

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI KI

# Te Kō Kō Kōkako



## Meet the Māori Candidates

Come along and listen to the candidates who will share their aspirations for their respective council seats.



Thursday 21 August 2025  
6.00pm – 7.30pm  
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui  
74 Princes Street, Hāwera

Thursday 28 August 2025  
6.00pm – 7.30pm  
Te Whare Hononga  
39 Vivian Street, Ngāmotu

Please RSVP to [communications@niot.org.nz](mailto:communications@niot.org.nz) for catering purposes and remember to enroll to vote now e te whānau.

## He kaimāra ia mō ngā kākano e tipu ake ana

KITT KARA O'CARROLL-LEOTA IS BREAKING BARRIERS FOR OUR TAIOHI IN THE WAITARA COMMUNITY

Kitt Kara O'Carroll-Leota (uri of Potete and Matehuria White) is a youth worker at the Waitara Taiohi Trust and kaiāwhina at Te Kōhanga Reo o Waitara. Her love for the community that raised her, invigorates her to guide taiohi to as many opportunities and pathways they can dream of.

Her most valuable taonga she carries from her mahi is being able to witness the fruits of labour from her fellow kaimahi and taiohi to output positive outcomes for Waitara.

Kitt Kara is proud of her whakapapa to Ngāti Tama that has been a tūrangawaewae for her whānau for generations. Her hope for uri is to see more kaupapa and opportunities for taiohi represented by taiohi.

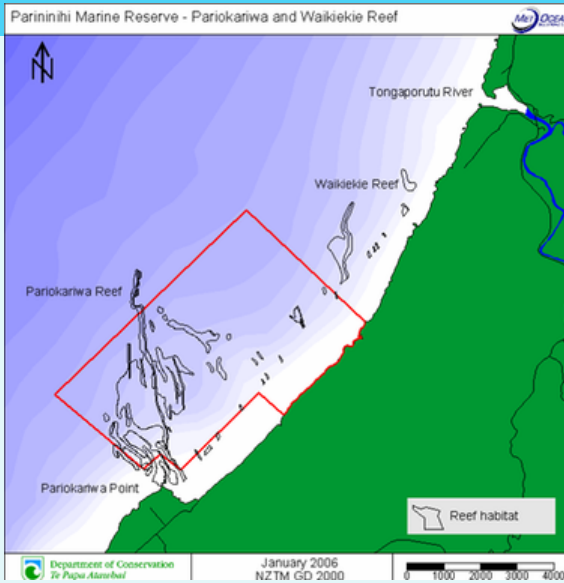
The Waitara Taiohi Trust is an ever-changing space that is guided by the voice of mokopuna, so that they can access kaupapa and tools catered to them. The Trust has grown immensely since its initiation and we are grateful and excited to see the outcomes they produce for taiohi today and in the future.



Kitt Kara (second from far right)



Kitt Kara (far right)



## Pariokariwa Reef

KŌRERO FROM AUNTY BILLIE

Glynis Taylor-Manu, affectionately known as aunty Billie is a brilliant researcher who has gifted us with some kōrero about Pariokariwa Reef.

*“Pariokariwa Reef is the ecological backbone of Parininihi Marine Reserve, a globally significant sponge garden, vital fish and lobster nursery, celebrated for its biodiversity and cultural importance to Ngāti Tama.”*

*Extending north from Pariokariwa Point, the reef spans depths of 5 to 23 meters and includes caves, overhangs, canyons, and pinnacles, providing diverse habitats for marine life.*

*Historically, it was a traditional rich iwi fishing ground, respected for its mauri and is acknowledged in the governance of the Reserve.*

*The reef with its rugged structure of caves, hosts one of the world’s most diverse sponge gardens, with some of the highest species of diversity recorded in New Zealand and globally.”*



## Taranaki Tū Mai 2025

FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OF NOVEMBER -  
SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OF NOVEMBER

REGISTER FOR FREE NOW UNTIL  
THE 31<sup>ST</sup> OF AUGUST, 5PM



## Website Updates

Our team has been working to update the Ngāti Tama website. One update includes our issues of Te Kō Kō Kōkako that can be found in our Iwi News section under “Community Stories”.

We hope these changes will provide easier access and an efficient channel for whānau to find out what’s going on in the Rūnanga. There is still a lot more work to go whānau, so let us know your thoughts.