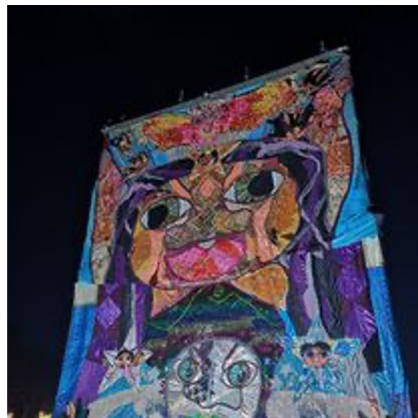




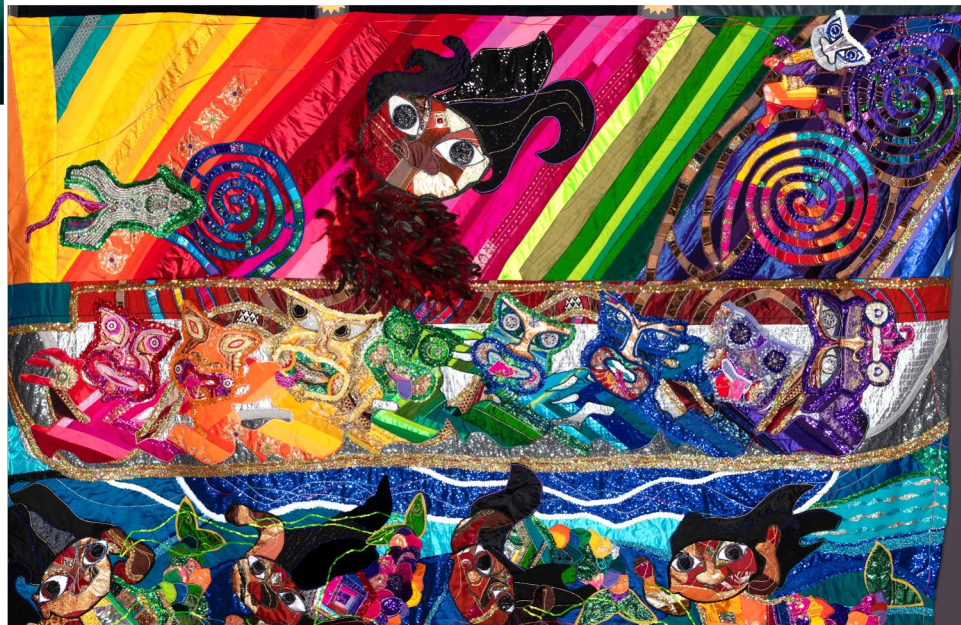


















THE RUAHUIHUI WHAKAPAPA QUILT



The next project I would like to work on is with Kiri Jane and Nigel's families to record the special relationship that we have. This could be something to work on to celebrate the re-connection to the whenua at Waimarama



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INTRODUCTION

I started the Ruahuihui Whakapapa Quilt in 2016 during a workshop I attended facilitated by the master textile artist Maungaranga (Riri) Te Kawa. This now hangs in the homebased at Ruahuihui so that the stories can be passed on visually and verbally whenever our whānau want to hear them. Maungaranga encourages people to recall events from one's life and record them in this way. He calls them Whakapapa Quilts because it doesn't matter what the story is, it forms part of someone's whakapapa and journey through life. Besides being a visual story book, this could easily be taken when visiting kin, staying at the marae, or spread out on the bed so that one can be wrapped in the warmth of the whakapapa it contains.

NARRATIVE

This quilt records the physical nature of the land on which we were raised, who we are as a whānau and is but a snapshot in time. As descendants of Pāpāhoro we remember how our tūpuna were part of the Eastern Alliance established to protect Te Tāpūwhiri a Whānau, and preserving those stories and caring for the whenua is a responsibility we take seriously.



The whenua we call Ruahuihui has a good sprinkling of native bush both near the back of the farm and across the road from the homestead. This is portrayed by the ōkaiwi I have included. Dad lived in a patch when he last came to Mangahia like the one shown here.

I remember that he raised Perendale and at a result of his tanning regime, did very well with the breed. He also did most of the fencing on the farm himself.

I remember being with our kura Ruahuihui and planting hānakei at the farm. I was only young when she passed away however I was fortunate enough to learn the art of rangāhi (kete) from her daughter, Karangawia. When Angela was a baby, I have included a hānakei plant to remember this story.

Our parents, Henare Matua II and Rumatiki Dolly Te Ōmeke Kani, had, and raised ten hānakei and later in life cared for Kiri Jane and Nigel Lloyd Manuel after the death of their mother. Māi Manuel (née Edwards) who passed away 19 August 1977. Aunty Māi is buried at Waimarama ūpoko, she married Tukino Manuel, who is buried over in the East Coast.



The Ruu was a manu we heard lots at night when we were growing up at Mangahia, we even had competitors to see who could make the best Ruu calls. Ruahuihui whenua is situated in the area known as Ngāpāhoro. I have used the Ruu on this Whakapapa Quilt to record our family and describe some of the unique features we have.



Ani Tapatu has spotted brown and red feathers.

Born 20 August 1958 in Dannevirke, attended Awāriki primary school and then St Joseph's Māori Girls College. Ani lived most of her married life in Mōreke, Roturua, returning home after the passing of her late Te Whānauwhānau. Ani Tapatu now lives on Te Ara Nohongahānau, Waimarama in one of the papakāinga whare, which was a kaupapa that our hāku was instrumental in starting.



Turake is the navy blue

Ruu with orange wings and flecked tail feathers - born 6 April 1960 in Dannevirke, attended Awāriki Primary school and then the Dannevirke High School. He spent much of his life living in Perth, Australia. In 2022, Turake is living in Hastings.

Hinetewhirangi is

the Ruu in the padlock behind Dad - as she was always out and about and the only one who had her own horse. Born 13 July 1962 in Dannevirke, attended Awāriki primary school and then went on to Dannevirke High School. In 2022, Hinetewhirangi is living at Ruahuihui.



Hepina is the Ruu of the head of our hāku. Our hāku always thought about Hepina and made sure that she kept in touch, often getting us to take her on trips to visit Hepina. Born 29 March 1966 in Dannevirke, Hepina attended Awāriki primary school and then at Dannevirke. Hepina attended Awāriki primary school, where our hāku went to school. While boarding there, Hepina attended Avonside Girls College for her secondary schooling. Hepina passed away on 24 August 2021. She is buried in the Waimarama ūpoko with her daughter Mānana.

Kere of course is the Ruu close to our hāku, the baby of the family. Born 20 years after our eldest brother on 28 April 1970 in Dannevirke, attended Awāriki primary school and then went on to Te Aute College. Kere is living in Perth with his family.



Taken at Waimarama 2013, 65th birthday for Kiri Jane

RUAHUIHUI

Nā Ani Tapatu Cribb i Mā 2009

E te marekura kahurangi
Tōku kui manukura
Ruahuihui e (Ruahuihui e)
Nāu te korowai i hora
Hei mana tōnūtanga
Mā mātau, ko Ngā Ruahuihui e

Mōu tonu ngā mahara
Ka whakanuia e mātau tō ingoa
Ka tūpu, ka ora te ara tika
Kei mua i a mātau

E kui Ruahuihui
Manawhenua
Ko te mihi tēnei a te manawa
Ruahuihui e (Ruahuihui e)

WHAKAPAPA

KURAHAPŪ WAKA

Whānau
Tautaki
Rangitane
Kōpūparapara
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Uengarehupango
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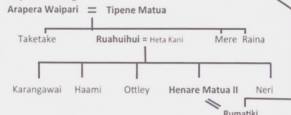
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Apitahi Kūkanga
Nopera Kūkanga
Arapera Waipari

TAKITIMU WAKA

Te Whānau
Tukaterangi

Rangikolanake
Te Karahi
Te Orirau
Harawira
Ataneta Hapali
Ngahina Akuhata
John Ngamau = Rumatiki Kershaw



Henare Matua I



Arapera Waipari



Tipene Matua



Heta & Ruahuihui



Taken 2015 Waimarama at the unveiling of headstone for our hāku. Standing left to right: Turake, Henare, Ani Tapatu, Kere, John, Nigel. Sitting left to right: Kiri Jane, Hepina, Māi, Hinetewhirangi, Atoneta.



Taken at Tangahanga for Nigel, Waimarama 2017. Ani, Māi, Atoneta, Hinetewhirangi, Kiri Jane, Hepina



Taken at Taranaki 2019, 65th birthday celebration for Māi. Back L-R: Turake, Kaylene, Māi, Hinetewhirangi, Kiri Jane, Henare, Turake. Front: Atoneta, Arapera, Ru, Māi, John







