

Eke Pānuku

The Ngāti Rārua Atiawa Iwi Trust Pānui

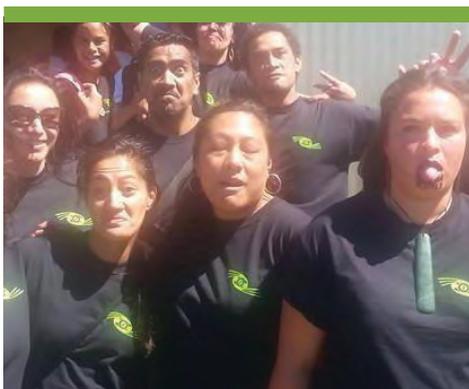
E te whānau whanui o Ngāti Rārua me Te Atiawa ki Motueka, tena koutou katoa.

Out and about with the whānau

The South Island's first Iron Maori event was held in Nelson on Saturday 8 February. Among the 100 competitors were Shona Thomas, Barney Thomas and Kura Stafford (left to right below) - congratulations on a successful day.



A number of our whānau performed at the Te Tau Ihu Regional Kapahaka competition at Whakatū Marae on Waitangi Day.



Te Whatukura, pictured above, qualified as the region's representative at next year's Te Matatini festival. Ka pai whānau!

Ohu Maatu 2014

Travel subsidy

In response to your feedback from September's 20th anniversary celebrations, NRAIT is providing a travel subsidy to encourage and assist whānau to attend the AGM on 19 April and the associated activities throughout the Easter weekend.

If you're a registered NRAIT owner, live outside Te Tau Ihu and register and attend

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The 21st AGM of the Ngāti Rārua Atiawa Iwi Trust will be held on Saturday 19 April, 2014 from 2.30pm at Te Awhina Marae, as part of Ohu Maatu. We warmly encourage all whānau to attend. Please note that you will need to register for the AGM on the day, and will need to attend the AGM in order to be eligible for the travel subsidy (see below).

the AGM on the day, you'll be eligible for a **\$75 travel subsidy (one per adult)**. Whānau coming from outside Te Tau Ihu with tamariki aged under 17 who are registered with NRAIT will also be eligible for a **per child travel subsidy of \$25**.

The subsidy will be deposited into your bank account the week following the AGM.

Win an Ohu Maatu t-shirt!!!

We're giving away an Ohu Maatu t-shirt to the first 30 individual online Ohu Maatu registrations.



Register online now at ohumaatu.eventbrite.co.nz before 18 March and be in to win a cool Ohu Maatu t-shirt (modelled here by Ivan).

Winners will be notified by email and we'll have your t-shirt ready for you to pick up at Ohu Maatu 2014.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be available free of charge however the wharenuī is already fully booked. We have arranged to use Te Aniwaniwa at Parklands School for the nights of 18 and 19 April. Please specify in your registration if you will require accommodation. Breakfast will be provided at the marae.

Your copy of the Annual Report

The 2013 Annual Report will be available on our website from 17 March and we encourage you to view it online and print it out if you wish. Hard copies will be available on request and a limited number of copies will be available at the AGM.

Special notice: Please be aware that this is the **last hardcopy issue** of Eke Panuku. From March we will email your copy to you and it will be published on our website and our Facebook page.

Spotlight

Registering for Ohu Maatu 2014

If you're planning to come to Ohu Maatu 2014, it's important to register. It's easy to do (see below) and it's a big help for us in planning and organising kai, transport and accommodation.

For more information visit our website – there's a handy link on our homepage.



How to register:

Event website: ohumaatu.eventbrite.co.nz

Facebook: [facebook.com/ohumaatu](https://www.facebook.com/ohumaatu)

Email: ohumaatu@nrait.co.nz. Please include the names of all those attending.

Phone: If you don't have access to a computer you can phone us on **03 548 0770**

As further information on Ohu Maatu 2014 becomes available, we'll update you via the website and on our Facebook page.

Home insulation initiative

Do you need to prepare your home for a cold winter? If you have a community services card and live in Motueka or Nelson, please contact Nichola Dixon on **03 548 0770**.



Kerei Pukekohatu

Ever wondered how Grey St in Motueka got its name? No, not from Governor George Grey (Hori Kerei). Like a number of streets in our rohe, it's named after one of our great tūpuna, in this case Te Tau Ihu rangatira Kerei Pukekohatu.



Kerei Pukekohatu

Kerei Pukekohatu is an important figure in our history. He was the second son of the Ngāti Rārua chief Tana Pukekohatu, and brother of Rore and Hapareta. His children, two sons and four daughters, were the grandparents of many of our whanau today.

Kerei and his wife Ruita Rangirangi each owned land throughout New Zealand, including allotments of Occupation Reserves in Motueka.

Kerei wanted to make his Motueka lands available for lease to the growing number of settlers arriving in the region and saw the passage of the Native Reserves Act 1856 as a means of achieving this. The Act was intended to enable efficient management of land and to benefit Maori land owners by putting their land on an equal footing as other land leased to Europeans. He considered this a low-risk and profitable option, and understood that his land would be returned to him on request once any lease agreement had ended, as long as he paid for any improvements that had been made.

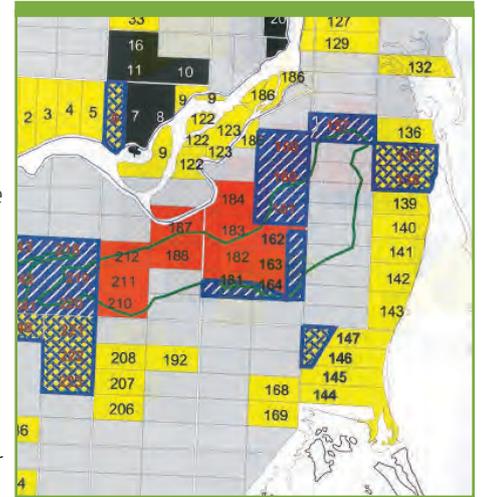
So Kerei handed the management and administration of his Motueka Occupation Reserve land, under the Native Reserves Act, to the then Nelson Land Commissioner, James Mackay Jr.

In the late 1880s, upon the expiry of the lease, Kerei requested the return of his land for him to administer and manage as he saw fit. However the Commissioners turned down Kerei's request, because he did not plan to use the land for the purpose of living on it or cultivation, and they believed returning it to Kerei would be unfair to the current lessee. Thus Kerei discovered that his land was now caught within the Commissioner's administrative grip.

Further amendments to the Native Reserves Act compounded this injustice. Kerei's land became subject to the Westland and Nelson Native Reserves Act of 1887, which allowed lease holders the right to renew their lease indefinitely. Kerei would never see his land returned to him.

Kerei and his uri did not however remain landless forever. The passing of his wife Ruita at the Wairau Pa in 1905 saw lands and rents under her ownership in Motueka and around New Zealand handed on to Kerei, and on his passing, the lands and rents were given to the couple's six children.

Many families living in our rohe today whakapapa back to Kerei and Ruita, and many of his uri remember him by giving his name to their tamariki.



Land designated as Occupation Reserves in Motueka in 1849 seen here in red.

New on our website

- > [Events registrations page](#)
- > [Kerei Pukekohatu](#)
- > [Board blog on February Board hui](#)

Staying in touch

- www.nrait.co.nz
- facebook.com/ohumaatu
- 03 548 0770
- info@nrait.co.nz
- PO Box 13, Nelson

How do I apply for a scholarship?

Grant and scholarship applications are now open for registered owners and we want to encourage you to apply. Our application process for all scholarships and most grants is now done through our website.

Step 1: Register online

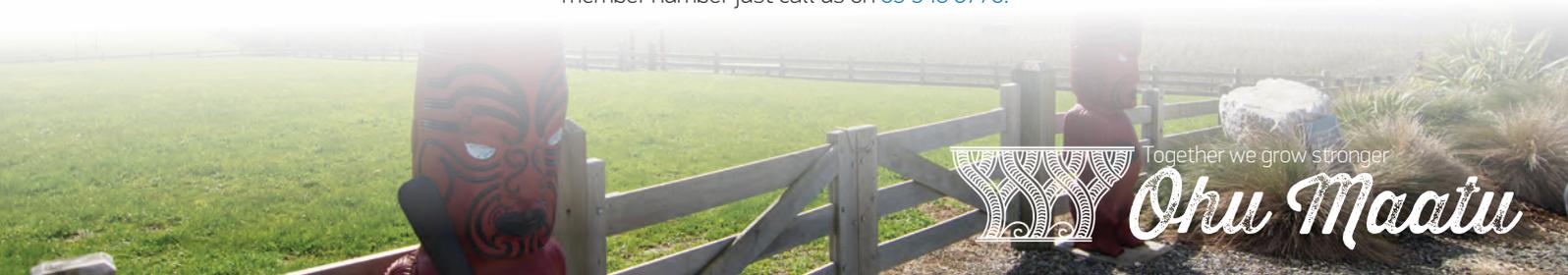
Even if you're a registered owner, to use the online services within our website you'll need to register as an **online** user. Please also note that if you're applying on behalf of another person they also need to be a registered owner, not just the person filling in the application.

To register visit www.nrait.co.nz and click the green *Signup* button in the top right.

You'll need your NRAIT member number and your date of birth. If you don't have your member number just call us on **03 548 0770**.

Step 2: Fill out the application form

Once you're registered click 'Our owners' on the website and select 'Member Benefits'. From here select the Education panel which lists all the awards and criteria for applications. As you scroll down the page you'll get more information and can select 'Apply Now' on any of these to start the application process. We won't see your application until you submit it.



Together we grow stronger

Ohu Maatu