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Te Whānau o Wairewa
me Te Taumutu

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Tāwhaki team

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TE KAUPAPA

New appointment & Hui recap

Kia ora e te whānau,

It's been awesome connecting with so many of you kanohi ki te kanohi since our last pānui in April.

If you haven't made it to one of our whānau events, we hope to see you at one in the future – we love hearing whānau thoughts, answering your pātai and keeping you updated and included in the mahi.

In this pānui, I wanted to catch you up on:

1. The appointment of our **new Head of Whenua Planning and Rejuvenation, Julian Phillips**; and
2. **Highlights from our recent events** and kōrero with whānau.

Meet our new Head of Whenua Planning and Rejuvenation



We are excited to share that Julian Phillips (Wairewa) is our new Head of Whenua Planning & Rejuvenation at Tāwhaki.

Julian will lead the whenua pou, and work across other pou to ensure our dual kaupapa come together well, and Kaitorete is healed, rejuvenated and nourished for future generations.

Julian says he is excited to join us and help progress this mahi: “I am particularly drawn to the potential Tāwhaki has to be a leading mechanism for the expression of rangatiratanga in our rohe – Mō tātou, ā, mō kā uri ā muri ake nei.”

He joins us from Environment Canterbury, where he worked as Te Pou Rautaki. He brings exceptional experience and new skills to our growing team and we look forward to the mahi ahead as we work with both Wairewa and Taumutu to develop a rejuvenation plan for Kaitorete.

We will also look to create an opportunity for whānau that don't already know Julian to meet him kanohi ki te kanohi and will update you once this is in place.

Photo:: Dyanna Jolly, Julian Phillips and Erana Riddell (seated).

Hangar Hangout at Dawn Aerospace

A big mihi to everyone who made it to the **Hangar Hangout at Dawn Aerospace** – what a great turn out! It was such a fun evening, you could feel the buzz in the air and whakawhanaungatanga all around.

One of the highlights of the night was hearing from a ten-year-old kōtiro who dreams of becoming the first wahine Māori astronaut – this really reinforced our moemoeā.

The team at Dawn Aerospace loved sharing some of the ground-breaking technologies they are developing right here in Ōtautahi. For any whānau feeling inspired - check out the [internships](#) and [job opportunities](#) available at Dawn.

We can't wait to see you at our next event!



Whānau hui at Tāwhaki HQ

It was great to host whānau at two hui last month. At the first hui, whānau involved in the **State of Kaitorete 2022** met to review the draft report.

To recap - whānau from Te Taumutu and Wairewa Rūnanga assessed the whenua hauora by examining 10 sites from Waikakahi pā to Kaikanohi at the western end of Kaitorete. They looked at the whenua from taiao hauora (environmental and cultural health) and mātauranga Māori perspectives, and how whānau felt about their connection to Kaitorete.

Whānau have shared some wonderful ideas that we can work on moving forward.

The Hauora i te Tangata and Hauora i te Whenua assessments will be key tools to inform future opportunities and how we measure the progress of our mahi over time. More details and the final report will be shared with whānau soon – watch this space!



At our second hui, an open Q&A for the new rōpū, **Riaka Te Aka Matua**, was held by Tāwhaki Board members ahead of applications closing on 21 May. Whānau came together to learn more about the rōpū that will test and stretch ideas with Tāwhaki, as well hear more generally about our recent mahi. Appointments to the rōpū will be made in June.

Hui Papa Pounamu presentation



Tāwhaki Board Member Megen McKay recently presented to resource planners on the history of Kaitorete, the origins of Tāwhaki and the mahi we have underway at the recent “Hui Papa Pounamu” event in Ōtautahi.

This is the signature event for Papa Pounamu, a group within Te Kokiringa Taumata (New Zealand Planning Institute) that focuses on integrating Māori perspectives into resource planning.

Megen spoke to an audience of planners that focus on Māori and Pacific communities. She shared our journey as an indigenous-led organisation, working with the Crown on the dual kaupapa of Tāwhaki to rejuvenate the whenua of Kaitorete and create new opportunities in aerospace for whānau, hapū, Ōtautahi, and Aotearoa.

We hope that sharing our story helps inspire more organisations to ensure mana whenua lead the rebuilding and rejuvenation of our communities.

Noho ora mai rā i roto i ngā manaakitanga katoa.

Ngā mihi nui,
Linda and the Tāwhaki team.

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