – Basic reo Māori and pronunciation

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**Kia Tika te Ara**

to register please email: [admin@teaitarakihī.co.nz](mailto:admin@teaitarakihī.co.nz)



# Garden and Maintenance Report

Te Aitarakihi Multicultural Centre roof has had some long overdue love with a new paint job.

Before

After



We Would like to thank Timaru district Council who gave us a grant donation and made this possible.

Our mārakai (garden) is coming along nicely. We have two māra, one down the back of our property and another next door as a collaboration with Alliance Smithfield. The produce from our gardens is available to the Te Aitarakihi Community

We are in the process of making our patakakai where garden produce will be available. We are always looking for volunteers to help with our garden. If you are available to help on the odd occasion for whatever time you can give us, please contact Hāmi on 022 095 7159.

Te Aitarakihi is looking for a part time gardener. A person that can manage all aspects of our māra and educate whanau on basic gardening techniques. For a position description please get in contact.

This is a Collaborative Gardens Project between:



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**Hamish George  
Agricultural Contractor  
Timaru**



**Volunteers  
Welcome**

# Community Connector

## **Brenda Warren Kaiwhakahononga Hapori (Community Connector)**

Ko wai au

Ko Taranaki toku Maunga

Ko Aotea toku Waka

Ko Oeo toku Awa

Ko Oeo toku Marae

Ko Ngaruahine, Ngati Maniapoto, Ngati Pourua oku Iwi

Toko iwa oku taonga

Ko Wairangi Warren toku hoa Rangatira engari kei te mate ia

Ko Brenda Warren toku ingoa

Brenda is available to tautoko/ support you and whanau with:

- Accessing online services and fill out government forms / applications.
- Make appointments with service provides.
- Link whanau in a range of services depending on needs.
- Advocacy for whanau.
- Kanohi ki te kanohi (face to face), hui with specialised agencies.
- I can meet you at your own whare, marae or wherever you feel comfortable.
- Gather information and promote the services/courses available at Te Aitarakihi.
- Meet regularly with the Community, Government, and Non-Government agencies, District Councils, Local Rūnanga and other service provider networks.
- I can access our whakahaere to research genealogy.

I am primarily based at Te Aitarakihi at 50 Bridge Road, Smithfield, and every Thursday at 17B Royal Arcade from 9am – 12pm. No appointments needed, please come by and have a kōrero.

This role is to connect whānau with the services that they need to thrive and feel connected

Additionally, as part of the Community Connector team we have:

## **Hāmi Goldsmith - Kaitakawaenga Hapori (Community Liaison) & Kairuruku Tūao (Volunteer Coordinator)**

- **Connect whānau to Te Aitarakihi** - Provide support - related advisory and information services to people and whanau or to people of specialised agencies/managed facilities or targeted people via telephone, face to face or internet
- **Offer cultural understanding / support to business and community organisations.** Established regular liaison with the community, government and non-government agencies, district councils, local rūnanga and other service provider networks.
- **Organisation of events** - Information on hirage, pricing, availability of the Whāre facility of Te Aitarakihi.
- **Volunteers** - Chairperson of volunteer komiti – information available on request.

## **Irene Emond – Kaitautoko (Support)**

Irene is the administrative arm of Te Aitarakihi's Social Services and can assist whānau

## Notice of importance

**As of Friday 3 December, Te Aitarakihi is now a venue that requires you to show your vaccine pass to enter onto our premises** – this includes land and buildings. The exceptions are noted future in the emails.

- Sign in using the COVID app or COVID sign in sheets.
- Masks are to be carried at all times and you may be requested that you wear them, depending on the activity taking place at the time.
- Social distancing to be practised.
- For pōwhiri and mihi whakatau, non – contact or elbow bumps instead of harirū, kissing, hugging or hongī.
- We may ask for photo ID with you vaccine pass if you are new to Te Aitarakihi.
- These rules can be updated at any point but will be reviews around the 17 Jan when the government reconsiders what colour (traffic light) we will remain on/change to.

If you cannot show a vaccine pass, and are accessing a service located at Te Aitarakihi, the following conditions apply:

Whānau accessing He Manu Hou (Early Learning Centre):

- Drive into the carpark as normal
- You must wear a face covering at all times
- Do not enter any other Te Aitarakihi buildings other than HMH
- Whānau to take the child into HMH and the sign in desk may be set up at the entrance – contact 03 681 717 or the manager 0210 8399 768 for support.

For whanau seeking social services from out Kaiwhakahononga Hapori (Community Connector), appointments need to be booked as your appointment will occur off site – contact Te Aitarakihi kaimahi on 027 286 8885 or 027 274 4489 to make arrangements.

During a global pandemic, how we operate can protect our community that is vulnerable at this time. Protecting whakapapa is central to Te Ao Māori (Māori world view) and the tikanga (customs) do change depending on the circumstance. After consideration of many factors including the consultation of kaumatua at Te Aitarakihi. We have made the decision that will best allow us to serve our whanau and manuhiri (guests), as we navigate the COVID traffic light / vaccine pass system.

Ngā mihi

Te Aitarakihi Team

# Thank you

The board and management of Te Aitara kihi would like to thank all our most generous supporters and funding providers for their on-going contributions that allow the operations of the Multi-cultural centre to continue.



Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe  
o Te Tihi o Maru



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Merry Christmas and Happy New year from the Te Aitara kihi Team