

Kōrero Whakataki

Introduction

MIHIMIHI

Greetings

E nga mana, e nga reo, e nga iwi, tena koutou katoa i runga i te korero rangatiratanga mo tatou katoa i runga i nga tikanga o tena o tena o tena. Ko te tuatahi te wehi ki to tatou Matua nui i te rangi mo ana manaakitanga ki runga i a tatou i nga wa katoa. Me whakahonore to tatou Kingi Tuheitia me tona whare Ariki. Ki nga mate o te tau kua hinga atu, hinga mai, haere atu koutou ki te tini ki te mano ki tua o te arai. No reira moe mai ra. Ki a tatou nga mahuetanga o ratou ma, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

Ka mirimiri mai te hau o te Tonga, ka mirimiri mai te hau o te Tokerau, ka mirimiri mai te hau o te Tairawhiti, a, ka mirimiri mai te hau o te Hauauru...

Ko wai tātou? Ko Te Haukainga me nga Mana Whenua o Pōkeno!

Tihe!.....mauri ora.



Picture of Pōkeno CBD from the northern end. Courtesy to Pōkeno Community Committee. (Fig 1)



Te Hītori o Te Haukainga me ngā Mana Whenua o Pōkeno Roopu Manaaki

The History of Te Haukainga me ngā Mana Whenua o Pōkeno Charitable Trust

For many generations, and many more to come, a diverse community of people have lived and are living in Pōkeno. The voice of Maori in this very unique village has been somewhat limited. This section of the Brief will introduce Te Haukainga and why they were established.

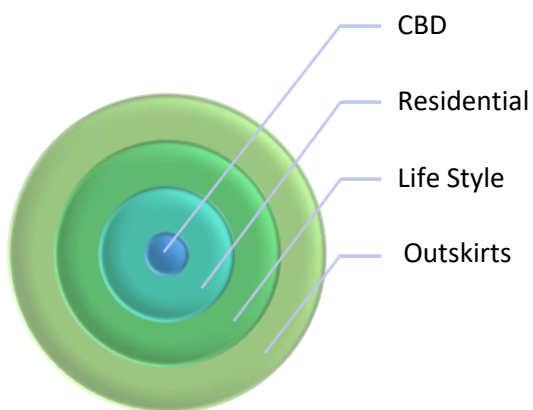
“Te piko o te mahuri tera te tipu o te rakau whangaihia e te aroha kia tipu ake ki ngā Rangitūhāhā”

“The way in which the young sapling is nurtured, determines how the tree will grow, nurtured with love and affection it shall grow to become a mighty tree”

Te Kakano – The Seed

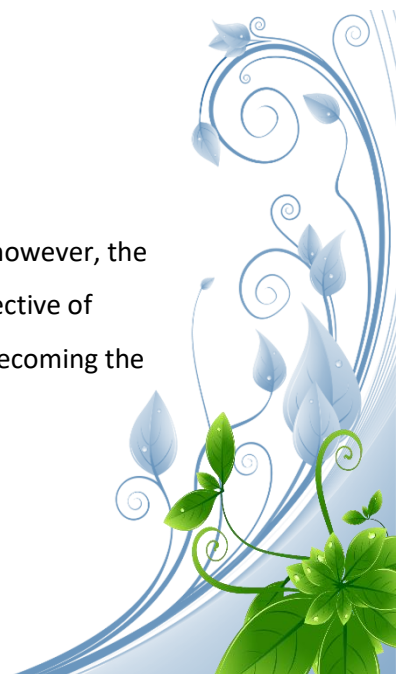
Development in Pōkeno has been ongoing for at least 20 years. In the last 10 years’ development has increased tenfold. The Ministry of Education done a Growth Survey of Pōkeno. This report classified Pōkeno as ‘Semi Urban Rural’. A breakdown of this classification is as follows;

- Pōkeno Outskirts – Farming Lands
- Pōkeno Lifestyle – Properties approx. over ¼ acre
- Pōkeno Residential – Properties approx. ¼ acre or less
- Pōkeno CBD – Central Business District



Graph showing the structure of the 'Semi Urban Rural' classification.

The Pōkeno Community have had a voice in planning all the development thus far, however, the Maori voice has been absent. In February 2018 Mr Haupai Montgomery, and a collective of generational whanau who have lived in Pōkeno for decades, began the journey of becoming the



Maori voice of Pōkeno. In June 2020, a committee was formed to complete an application to obtain a Charitable Trust status. In August 2020, Charitable Trust status was granted.

Te Pihinga – The Sprout

Te Korokoro Maori o Pōkeno – The Maori Voice of Pōkeno

As the saying goes ‘great ideas come from a cup of tea and chewing the fat’.

Haupai Montgomery, Louis Whiunui, John Ngatai, Te Puawaitanga Matene, Cecilia Heta and Karen Heta were the initial group that began this journey for the Maori Voice of Pōkeno to be heard.

These six people shall be affectionately referred to as ‘Te Korokoro Maori o Pōkeno’, it is my own personal view (Priscilla Rink), that this roopu of whanau planted the seed that grew the fruit for the Tui (the Maori Community) enabling the Tui to sing. “Me he korokoro tui” (“As sweet-throated as the tui bird”.)

Te Mahuri – The Adolescent Tree

After many ‘cup of tea and chewing the fat’ meetings a decision was made.

On the 6th day of August 2020, **Te Haukainga me nga Mana Whenua o Pōkeno (THKmnMWO)**, was incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957. Te Korokoro Maori o Pōkeno achieved their goal, to become a recognized group in the Pōkeno community as **‘The Maori Voice of Pōkeno’**. (**Te Korokoro Maori o Pōkeno**). Te Haukainga thank the following Key Stake Holders for their letters of support to help THKmnMWO obtain a Charitable Trust status;

- Archdeacon Ngira Simmonds, Chief of Staff – Te Tari o te Kingitanga
- Nick Johnston, Funding and Partnership Manager – Waikato District Council
- Leitia Preston, Secretary for Maurea Marae Trustees – Maurea Marae
- Ric Odom, Chairperson PCC – Pokeno Community Committee
- Blair Johnston, Principal and Bevan Houghton, BOT Chairperson – Pōkeno School

To date Te Haukainga have been invited to attend meetings, gatherings and openings in Pōkeno. The Maori Voice of Pōkeno is now sought after. Below are a few groups who have asked for the Cultural expertise that Te Haukainga have.

- Pōkeno Countdown Opening
- Pōkeno Fire Station Opening
- Pōkeno Play Centre Opening
- Pōkeno Community Committee Meetings



- Pōkeno Business Community Meetings
- Pōkeno Hall Committee Meetings

In reference to a comment made that ‘Te Haukainga is a dial a Maori service’... If the Pōkeno Community want to follow Maori Customs and engage with Te Haukainga for how to, then yes, they are. If the Pōkeno Community want a Maori voice at meetings and engage with Te Haukainga, then yes, they are. If the Pōkeno Community want advice on Maori Culture, then yes, they are. Some people see the ‘dial a maori service’ as a negative, however, Te Haukainga view this comment as a positive way to engage with the Pōkeno Community and to make sure that Maori Tikanga especially Tainui Kawa (Customs) are adhered to when making decisions that will affect and effect the whole of Pōkeno Community.

Te Kōhuretanga – The Mature Tree

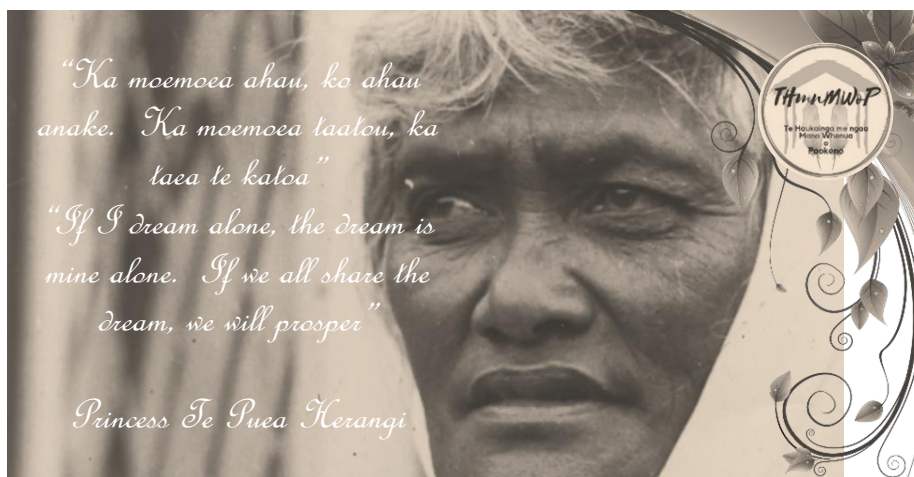
Development, whanau, cup of tea, chewing the fat, Korokoro Tui, applications, Stake Holders, Charitable Trust, meetings and openings, these are but a few that helped water the seed that is now known as...

Te Haukainga me nga Mana Whenua o Pōkeno Charitable Trust

Te Korokoro Maori o Pōkeno – The Maori Voice of Pōkeno

To Tātou Moemoea

Our Vision



Te Kirihaehae Te Puea Herangi (Princess Te Puea) (Fig. 3)

The above quote is but one of many that Te Puea used. Her inspirational sayings were used to give her people the extra strength they needed in times of need and or peril.



Te Haukainga have looked to Te Paea for inspiration as she was integral in the building of Turangawaewae Marae in Ngaruawahia ‘a marae for all people’.

The absolute vision of Te Haukainga me nga Mana Whenua o Pōkeno Charitable Trust is;

“He marae mo te ao katoa ki roto i te rohe o Pōkeno”

The Trust have built relationships with the Pōkeno Community, the wider Community and the extended Community so that their vision can be realised and come to fruition. The only boundaries left is a financial and land. Now that Te Haukainga are a Charitable Trust the financial boundary is breached, funding can be sourced to build a Marae in Pōkeno for all people. Te Haukainga are currently seeking advice from Waikato District Council about acquiring land for a Marae to be built on.

Tō Tātou Ūara

Our Values

In a email dated 26/07/2021 – Haupai Montgomery is summarising a hui that was held at Pōkeno Hall with Megan May and Nick Johnston from the Waikato District Council. In this email Haupai Montgomery makes reference to the following;

- Manaakitanga – Support
- Tiakitanga – Pastoral Care
- Kotahitanga – Unity
- Hononga – Connecting

These 4 words are the core values that Te Haukainga will hold steadfast to. 3 more values have been added to humbly encapsulate what Te Haukainga want to project out to the Pōkeno Community;

- Aroha – Kindness
- Poipoia – Nurturing
- Mana – Respect

The Trusts vision is underpinned by these values;

- **Manaakitanga – Support**
Manaaki puta atu, manaaki hoki mai
Support given, support returned
- **Tiakitanga – Care**
Tiaki tangata, tiaki taiao



Care for the people, care for the land

- **Kotahitanga – Unity**

Ko te tikanga o te kotahitanga, ko koe.

The ethos of unity is you

- **Hononga – Connecting**

Na te hononga tangata, ka rongu te ao

When people connect, the world listens

- **Aroha – Kindness**

He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai

If kindness is sown, then kindness is received

- **Poipoia – Nurture**

Poipoia te kakano kia puawai

Nurture the seed and it will blossom

- **Mana – Respect**

Mana mai, mana atu

Respect given, respect received



Courtesy to shoreandwhariki.ac.nz for whariki background

From these 7 values the following phrase was created as a reminder to all people that humanity have a duty towards each other regardless of race, creed or colour.

“Na te manaakitanga, te tiakitanga, te kotahitanga me te poipoia, ka hononga nga iwi katoa o te ao i te aroha me te mana”.

“With support, caring, unity and nurturing, all people of the world are warmly welcomed with kindness and respect”.

“He marae mo te ao katoa ki roto i te rohe o Pōkeno”

“A marae for everyone in the Pōkeno District”

