



INTRODUCTION TO OUR TAIAO PĀNUI

Mānawatia a Matariki - welcome to the Tapuika Oranga Taiao Pānui! We're excited to keep you up to date on the mahi we've completed, our upcoming projects, and any other important updates. Stay tuned to learn more about our ongoing efforts to protect and enhance the Takapū. In this newsletter, you'll discover more about our taonga species and how we're working to protect them. Additionally, we'll be shining a spotlight on our Taiao team to introduce what valuable work they do to safeguard te taiao.



HIDDEN GEMS...

Although our Te Wao Nui o Tapuika team operate primarily in the ngahere, they have taken proactive steps to cultivate and maintain relationships with surrounding landowners. These efforts have resulted in easier access to the block. One such example is our collaboration with a few of the landowners who recently invited our team over to enjoy a hangi. This was also a good way to introduce the full team.



PEKAPEKA

Let's talk about it..

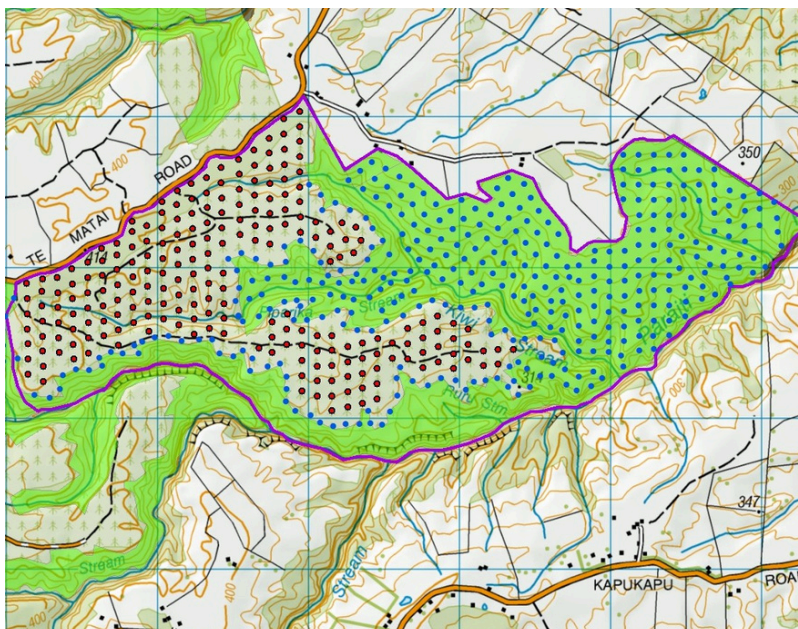
Earlier this year, our team had the privilege of hosting Rebecca Stirnemann (Pekapeka expert) for a brief period to conduct an assessment of the presence of pekapeka in Te Matai Forest. After reviewing the recordings we are proud to announce that we have pekapeka thriving in Te Matai Forest and Mangorewa. As we move forward, one of our targets is to delve deeper into understanding whether we have long-tailed or short-tailed pekapeka.

Oranga Ngahere

TE WAO NUI O TAPUIKA

As we settle into the colder months, it's a fitting time to reflect on the dedicated mahi happening within Te Matai Forest. The efforts of the Te Wao Nui o Tapuika team have been focused on achieving our ambitious objective: creating a natural corridor to provide safe passage for kōkako travelling between Kaharoa and Ōtānewainuku.

This map represents the tremendous work our kaimahi have put in. Showcasing 708 hectares of strategically placed pest control infrastructure primed and ready for action. With great anticipation we are excited to announce the launch of our first predator control operation, marking a significant milestone in our ongoing commitment to nurturing and safeguarding the biodiversity of this precious ecosystem.



TEAM UPDATES | TRAININGS

Throughout our journey with the Te Wao Nui o Tapuika team, we have encountered a wealth of new learning, opportunities and skills. Among these experiences and specialized training sessions, our team have learnt invaluable skills that have equipped them with the knowledge to undertake the vital tasks of locating and surveying our taonga manu, the kōkako.



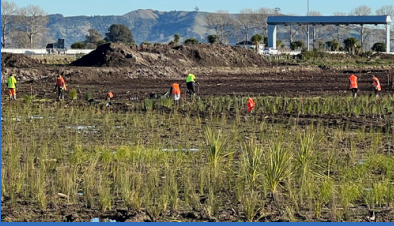
MEET KAHA...



Meet our newest member of the team, Kaha the kōkako! Kaha watches over the Te Wao Nui o Tapuika kaimahi while they are out helping to protect our taiao. You may be able to spot him again in this newsletter or out and about with the team!

RANGIURU BUSINESS PARK

Giving back to te taiao and helping to restore our Takapū has been a big focus of ours. Working together with Quayside Holdings Limited and Te Mahi ā Nuku, we have been working hard to get 186,000 plants in the ground at the Rangiuru Business Park before the end of winter. Despite small delays caused by weather and earthworks, we have made the most out of what was handed to us. This collaborative effort showcases part of our journey and commitment to the environment while ensuring that our Takapū are revitalised and preserved for our future generations.



Oranga Wai



KAIWAKA PLANTING PROJECT

Working alongside the Bay of Plenty Regional Council, we have been given the opportunity to help restore and bring life back to Kaiwaka, a beautiful area located just outside of Paengaroa where the Paraiti and Kaituna awa connect into one. The team has been hard at work scrub baring, weed eating, and planting to help restore the oxbow. This project, which has been successfully running for two weeks, has already seen over 3,000 plants put into the ground. Our efforts are steadily transforming the landscape, contributing to the ecological restoration and the natural beauty of Kaiwaka.



Oranga Tangata

SAPPHIRE PEAKE

Ko tāku mahi: He Kaiwhakahaere Hinonga Taiao ahau. In my role I am helping to manage and coordinate the various taiao projects that we're privileged to work on for our iwi and hapū. Some of my mahi also covers taiao planning and research, currently I am helping to support the renewal of our iwi environmental management plan which will help communicate and convey Tapuika's aspirations and expectations for te taiao within Te Takapū. Working for TIA has been an awesome way to connect back to the whenua and work towards meaningful change in te taiao.



Name: Sapphire Peake

Iwi: Tapuika, Waitaha

Hapu: Ngāti Tūheke



Name: Levi Te Wheoro Dinsdale

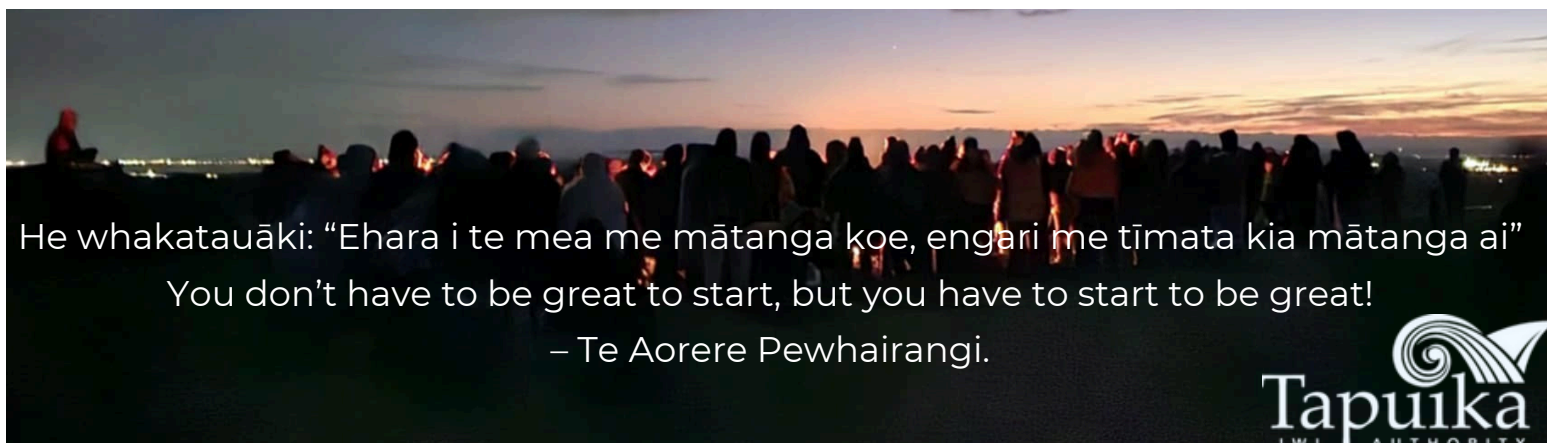
Iwi: Tapuika, Waitaha, Tuhourangi ki Tai

Hapu: Ngāti Kuri, Ngāti Marukukere, Ngāti Moko

LEVI TE WHEORO DINSDALE

Meet Te Wheoro - he is our first Freshwater Technician for Tapuika Oranga Taiao. Te Wheoro was brought up in Waitangi, this encouraged him to be in and around the Kaituna River growing up.

Te Wheoro has previously graduated from the Bay Conservation Cadet programme. This is where he was able to gain new knowledge and skills that he can use in his role when helping to support the growth of Te Maru o Kaituna, Pātaka Kai project, BOPRC EP Implementation and other restoration projects in the takapū.



He whakatauāki: "Ehara i te mea me mātanga koe, engari me tīmata kia mātanga ai"
You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great!

– Te Aorere Pewhairangi.