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Te Whānau o Wairewa
me Te Taumutu

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Tāwhaki tīma

TE RĀ

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TE KAUPAPA

Runway opening, Weavers
wānanga at Kaitorete,
Rangatahi Mission

Kia ora e te whānau,

We hope you and your whānau have had a great raumati. In this month's pānui we are super excited to share with you some of the events that have taken place recently with whānau out on the whenua and beyond.

- 1) Celebrating the completion of construction of the sealed runway and official opening – February
- 2) Weavers wānanga at Kaitorete – February
- 3) Rangatahi Mission #1 at Hanmer Springs – January.

Opening of the Tāwhaki National Aerospace Centre and runway



Whakawātea to open the runway at Kaitorete

A huge mihi to everyone who joined us for the opening of the Tāwhaki National Aerospace Centre and runway at Kaitorete on 9 February.

It was fantastic to celebrate this special milestone with over 200 guests, including kaumatua and rangatira from around Te Pataka o Rakaihautū and beyond; whānau; friends from the aerospace community, environmental groups and universities; and local and central government representatives.

The sounds of taonga puoro, karanga, karakia, and waiata filled the air, with a whakāwatea at the beginning of the runway to start the event. Following the blessing the rōpū took a short hiko together to check out some of the craft that will be testing and taking flight from our brand-new 1km-long runway.



The new Minister for Space Hon Judith Collins KC spoke in a pre-recorded message about the benefits of a growing aerospace sector for our community and country, with 1,300 high paying jobs and over \$2bn in economic benefits for our people, region and country predicted over the next 10 years.

During his closing speech, Tāwhaki Board Member David Perenara-O'Connell reflected on the driving kaupapa of Tāwhaki.

"Whilst we're celebrating a runway today, this is not just aerospace: Tāwhaki is about the whole of Kaitorete and looking after this wahi taonga."

A huge thank you again to everyone who made this such an ātaahua day.

Please check out or download more photos from the day via this [link](#).



Tohanga raranga Morehu Flutey-Henare

Weaving wānanga on Kaitorete

A dense kōhu blanketed the whenua on the day a rōpū of 14 weavers and some of our Tāwhaki kaimahi headed out to Kaitorete this month.

The group met to gather samples, share mātauranga, and wānanga ideas around a management plan for the Pā Harakeke - one of nine sites assessed in our annual State of Kaitorete report.

For tohunga raranga, Morehu Flutey-Henare and Reihana Parata QSM (Nanny Mū and Taua Doe), the experience was well worth the weekend excursion.

“The hugeness and vastness of it - it’s such a beautiful place to be”, said Nanny Mū. “I’m really proud to be here - and proud to still be alive to be here,” laughed Aunty Doe.

The rōpū shared their thoughts about the age and possible purpose of the Pā Harakeke for mahinga kai, transportation, and trade.

Protecting the Pā Harakeke, companion planting, and spending time with whānau on the whenua were priorities for the rōpū who are planning a second hui.

Ngā mihi nui to our weavers for sharing their mātauranga and moemoeā for the future of this taonga.



Taumutu Chair Liz Brown, tohanga raranga Reihana Parata QSM, Tāwhaki Kaitorete Ranger Rulon Nutira

Rangatahi on a mission

An awesome rōpū of rangatahi answered the call to complete Mission #1 – a two-day wānanga on developing a rangatahi vision for Tāwhaki.

The day started at Tāwhaki HQ with a mihi whakatau with Tāwhaki kaimahi, followed by a recorded presentation from University of Canterbury's Dr. Sarah Kessans - a passionate advocate of space and supporter of the next generation of researchers and explorers.

From there the rōpū headed to Hanmer for a packed programme of building connections with each other, gaining a better understanding of the kaupapa of Tāwhaki and sharing ideas for the future.

The rōpū also spent time with team members from Pūhoro, a STEMM academy advancing the career aspirations of rangatahi Māori in science, technology, engineering, and math-related careers.



Back row (L-R): Pūhoro kaihautū Haare Te Piki Kōtuku Skerrett White, Hannah Kara, Taylah Bentley, Amiria Tikao, Tamati Cunningham, Kāmaioha Perenara-O'Connell, Jewlz Monika Rupene-Gray and Pūhoro kaihautū Annaleise Faint. Seated (L-R): Tāwhaki kaimahi Erana Riddell and Te Puawai Perenara-O'Connell, Pūhoro kaihautū Ruby-Isabella Reedy-Land and Rerekiao Perenara-O'Connell

"Building those relationships are really important and we've got to know each other really well," said Amiria Tikao. "Learning about Pūhoro and Tāwhaki has been a highlight. It's been great getting to know what our kaupapa is about."

Next steps will be incorporating what was shared during the wānanga into a wider rangatahi strategy.

Curious to know more? Reach out to Tāwhaki Project Coordinator Te Puawai Perenara-O'Connell at tepuawai@tawhaki.co.nz for more info.

Opportunities, information, and inspiration

- Our opening of the Tāwhaki National Aerospace Centre made the news! Check out this [story](#) on 1News or the [piece](#) by Tahu News.
- View some of the [latest opportunities to work in aerospace](#) in Aotearoa
- [Get inspired](#) by what First Nations Canadians are doing in aerospace.

Noho ora mai rā i roto i ngā manaakitanga katoa.

Ngā mihi nui,
Linda and the Tāwhaki team.

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