

## Raumati Edition - December 2023

Tēnā kōutou e te whānau,  
We are pleased to bring you some of the latest updates from the Tapuika Iwi Authority.



### Tapuika Rā Whakangāhau - Saturday 18 November 2023 -

Piki mihi to all those involved from the kōeke who helped guide the progression of the day, to our numerous tamariki and pēpi who enabled Tamanui-te-rā and his light to shine on what was a beautiful day of celebration for the iwi.



There was much work behind the scenes and a tremendous turnout from all the kaihaka, kaiāpai and kaimahi, as well as our local community and supporters.



An especially big mihi to Project/Events Manager Amiria Hunt and Ngāti Moko for weaving the Rā together, and to all our wonderful funders and sponsors.



**We look forward to 2025 at Makahae**

# Nursery Skills Training & Development Programme

Tapuika have entered into a partnership with Huria Trust and Te Mahi a Nuku Nursery so that we can take on the planting and supply contract with Quayside Holdings for the 50 Hectare Wetlands being developed as part of their consent. This is ahead of the establishment of our own nursery at Pah Road which we are still awaiting a funding decision on for the capital required to set it up. This project also involves developing the workforce so we have the capacity to deliver this programme of work. We are therefore seeking expressions of interest from uri of Tapuika who have a passion for the Taiao and see themselves working in this space. It is a six month programme and may lead to ongoing work in our Nursery and wetlands development and management programme



**If this sounds like you,  
please email  
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## WORK WITH THE WHENUA GROW YOUR FUTURE

Join our Training & Workforce Development Programme

NZ CERTIFICATE IN HORTICULTURE, LEVEL 2  
PRACTICAL NURSERY WORK  
FEBRUARY 2024, FEES FREE

**To register your interest  
Email: PTE@huriatrust.co.nz**

# Introducing Tapuika 's New Pou Taiao - Environmental Manager

## Raponi Rangikātukua Wilson

We were delighted to welcome Raponi to the team in late October in a slightly modified role from that which Hiria Te Amo previously held. This role has a more strategic than operational focus and includes leadership of our growing Taiao team.

Raponi previously worked for the Iwi Authority and left to pursue a career within the Department of Conservation and was most recently the Operations Manager for Tauranga. He brings with him a wealth of experience and connections alongside his deep knowledge of all things Tapuika



## Academic Success @ Te Whare Wānanga o Raukawa!



Back row L-R: Ash Biel, Pareawheawhe Biel, Helen Biel, Rāwiri Biel, Animei Skudder, Te Uarangi Teepa. Front row: Mereana McNeill, Patuara Biel, Raiha Biel, Reokore Potiki, Teena Dinsdale. Absent from photo: Israel Hapi, Makoro Te Amo and Te Whakamoemiti Te Amo

13 Tapuika uri recently graduated with qualifications from Te Whare Wānanga o Raukawa.

### **Whānau tohu received:**

3x Heke Toi Ora Whānau/Diploma in Social Work

3x Heke Mātauranga Māori Diploma

4x Poutuarongo Mātauranga Māori Degree

2x Poutuarongo Kaitiakitanga Pūtaiao Degree

(Environmental Management)

1x Post Graduate Diploma in Te Reo



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