

JUNE – JULY 2026 EDITION



HE KĀRANGA O WAIPUNA

THE CALL FROM WAIPUNA NEWSLETTER

In this newsletter...

Matariki ki Rānui

Bringing whānau together for an afternoon of celebration, remembrance, kai, and shared hopes for the year ahead.

First Nations Hui

Two days of whakawhānau, shared learning, and strengthening Indigenous and Mercy connections across Aotearoa and Australia.

Kaiwhiriwhiri Whānau

Farewelling Georgina and welcoming Kara as she continues the good mahi with our Kaiwhiriwhiri Whānau team.

Picnic in the Park

Sharing information with our Rānui whānau on how they can stay safe, warm, and dry this winter.

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KIA ORA, WELCOME

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MANUKURA



Tēnā koutou katoa,

As we move through another season of growth at Te Waipuna Puawai, I am pleased to welcome you to the second edition of He Kārangā o Waipuna.

Over the past few months, we have continued to walk alongside whānau, strengthen partnerships, and create spaces where people feel welcomed, connected, and supported. Whether through our Matariki celebrations, Kai Hub, community workshops, or the many conversations taking place each day across our sites, our focus remains the same—building stronger communities through relationships.

This edition also reflects the importance of partnership beyond our own communities. It was a privilege to welcome representatives from the Wurundjeri First Nations peoples of Australia and Whānau Mercy Ministries as we explored shared histories, Indigenous leadership, and opportunities to strengthen our relationships across the Tasman. These conversations remind us that while our stories may be unique, our commitment to caring for people and creating positive change is something we all share.

As always, none of this work happens in isolation. We remain incredibly grateful to our staff, volunteers, Board members, Sisters of Mercy, community partners and funders who continue to walk alongside us. Your support enables us to respond to the aspirations of our communities with compassion, hope and purpose. Thank you for taking the time to read this edition of He Kārangā o Waipuna. We hope these stories provide a glimpse into the many ways our whānau, partners and communities continue to inspire the work we do every day.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Bill Takerei
Manukura | Chief Executive

TERM 2, 2026 AT A GLANCE



760
WHĀNAU
SUPPORTED



288
KAI PARCELS
DISTRIBUTED



3
PROGRAMMES
HELD AT UMERE
OFFICE



2
COMMUNITY
EVENTS HELD
IN RĀNUI



30
PARTICIPANTS
IN WELLBEING
PROGRAMMES



80
VOLUNTEER
HOURS
CONTRIBUTED



COMMUNITY ACTIVATION MATARIKI KI RĀNUI

Even a last-minute venue change and turbulent weather couldn't dampen our spirits! Rānui was determined to celebrate Matariki, and we had an incredible turnout.

Tamariki took part in a Matariki Star Search, finding gems named after each of the Matariki stars. Whānau also shared their hopes and aspirations for the year ahead and added them to our Moemoeā Garden — our Ribbons of Dreams.

We also created a Pōhutukawa Tree of Remembrance, where whānau could write the names of loved ones who have passed away over the last year.

Matariki ki Rānui was a roaring success. Our Rānui office was packed, the hangi was a clear highlight, and the afternoon gave us a chance to celebrate, remember, and look forward to the year ahead.

Ngā mihi nui to all our volunteers for your wonderful support and for helping make the day possible. A very special thank you to Whiti Mai Rānui, Rānui Community Garden, Rānui Community Centre, Henderson-Massey Local Board, and Project Twin Streams.



WMM PARTNERSHIP FIRST NATIONS HUI

Te Waipuna Puawai and Whānau Mercy Ministries had the privilege of welcoming representatives from the Wurundjeri First Nations peoples of Melbourne to our Umere office for two days of whakawhanaungatanga, shared learning, and relationship building.

The visit brought together leaders from Australia and Aotearoa to explore the importance of strengthening connections between Indigenous communities and the Mercy whānau across both countries. Throughout the hui, we shared stories, reflected on our unique cultural journeys, and discussed opportunities to walk alongside one another in ways that honour our shared commitment to justice, community and the wellbeing of our peoples.

A special mihi whakatau was held to formally welcome our guests, with representatives from Whānau Mercy Ministries, Te Waipuna Puawai and the Sisters of Mercy joining together to acknowledge the significance of the occasion.

We are grateful for the opportunity to host this gathering and look forward to continuing to build relationships that strengthen Indigenous leadership, deepen our Mercy connections, and create opportunities for future collaboration across Aotearoa and Australia.



CARING FOR PEOPLE & PLACE RĀNUI KAI HUB

Our Wednesday Rānui Kai Hub continues to be an important space where whānau connect, access kai, and feel supported.

Every fortnight, we distribute over 100 kai parcels, helping families access kai. We are grateful to [Fair Food](#) and [KiwiHarvest](#), whose ongoing partnership helps make this possible.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS



WALKING WITH OUR FAMILIES KAIWHIRIWHIRI WHĀNAU

In mid-July, we welcomed the newest member of our TWP whānau, Kara Laifone. Kara joins us as our new Kaiwhiriwhiri Whānau, working alongside Roi to support whānau across Rānui and the surrounding West Auckland communities.

We would also like to take this time to acknowledge our former Kaiwhiriwhiri Whānau, Georgina Peterson. Thank you, Georgina, for your wonderful mahi and commitment to our community. We wish you and your whānau all the very best.

As Kara settles into her new role, the demand for our Kaiwhiriwhiri Whānau Navigators continues to grow. Through relationships, support, and walking alongside whānau, this kaupapa remains an important part of how we respond to the needs and aspirations of our communities.



[Click here to read more about our Whānau Ora services](#)



WHĀNAU WELLNESS PICNIC IN THE PARK

This time around, the sky stayed clear enough for us to hold Picnic in the Park at Ulrich Reserve, bringing whānau together for a day of kai and community support.

Thank you to Auckland Council for providing information packs and resources to help whānau stay warm this winter. We also had a free sausage sizzle going to keep everyone fed and warm.

Ngā mihi nui to all our volunteers, partners, and organisations who helped make the day possible, including Whiti Mai Rānui, Te Kawerau ā Maki, Healthy Waters – Auckland Council, Seed 2 Harvest, and Project Twin Streams.



TE ARA TŪRANGAWAEWAE THE PATH HOME



8-Week Kaupapa Māori Identity and Creative Research Programme



Starting
WEDNESDAY
5th
AUGUST

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An 8-week kaupapa Māori identity and creative research programme exploring who we are, where we come from, and where we belong.

Through kōrero, whakapapa, storytelling, and creative expression, tauira strengthen identity, confidence, belonging, and cultural connection while creating a personalised Pepeha Kōrero Tuku Iho Pukapuka and Tūrangawaewae T-shirt reflecting their journey.

5 August - 23 September 10am - 12pm

Rānui Community Library
431 Swanson Road, Rānui

WHAT'S HAPPENING? UPCOMING EVENTS & WORKSHOPS



Te Ara Tūrangawaewae

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[Register your place now](#)



WHĀNAU ORA SUPPORT

Scan the QR code to refer whānau to Te Waipuna Puawai for whānau-centred support and navigation. Our Kaiwhiriwhiri work alongside whānau to understand their aspirations, identify priorities, and connect them with the right services and opportunities.

Once submitted, our team will review the referral and make contact to kōrero about next steps.



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