

NGĀTI RĒHIA

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust

*Te Whare Taiao o Ngāti Rēhia
Ngāti Rēhia Environmental Unit*

TĀKOU KAURI SANCTUARY

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OUR PEPEHA

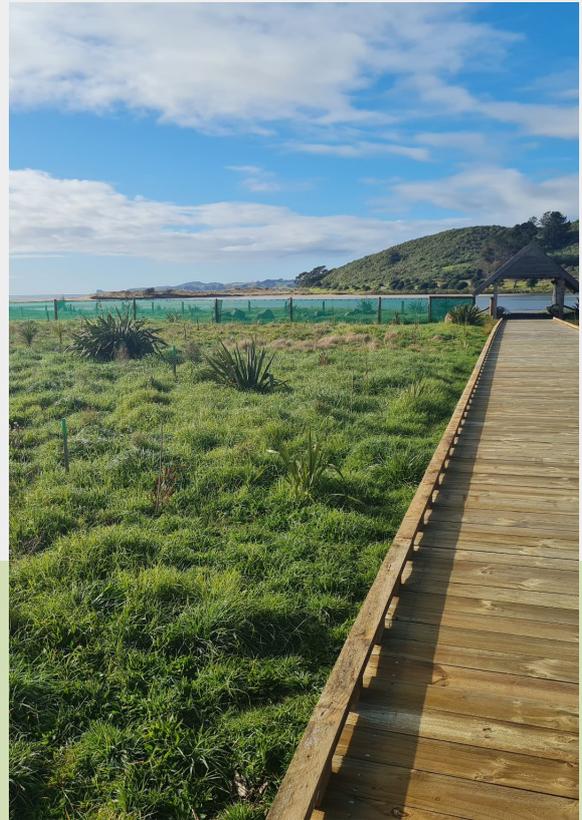
Ko Tokerau te tūtei
Ki te hauraro o te pūaha
Ko Rākaumangamanga ki te
Rāwhiti
E rere atū nei Te Kerei
Mangonui
Te Awa o ngā Rangatira
E tū mai rā
Te Pā o Kororipo
Titiro whakararo ki Orongo
ki Tākou Awa
Te wahi i mataaraatia ai e
Puhi
Te waka tūpuna a Mataatua
e moe mai rā
Whiti whaka te uru
Ki te ngāherehere nui o te
Puketi
Pohutu noa atu ki te moana
o Omapere
Āwhiowhio ki te rangi
Kei runga Whakataha
maunga
Kei raro ko te awa o
Waitangi
Ka hirere ki Pokākā
Tōtika te whatumanawa o
Īpipiri
Ko Ngāti Rēhia te hapū
Ko Ngāpuhi nui tonu te Iwi
Ko Whītiora, ko Hiruharama
Hou, Ko Whetu Mārama ōnā
marae
Tihewa mauri ora,
ki te Wheiao
Ki te Ao Mārama

Tokerau is the sentinel
mountain
That stands at the northern
aspect of the harbour mouth
Rākaumangamanga stands to
the east
Both Te Kerei Mangonui and
Te Awa o ngā Rangatira flow
there-ward
Where stands
Kororipo Pā
Gazing northward to Mount
Orongo and Takou river, The
territory cautiously guarded
by our ancestor Puhi, the
ancestral canoe Mātaatua
there gently sleeps
Before crossing westward
To join the great forest of
Puketi
Sweep past and onward to
Lake Omapere
We turn rising skyward
To Whakataha mountain
The fountain head of
Waitangi river below
Gushing eastward to Mount
Pokākā
Inexorably to the heart of the
Bay of Islands
Ngāti Rēhia the Tribe,
Ngāpuhi the Nation
Whose marae are Whītiora,
Hiruharama Hou and Whetu
Mārama
This breath drawn life
animates the emergent World
into broad daylight

ABOUT US

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust is focused on providing an opportunity for its hapū members to strengthen its whakapapa and wairua connections and gain deeper understanding of their part in the economic and social development of our rohe.

Our mission is to develop a sustainable economic, social and cultural base for the continued growth of the hapū and community. We will develop and improve employment opportunities, housing, health and wellbeing for whānau and cultural activities in and around Kerikeri, as well as the continued focus on kaitiakitanga initiatives in the rohe.



*"Ka tau āku kamo ki te raki ki Tākou
Torotoro ki uta,
mataratara ki tai
Finally, I look to the north, to Tākou, to the beautiful land, to the pristine ocean that nurtures us"*

Ngāti Rēhia are the Ahi-Kā (residing hapū) and Kaitiaki (guardian) of our rohe and the resources within it. We are responsible as the Kaitiaki for maintaining and protecting the mauri (life principle) of our whenua (land) and resources. It is a responsibility that has been passed down to us by our Tūpuna (ancestors) and one we will in turn pass on to our mokopuna (descendants).



2018 - Tākou Reservation covered in gorse

ABOUT TĀKOU BAY

Tākou Bay holds great historical significance. It includes a pā built by Ngāpuhi's eponymous ancestor Puhi, Te Kowhai an urupā (cemetery), a former papakainga (village), Whetu Marama o Te Ao Hou marae wharehui and the final resting place of the waka Mataatua. After many years of battling overgrown gorse on our whenua, we secured PGF funding for the establishment of a Kauri Sanctuary in 2020. Paramount to our kaupapa is the return of the mauri of our whenua, restoration of our native forests and the elimination of the Kauri Dieback.

The intended outcomes for this kaupapa are:

OUTCOMES

1. The vision of TRONR, is to utilize the development of a kauri sanctuary to enhance the mana of their people through upskilling and employing them to be kaitiaki of their lands, creating a sustainable workforce into the future, contributing to the preservation of kauri, and fulfilling their role as kaitiaki of the Mataatua waka.
2. Restoration of Ngati Rehia whenua to its former (and disease-free) state using principles and practices of Mātauranga Maori me ona tikanga and respond to the threat from kauri die-back disease.
3. Restore the mana of Ngati Rehia whanau, hapū, iwi, through the land and the taonga species being enhanced and protected for future generations.
4. Workforce development and upskilling Ngati Rehia kaitiaki, enabling Ngati Rehia whanau, hapū, iwi to transition into long term, sustainable environmental.
5. Enhance and protect the Ngati Rehia cultural landscape and wahi tapu.



2022/23- Creation of the boardwalk



Climbing to source our own Kauri seeds



Propagating and growing our own Kauri



OUR TARGETS

Our project has made significant progress in several areas, however, there is still work to be done. We are making substantial strides towards our objective, with a focus on biosecurity, native planting, and the development of a capable and knowledgeable workforce.

BIOSECURITY



Pest Management



Construct Boardwalks



Quarantine & hygiene stations



Fencing



Buildings

PLANTING



Propagation



Nursery



Kauri Planting

CAPABILITY



Health & Safety



Mātauranga



Workforce Training & Development





SUMMARY

- Following māramataka, we have started planting the first batch of 40,000 Kauri with the majority to be planted by the end of the year.
- All Kauri propagated at our nursery on site and sourced from within our catchment.
- There is infill planting of over 150,000 natives including Manuka, Kanuka, Ti kouka, Harakeke, Pohutakawa, Puriri and many more.
- Board walks are completed awaiting some seating areas
- There is approximately 3km of fencing to be completed.
- Whare Manaaki to be built on site and is awaiting RMA before we can commence work.
- We currently have 12 FTE assigned to this project all who have completed primary industries training at level 2 and 3. This team has completed Apiculture level 3 to work on our own beehives.
- We are now a Māori Trades Training Provider and will recruit 20 new Hapū Rangers full time over the course of two years in which they will be fully employed and end the programme with a Level 2 & 3 qualification in Primary Industry Operation Skills.
- Winner in the Northland Regional Council's 'Kaitiakitanga' category in their 2023 Whakamānawa ā Taiao – Environmental Awards

With determination and dedication, we are forging a path towards a future where the Ngāti Rēhia community can cherish and protect its precious heritage, creating a sanctuary that will inspire and benefit generations to come.



2023 Whakamānawa ā Taiao – Environmental Awards



Kura visiting the sanctuary



First day for Maori Trade Trainees