



TE HONONGA

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HE MIHI

Tū mai te haeata, he ao, he awatea. Tōtoro te pūhina ki ngā taiwhenua, ki ngā one tawhito o tata, o kōkēi. Horahia te ara a Tāne mō te tini ngeangea kua huri tītapu, kia tae atu ki te huinga o te mano. Hihi ana te rā ki ngā tai o Kiwa e karapoti nei i a tātou katoa – mai i te Ika Whenua, ki te Waka a Māui, tae noa ki a Hawai'i te ipukarea, ka mutu ki Kānata, te Whenua o te Honu – nei rā nga tai o mihi e ripo atu ki a koutou katoa.

Well whanau – first I must say a Happy New Year to everyone and best wishes for a productive and prosperous 2017! I can't believe yet another year has literally flown by – seems the older you get the faster the calendar moves! But as you will see from this newsletter we had a very full 2016 and it is looking like 2017 will be no different.

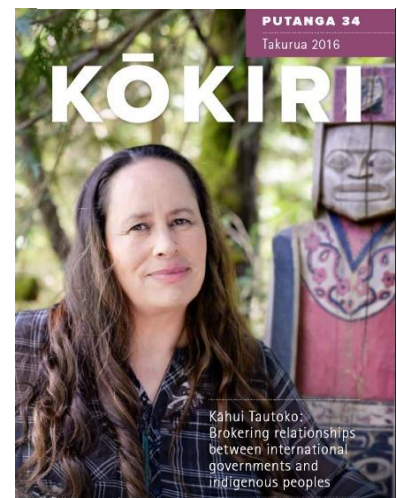
I want to send our best wishes to our whanau and friends from Kaikoura who suffered the devastating effects of the earthquake and send all our aroha for a speedy recovery from that event. To see our precious paua exposed like that was just heartbreaking - especially when it is a delicacy that is very hard to find on the coastlines of BC Canada.

We welcomed an old face back to KTCL in 2016 but also said farewell from Canada to Cain Kerehoma and his whanau who returned to Gisborne New Zealand for the next stage of their life journey. Another heartbreak for us but we wish them the very best.

We've been involved in some amazing projects this past year and continue to work with wonderful passionate people who care about their communities and environments and building capacity of people they work with. It is always a pleasure and something we are so proud to be involved in.

For me personally I got to enjoy a snow-filled Xmas in Vancouver and Whistler with my oldest daughter who visited from Australia and soon I will return to the sunny shores of Aotearoa to have some nanny-time with my moko and other daughter. Thanks to everyone for your continued support and friendship. Don't forget if you are ever in Canada come and see this group of homesick whanau and bring us some weetbix, peanut slabs and Watties spaghetti! Much love to everyone – and all the best for 2017! Arohanui, Mara

The 2016 Takurua edition of the Kōkiri magazine paid tribute to the successes of Māori women in business. A feature of this story was our very own Mara who identifies that the work we do is to uphold the legacy given to us when Mate Kaiwai named the business. That was to be a Kāhui Tautoko who will “go out, raise, and uplift our people”. Kōkiri magazine, celebrating Mara and 16 years in business.



AOTEAROA MAHI

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Our NZ office has still been busy with a few projects on the go. As a result of our increasing work (in NZ and Canada), we recruited another new (but old) staff member. In April 2016 Patrick Hape returned to staff to primarily assist with the NZ work load. Patrick temporarily left the Māori Land Court and Waitangi Tribunal re-join the Kāhui team and assist wherever was needed.

Our work has included assisting with the development and implementation of Tū Kaha 2016, developing interaction opportunities between health leaders in NZ, Hawai'i, Alaska, America and Canada and supporting Te Tai o Marokura in Kaikoura. We also continue to support some of our Pounamu clients who have been with the Company since it started.

TŪ KAHA 2016 – MŌ TĀTOU



KTCL worked with Capital and Coast and Hutt Valley DHBs who hosted Tū Kaha 2016 – Mō Tātou. The Central Region conference, promoting excellence in Māori health, was held at the Silverstream Retreat, between 21 and 23 September 2016.

directly with Māori health professionals and tertiary providers.

KTCL worked directly with the conference committee which consisted of representatives from each DHB within the Central Region.

The conference was attended by over 120 attendees consisting of DHB staff, Māori health providers and rangatahi from both inside and outside of the Central Region.

Overall, the 3-day event was a great success. A lot of positive feedback was received during evaluations, including anecdotal evidence shared with the committee members.



The conference consisted of keynote speakers and breakout sessions enforcing the overall kaupapa of the conference which was “mō tātou: just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes us all to raise the status of Māori health”.

Attendees enjoyed the variety of speakers in all sessions of the conference, appreciated opportunities to catch up with whānau or establish new networks amongst similar organisations; and to learn about developments within the wider Central Region.

Some of the keynote speakers included Cliff Curtis, Paul Whatuira, Katie Scoringe and Te Kahu Rolleston.

Some of the breakout sessions were entitled “The Māori Health Profiles: from Data to Action”, “Kowaiiau – who am I” and “Hā ngawiri – breathe easy”.

KTCL contributed to some logistical components of the conference, however the vision of Tū Kaha 2016 was designed and ultimately implemented by the Steering Committee. The overall kaupapa of the conference, booking the venue and relevant logistics, entertainment, the speaker selection and communications of the conference is attributed to the steering committee.



A major sponsor of the event, Kia Ora Hauora, also facilitated additional opportunities for rangatahi who were interested in pursuing Māori health as a career. Rangatahi were exposed to components of the conference but also had the opportunity to engage

He mihi manahau ki te whānau whānui o Tū Kaha!

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH LEADERS

Tumu Whakarāe (the National DHB Maori Managers forum) continues to engage with indigenous health leaders based in countries around the Pacific Rim. The countries that are part of the regular leaders' meetings include NZ, Canada and areas within the USA including Hawai'i, Alaska and Washington DC. KTCL has the great pleasure of helping to coordinate this network.

The primary focus for this group is to understand health challenges for indigenous communities and to share what indigenous communities are doing to reduce these challenges. Basically – to learn from each other and steal good ideas!

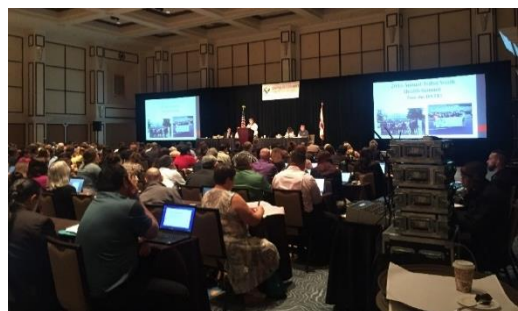
Knowledge and relationships have increased significantly since the first 2015 tour initiated by Tumu Whakarāe, to parts of North America. After seeing the benefits, it was decided that the group of leaders would seek regular opportunities to learn from each other. The networking continued from the tour to an international symposium hosted by Tumu Whakarāe in Auckland (Sept 2015) to an April 2016 Tribal Self-Governance in Orlando to He Huliau in Hawai'i in Oct 2016. The next hui is planned for Alaska in July 2017.

FROM ORLANDO TO HE HULIAU!

In March 2015 Te Hikoi Rangahau (a study tour) was implemented by Tumu Whakarāe to USA (Alaska, Seattle, Portland, Hawaii) and Canada (Vancouver) to learn more about what other indigenous health leaders were doing to accelerate indigenous health gains in their respective countries. During that study tour the opportunity to convene an indigenous health champion's symposium was discussed with overseas hosts and it was agreed by Tumu Whakarāe that the first symposium be initiated in September 2015 in Aotearoa, New Zealand.

KTCL worked with Tumu Whakarāe to plan, develop and implement a symposium to commence the discussion about accelerating indigenous health gains. At the conclusion of this hui a decision was made to continue engaging with indigenous health leaders to further identify opportunities for accelerating indigenous health gains. In 2016 the group of leaders convened again in Orlando, US. KTCL supported the indigenous health leaders to attend the 2016 Tribal Self-Governance Consultation Conference and coordinated visits with the Seminole Nation among others. The NZ delegation contributed to the conference as plenary speakers and as breakout session presenters. The NZ representatives shared developments occurring in the NZ health system.

At the conclusion of the conference, the health leaders confirmed that these engagements were imperative to accelerating health gains and resolved that the next opportunity would be hosted by the Hawaiian whānau at the He Huliau international health conference.



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HE HULIAU HAWAI'I

KTCL supported the organisation of an international health conference – He Huliau. The conference was hosted in Waikiki, Honolulu, at the Hilton Hotel Waikiki. The conference was an additional opportunity for the international indigenous health leaders to touch base about accelerating indigenous health gains. For this reason, KTCL worked with the He Huliau organising committee to identify conference speakers from the wider US, Canada and NZ and to contribute to program design. The primary focus of the international health symposium, He Huliau, was to identify methods to improve indigenous health and eliminate health care disparities for indigenous communities.

Before the conference started, KTCL organised a pre-conference tour for the NZ and Canada delegations attending the conference. The tour started with a day of cultural exchange on Māui. We were hosted by Papa Ola Lokahi, the organisation responsible for managing the Native Hawai'i Health Systems, who exposed us to their sacred mountain Haleakala, the Native Health System of Māui and a Halau.



We were provided with the history of Haleakala by a local elder. He welcomed us to the Mountain and provided oral histories pertaining to the area and mountain.

We then shared lunch with the wider whānau of Hui No Ke Ola Pono as we learned about their services. One area of significance was how they incorporate their traditional healing practices into their services. The Health System endorses their 'Kupuna Council' (Council of elders) which consists of traditional health practitioners. One particular health service provided traditional lomilomi.



After a quick visit to a park to listen to speakers share their views of 'indigenous day' (their interpretation of Discovery Day), and identify their support for the Standing Rock protests that were occurring, we were privileged to be a part of a Halau. The term Halau, in this context, was used to describe a community group learning hula. We were welcomed by traditional dance and were exposed to many local delicacies.

After a long day on Māui, the pre-conference tour also enjoyed a visit to the Queen's Medical Centre. After receiving a brief history of the centre (primarily concerning the royal past and philosophy the centre was built on), we enjoyed a tour of some of the facilities offered at the Queen's Medical Centre. This tour included an opportunity to see the Queen Emma clinic and the Cardio Ward which had recently been renovated.



At the conclusion of the tour of the Medical Centre, we were able to listen and share in discussion concerning impacts on Native Hawaiian Health.

The final component of the tour was to engage in conversation regarding the Native Hawai'ian Health Systems at Papa Ola Lokahi.

At the end of the pre-conference tour, the NZ delegation became aware of:

- The structure of the Native Hawai'ian health system;
- An overview of the issues experienced by the Native Hawai'ians;
- A variety of services available to Native Hawai'ians;
- Some success and challenges experienced by the service providers; and
- How beautiful Hawai'i is overall!

It also re-affirmed how we are all trying to address very similar challenges and that sharing information on successful solutions and strategies is vital to help us accelerate our progress.

HE HULIAU CONFERENCE, HAWAI'I

He Huliau 2016 brought together diverse cultures and peoples to enhance and celebrate indigenous health and wellness in the Pacific and beyond. Hosted by the John A Burns Medical School at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. It is also a conference that offered CME credits. He Huliau brought together representatives from Hawai'i, North America (Canada and the US), Australia and representatives from New Zealand.

KTCL worked with Tumu Whakarae representatives as part of the conference steering committee to facilitate aspects of the conference organising. He Huliau consisted of keynote speakers and breakout presentations which gave participants an opportunity to hear and see worldwide initiatives being practiced to increase the health status of indigenous communities.

We were honoured to have the opportunity to engage with our whanaunga from Hawai'i. He Huliau provided a platform to connect with local health providers, be exposed to indigenous health initiatives from around the world and network with like-minded professionals from around the world. We look forward to the next opportunity to connect with everyone in Alaska, 2017.

He mihi manahau atu ki te one tawhito, ki te ipukarea i whāngai i te tira haere o Aotearoa. Ko Haleakalā e titia ki te rangi, ko ōnā manomano ki te whenua e tōtoro ki ngā iwi ka whakaeke ki runga i a ia. Kai ngā tohunga o te manaaki, e kore e mutu ngā owaha ki a koutou katoa. Tihei Hawaiki!



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KTCL always enjoys working with whānau we have helped in the past. Because of our established relationship, we were approached by Te Tai o Marokura to support their mahi.

Te Tai O Marokura is a community health provider in Kaikoura, based at Takahanga marae. Te Tai O Marokura has been operating for over 30 years and continues to provide quality health and social services to its community in Kaikoura. Some of these services include: Tamariki Ora, Mama & Pēpi, Māori Mobile service (DSM) and alcohol & drug services. They also provide a budget advice service, a postnatal service, youth counselling, Māori disabilities and Whānau Ora services.

Under the leadership of the Tumuaki, Riria Allen, Te Tai O Marokura is whānau based and operates as such. From welcoming visitors with a kiss and a hug, through to feeding manuhiri local cuisine, Te Tai prides itself with their ability to provide sound services underpinned by their tikanga.

During our time working with the whanau the NZ earthquakes hit and caused devastation in Kaikoura. It was difficult to fathom the destruction caused by the earthquakes – from the damage caused to the roads through to the raised paau beds. We were heartened to hear that Takahanga Marae became a safe refuge point for the wider Kaikoura the community and wouldn't have expected anything less from this amazing whanau.

We know that Te Tai O Marokura, and particularly Takahanga Marae, was an ideal place for the Kaikoura community to seek refuge. The whānau no doubt pulled together to create a welcoming environment for the wider Kaikoura community.

We received an update from Riria to inform us that they were safe, despite the effect the earthquakes had on the town. Our thoughts and prayers were, and continue to be with, the whānau in Kaikoura. Their pure determination and strength as a community has been,

TE TAI O MAROKURA, KAIKOURA

and will continue to be, the reason they continue stronger in the future.

E kī ana te kōrero, he moana pukepuke ka ekengia e te waka – which translates as despite adversity, the canoe will continue to sail. How true are these words for Te Tai O Marokura. Mā tō tātou kaihanga koutou e manaaki, e tiaki.



Te Tai O Marokura
Health and Social Services

CANADA MAHI

Our Canada office continues to manage an ever-growing workload. In this edition, we would like to highlight our involvement with the Squamish Nation, support for some new Primary Health Clinics, a National Review of the First Nations Non-Insured Health Benefits, Skidegate Wellness Centre on Haida Gwaii and our work with Transcare BC. And yes, this is the tip of the iceberg!

VANCOUVER HOST FIRST NATIONS WORKING TOGETHER

KTCL continues to work with First Nations communities not just in BC province, but now across Canada. An amazing project we became involved in was undertaken with the three local nations in Vancouver. They include Squamish Nation, Musqueam Indian Band and Tsleil-Waututh Nation. Through Cain's leadership KTCL has supported these three nations to increase collaboration work to benefit them all. An official demonstration of their collaboration is through their Community Engagement Hub – or CeH.

Through an annual grant from the First Nations Health Authority, the CeH is tasked with developing collaboration, communication and planning opportunities to enable First Nations communities to work together and make improvements in health services, programme areas and health outcomes for their communities.

The three Nations have identified that the CeH to them is about bringing their collective wisdom, resources and energy together for the benefit of their communities. Cain was instrumental in the set up and development of the CeH. As the Coordinator, Cain was responsible for setting the foundations of the Hub, helping them find a name, developing communications to inform the communities, bringing in experts to share information and collating resources to strengthen community services. The name of the Hub is *tə ʔniməʔ sʔəqʷiʔtəl* - *Ta Nímalh S7ekw'í7tel* which is complemented by the logo (in the corner of this page) which highlights the close relationship between the nations.



Community Engagement Hub Joint Management Committee. From Left: Michelle George, Candice Sparkes, Cain Kerehoma, Kim Brooks, Coreen Paul, Mitzi Jones.

Through the Hub have each Nation has developed for their communities:

- Nation specific community health profiles
- A platform for accreditation and quality improvement mechanisms for each community Health service
- Contributed to Non-Insured Health Benefit improvement discussions
- Developed avenues of regular communication with community membership
- Mechanisms to seek feedback from their community memberships, including the establishment of the Advisory Committee to feed information directly back into the communities
- Resources to support the delivery of services within the communities
- Increased relationships with local health authorities including Vancouver Coastal Health authority
- Avenues to further community health planning, and
- On-reserve Primary Care Health clinics.

Our name “tə ʔniməʔ sʔəqʷiʔtəl / Ta Nímalh S7ekw'í7tel” – meaning “we are relations” or “we are connected” – recognizes the special relationship between Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and Musqueam communities.



HONOURING CEREMONY

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In April 2016, the Community Engagement Hub hosted an Honouring Ceremony at the Musqueam Cultural Centre to recognize the achievements of dedicated health staff working on behalf of the three communities. Amongst the community members that were acknowledged, our very own Cain was also acknowledged for his contribution to the Hub. Below is a photo from the Honouring Ceremony. You will see Cain, alongside some of the other acknowledged community members, wearing a traditional blanket that he received!



Connections at HOpe Centre's Sacred Place

Through work with the Hub, KTCL was fortunate to be part of the opening of a new, sacred space at the 'HOpe Centre' at the Lions Gate Hospital. The Sacred Space was developed in collaboration with Squamish Nation, Tsleil Waututh Nation and Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) as an Aboriginal Health initiative, to help address some of the barriers First Nations people experience when accessing health care.

The opening house ceremony began with a traditional blessing by members of the Squamish Nation, which was followed up by heartfelt comments from Seis'lom, a Lil'wat elder who works with VCH, Aboriginal Health Team. The Open House was an opportunity for VCH staff to see the Sacred Space, meet members of the Aboriginal Team and learn about indigenous cultural practice. This initiative was supported by the Community Engagement Hub, to develop and support an area dedicated to cultural safety initiatives at the HOpe Centre.

Other Hub Initiatives

In addition to the health planning and team development work, KTCL was also engaged in events that promoted health but also brought the communities together. Two of the 2016 events that we were part of included:

A Cultural Sharing event: where singers and drummers from each nation performed their traditional dances and songs. Each group was asked: "How does culture and traditional practices effect one's overall health and wellbeing"? Through story-telling, song and dance each Nation took turns sharing about the connection between culture and health. Our kapa haka roopu, Te Tini a Māui, were a part of the event and performed to demonstrate our support to the tangata whenua of this area.

Two-Spirit Gathering: an event dedicated to increasing understanding and support for the Aboriginal rainbow community. The event consisted of presentations from Two Spirit experts, youth discussion panels and support services available to help and educate. "The gathering was so important to me because it's important to reclaim the meaning Two-Spirit and decolonize ourselves with the history and stories that we share and learn from each other", said Tyler Jacobs, a Squamish Nation participant.

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PRIMARY CARE HEALTH CLINICS

KTCL has also been working directly with each of the three local nations to acquire funding to establish primary care clinics on-reserve. The CeH was influential in making this happen and these clinics are definitely the product of their collaboration.

We provided support in establishing the plans for the three clinics, from the project plans through to establishing the physical sites, to resourcing the sites, to recruiting physicians and staff, to developing policies and procedures for the clinics and maintaining and increasing clinic capacity moving forward. We are very proud to say that we helped bring primary health care into the communities.



Tsleil Waututh Nation Clinic

In October 2016 the Tsleil Waututh Nation health clinic was opened. The clinic is called the “Helping House” and has a traditional name. The original vacant house on-reserve was transformed over a period of 6 months to create a welcoming space for what the Health Director described as *“a space community members can come to when they are sick and when they are well.”*

Today the clinic hosts a physician and Nurse Practitioner and Naturopath physician and more services will operate from the site over time. This First Nations community has never had a primary care service on-reserve before so this development is extremely exciting for them.

KTCL was honoured to be part of the cleansing and opening ceremony where a local Knowledge-keeper prepared the whare for health care to be provided with a fresh new start.



The photos above show the clinic after refurbishment, the traditional name and the team who made it happen – Mara with the members of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation. This photo was taken at the opening of the clinic.

Musqueam Indian Band Clinic

On June 2016 the Musqueam Indian Band health clinic was opened. The clinic shares a facility with their Elders programme. Two office spaces have been transformed into the clinics that they have developed today.

They currently have an Aboriginal doctor and a Nurse Practitioner operating from the clinic with support of a Musqueam Medical Office Assistant. This is a first for the Musqueam community who are extremely excited about their new facility and service – again something they have never had in their community.

They are planning for mental health clinicians from the local health authority to also offer consultations from the site as well as other health practitioners.

The Health Lead Coreen Paul was instrumental in creating her vision for the clinic and was pleased to be able to attract a First Nations Doctor from Alberta. He had been working for another First Nation there and wanted to return to BC – so Musqueam was more than ready to create this opportunity for him.



Squamish Nation Clinic

The Squamish Nation is the second largest First Nations community in BC community with over 4,000 members. Squamish Nation was the only one of the three communities who already had an established clinic with a part-time physician service. The funding opportunity has enabled them to expand their clinic to a full-time operation with physician, Nurse Practitioner and Naturopath Physician time supported by a primary care social worker, registered Nurse and MOA.

Demand is already growing for the services offered by the Nation.

Squamish Nation has reserves on the north shore of Vancouver as well as up in the township of Squamish located about an hour north on the Sea to Sky highway. A bus and driver are being coordinated in order to transport people from the various reserves to the clinic, and at times, take the primary care team to the community.

Along with their many other programmes that the Nation delivers, this clinic has helped the leadership to provide an ever-increasing array of accessible services.

8.

In 2015 – 2016 KTCL was awarded a national contract to conduct a national (Canada wide) review of First Nations Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB). The Assembly of First Nations in Ottawa and the First Nations Inuit Health Branch of Health Canada (Federal Government) initiated a joint review of the NIHB programme. The programme ultimately provides assistance to First Nations community members accessing healthcare. The programme covers five health areas. They include: pharmacy benefits, dental benefits, mental health counselling benefits, medical supplies and equipment benefits and vision benefits. The Federal Government provides these benefits for over 800,000 eligible First Nations community members.

Within this review, KTCL was responsible for engaging with First Nation communities across Canada to seek their feedback about the system. This required the team to travel to communities across the entire country! Overall 6 engagement meetings were held in each of the 9 regions of Canada. Yes a total of over 50 community meetings!

Attendees often consisted of community members (those who access the programme), community workers (professionals who are based within communities administering the system) and professionals that are based off reserve (those administering the programme such as Doctors and Pharmacists). In addition to the community engagement meetings, KTCL also administered online surveys for clients and service providers. Thousands of surveys were completed and some feedback was also received by written submissions.

The community engagement phase was a fantastic opportunity for the team to see the 'real Canada' by meeting and talking with First Nations communities across the country. KTCL was grateful for the opportunity to visit these communities on their territories to listen to their stories in the hope of improving their access to healthcare.



NATIONAL REVIEW OF NIHB



Significant political issues were raised by First Nations (e.g. Treaty rights) as well as benefit-specific issues. Once we had finished meeting with the communities we then had to collate all the notes, capturing all of the views from all of the community engagement meetings, to report on the findings and make recommendations based on the feedback. We developed 9 regional summary reports and a national summary report for each of the 5 benefits. We also presented the findings at a number of national forums including the National Chief's Special Assembly in Ottawa at the end of 2016. We are pleased to say that the Assembly of First Nations and First Nations Inuit Health released a document highlighting changes that have already been implemented as a result of the review.

We are very proud to have been part of this process and to have been hosted by many communities across the country. We were made to feel welcome everywhere we went – and became quite the novelty in some places with our 'funny way of talking'! We also heard about many Maori who had been in placed before us and the goodwill that people have toward our people.

Pics of some of the many communities that we visited

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GOING INDEPENDENT ON HAIDA GWAI!



We have developed a strong working relationship with the Skidegate nation on the island of Haida Gwaii (formerly known as the Queen Charlotte Islands) off the coast of northern British Columbia. The newest development that we are part of is the creation of an independent health entity, Xaay Daga Dlaang Society – the Haida Wellness Society on 1 April 2016.

The new entity has enabled what was once a department of the Band Council to an independent organisation being governed by Haida Laws and Traditions and with its own governance. The overarching goal of the entity is captured within their strategic goal which is “Empowering generations of Haida to achieve their highest level of wellness”. The strategic plan which KTCL helped them to develop is underpinned by Haida values and articulates goals for 2015 – 2018.

Xaay Daga Dlaang Society is currently governed by interim Board directors. The board has been responsible for overseeing the management of the organisation while the community continue to contribute to conversations about the new Haida-based governance structure of the organisation.

KTCL has predominantly worked directly with the community to capture and interpret their needs. This has involved having community meetings to discuss what the community want, options to meet these wants and presentations on how to manifest these options.

Discussions focussed around the formal governance structure and the values and guiding principles to underpin the organisation. Many of the guiding principles are based on encouraging the use of Haida traditions and practices.

The entity has a new staff structure, is in the process of developing a new facility and is currently in the process of confirming the final stages of their governance model.

Overall, the Skidegate community seem extremely excited at the opportunity to think and contribute to the new health entity.



The Skidegate Wellness Society honours the Haida laws:

1. YAHUUDANG (respect)
2. AD KYAANANG TLAAGANT (to ask first)
3. TLLYAHDA (make it right)
4. GINA'WAADLUUXAN GUD AD KWAGID (everything depends upon everything else)

TRANSCARE BC

11.

In 2015 an organisation called Transcare BC was established under the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA). PHSA focuses on providing a network of high-quality specialised health-care services to transgender residents in British Columbia. KTCL was engaged by Transcare BC to assist in engaging with First Nations communities to identify their issues with transgender health care needs.

This engagement has also led to increasing support services and understanding the needs of, the wider LGBTQ2S (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer 2 Spirit) community. We have been engaged with a variety of colourful events, in the hope of understanding what the needs are, and what support services can be improved, to better support the LGBTQ2S community.

A primary theme throughout these gatherings is what is described as Two-Spirit or 2S. 2 Spirit was a term developed in 1990 to describe members of the LGBTQ2S that also identified as First Nation (indigenous to Canada or America). Since then, research has identified that the concept of 2 Spirit was also found in traditional, First Nation, society. The primary community that we engage with self-identify as 2 Spirit.

We have been fortunate to be involved with several meetings thus far. They included community meetings in Pemberton involving 5 local First Nations communities; a meeting in Vancouver involving the three local nations (Squamish, Musqueam and Tsleil Waututh), an Aboriginal youth conference in Victoria on Vancouver Island and a health fair in Prince George.

KTCL has attended these meetings to lead and support engagement work on behalf of Transcare BC to identify how to better support indigenous Transgender and the wider LGBTQ2S community. Needless to say – we're learning a lot!!!



12.

TE TINI A MĀUI KAPA HAKA

2016 signalled another exciting year for our Vancouver whānau kapa haka team, Te Tini a Māui. Yes somehow amidst all the work we find time to 'represent' and do our best to showcase Aotearoa's indigenous uniqueness! Since the inception of the small kapa haka that was established by Mania Maniapoto and Ben Ngaia (when they were in Canada back in 2009) the group has grown to become an international performing troupe, entertaining audiences at a variety of events around North America. Churrrr! We must acknowledge the ongoing support of our whānau who come and go (thanks to expiring work permits) and who bring with them a variety of skills, abilities and attributes that everyone enjoys and learns from. From our NZ whānau, to our Canada based NZ whānau and to our Canadian whānau – e kore e mutu te rere a mihi. We're no Matatini-level roopu – but we do our best. The following pictures highlight some of the events that we have performed at. Check out some of our gigs!

Waitangi Day and ANZAC celebrations in Vancouver 2016



Washington DC March 2016: Performances at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington DC to launch a NZ movie appearing in an international film festival. Also showing support to the American consulate based in Washington DC.



Denver May 2016: Supporting the NZ presence at the National Association of Foreign Student Advisors education conference and supporting NZ focussed events during this conference



Los Angeles June 2016: American Airlines establishing their first direct flight from LA to Auckland. We were even the first ones in Business Class to bless the new seats with a waiata! If only we could sit there when we fly between Canada and NZ!



14.

Kamloops August 2016: Supporting our First Nations whānau by performing at the biggest Pow Wow in British Columbia. Its the Native version of Te Matatini where participants dance and drum in different categories for cash prizes!



Washington DC September 2016: Patrick Hape and Makere Kupenga representing at a Defence reception hosted by the NZ embassy in DC.



Washington DC December 2016: supporting a Fisher and Paykel product advertised in the US.



Chicago November 2016: PERFORMING WITH RICHIE MCCAW (woohoo Richie) and supporting the Māori All Blacks and All Blacks for their games and events in Chicago.



Whistler December 2016: And then just whānau time at our haka Christmas breakup for 2016 that we have every year in Whistler...roll on the snow!



16.

THE KEREHOMA DEPARTURE

Despite all of the highs during 2016, we were saddened by the departure from Canada of the Kerehoma whānau to NZ. At the conclusion of their time in Vancouver, Cain resigned from KTCL and with wife Renay and kids Te Atau, Riley and Mokoia – they moved back home to relocate to Gisborne. It was very sad for us to see them all go, but at least knew they would be in good hands moving back home! Here's a snapshot of his time with us at KTCL.



Cain started with Kāhui back in May 2008. He had recently been admitted to the bar after completing his Honours in his legal studies, he was appointed the Ngarimu VC research scholarship recipient and had concluded work with the Ministry of Education – he was ready for a new challenge.

As a result of Cain's established networks in the Ministry of Education (NZ), he undertook some work in the Māori education field undertaking reviews of resources and services for kura rūmaki and kura-ā-iwi. One of the many achievements Cain undertook in NZ was completing a research project for the Industry Training Federation (ITF) of Maori participation.

This research project involved developing a research framework and engaging with the relevant Industry Training Organisations (ITO) and Maori participants and reporting back on the findings. The primary objective of the research was to improve the learning experience and results of Māori learners undertaking industry training within the traditional trades: building, mechanics and electricians.

Major projects Cain worked on

Cain was an influential part of our team and worked on many projects during his time with us. The following list identifies some of his major projects with KTCL NZ and then with the whānau in KTCL Canada.

- Maori Participation in Industry Training, NZ
- Evaluation of Mātaiako resources, NZ
- Whānau Ora research, NZ
- Squamish Nation, Tsleil-Waututh Nation and Musqueam Indian Band hub, Canada
- National NIHB Review, Canada
- Tumu Whakarae international indigenous collaboration initiative
- Hope, Help and Healing Suicide Toolkit, Canada
- Nuxalk Nation health planning, Canada
- Aboriginal Healthy Living for the Ministry of Health, BC



A fresh new face in 2008

Cain moved to Vancouver to join the Canada team in 2012. He packed up his wife and three children and took the leap after a vacancy became available with the return of one of the Canada staff. Cain and his family established themselves with a house, the kids started at a local school and they all enjoyed the opportunities Vancouver has to offer – one major bonus were the advantages to travel throughout North America due to the cheap travel costs from Vancouver.

Everyone settled in to the lifestyle change and Cain became accustomed to KTCL work in Canada.

As Cain got into the swing of things he developed close working relationships with many of the First Nation health directors and Chiefs. He completed many contracts with different communities within Vancouver and then the wider British Columbia province. His first major piece of work was an Aboriginal Healthy Living initiative for the Ministry of Health where he planned and ran leadership development sessions across the province to build capacity in Healthy Living coordinators across BC.

He was extremely influential in establishing and coordinating the Hub with the three local First Nation communities in Vancouver. This piece of work was initiated by the First Nations Health Authority and was implemented to encourage more collaboration between First Nations communities.

We watched, and were part of, his children growing up as they would visit and travel with the wider Vancouver whānau on the Te Tini a Māui trips. Before the end of their stay in Vancouver, the children were each asked to identify three things from their bucket list that they could complete before they returned home. And three things each they did!

The end of Cain's tenure in Vancouver meant that things were being planned for the big move home! He needed a job, a house and everything else that comes with those responsibilities. Before we knew it, the tickets were booked, a job was found, and the home trip became a reality. In true KTCL style, we had to send Cain off with a bang...and a surprise bang at that!

KTCL hosted a farewell dinner for the Kerehoma whānau and their extended whānau here in Canada. Invitations were sent to all of Cain's First Nation whānau to farewell the Kerehomas.

A NZ spread was supplied (including mussel chowder, fried bread, roast lamb and pavlova) and everyone enjoyed good quality NZ kai and company.



On their last day in Vancouver, they were blindfolded and taken to their farewell surprise. They were flying back to NZ directly from San Francisco. What they didn't know, was how they were getting to San Francisco. After **10** fully packed suitcases, a big TV box and another box full of paddles and gifts were loaded up, they were driven to their surprise. They were very excited when they realised they would be on a 3-night cruise to San Fran aboard a Princess Cruises ship! And an even greater surprise was that the rest of the whānau were already on the ship waiting.....After an awesome cruise with the whānau, it was an emotional final goodbye in San Francisco, and they boarded their plane bound for Auckland.

The Kerehoma's are now happy and settled in Gisborne. Cain works for AKINA and the kids attend Manutuke School. They have easily slipped back into the NZ life and are missed in Vancouver very much.

Cain has been an integral part of the KTCL whānau. His ability to think critically, communicate clearly, work with a variety of clients have all been invaluable attributes to the company. His wit and leadership has also been an asset to the Haka team and the wider Canada whānau.

If there is one downside to Cain it is his wit. He has a tendency of "sowing the seeds of mischief" and then watching to see what happens as accusations, embarrassments and shame unfolds...so kia tūpato whānau!

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As a result of all of his work with First Nations communities, he was given the rare honour of a First Nation name at a traditional naming ceremony by Squamish Nation. The name he was given was KWYULT'N which means "a man who walks in his culture". This is a very privileged honour and something we are sure he will always remember. He gave assurances to Squamish Nation that he would ensure this name remained in his family so that his grandchildren would one day know they could come back to Squamish Nation and know they are connected. Here are some pics of that amazing day and the honouring ceremony that he and his whanau participated in. This is the best way to conclude our own honouring of you Cain and that of the contribution your whanau has given to all of us – culturally, professionally and personally.





Kua tō te rā ki runga i tō noho ki te one ka papakitia e te tai o Kiwa. Ko te atarau ka tiaho i te pō, māna mātou e arahi i tō ngarohanga. I runga I ngā kupu o tō kāinga rua “e kore te aroha e maroke i te rā...”

WE WISH YOU ALL THE VERY BEST KIWYULT’N

