

Quarterly

Wrap-up



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**Far North REAP hours and days during the holiday season:
Closed from Wednesday 23 December 2020
Reopen Tuesday 12 January 2021 at 9am**

**AA Driver and Vehicle Licensing hours and days during the holiday season
Closed from Thursday 24 December 2020
Reopen Tuesday 5 January 2021 at 9am**

A message from our Board Chair

Tena koutou katoa,

Ruia, ruia, tahia, tahia,
Kia hemo te kākoakoa,
Kia herea mai i te kawau korokī.
Kia tātaki mai i roto i te pūkorokoro,
whaikoro,

Te kūaka, he kūaka mārangaranga,
Tahi manu i tau ki te tāhuna, tau atu,
tau atu, tau atu!

What a year its been with COVID-19 hitting the whole world at pace. We acknowledge all the loved ones that whānau lost through this time. Nga mihi mo nga whānau pani o te motu. The Annual General Meeting was held a little later this year, we are very proud to acknowledge our newly appointed Board of Directors:

Trevor Helm – Deputy Chairperson
Ian Swindells – Finance Convenor
Allie Kingi – Board of Director

All three members come with extensive knowledge in the Education and Governance sectors.

I would also like to acknowledge Ayla Pene who recently resigned from the Board. Ayla played a significant role on the Board and as Finance Convenor on the Finance, Audit Risk committee and brought extensive financial knowledge to the Board as a Chartered Accountant, she will be hugely missed.

From our Patron

Christmas Prompts

Christmas, season of Christ's birth
A time to pray for peace on earth
A time to reach out to fellow man
A time to show a helping hand
A time for gifts and thoughtful giving
A time for thanks that we are living
A time for families together
Hopefully in golden weather
A time with food and drink to share
A time to remember those not there
So, my plastic baubled Christmas Tree
Will be an action prompt for me.

Robin L Shepherd QSO
Far North REAP Patron

The Board would like to wish everyone a Meri Kerimete and a safe and prosperous New Year.
Mauri Ora.



April Hetaraka
Board Chair

Far North REAP Board of Directors



A message from Kiri

As we wrap up our mahi for 2020, running to the finish line eagerly waiting for the holiday season with whānau and loved ones, I reflect on the year thus far.

One which has required agility, courage, and flipping the script to meet community connection, wellbeing and learning needs.

We have been able to explore a more flexible approach to delivery offering hybrid models of online interactive and in-person learning.

We will be sharing your great learning stories on our website and social platforms.

In August we welcomed in a new Board which has strong governance and community expertise.

We have developed a new strategic plan and a new marketing strategy for 2021.

Thank you to our stakeholders and partners who have invested in and

encouraged the work and reach that Far North REAP is. The united approach for community-led learning is a MUST.

To our community who enjoy the environments and learning opportunities created for you, may this continue to grow.

To my team and staff who show up and do the mahi that matters. Nga mihi mahana kia koutou katoa.

Wishing you all space for “pause, reflect, breathe and smile” over the festive and holiday season.

Unplug from the schedules, time limits and to do lists.

Be safe and look after one another.



Kiri Sloane-Hobson
Chief Executive
Tāhūhū Rangapū

Welcome to the world
Te Ārepa Tipene Kelly



Cuddles with Kiri

*Congratulations
Hinemoa and JD on
the arrival of your
beautiful wee boy*



Māi i kōpae ki te urupa tātou ake tonu ai

the passing of knowledge

from one generation to the other

from the cradle to the grave we are always learning

On the road summer vibes

The Far North Road Safety Education District Team, made up of a number of community groups throughout the Far North District, are working together to encourage local people and visitors alike to take extra care on our roads this summer. As we see an increase in traffic volume and a mix of impatient and inexperienced drivers on some of our more rural roads Holli Rudolph, Far North REAP Road Safety Manager, says “As a district we would love to see a zero fatality rate on our roads this summer. It’s the season where people travel considerable distances to spend time with whānau and friends. We would love to see everyone get to and from their destination safely and we ask that everyone slows down and stays alert.”

The Far North Road Safety Education District Team continue to support and promote the existing regional ‘Ripple Effect’ campaign that tells the story of a young boy killed by a speeding driver and encourages drivers to think about their behaviour when behind the wheel of a car. Rudolph adds that this campaign is hard hitting, however it is receiving positive feedback from a wide

range of people in the community and is reaching a wide audience via different media outlets.

2020 has been a challenging time for the district group as they work together and within their own communities, to educate road users in a number of different ways and aim to decrease the fatality and serious injury rates in the region. The Team work closely alongside other partners including Police, Emergency services, ACC, Waka Kotahi and Far North District and Northland Regional Councils.

In early 2021 the Far North Road Safety Education District Team will be involved in what is described as ‘Road Safety Pop Ups’. A number of beaches and popular tourist spots will be targeted by the group as they discuss with holidaymakers’ safe ways to travel throughout the region and encourage safe driving practices as they head home.



There is so much to think about when you get behind the wheel of a vehicle. Who is affected by your choices? Every single choice you make matters.

One Tear is Too Many - Slow Down

did you THINK?



about his Mum?



about his sister?





about his teacher?



about his coach?



about his best friend?

the ripple effect



Drivers Licence Courses Term 1 2021

We are taking registrations for Term 1, 2021

Learners Licence

A three-day course with testing held on the third day. The first two days your tutor will take you through the road code and help you prepare for the Learners Licence test. To register for this course you must be 16 years or older, pay the test fee and complete your DL1 application form at the Far North REAP AA Drivers Licence counter.

Dates & Times:

Tuesday 16 | Wednesday 17 January
9.30am - 12.30pm

Testing day: Thursday 18 January

Tuesday 16 | Wednesday 17 March

Testing day: Thursday 18 March

The test costs \$93.90.

Please note: there are strict rules for I.D. requirements that we must adhere to.

[Click here for information about I.D.](#)

or visit: nzta.govt.nz

Retricted Licence

A free two-hour course where you will revisit the road rules. Your tutor will take you for an assessment drive and give you feedback on your driving ability.

Tuesday 10 February

9.30am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 10 March

9.30am - 12.30pm

Kaitaia Santa Parade

We always love to support community events. We were fortunate enough to collaborate with the awesome crew from Shine On Kaitaia, and help do the traffic management for the annual Kaitaia Santa Parade. Although initially there weren't many floats registered, everyone turned out on the day and there were more than what we had initially planned for, which is great for our community! They love to see all the floats and see their whanau and friends in the parade. Keep shining on Kaitaia!



Tuhura Papatuanuku – Geo Noho Series

A Geology and Maturanga Māori Marae based noho for Year 6 to 8 Students in the Far North.

Te wananga Tuhura Papatuanuku GNS ki Whatuwhiwhi. Te wananga mutunga mo te tau nei.

He pumahara mo te katoa o te wananga, wa tuku taonga, mihimihi ranei. He honore nui ki te whakatuu enei momo wananga mo nga taitamariki, kua tutuki pai nga whaingā, he maha nga hua i puta.

What an absolute privilege it has been to be part of such an awesome team, whose passion is to support and inspire rangatahi to

consider taking up future science and environmental careers. These wananga offer an opportunity for rangatahi to excel in their learning, through connection to nature, each other and the knowledge of our tupuna through purakau and whakapapa. Whilst being provided indepth science concepts, equipment and resources to help enrich and deepen learning experiences and understandings.

A massive mihi to our students from various kura and kaiako/kaiawhina

who attended: Taipa Area School, TKKM O Te Rangi Aniwaniwa, TKKM O Pukemiro, Matauri Bay School, TKKM O Tututarakihi, Abundant Life School, Kaitaia Intermediate, Ahipara School and Homeschoolers, your presence speaks volumes to the value of this kaupapa. This is the third Tuhura Papatuanuku GNS wananga this year. It has taken three years to secure funding so we

could offer these wananga free for students and teachers from remote rural Kura to address equity to access these educational opportunities, so they can come and learn, using hands on,

practical experiences to enrich and deepen scientific learning, Maturanga /mohioranga Maori, Ao Maori, reo Māori etc. As we reflect, we know what we have delivered in a one week wananga, would be equivalent or possibly more than a one year's full school science programme. One that is fully resourced with all the science equipment/resources, experienced scientists and Maatanga (experts) in various fields to deliver a high quality programme.



Now begins the challenge to secure more funding so we can offer this opportunity in the future.

E tūhonohono nei i a tātou ki a tātou; i a tātou ki ngā mātua tūpuna; i a tātou ki taiao e!

Connecting us to each other, to our ancestors, to our environment.

Hokianga Sedimentation Project



A two year project in collaboration with GNS (Geo Nuclear Science), Far North REAP

and Te Aho Turoa. A study was conducted based on the sedimentation in the Hokianga Harbour. Local North Hokianga Schools were invited on several one day marae based Noho to learn about sedimentation and the reason why core sampling is so important to the geneology and story of the Hokianga Harbour. The Geologist taught the students various concepts and ideas through scientific exploration, workshops and observation talks.



Karanga Tane Mahuta Wananga Series

2000 Year Kaitiakitanga plan, Virtual Reality Resource and Ebook about the Warawara Forest.



Karanga a Tanemahuta, ki uta ki tai wananga series at Whangape 2020.

The final noho for our Karanga a Tanemahuta project for the year with kura teina taitamariki from Manganuiowae

- Broadwood Area School, Te Kura Taumata o Panguru and Matauri Bay School, what an awesome day it was too. Whakawhanaungatanga, inspiring kaikorero, rocky shore study and viewing of the Warawara Virtual Reality Bilingual Resource and Ebook. Words cannot express adequately our gratitude and thanks to Kiri Reihana from Manaaki Whenua for all her dedication in delivering this project to us from Te Aho Tu Roa, Te Rarawa and Far North REAP. Finally a mihi to all the kura, marae and haukainga who have been involved in this awesome project over the past two years, your contribution to the future kaitiaki plan for the Warawara Forest is valued and so important. Nga mihi mutunga kore kia koutou Te Au Warawara, te wairua o Te Rarawa!

By Joanne Murray – Te Aho Tu Roa Trust. **10**

Noho Taiao

Our 11th Noho Taiao for 2020 was held at Korou Kore Marae in Ahipara. Students aged from 13 to 18 years that descend from Te Rarawa Kaiwhare



were introduced to concepts and kaupapa of Kaitiakitanga and environmental sustainability. Far North REAP continue to support this as part of Schools/Kura Kaupapa Māori support and well as part of our Sustainability Plan which aims to *‘Actively support community sustainability programmes which involve children’*.

Adventures took us to Lake Waimimiha where the Rangatahi/Youth worked with Northern Regional Council on various tests and experiments to look at the health of the Lake.

We ventured over to Maitai Bay where the Experiencing Marine Reserves team took the Rangatahi/Youth snorkelling to look at life and the rahui from under the water.

We kayaked and looked at rocky shore life with some of the scientists

and teachers. While at Aurere, Wiremu Sarich talked about the Star compass that was made by the late Sir Hekenukumai Busby. Back at the marae we had korero on local history, Rongoa Māori, local and national Kaitiakitanga, Maramataka and Astrology. During the day we travelled to Motukaraka to meet with GNS to look at core sampling. The Noho Taiao had Engineers from Auckland University facilitating some fun

activities to do with engineering to inspire our Rangatahi in this career pathway.

A new design was created for our t-shirts with the whakatauki:

Tiakina te Taiao, Tiakina te iwi

“Look after the Environment, Look after the People”

Here is some feedback from one of the parents:

“Nga Mihi to all those involved in the organisation of this noho, also caring for our tamariki over the 4 days. My daughters first time attending Noho Taiao and she thoroughly enjoyed it. The response of 'that was so much fun Mum' and 'how lovely the atmosphere and people are'. I'm glad she had the opportunity to participate in such an awesome kaupapa something us raised in the city never had”.

Adult Community Education

'2020' The year that was, the year that will be known as the year of the COVID-19 pandemic. This year has definitely been a crazy full-on year of learning, of discovery and journeys in to the unknown. During the lockdown period I worked on completing my first basic Te Reo Māori programme. Applying knowledge gained from the many classes I have been fortunate enough to attend with Te Wānanga o Aotearoa and the many learnings and conversations had with my whānau, friends and ex-work colleagues, remembering all that kōrero. In the course of this process I started getting anxious, having self doubt, thinking is the content I'm sharing tika, can I even do this, what if! I started pushing the mahi to the side. It was causing so much doubt. It was beginning to make the process difficult. Fortunately for me I was able to fall back on the same whānau and friends for guidance. My manager was very encouraging and supportive and in a way made me take that leap into the unknown.

When we returned to mahi from lockdown I was still nervous and hesitant to finish planning. In the end I planned two basic Te Reo Māori classes and named them Te Reo Pā Harakeke – Establishing the foundations of Te Reo Māori for the next generation. Both were night classes, one in our Kukupa Room at Far North REAP and the other

at Ngapae Holiday Park, formerly known as The 90 Mile Holiday Park. Both classes had different dynamics. My class at Far North REAP felt like I was learning at school again with a bunch of old class mates, full of laughter, crack up conversations and at times real indepth kōrero. The roopu at Ngapae was similar, but the conversations were different and more topic focused. Both had different levels of basic reo. These classes definitely hepled me a lot with my reo and I also gained a better understanding of how to translate sentence structure. I was also able to use the resource created by Scotty Morrison – Māori Made Easy to help facilitate and recreate my classes. I Look forward to seeing what 2021 has in store for my Reo Māori journey.

Richard Hape

Adult Community Education

Army Entry Success Story

Taylor started attending the Forces Entry Test Preparation course on 10th September 2020, and after 30 hours of attendance and hard work, has passed all her entry tests for the NZ Army with flying colours for her Mathematics test. On February 15th 2021, Taylor is off to Waiouru Military Camp to train as an Applied Technician, and so a new career



is underway. 'It was due solely to her determination to succeed and the amount of work that she was prepared to put in,' said her tutor, Allan Daun. Congratulations and best wishes to Taylor, and much gratitude to the Far North REAP ACE Team that encouraged her on her way.

Forging Knives with John Lawry

We had the privilege of providing the families of Peria Free Range Kids Playground the opportunity to learn how to forge their own wittling knives with John Lawry. Families came together under a makeshift tarpaulin lean-to classroom and had a fun day of learning and creating memories together.



'This three day workshop was groundbreaking for me. John's experience and knowledge is awe inspiring and very special. It was wonderful to learn how to make a knife blade and a wooden handle using traditional methods, but more so to be in the presence of a man who has so much to offer on a much deeper level. I feel there is much to learn from John and it will always be profound. I look forward to future times together.' Workshop participant.



Early Childhood Education & Kohanga Reo Support

Early Childhood Sport Day Event

Te Hiku Hauora, Te Puna Poipoia and Far North REAP collaborated and organised a sports day event for early childhood children, Early Learning services and Kōhanga Reo that are part of the Te Puna Poipoia programme with Te Hiku Hauora. This day was about promoting health for young children, getting tamariki moving and outside. Thirteen Early

able to move onto the next one and complete the next obstacle while extending on their development of their fine and gross motor skills. After the 12 activities children were provided with a healthy lunch, water and spot prizes. The day ended with Kaiako, and whānau members taking part alongside the tamariki in a running race and wheelbarrow race.



Childhood Learning

Services and Kōhanga Reo were invited to Arnold Rae Park to be involved in the day of activities.

There were 12 physical activities set up at each station for the children to explore and learn different skills for movement. Once each group had completed the station, they were



Taonga Pūoro

The voice of the Elements

Jerome Kavanagh came to Te Hiku to deliver Taonga Pūoro workshops with our tamariki and Kaiako from Kōhanga Reo and Early learning services.

Tamariki experienced the world unique Oro Atua Puoro Māori sound healing journey. Participants sat in

comfortable positions and spaces with eyes closed, bodies as still as rocks in the river allowing the sound to flow over them gently, where



they were taken on a peaceful and guided journey following our Māori creation story and through the sound of Jerome's family collection of Taonga Pūoro.

Coming up in Term One 2021

Hokianga Womans and Under 16s girls

Rugby Team 2021 | North & South Combined



Expression of interest
 Karanga Mai
 Ngā Wahine Toa o
 Hokianga
 If you're keen to hop on the
 waka

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Recipe

SEED CRACKERS

Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup pumpkin seeds
- 3/4 cup sunflower seeds
- 1/2 cup flaxseeds
- 1/4 cup poppy seeds
- 1/4 cup cumin seeds
- 1 tsp dried rosemary
- 1 tbsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tbsp sea salt
- 1 1/2 cups warm water

All ingredients can be purchased at Your Shelf

Recipe:

- Soak everything in a bowl for at least 1 hour. Stir every so often to absorb all the water
- Spread mixture over 2 baking trays, as thin as you can
- Bake for 1 hour at 180 degrees or until firm and crisp
- Wait to cool before breaking into crackers

*Recipe supplied by Your Shelf, Bulk Food Store.
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*Delicious
topped
with our
homemade
peanut
butter!!!*

