

TE KŌ KŌ KŌKAKO: PĀNUI

Thursday, February 13, 2025



Tangata Tiaki Harris Matuku and aunty Hurimoana Haami

Te Whakaritenga

Last Monday, Ngāti Tama iwi members made the trip to witness the most recent milestone in the Te Ara o Te Ata project. Many of our whānau vary from Machine Operators, Pest Management, Environmental, Tunnelling, Administration and Tāngata Tiaki.

Alan Batley (Chair of Te Rōpū Tiaki), his daughter Tania, Larry Crowe (former Ngāti Tama trustee) and Rae Hinerau Wetere (Pou Tiaki).

Ngā Kaitiaki o tō rātou mahi.

Terenga Horton (Tunnel Site Engineer) holds her art which features ngā atua (from left) Tāne-mahuta (atua of the forest), Hine Tūparimaunga (atua of mountains and cliffs) and their child Parawhenuamea (atua of waterways).



Whetū O'Carroll, environmental team member, stands next to his namesake Whetū o Te Rangi O'Carroll Sr who is a Tāngata Tiaki.

The role of a Tāngata Tiaki or Cultural Monitor is to maintain the spiritual health and safety of TAOTA Kaimahi and the taiao by demonstrating and applying Ngāti Tama tikanga principles on the project.



Ka haere tonu rātou

Below is Larry Crowe, Dale Burtenshaw (Project Manager, TAoTA), Te Amoroa Clifton (Pou Ārahi of TRoNT), Alan Batley, Rodney Baker (Project Alliance Board Ngāti Tama rep.) and Richard McClutchie (TRoNT trustee).

Larry recalls overseeing the earliest plans of the project and was awestruck to see it actualised that morning.