

# Tamaūpoko Community Pānui



COMMUNITY-LED  
DEVELOPMENT

Welcome to the third publication of the Tamaūpoko Community Newsletter, proudly brought to you by the TCLD Trust (TCLT) and its employees.

What a year 2020 has been! We have got through Covid-19 relatively unscathed and have used this as an opportunity to put a lot of our plans to the test. We have come together (not always literally) to tautoko and support each other through what has been extremely trying times. Even though we are rural and isolated, we are also resilient, hands on and more than capable. In spite of Covid-19 we have still been able to get some awesome projects completed amongst our communities, and more importantly there is some really exciting opportunities on the horizon.

Check out our new section “Living off the Land” on page 5 where we explore what some of us have been up to in our day to day lives living off the whenua and using the natural gifts in our environment to sustain our whanau.

Tū Te Ngana Hau has had an awesome year as well, with a number of our residents taking advantage of the courses and training on offer - check out their mahi on page 4. And you wanted more info on the Hub in town, so check out some pics and info on page 6. We also welcome our new Tumuaki of Te Kura o te Wainui-ā-rua Marie Haira and she sums up Term 4 on page 3.

This pānui is jam-packed full of cool korero so before the silly season is upon us and it all starts to get a bit crazy – take a moment to put the kettle on, pour a cup of tea, find a comfy seat and read all about Community-Led Development in Tamaūpoko.

# What's been happening

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

As an organisation we are committed to minimising our waste and disposing of waste thoughtfully. In Matahiwi we have been running a pilot (trial) project on Waste Management. This has two aspects, one was the Whiteware project, and the other was around general clean up. Thanks to Sonny and his team for all their hard work!

The Recycling trailer will be emptied before Christmas and ready to take any recycling you have. Remember the trailer only takes certain kinds of plastics, and tins. We are not yet in a position to take glass but watch this space as we are always looking for ways we can work Recycling better on our awa.



## PIPIRIKI PLAYGROUND

We are looking forward to the formal opening of the Playground in Pipiriki. A joint partnership between Ruapehu District Council, Pipiriki Inc. and the residents of Pipiriki – we are sure this playground will get plenty of use especially over the Summer months. Great work to all involved in this kaupapa, we know it's been a goal of the community for quite some time. The community / original playground has also had a bit of a spruce up, and is looking awesome – TCLT has been fortunate enough to donate a couple of picnic tables – enjoy!



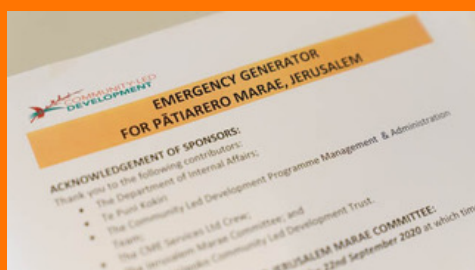
## HIRUHĀRAMA : MAARA KAI

Check out some of the pics on page 5. TCLT being able to support the development of Maara kai is an absolute privilege. There is nothing better than being involved with our people as they strengthen their abilities to be self-sustainable and return to some of the old ways of time passed.



## HIRUHĀRAMA : GENERATOR

TCLT was one of a number of key Stakeholders fortunate enough to be able to tautoko the purchase and installation of a generator large enough to power the whole complex in the event of a power outage. This is just another step in the right direction as we look to find ways for all communities to be fully self-sustainable in the event of an Emergency.



# Te Kura o te Wainui-ā-rua

The beginning of Term 4 saw us farewell Whāea Denny Kumeroa and welcome Whāea Marie Haira. Our new Tumuaki follows with a wrap up for the 2020 year. As a parent with tamariki at the Kura it has been awesome to see the positive impact Whāea Marie has had on our kura. We get to see our kids trying new things, getting out and about with a number of exciting learning opportunities available in this big wide world of ours! Welcome to the river Whāea Marie!

## Prizegiving

Thank you very much for your contributions for prizegiving. Our tamariki looked amazing and the kai was delicious. It was a great evening celebrating all of the successes of our tamariki. If anyone has any photos to share, feel free to share on our page or send them to me and I will. 😊 (if you're being humble! 😊)

## Tū te Ngana Hau ki Matahiwi Marae

Nga mihi nui ki a Tu te Ngana Hau for hosting us at their celebrations on our last day of kura. Bouncy castles and hangi was a great way to finish off the term.

## New Kitchens

Our community shed and school house are getting new kitchens. The new kitchen cabinetry will be finished by the end of today. Appliances are coming soon.

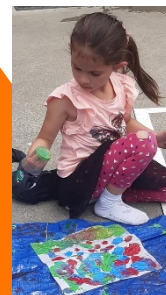
## School Pool

We have a bbq at the pool now. Just bring your own gas bottle. We've also moved 2 of the old picnic tables down by the pool. Pool keys are \$20 plus \$10 bond which is refunded when key is returned at the end of the season. Please contact me if you'd like a key.

## Painting

If any of the whanau would like to join us, some of the staff are going to be painting the school house over the holidays. There's a few other little jobs too like top up sandpit, refill bark on playgrounds, stain the fence, paint inside community shed... If you get bored and would like to join us, we could have a working bee after new year's, followed by bbq by the pool. I'll confirm the date.

Finally, have a happy and safe holiday break. We return back to kura on Feb 1st 2021 and have some exciting plans for Term 1. Me tiaki i a tātou tamariki me te whānau whānui hoki. Hei te tau e heke mai. Arohanui ❤️ Whāea Marie.



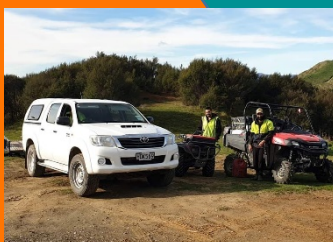
Clockwise from left: Whāea Marie and Shady doing Muay Thai, Patience and Whāea Heather's Rabbit Hugo, The newly painted tennis court, Azalea, Pani, Aaliyah

**TCLT Would LOVE to see as many of us come together to tautoko our Kura – keep an eye on Facebook for updates when the next working bee will “be” and we hope to see as many members of our Tamaūpoko Community there 😊 Many hands make light (and fun!) work!**



# Tū te Ngana Hau

Kia Ora Whānau! Since Covid-19, Tū Te Ngana Hau has been able to help our people attend quite a few workshops; rebuilding on what we had started and our confidence in being sociable again. Workshops we have completed recently are Permaculture with the Eco School, a vinyl printing workshop (thanks A & K Prints) with our year 7 and 8's at Te Kura o te Wainui-ā-rua. Training for You has helped us out with some Barista training as well as a computer course for our Kaumatua, not to mention the successful Business Course helping those of our whānau interested in running their own business. We ran an Emergency Management course with Tim and Anthony from Civil Defence, Maramataka and Kai Collective with Healthy Families. And amongst all of this, we are still continuing to help our whānau get their drivers licences. So far we have assisted 35 whānau on the Awa 🤖 to get licensed up. We also have assisted 2 Tāne on the Awa with their Handler Certification for pest control and another 2 Tāne with their Chainsaw tickets for their mahi. Check out some photos from our courses and also from our End of Year celebrations held on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of December at Matahiwi Pā. Congratulations and thank you to all our whānau who have been a part of the success of Tū Te Ngana Hau and I look forward to achieving our goals in 2021! - Tiara



*"Tū Te Ngana Hau (Breath of Endeavor) is a programme/mobile pilot for the people of the Whanganui River. We run workshops that the people want. We cater to the people's needs - whether it be gardening, business knowledge, computers or internet upskilling, Tikanga, First Aid and so much more. No cost to anyone just more knowledge for our Kete. If you have an idea please don't be shy, we can only try"*  
- Tiara Ranginui, Community Co-ordinator



**TCLT proudly endorses Tū te Ngana Hau; a success not only in Tamaūpoko, but along the whole awa. Ngā mihi nui ki Primary ITO and Ako Foundation, the current funders of this program.**



# Living off Hei ahi kā

We all know we live in a paradise with an abundance of gifts from our natural environment. Papatūānuku, Our Ngahere, Our Awa – kai especially is plentiful. This section covers a bit of the Maara Kai journey that our whanau in Hiruharama have been on as well as some of the seasonal goodness that our locals have been producing over the year. Kat from Pip also shares her and JD's journey on their own maara at home...

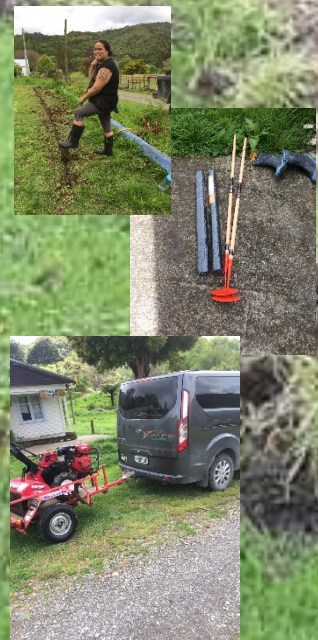
## Hiruhārama...



*"This community garden was started so we can get our whanau and hapu working together in something we all love to do. Growing kai was something we all have in common as we have our own maara kai at our homes. Having a Community maara gives us time to korero, manaaki, and come together as one; unity being the biggest reason. Also, it gave us – the younger generation – the chance to create a goal, execute and accomplish something to show that we are not divided and the future at home is going to be fine."*

*"The top and key to doing maara kai for me is going back to how our old people used to do it, it is the healthier and safest way for our environment that is key to preservation for our whenua and awa. Things like using Maramataka, and start constellations, environment signs (flowering of trees, birds, etc.) all of these things will indicate the way that you will garden for the week, month and year."*

*– Jorel Poutini*



*"The boys Josiah, Jorel and Grim have been awesome getting the digging etc. going but we all started it together"...the best thing? "Bringing everyone together, all making a contribution at different times as we aren't home often at the same time"*  
- Ngaria Winiata

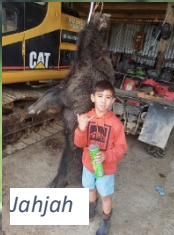




# the land mo tō whenua



Choc Dipped Walnuts ,  
Balsley Whanau



Jahjah



Huia's Quince Jelly



Feijoa & Kiwifruit Icecream;  
Balsley Whanau



Aaliyah and her  
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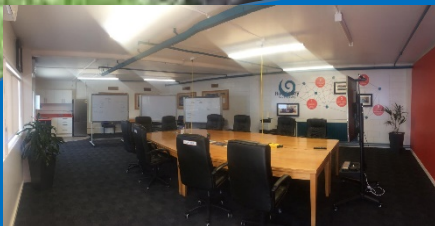
## Pipiriki...

"We are happy to have grown a garden as it brought us closer doing this together, our mahi. When we first started we were ready to give up but by encouraging each other and putting the effort from both of us it made things easier...and the encouragement from Nan, Grandad and members of the community telling us we can do it...big thanks to them and their motivation towards us"

- Kat Treanor



JD with one of many healthy  
broccoli from their maara



### RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY HUB

Next time you are in town, feel free to pop in and have a look at the awesome facility behind the Recycling Centre in Maria Place. This is YOUR place, the residents of Tamaūpoko! If you want to know more about this facility please get in touch with one of the Trustees or Isobel if you see her along her travels.





# A bit about us...

The TCLD Trust was formed in 2019 as a result of a successful application for a Community Led Development Partnership with the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA). Our Trust is made up of 4 trustees, all whom live in the villages they represent. Your Trustees are Tiara Ranginui (Matahiwi), Siobhan /Shiv Marshall (Ranana), Darleen Poutini-Tume (Jerusalem) and Aunty Judith Treanor (Pipiriki).

Although we have a few people working behind the scenes, those you will see most around the villages are Isobel Keating (our community worker) and Ramari Te Umairangi (our Project Lead).

All of your Trustees are committed to serving you; the residents of our Tamaūpoko Community. The image below is a copy of our Strategic Direction, which is essentially – our commitment to you.

A lot of mahi goes on behind the scenes to get each and every project completed and we are thankful to you – the people living in Tamaūpoko Tūpuna Rohe to talk with us, to engage with us and give us your ideas, your enthusiasm, and your time to get these projects across the line. The Trust and our wider team wish each and every one of you and your whānau a safe and happy Christmas and New Year filled with lots of kai, smiles, laughter and most of all; love.

See you all in 2021, Meri Kirihimete, Ngā mihi kia koutou.

## Whakapuāwai ā Tamaūpoko

Together we will create a thriving community and environment through the development of our people and our place now and for future generations.

