



***Background information
for Pouhono Aho Role
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Who are we?

KO RANGUIRU TE MAUNGA

KO KAITUNA TE AWA

KO TAPUIKA TE IWI

RANGIURU IS OUR MOUNTAIN

KAITUNA IS OUR SACRED RIVER

TAPUIKA IS THE PEOPLE

A brief History

The Iwi of Tapuika is the tangata whenua of the Te Puke region and Tapuika refer to this area as Te Takapū-ō-Tapuika (Takapū). This rohe (tribal estate) was named by their ancestor Tia, who claimed the land for his eldest son, Tapuika.

Te Takapū o Tapuika (Tapuika tribal estate) begins with the arrival of Te Arawa waka (canoe) almost 800 years ago. As the waka journeyed down the east coast of the North Island, the tupuna (ancestors) on board the waka began to taumau (claim) certain places for themselves. The taumau or claiming of land by naming different areas after parts of the body made that land sacred and ensured that the taumau (claim) would be respected by others. As the Te Arawa waka traversed the coast, between Motiti Island and the Wairakei Stream, Tia stood to taumau (claim) the area between the range of mountains in the distance to the Papamoa Hills for his son Tapuika.

*“Mai i ngā pae maunga
ki te toropuke e tū kau mai ra
ki te awa e rere mai ana
waiho te whenua
ko te Takapū o taku tamaiti ā Tapuika”*

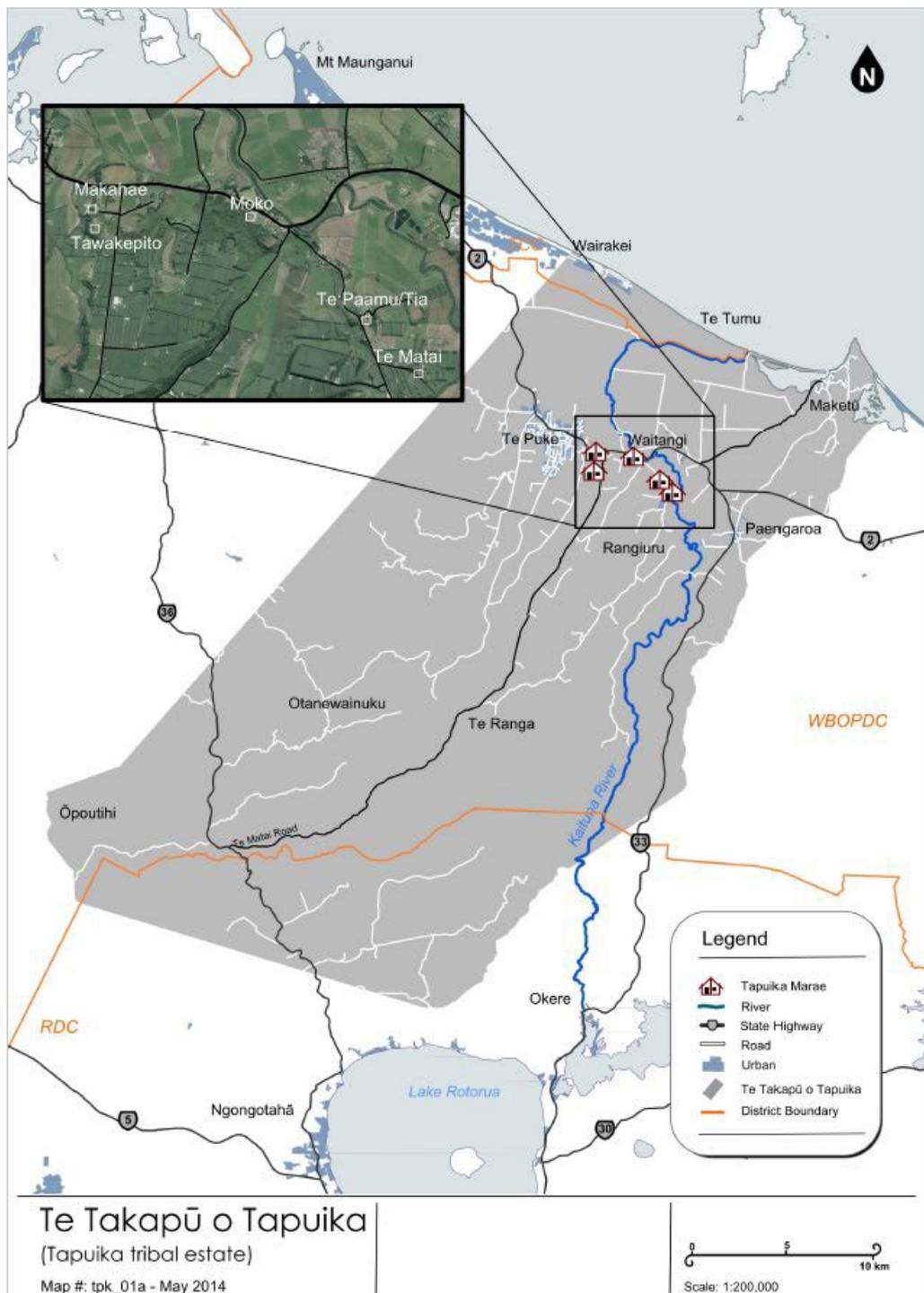
“From that range of mountains in the distance
to the hill that stands before me (Papamoa Hill),
to the river flowing towards me (Wairakei Stream),
I claim this land as the belly of my son, Tapuika”

- Tia

This claim persists today and intrinsically links Tapuika to the land, rivers and ocean here on the Te Arawa coastline.

When the Te Arawa waka made landfall at Maketū, Tapuika and his children settled on the lands radiating inland. Tapuika is buried in the ancient urupā of Koaretaia at the former mouth of the Kaituna at Te Tumu. The children and grandchildren of Tapuika settled on, and secured mana whenua, over Te Takapū o Tapuika, occupying and naming many places. Through chiefly marriages and alliances Tapuika, for the most part, established mutually beneficial relationships with neighbouring iwi.

During the 1830s, Maketū became a hub of early commercial and trading opportunities, leading to a struggle between Tapuika and other Māori over control over the area's coastal resources. These struggles culminated in protracted warfare and the temporary abandonment of the Maketū area, before Tapuika returned to their traditional coastal settlements.



Tapuika Today

The main hapū of Tapuika are Ngāti Tuheke, Ngāti Moko, Ngāti Marukukere and Ngāti Kuri. Our five marae are clustered between Te Puke and Rangiuru.

According to the 2013 Census, 2,022 people affiliate themselves to Tapuika. There is one Regional Council (Bay of Plenty Regional Council), and 3 Territorial authorities in the Te Takapū O Tapuika (Tauranga City Council, Western Bay of Plenty District Council & Rotorua District Council).

In 2014, Tapuika settled all of its historical Treaty claims with the Crown and the Tapuika Claims Settlement Act (2014) was signed at Moko Marae, Waitangi, Te Puke. Following the settlement, the Tapuika Iwi Authority (TIA) was endorsed by the Tapuika people to act as their Post Settlement Governance Entity. Governance of the Trust is through elected representatives comprising two hapū representatives from each of the four hapū. There are also three taurahere representatives from around Aotearoa (Northern, Central /Lower North, Southern).

The TIA also has a charitable fisheries arm called the Tapuika Fisheries Trust (TFT) that is now responsible for undertaking all charitable activities on behalf of the Iwi. It has the same Trustees as TIA. As per the Māori Fisheries Act 2004, TFT is about to be renamed Tapuika Oranga Toa to better reflect the fact that it does much more than just work in the realm of fisheries and the eventual plan =

During 2020 shortly after the COVID-19 lockdown, Tapuika Group entered into a brief hiatus due to financial constraints so that the organisation could regroup, reprioritise and ensure financial sustainability into the future. . All paid staff left at this time other than the contractor looking after commercial & rental properties.

A new Pou Ārahi (Chief Executive) was appointed in September 2021 to lead the re development of the Tapuika Group, re-establishing a Taiao Team was the first priority given the constant demands in this space. We are now building capacity in other areas starting with Education

Tapuika Curriculum Development

During 2021 alongside the local Kahui Ako and with the support of MOE, Tapuika developed a curriculum framework for use with Tapuika Tamariki wherever their place of learning, and also a level for use within local schools for the general student population. This was signed off in principle, subject to further refinement and engagement with Whānau / iwi at our recent AGM.

The first major deliverable associated with this role is to take this framework and alongside our soon to be established Education & cultural Advisory Committee do some further engagement to determine what resources to develop, what to share for use in schools and what to leave as strictly Tapuika only. We have already identified a digital delivery platform and this needs to be developed alongside written resources. The role will also manage our scholarship programme, any Te Reo Revitalization projects and other education & training related projects that may come up in the future.

The role

This role is primarily a coordination, facilitation, and relationship management role, but will also require some hands on educational resource development therefore the ideal candidate will require a reasonable level of educational knowledge as well as an understanding of Mātauranga Māori

principles and preferably Tapuika history & cultural values. You will be joining a fresh, energised dynamic team who are dedicated to bringing Tapuika's goals and aspirations to fruition.

For more specifics about this role please see the detailed Job Description

How to apply

A Suitably qualified candidate is now being sought for this role and a market comparable salary is being offered. Initially we have funding for 6 months but hope to be able to shift role from fixed term to permanent in the future.

To apply simply fill in an application form, write a covering letter and attach your up-to-date CV

Then submit to: Pouarahi@tapuika.iwi.nz

Applications close at 5pm on Monday 28 March 2022

Anyone who wishes to have a confidential chat about this position is welcome to ring Andy on 027 230 4888