

HOKOTEHI

MORIORI UNITY AND DEVELOPMENT



NEWSLETTER | TUMATEHAEA MAY 2024

*Ta imi Moriori, tēnā kotou,
hokomenetai me rongō.
Ka nui te mihi ki a kotou kā hūnau Moriori.*

MORIORI CALENDAR

EXCERPT FROM "THE MORIORI PEOPLE OF THE CHATHAM ISLANDS: THEIR HISTORY AND TRADITIONS" BY ALEXANDER SHAND.

The Moriori saying for this month, Tumatehaea (May), is:

Ka mea ano ia ka waru au. Ko ro me i mea ai rau' ko Kahu no ro me ke put' ei raūū. Ku mu i te kiato hokotiko hoki na ratau.

He said I am eight. The reason why he and Kahu said this was that they two might surpass their following. It was an argument of theirs.

PASSINGS

Moe mai kā mae Moriori, moe mai takoto mai.
Our deepest sympathies go out to all those who have lost loved ones recently.

E tahi ko i rung'
Ta ihi o ta ra,
Te werowero i tche ata,
Ta mokopu o Rongmaiwhenua
E tahi, e tahi ko i rung'.
Me rongō.

*Ascend direct above
To the beams of the sun,
To the rays of the morning,
Grandchild of Rongomaiwhenua
Ascend direct, ascend direct above.
In peace.*



BIRTHS

Kohi mai ra ka timiti māuaka ... we welcome the babies!
Congratulations to all of our new parents. If you've welcomed a new baby recently who you'd like to see in our newsletter, email office@kopinga.co.nz and let us know.



**OSCAR WILLIAM
MCCORMICK**

Born 8 September 2023
Busy little brother to Louie.



**ELSIE MARIE
KELLY-GOOMES**

Born 16 January 2024
Beautiful baby sister of Irie-Dee.



**ORION TAREI JOSEPH
FRAER KAHUKORE**

Born 26 February 2024
Named after the constellation Orion 'the hunter'.



ENZO AJ SOLOMON
Born 9 May 2024

Son of Joseph Ihaka Solomon, grandson to Michael Charles Solomon and great grandson to Patricia Marie Solomon and Irene Goomes.

*Ka whano, ka kimi pokai i amio, tangaengae,
Ka whano, ka ruku, tangaengae,
Ka whano, ko ro' to moana, tangaengae,
E ko tangaengae, tangaengae tahoreia.*

*Thou shalt go searching, wandering, circling round, tangaengae,
Thou shalt go and dive, tangaengae,
Thou shalt go to the sea, tangaengae,
Oh 'tis tangaengae, tangaengae, let it fall.*



CHAIR REPORT

Tēnā kōtou,

I am delighted to welcome you all to the first edition of our newsletter for 2024, which has been a long time in the making. The trust has been navigating through significant changes and grappling with legal pressures. The journey has been challenging, but we're determined to forge ahead.

Following our AGM in November, we've found ourselves immersed in investigations, which have consumed both time and resources. Furthermore, we've had to adapt to significant personnel shifts. I'm grateful to Levi Lanauze for stepping up as our interim CEO during this transitional period.

On the operational front, we've had team members on maternity leave and I sincerely thank all staff for their unwavering dedication in continuing to work through this. We acknowledge the strain this has placed on our office and eagerly anticipate the return of our staff members.

Despite these challenges, HMT has made significant strides. Our cultural committee, a new addition, is gaining momentum and is now accepting expressions of interest for a rangata mātua and a rangatehi committee. The ta rē Moriori app is making a tangible difference, and rākau momori at Kōpinga are in good hands thanks to the relentless efforts of volunteers and Nirmala Balram of Te Papa Tongarewa.

Our board consists of a talented team of trustees committed to upholding HMT principles, with the addition of our newest board members, Belinda Williamson and Jared Watty, who have both hit the ground running. As we navigate transitions and challenges, we remain steadfast in HMT's commitment to our mission and values. Together, I am confident that we will emerge more robust and resilient, with transparency and clarity at the forefront.

Rana Solomon
Chair

TRUSTEE POSITIONS

The board has voted the trustee positions as below:

Chair	Rana Solomon
Vice Chair	Chas Taurima
Secretary	Hana-Maraea Solomon
Treasurer	Hayden Preece

Our new board make-up is as below:

Rēkohu	Rana Solomon Hayden Preece Tom Lanauze
South Island	Christine Harvey Belinda Williamson Jared Watty
North Island	Hana-Maraea Solomon Chas Taurima

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

As part of our ongoing efforts to preserve, promote and revitalise Moriori identity and heritage, we have established a cultural committee to provide support to the Hokotehi Moriori Trust (HMT) on important cultural matters.

The membership will comprise representatives from the HMT board, the Rangata Mātua Advisory Council and the Rangatehi Komiti, and is overseen by convenor Christine Harvey.

If you would like to contact the committee, please email culture@kopinga.co.nz.

AN UPDATE FROM MIST

The Moriori Imi Settlement Trust (MIST) trustees would like to update HMT members about the progress of our registration form and website. We are pleased to advise both these essential things are very near completion and will be published in the coming weeks, alongside a notice about the upcoming informative hui-ā-Moriori, which MIST will be holding nationwide later this year. These hui aim to provide an opportunity to meet and greet the MIST team, better understand what we do, and discover how you can be a part of our decisions and future.

We will send further updates via HMT soon.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

NEW TRUSTEES

Following our call for nominations in February, we have two new trustees on our board, Belinda Williamson and Jared Watty.



Belinda Williamson,
SOUTH ISLAND

*Ka nui te mihi ki a kotou kā hūnau Moriori,
Ko Ngahiwi Dix ta'u karāpuna
Ko Clare Hill nee (Prendeville) ta'u ratau kuī
Ko Fiona Hill ta'u matēhine
Ko Liz Murchison raua ko Kirsty Duncan ta'u hūnau potiki
Ko Paul Williamson ta'u matu tāne
Ko Braedyn Williamson ta'u rangatehi
Ko au ta huruhuru o ta'u matēhine
Ko Belinda (Bee) Williamson au*

I'm deeply committed to seeing our Moriori community thrive by nurturing our language, culture, and identity. With my background in education across different levels and my leadership in research, including presenting at an international education conference, I'm driven to make a difference.

I believe in creating more opportunities for us to gather and celebrate our Moriori heritage together. By working closely with trustees, I aim to promote initiatives that truly embody and honour our identity.

My dedication to the well-being of our imi is unwavering, and I'm determined to play my part in ensuring the preservation and prosperity of Moriori heritage and our assets. I live with my hūnau in Rolleston, west of Ōtautahi/Christchurch. It's from here that I draw my strength and inspiration to contribute to our imi flourishing.

Hokomenetai, me rongō.



Jared Watty,
SOUTH ISLAND

A proud member of the Moriori community, I bring a passion for cultural preservation to this role as a new trustee on your board. At 34 years old and residing in Blenheim, I'm deeply rooted in my heritage and committed to serving the needs and aspirations of my people.

Te Keke Tura Moriori Identity Trust (TKT) is dedicated to safeguarding the Moriori culture as a unique and separate indigenous heritage of Aotearoa/New Zealand. It aims to ensure that the legacy of peace upheld by Moriori remains intact for future generations.

The trust comprises a \$6m 'gift' from the Crown settlement with HMT, which HMT simultaneously gifted to TKT in 2008. Recent changes in TKT's trusteeship have resulted in the addition of a chairperson to guide the trust's leadership. The current stewards of the trust include Belinda Williamson (Chair), Chas Taurima, Christine Harvey and Jared Watty.

TKT offers education grants and financial support to those in pursuit of tertiary and special education studies and courses, scholarships or undertaking cultural projects that meet the criteria outlined in the TKT trust deed.

Grant criteria and forms are available on our website www.moriori.co.nz or by emailing office@kopinga.co.nz.

NATIONWIDE MEMBER HUI

Over the next few months, members are invited to connect with HMT at a series of nationwide hui. These hui are an opportunity to share your input on our kaupapa, including cultural strategy, rākau momori preservation, language revitalisation, efforts to repatriate koimi t'chakat, and other important initiatives. See below for further details.

AUCKLAND

Saturday 18 May, 1pm
Unit 6/5 Jack Conway Ave, Manukau

CHRISTCHURCH

Saturday 1 June, 10am – 2.30pm
Te Puna Wai o Waipapa/Hagley College,
510 Hagley Ave, Christchurch Central

DUNEDIN

Sunday 2 June, 10am – 2.30pm
Te Whare Wānanga Otakou/University of Otago, Seminar Room, Ground Floor, Centre for Innovation, 87 Saint David Street, North Dunedin

BLENHEIM

Saturday 10 August, time TBC
Whitney Street School, entrance between 5 and 7 Whitney Street, Blenheim Central

HAWKE'S BAY

Saturday 15 June
Venue and time TBC

RĒKOHU & VIRTUAL HUI

Dates and times TBC

Please RSVP your attendance for catering purposes to office@kopinga.co.nz.



FROM THE CEO

Kioranga hūnau,

Well, it's been a whirlwind of a couple of weeks getting up to speed with CEO life here at HMT, but I've enjoyed every minute.

It's an honour and privilege to have the opportunity to lead our imi, and I thank the board for allowing me to step up to the plate.

I want to express my deep gratitude to our outgoing CEO, Tony Blackett, for his invaluable service and guidance to HMT over the past four years. His leadership, particularly in building our operations team, has set a strong foundation for our future success.

As always, HMT is a hive activity with plenty of exciting work on the go. Whether it's the Caravan Bush fence project on Rangihaute, the archiving project at Kōpinga or the latest ta rē webinars, it's great to see these positive leaps forward.

HMT is proud to be alongside the other three island entities on the Rēkohu Investment Strategy, Kahui Manu Taiko. This collective effort is not just about the well-being of those residing on Rēkohu and Rangihaute but also about our shared commitment to communicating island issues to the government.

My door is always open, hūnau, so please get in touch with me if you have any queries or thoughts or want to chat over a cuppa. I look forward to the journey ahead.

Tche hokomenetai, Aki hokomenetai,
Me rongo,
Levi Lanauze, Interim CEO

TĀMATA HAUHĀ VISIT

In March, we extended manawareka to staff, board members, and investors of Tāmata Hauhā – an entity that empowers hūnau and landowners by providing funding, strategies, advice, and options to develop their land and enhance their current land-use operations. While on Rēkohu, our Tāmata Hauhā visitors enjoyed a guided tour of our nursery operations while searching for carbon and renewable energy opportunities.



PRESERVATION OF RĀKAU MOMORI AT KŌPINGA

In March, Te Papa conservator Nirmala Balram returned to Rēkohu with imi member Bella Penter to further treat the rākau momori housed within the Kōpinga grounds. During their visit, stages one and two of an ongoing conservation plan were completed, with the assistance of on-island volunteers.

Nirmala and Bella last visited in September 2023, at which time condition reports, measurements, images and general descriptions were completed for each of the stored rākau momori. Since then, continued observation, borer treatment and biocide spraying have seen insect infestations eradicated.

The conservation focus of the most recent visit was to stabilise the dry rot and disintegrating parts of the rākau momori. A type of resin and a synthetic wood glue were both applied, and the trees were all carefully bandaged to align loose elements to the base and minimise future loss.

“The focus is for physical preservation of the harvested trunks to ensure the intangible links can be maintained for the present and future generations,” said Nirmala.

Of the 29 trees removed between 2010 and 2015, the majority are from Hāpūpū, with one each from Taia, Kairae and Pehenui. In order to fill in the gaps of what can and cannot be seen today, imagery from previous research initiatives is being consulted to gain a clearer understanding of what each tree might once have represented.

The next step in the conservation plan is the development of a stable, humidity-controlled environment for the 29 rākau momori. This will halt their deterioration and also make future conservation efforts easier to complete. Plans for this miheke whare are underway.



MORIORI, MUSIC AND MANAWA PROJECT

The Moriori, Music and Manawa Project is a two-year collaboration between the University of Otago and Hokotehi Moriori Trust (HMT) to showcase Moriori culture. The project aims to combine ancient wisdom with modern technology to highlight the cultural vibrancy of the Moriori people.

In March, Otago University team members visited Rēkohu for three weeks of filming, photography, recording audio, and capturing the stories of our hūnau.

Some of the locations captured were the homes of our rākau momori at Hāpūpū and Rotorua, with contemporary rākau momori located at Henga.

Kiwa Hammond flew in from the mainland to spend a week with the team, providing support and recording a number of karakī, rongo and stories that will be featured in the exhibition. Tiriana Smith also contributed to the project, providing a female voice to Moriori narratives and rongo, both capturing the mouri of Rēkohu.

During their stay, two university team members accompanied a small group of hūnau to Hokoreroro (South East Island) for a day to experience the natural beauty of the protected environment, which is home to many endemic species of flora and fauna, including the rare karure (black robin).

Currently, the HMT team is working on the exhibition's cultural content, design, and photography. The exhibition, *Hou Rongo: A Multisensory Experience of Moriori Culture*, will run at Tūhura Otago Museum in Dunedin from 14 September – 26 October 2024.



While on Rēkohu, Ajay Peni led music lessons with pupils at Te One School, some of which were recorded as part of the Moriori, Music and Manawa Project.



Tiriana Smith provided a female voice to Moriori narratives and rongo as part of the project.

Pupils from Te One School enjoying the experiments at the Science Roadshow hosted at Kōpinga Marae.



SCIENCE AT KŌPINGA

This year, Kōpinga has been home to several scientific kaupapa, each contributing to our understanding of the world around us. In February, ecology students from Otago University stayed with us while researching Rēkohu's fresh and seawater inhabitants. Later in the month, the National Science Technology Roadshow Trust transformed the marae into a scientific funfair as they brought the Science Roadshow all the way to Rēkohu. The local school kids and adults alike had a blast in this hands-on, minds-on experience that explored scientific themes, including movement, rocks and minerals, and helping the senses. We hope to be able to host many more scientific events in the years to come.

MIHEKE RONGOMOANA

Rongomoana (whale) strandings are a common occurrence on Rēkohu. Traditionally, these strandings were considered a special event that brought tribes together in hūnautanga. The meat provided a source of kai, and the bone was manufactured into implements and miheke (treasures) such as pendants.

According to Moriori tradition, schools of stranded rongomoana were attributed to the wairua of a significant tribe member who had recently passed. It is believed that the power of the persons wairua had sent them.

Today, we acknowledge this tradition through our presence and karakī. Over the years, rangata mātua Tom Lanauze and Alan Harvey have been instrumental in recovering the cultural material from rongomoana for ta imi Moriori. One such event was 'Rautini', a sperm whale stranded on the northern east side of Rēkohu about 20 years ago. HMT/MIST, Ngati Mutunga o Wharekauri, and the Department of Conservation now have an agreement regarding the next steps for this miheke rongomoana, which was flensed and buried soon after its discovery. You'll see on the 'opportunities' page of this newsletter ways in which you can get involved in this kaupapa.

RONGOMOANA

*I ka tangi au
Kiri ki ka Rongomoana toro
Ka tangi au
Kiri ki ka Rongomoana toro
Patatai o Tauao
Kēkē mai ta moana
Ka tangi au
Me rongo...*

*I lament
To the strong whale that swam here
I cry
To the bold whale that swam here
Only the sound of the surf is heard
The sound of the sea breaking
I cry
In peace...*

Na Tiriana Smith
Based on karakī Moriori for seals as captured in
Samuel Deighton GNZ MMS 717

DID YOU KNOW ...

Since 1901 over 4000 long-finned pilot whales are reported to have stranded on Rēkohu.

TUPUKAPUKA TIMITI

This month saw the tupukapuka we have created to sit inside our kete timiti head to the printer, which is very exciting news as it means timiti born this year will be able to receive this beautiful resource and start their ta rē journey from birth.

These board books feature one word per page, making learning the kupu a breeze. To add some additional fun to the project, we've had Ajay Peni record both tupukapuka as rongo (*Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes* and *Kina, Kina*) and judging by the hums of those who have had a sneak preview, we can assure you they'll be stuck in your upoko after the first listen!

As we get closer to receiving the first printed copies, we will run a series of competitions to get all the hūnau involved in this kaupapa, so keep your eyes peeled on your inbox and our socials for your chance to win some neat prizes.

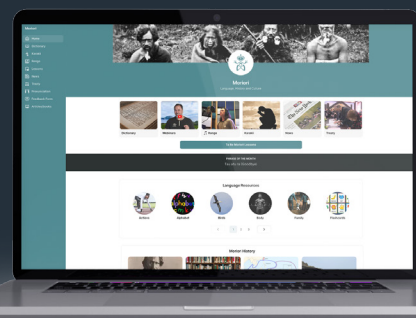
This project is proudly supported by Te Mātāwai – Kia ūkaipō anō te reo.



WANT TO LEARN MORE TA RĒ MORIORI?

Follow the link below to access a dictionary, rongo, lessons and more.

<https://ta-re-moriori-bb1b.glide.page>



TUPUKAPUKA RONGO

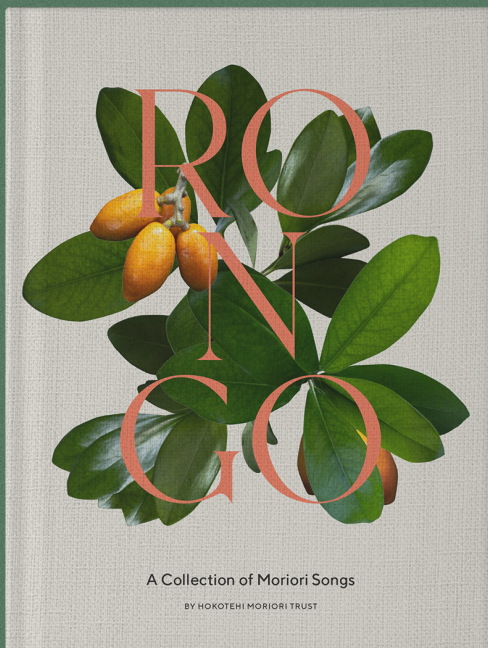
With support from Te Mātāwai's investment programme, HMT has meticulously crafted *Rongo: A Collection of Moriori Songs*. This book, a labour of love, serves as a bridge, connecting the Moriori community to their rich cultural identity through the power of song.

Moriore music forms part of the tapestry of cultural identity that captures the natural environment, traditions, storytelling and karakī. These have been woven into rhythms and melodies, creating a harmonious expression and deep connection to ta ao Moriori.

This compilation of Moriori songs aids the retention of Moriori culture and identity and aims to strengthen the legacy for future generations.

We hope to have this beautifully presented resource in our hands later in the year. While we wait for the tupukapuka to arrive, hūnau on Rēkohu have been learning rongo with the Hopo Chicks, a group formed this year by Tiriana Smith, Deborah Goomes and Heidi Lanauze. They host weekly rongo sessions at Kōpinga Marae so if you'd like to come along,

email office@kopinga.co.nz for more information.



TOTOHUNGATANGA PROJECT

The Totohungatanga project is an initiative that aims to retrieve and preserve our knowledge for future generations.

HMT holds a number of manuscripts that capture the 'voices of the elders' and have been reproduced in books and references, written by Alexander Shand, Samuel Deighton and others of that time.

HMT also holds an extensive body of knowledge relating to the Treaty of Waitangi Claim, negotiations with the Office of Treaty Settlements and the Settlement itself. This collection captures the history of Moriori and our journey to where we are today.

Also housed at Kōpinga is a collection of David Simmons' life work, which will be archived and preserved. His research topics include rākau momori, ta rē Moriori, hokopapa and miheke.

Two hūnau from the mainland will join us on Rēkohu for a week this month to gain valuable archiving and cataloguing experience and develop foundational skills in managing and preserving historical documents.

This project will result in developing a plan for the next steps in our archiving initiatives. We are at the beginning of this journey, and building capacity is essential to expanding and retaining this legacy.

POU IERIKI WEBINARS

In April, we ran a series of webinars that focused on the everyday use of karakī. Hosted by Kiwa Hammond, the episodes delved into the ta rē and meaning behind traditional Moriori karakī and how they can be used in day-to-day life, whether it's for a little boost before undertaking a particular task or to relieve a burden or heaviness you're feeling.

A playlist has been created on our 'Moriori' YouTube channel for those unable to attend the online sessions. You can view it by following the link below.

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLLjFJEZHA0hwV3LWAgAMJThglvlyrWQly&si=nLEkPu-BHoOltoCz>



ON THE FARM

Summer was busy on our farms. With the impending shipping outage at the forefront of our minds, moving livestock and wool was a priority. We shipped 4,300 lambs and 170 cattle to the mainland, along with 136 bales of wool. With Rēkohu having a mild yet damp summer, the grass showed no signs of slowing its growth, and the effects are visible in our stock, which look very healthy. Staff have been working on replacing and repairing fence lines while the work to bring sections of fern country back into pasture is ongoing.

BIODIVERSITY

With our Biodiversity Ranger, Duane Trafford, leaving us earlier in the year, we took the opportunity to blend pest control with farm operations, and advertised for a Farm Ranger. The successful applicant, Dan Schaap, joined us at the beginning of May. There was a lot of interest in this role, which shows us that we are creating desirable jobs that will have a positive impact. We are working alongside the Chatham Island Landscape Restoration Trust to cover the northeast corner of Rēkohu with AT220 automatic kill traps, which will target possums, rats, and cats, while farm staff have been keeping on top of the pig population.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

At HMT, our commitment to health and safety is unwavering. We strive to set the standard on the island, conducting weekly vehicle, plant, and toolbox checks. We are proud to maintain a 100% clean record with our random drug and alcohol testing, a testament to the dedication of our staff and contractors. We are pleased to advise that Duane Trafford will continue his valuable work with HMT as an independent contractor in this area.

ONE BILLION TREES (1BT)

Summer is the busiest time on the nursery calendar with seed collecting, propagation, and potting up. Still, Nursery Lead Lori Albert and Levi Lanauze were lucky enough to travel to Rangihauti (Pitt Island) twice to collect seeds for this year's 1BT planting.

Our commitment to the 1BT project is a source of pride for us. We currently have over 15,000 trees ready for the first planting of the season in May. The Henga nursery upgrade and hardening off areas are nearing completion, a significant milestone, and work continues on the Scion trial planting blocks. We were also honoured to host a visit from Tāmata Hauhā, a carbon forestry company, who was impressed by our achievements with a small but passionate team.

TE ONE SCHOOL VISITS HENGA NURSERY

In February, the senior class from Te One School visited our tree nursery at Henga after a hearty hike on the bushwalk in the unexpected rain. Here, then T'chieki Farm and Forest Levi Lanauze and Nursery Lead Lorimar Albert talked to the students about the One Billion Trees project and the many endemic species being carefully grown for planting in future forests. We hope this work will encourage future generations to take an interest in nurturing the island's habitats for many decades to come.



PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

The start of this year has seen vast improvements to several of our properties. The imminent arrival of our new farm ranger has seen both K3 and K4 houses in Kaingaroa wholly transformed.

SRL Building from the mainland and local builder Leith Weitzel have all but gutted most of the interiors, which have now been relined and painted, new bathrooms and wardrobes fitted, with new carpet to be installed as a next step. This work follows the replacement of windows and exterior upgrades undertaken last year.

Down the road, Kaingaroa Station has had more improvements made to its shearers' quarters, including a fresh coat of stain on the exterior and the installation of a large porch.

The house at Taia received much-needed attention to its exterior cladding, roof, and windows in preparation for a fresh coat of paint over the summer. T'chieki Property Duncan Ryan has enjoyed hearing from Ann Hough, who grew up there during and after her father, Ted, built the home. The house's interior remains well-kept with eye-catching wallpapers throughout after it was lovingly redecorated by previous biodiversity rangers Alec and Sue Hutchings.

Our vehicle fleet has suffered a few minor crashes in the last few months, which, while quickly resolved if on the mainland, have highlighted the difficulties of living somewhere so remote when the nearest panel beater is a long journey by boat away. To ensure our fleet is well cared for and avoid time spent in the local garage, HMT flew in Michael Kerr from Morrison Mitsubishi in Christchurch to undertake vehicle servicing on our entire fleet. His visit made our annual servicing significantly more efficient and beneficial overall, with future problems resolved before needing to take any vehicles off the road for repair.



Eve Findlay of SRL Building working on K3 in Kaingaroa.



Kaingaroa Station's shearers' quarters look great with a fresh coat of stain.



Michael Kerr of Morrison Mitsubishi servicing one of our fleet at the Henga workshop.

We have lots of exciting kaupapa on the horizon and we'd love for you to be a part of it. Read on to see the current opportunities we have on offer.

RANGATA MĀTUA ADVISORY COUNCIL

HMT seeks expressions of interest from those who want to be on the Rangata Mātua Advisory Council. The council's primary purpose is to provide advice and consultation to the HMT board on matters relevant to the welfare and interests of our rangata mātua. If you'd be a good representative for our rangata mātua, email your interest to office@kopinga.co.nz by 5pm, Friday, 31 May.

REPATRIATION OF TWO KOIMI T'CHAKAT FROM CANBERRA

Two karāpuna will be returned to New Zealand from Australia later in the year. HMT seeks any hūnau in Canberra to support our repatriation team with this kaupapa. If you'd like to be involved with this repatriation, email your interest to office@kopinga.co.nz by 5pm, Friday, 31 May.

HOKOPAPA UNIT

HMT is seeking a representative from the Tamihana Heta hūnau line to join the Hokopapa Unit. The primary purpose of the Hokopapa Unit is to work alongside the Rangata Mātua Advisory Council and undertake research to establish and maintain a single united voting register of persons of Moriori descent and to report and make recommendations to the Trust Board on whether or not any person(s) satisfy the hokopapa principles and criteria. If you are suitably qualified for this role, email your interest to office@kopinga.co.nz by 5pm, Friday, 31 May.

RAUTINI (WHALE) LIFTING

Representatives from HMT, MIST, Ngati Mutunga, and the Department of Conservation will lift the remains of a miheke rongomoana between 3 and 17 July. HMT seeks two able-bodied hūnau to assist with the physical extraction. If you can help with this, email your interest to office@kopinga.co.nz by 5pm, Friday, 31 May. We will also be looking for hūnau to support us with catering and other tasks as they pop up, but we will provide more detail on this closer to the time.



RANGATEHI KOMITI

HMT also seeks expressions of interest from those who want to be on Rangatehi Komiti. The purpose of the komiti is to provide insights about the concerns and needs of Moriori rangatehi, recommend appropriate action, and voice these concerns, needs and recommendations to the HMT board.

If you are 21 or under and think you would be a good representative for our rangatehi, email your interest to office@kopinga.co.nz by 5pm, Friday, 31 May.

COMING UP

MAY-AUGUST

NATIONWIDE CONSULTATION HUI-A-IMI

Our series of consultations will take place in various locations across the country, with the first happening in Auckland on Saturday 18 May.

FRIDAY 28 JUNE

PUANGA – MORIORI NEW YEAR

We have yet to confirm our plans for Puanga this year, but keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates on this year's festivities.

3-17 JULY

RAUTINI (WHALE) LIFTING

Representatives from HMT, MIST, Ngati Mutunga, and the Department of Conservation will lift the remains of a miheke rongomoana on Rēkohu.

19 JULY

KAINGAROA COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY

Join HMT, the Department of Conservation and the Chatham Island Landscape Restoration Trust for a fun day transforming the Kaingaroa landscape with native plants.

14 SEPTEMBER – 26 OCTOBER

HOU RONGO: A MULTISENSORY EXPERIENCE OF MORIORI CULTURE

This exhibition, a collaboration between the University of Otago and Hokotehi Moriori Trust, will run for six weeks at Tūhura Otago Museum.

LATER IN THE YEAR

The repatriation of two of our karāpuna from Canberra will occur later in the year. We will provide more details about this kaupapa as they are confirmed.

KETE TIMITI

Have you or someone you know welcomed a baby recently? Let us know and we can send out one of our beautifully curated kete timiti.

These packs are available to all registered HMT hūnau who are soon expecting, or have welcomed mokopu in the last 12 months.

To enquire about receiving a kete timiti, please email office@kopinga.co.nz.

MEMBERSHIPS

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP

To ensure you never miss any HMT news and opportunities, check your details are up to date.

- Are you receiving post and emails from us?
- Do we have your email address?
- Do we have your correct postal address?
- Do you have moko who have recently turned 18 years old and are now eligible to vote?
- If you've had moko since registering, please let us know and we can easily add them to our database.

Contact us on **0800 MORIORI (667 4674)** or via email office@kopinga.co.nz to request a membership form or to update your contact details.

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Do you know a rangata mātua who doesn't receive our emails?

Email office@kopinga.co.nz with their name and address and we will ensure they receive one by post.

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