



TE HONONGA



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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

HE MIHI

E rere a tai mihi tangata ki runga i ngā ngaru o Kiwa – ki te tai whakararo, ki te tai whakarunga. Tātou katoa o ngā one tawhito e ponitaka i te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa, tēnei e mihi manahau atu, e whakamānawa atu ki a koutou katoa, kei aku rangatira.

Well friends – rolling on to Christmas 2019 and another big year for the Kāhui Tautoko whanau. I realised we hadn't sent a newsletter for 2018 so this one is a two-year catchup! We celebrated our 19th year of business this year since our humble beginnings in July 2000. In just 7 months we will celebrate our 20th anniversary milestone – so hard to believe! So please **SAVE THE DATE Friday 24 JULY 2020** for the 20th evening celebration to be held in Ponoke – a time to share memories, laughs and a few refreshments and our chance to thank many of you who have helped us to reach the 20-year milestone!

As our 3 logos highlight above – we still maintain our parent (matua) company in Aotearoa and our subsidiary in Canada has been super busy since starting in 2008 (yes 11 years in Canada now!). And our other “baby” the US office in Hawaii was birthed in 2017 and we've been working alongside our Native Hawaiian cousins. Very tough working in Hawaii of course...we almost need danger money for the sunburn! Our journey really highlights the original moemoea of Aunty Mate Kaiwai when she named us – to “go out and uplift the people”. With all these developments we've had to refresh our website – check it out on www.kahuitautoko.com

We are very excited about the next year ahead and our 20th celebration and continuing with some of the exciting projects we have had the pleasure of being involved in. We are a small but mighty team and one which I am hugely proud of – and we want to acknowledge our ‘partners in crime’ who have worked with us over the past couple of years: Mania Maniapoto, Caren Rangī, Cain Kerehoma and Nita Wi Repa. Our Canada team continues to get a lot of Aotearoa visitors each year and are so humbled to help host them in the territories of the Squamish, Musqueam and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

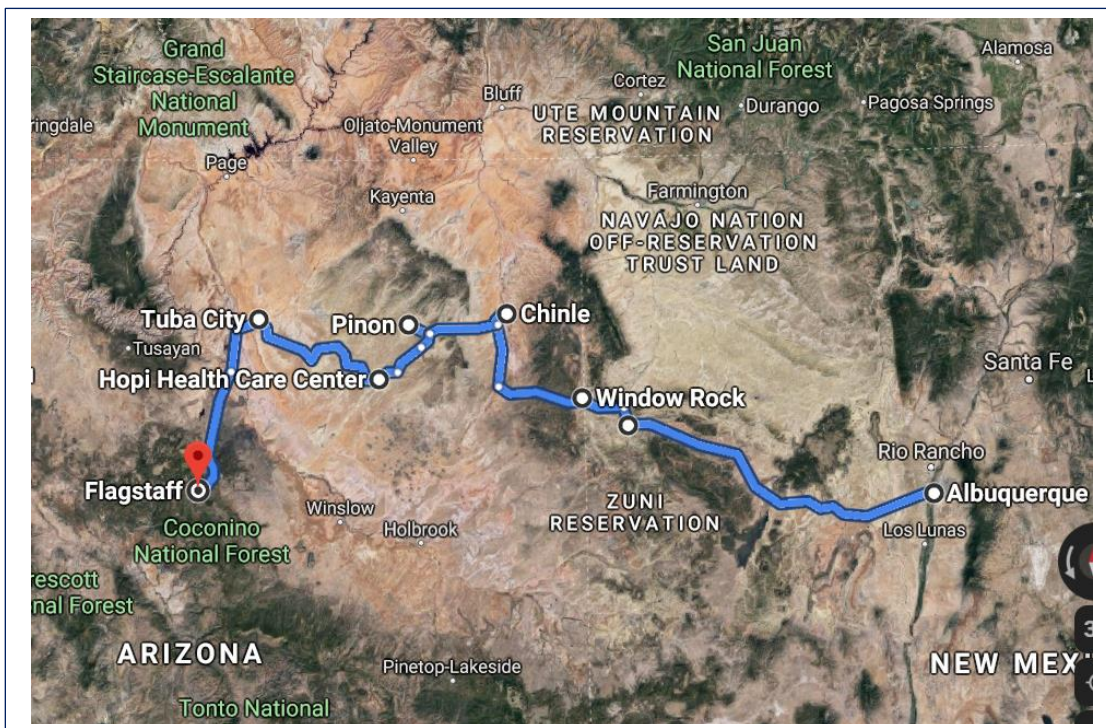
The Vancouver-based Kapa Haka roopu continues to thrive. This year the group celebrated its 10th anniversary in July 2019 by performing at the Aotearoa village at the Polynesian Culture Center in Hawaii. Nga mihi to the regular roopu that performs there for supporting this to happen. Some of you may have caught the story of the anniversary on Maori Television. That followed the joy of being part of having the ‘Haka Global’ TV series where Kapa Haka groups from around the globe were profiled. The Vancouver group was proud to represent Canada! Read more in this issue of our newsletter.

Much love to everyone – and all the best for 2020! Arohanui, Mara, Careene, Patrick and the whanau of Kāhui Tautoko Consulting! Happy reading and catching up on our recent antics...

AOTEAROA MAHI

It is great to continue working with our New Zealand whānau. This year we have continued to develop an international collaboration led by Tumu Whakarae (the national forum of Maori leaders from District Health Boards) and other indigenous health leaders from Hawai'i, Canada and the wider USA. This collaboration is super exciting and continues to demonstrate its value.

We have also continued to work with some of our long-time clients such as the team from Te Roopū Tautoko ki te Tonga in Dunedin. Other important clients have been the Health Promotion Agency, Te Hapu o Ngai Te Oatua and the National Hauora Coalition who are implementing an amazing programme called Te Wā Korero in schools in South Auckland which we have the privilege of evaluating.



TUMU WHAKARAE: HE HIKOI RANGAHAU V

This year a small group from Tumu Whakarae (Maori Leaders from DHBs) travelled to Navajo territory in New Mexico and Nevada. They were very fortunate first to attend the National Congress of American Indian (NCAI) Annual Convention in Albuquerque where they met with the recently appointed Director of the Indian Health Service RADM Michael Weeahkee as well as a number of the 567 Tribal leaders of the USA. Travelling into Navajo's main hub at Window Rock enabled the group to meet with the President and Vice President of Navajo Nation. This was such a learning experience to meet the leadership of the largest Nation in the USA.

The group then travelled to the heart of their large reservation visiting Indian Health Centers and travelling through the Hopi Reservation. Over 1,200 miles of road trip. There were many great examples of everything from traditional healing practices to emergency department management; mental health; primary care and cancer care. This was another study tour organized and escorted by Kāhui Tautoko Consulting for which we were hugely appreciative for the opportunity.

FIRST NATIONS TOUR TO AOTEAROA – FEB 2019

Kāhui Tautoko Consulting was again playing tour guide when we escorted a large contingent of indigenous First Nations who came to New Zealand in February 2019! We had deliberately planned their event to enable them to attend the finals day of Te Matatini in Wellington. They were simply “blown away” by the strength in numbers of performers; the professional performances they witnessed; the “all ages, all sizes, and all genders” make-up of the groups and of course, the hospitality of all the vendors and displays (including the kai!). After being hosted by the Te Awe Maori Business Network and visiting with some of our Maori MPs at Parliament - they then travelled to our friends in Kaikoura and had an amazing time, before spending time with Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu in Christchurch and the Canterbury DHB Maori team. They then went on to Dunedin and enjoyed the company of the whanau of Te Roopu Tautoko ki te Tonga before finishing in Murikiku at Awarua Marae. Thanks to Awarua Social Services for organising a trip to Ngai Tahu Fisheries in Bluff where they got to see oysters being shucked at speed, and the paua being readied for export. YUM!!!

The group was exposed to so much Maori talent, expertise and success during their tour – it really did inspire them! A few of them found their voices and for the first time in their lives, stood up to sing their waiata. They are already planning their return!



LEFT: The amazing whanau from Takahanga Marae in Kaikoura make new friends with one of the visitors from Haida Gwaii.

The Haida Nation LOVE their paua just as much as us!



LEFT: Thanks to a discount from Ngai Tahu, the whole group enjoyed the Shotover Jet (owned by Ngai Tahu Tourism) – what a way to end the tour

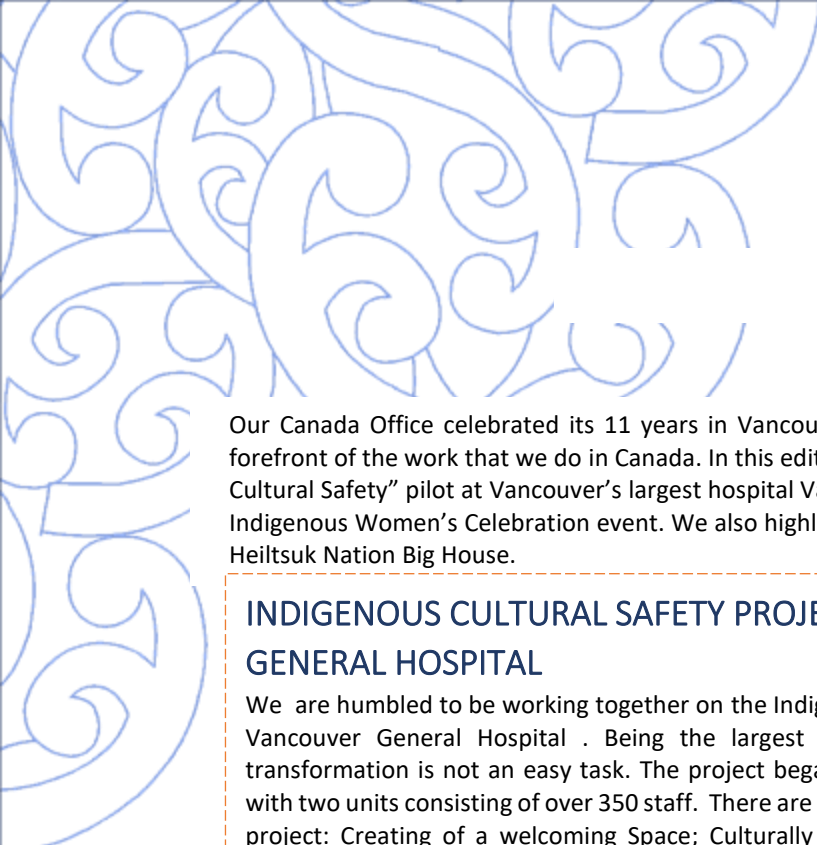


LEFT: Getting covered up to protect the kaimoana in the Ngai Tahu Seafood factory in Bluff – HATS ON PEOPLE – let’s go! And no stealing our oysters!

RIGHT: The group inside Awarua Marae after a warm welcome and some beautiful waiata



LEFT: The group receiving a formal welcome at Wellington airport when they first landed. Totally unexpected and humbly received



CANADA MAHI

Our Canada Office celebrated its 11 years in Vancouver in May 2019. First Nations’ development remains at the forefront of the work that we do in Canada. In this edition, we would like to highlight a few projects: our “Indigenous Cultural Safety” pilot at Vancouver’s largest hospital Vancouver General Hospital (VGH) and the Downtown East Side Indigenous Women’s Celebration event. We also highlight an amazing ceremony we attended for the opening of the Heiltsuk Nation Big House.

INDIGENOUS CULTURAL SAFETY PROJECT @ VANCOUVER GENERAL HOSPITAL

We are humbled to be working together on the Indigenous Cultural Safety Project with Vancouver General Hospital . Being the largest hospital in BC though – means transformation is not an easy task. The project began in May 2018, working primarily with two units consisting of over 350 staff. There are four key outcome areas of the pilot project: Creating of a welcoming Space; Culturally Safe Staff; Cultural Supports and Cultural Resources. We are humbled to be working with the staff on implementing this initiative. Kāhui Tautoko plays a project management role in this pilot and there have been many learnings and observations throughout this journey to date. 93% of the staff in these units have completed a tailored Indigenous Cultural Safety programme. One of the initiatives from this work has been the development of an App for Aboriginal Cultural Practices so that specialists and doctors can access the information quickly. We must acknowledge Whaea (actually ‘Dame’) Naida Glavish for being willing to share the Tikanga Guidelines developed for Auckland Hospital on which they based the App content.



Careene – our Project Lead for the VGH Indigenous Cultural Safety project

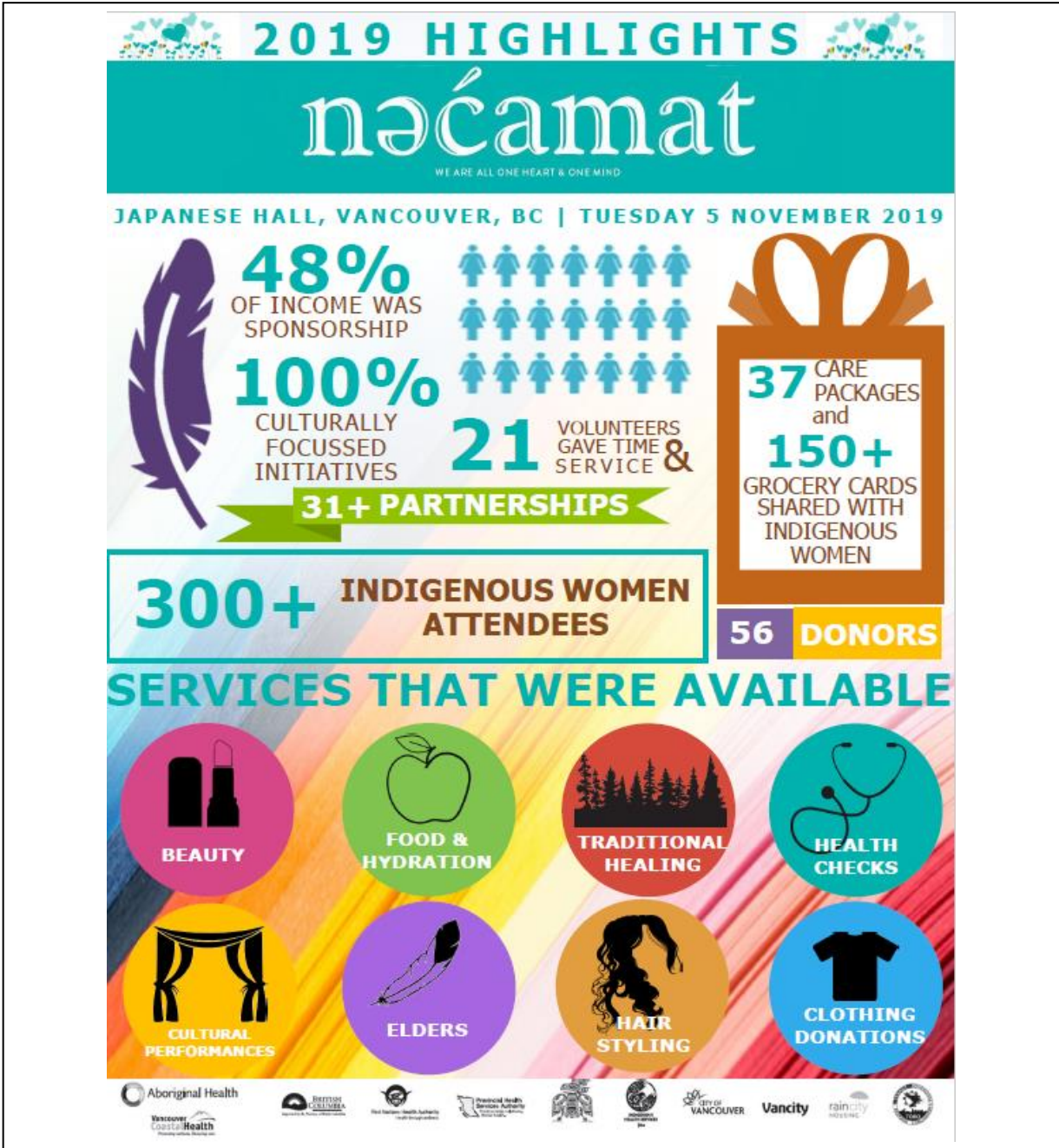


Example of a before and after design concept in the hospital reception area considered as one of many options to create an indigenous welcoming space



DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE INDIGENOUS WOMENS EVENT

We were very privileged to be asked by a long-time client to organize and manage this event held in November 2019. What an amazing success and an amazing honouring of indigenous women in urban Vancouver



2019 HIGHLIGHTS

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WE ARE ALL ONE HEART & ONE MIND

JAPANESE HALL, VANCOUVER, BC | TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2019

- 48%** OF INCOME WAS SPONSORSHIP
- 100%** CULTURALLY FOCUSED INITIATIVES
- 21** VOLUNTEERS GAVE TIME & SERVICE
- 31+** PARTNERSHIPS
- 37** CARE PACKAGES and **150+** GROCERY CARDS SHARED WITH INDIGENOUS WOMEN
- 300+** INDIGENOUS WOMEN ATTENDEES
- 56** DONORS

SERVICES THAT WERE AVAILABLE

- BEAUTY
- FOOD & HYDRATION
- TRADITIONAL HEALING
- HEALTH CHECKS
- CULTURAL PERFORMANCES
- ELDERS
- HAIR STYLING
- CLOTHING DONATIONS

Logos at the bottom include: Aboriginal Health, Vancouver Coastal Health, British Columbia, First Nations Health Authority, Financial Health Services Authority, City of Vancouver, Vancity, raincity, and others.



BIG HOUSE OPENING: HEILTSUK NATION (Central Coast of BC)

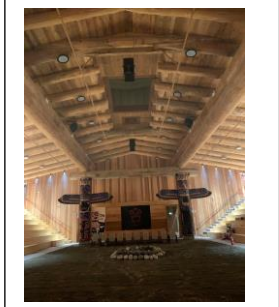


The Heiltsuk Nation are a proud and humble people who protect and safeguard their islands and environment on the central coast of British Columbia. We were very honored to be invited to the opening of their new Big House (Wharenuī) as we have worked with them for some years and made many friends. They have not had a house in their community for over 120 years. William Housty, cultural adviser on the project, said the opening is an important step toward cultural revitalization, following a history of oppression. *"Missionaries claimed that the (last) Big House was blown down in a storm. But none of our people ever believed that because they chose that area to live in because it was so well sheltered from the storms,"* he said. *"The Heiltsuk believe the missionaries knocked down the last Big House in their efforts to assimilate members of the First Nation",* he said.



LEFT: The Pare 'Te Taukaea' commissioned by Kāhui Tautoko which we gifted at the opening. It now hangs proudly in the new Big House.

We thank Tiopira Rauna and his team for their work on this beautiful carving.



TWO-SPIRIT: INDIGENOUS LGBTQ ENGAGEMENT



Patrick – our Project Lead for the Two-Spirit Indigenous LGBTQ Engagement project

Trans Care BC (TCBC) is a division of the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) in BC Canada. TCBC works to ensure that people have the information they need to access gender-affirming healthcare and supports. Services through TCBC support people who identify as Transgender, Two-Spirit and gender diverse; including their families, friends and loved ones; and also include supporting service providers.

TCBC contracted Kāhui Tautoko Consulting Ltd (KTCL) in April 2016 to support an engagement process over 3 years with BC First Nations and the Aboriginal population – as well as First Nations, Aboriginal and community-based non-profit organizations working in this field - to inform the design and delivery of culturally appropriate care for the First Nations and Aboriginal Two-Spirit and Transgender community. Our Consultant Patrick led this work over the three years and organized and attended many hui across BC to speak with the indigenous community about their needs, priorities and aspirations for accessing appropriate care. This year he finishes the project, wrote up all the findings and presented the report back to TCBC. This is the first comprehensive engagement process on LGBTQ needs for indigenous people in BC so an amazing achievement!



HAWAI'I MAHI

We have been asked several times over the years to do work in Hawai'i with our Polynesian brothers and sisters. Thankfully the timing has been right, and we registered our subsidiary office in Hawai'i in 2017. We are pleased to now be supporting our Polynesian brothers and sisters and working with Papa Ola Lokahi – the state-level body with a mandate to focus on improving Native Hawaiian health. The work has taken us to all of the Islands and working with local Native Hawaiian Health Centers assessing their current programming and recommending improvements to further enhance their journey. We are now supporting them in a community engagement process to speak to Native Hawaiian families and community groups about their vision for health and well-being, so that will keep us occupied over the next year or so! What an amazing opportunity not only to work with our Polynesian family – but heck – how tough is it to work in Hawaii LOL?! In total we spend about 2-3 months of the year on these beautiful Islands. Yeah, I know ... tell me about it ... what a stink job...

We've learned a lot about King Kamehameha and the Royal Hawaiian family in our travels!



Some of the lovely team we've been working with on Kaua'i



Naturally there's been a bit of cultural exchange during our visits around the Islands.

Tough acts to follow with their year-round tans and glistening bodies LOL!

TE TINI A MĀUI KAPA: Vancouver

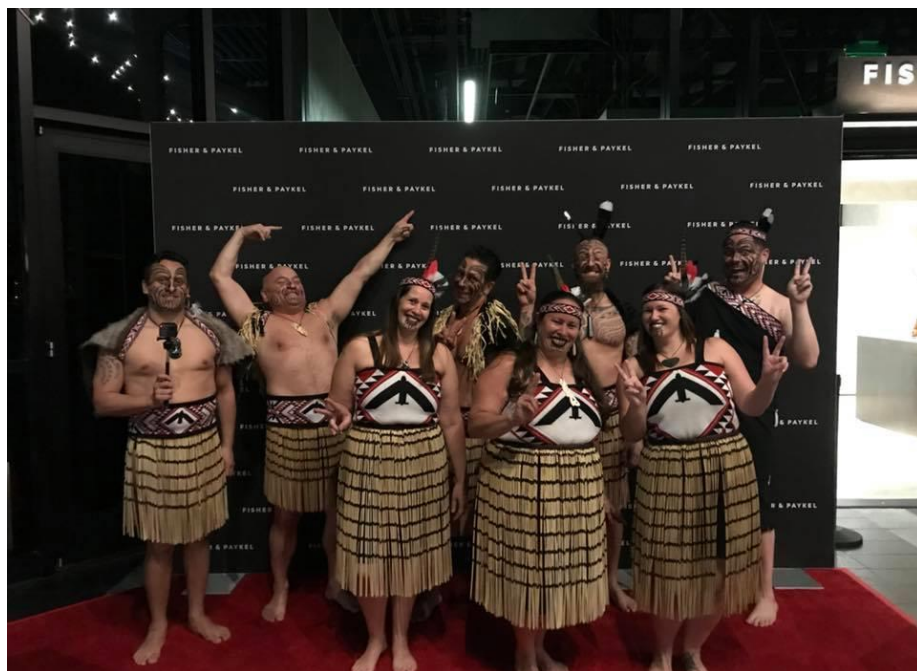
On top of our ever-growing work commitments, the Kapa Haka group in Vancouver continues to be active.

All of the staff of Kāhui Tautoko Consulting are part of Te Tini a Māui Kapa Haka, and along with other Maori whanau living in Vancouver, the group has now been going since 2009 and celebrated its 10th anniversary in style in July 2019 (in Hawaii of course – well where else?) It was a great reunion of current and past members who travelled from Aotearoa including founding member Mania Maniapoto. We're no Matatini-level roopū – but we do our best and our heart is in the right place. The following pictures highlight some of the events that we have performed at.

Waitangi Day and ANZAC celebrations in Vancouver 2018 and 2019 – yes we're regulars every Feb and April



February 2018: FISHER & PAYKEL (Costa Mesa, Los Angeles)



NZ Wineries promotion



NZ Wineries Event in Vancouver

2018: IN the recording studio making the soundtrack for the next 'Civilisations' game



BELOW: June 2018: PACIFIC DAY (Washington DC)



BELOW: May 2018: Supporting AIR NEW ZEALAND (Vancouver and Toronto) who also help by sponsoring our practice space!



BEST airline in the world!





July 2018: CANADA DAY (Vancouver, BC) – filmed for the HAKA GLOBAL series. Nga mihi Matai and Hinewehi !!



Canada Day performance – became the focus of the television series HAKA GLOBAL for Vancouver

SEPTEMBER 2018 and 2019: Patrick Hape and Makere Kupenga representing at a Defence reception hosted by the NZ Embassy in Washington DC (3RD & 4TH TIME AROUND!)



2018: POWWOW: SAN MARCOS, TEXAS. Happily joined by returning performers Cain & Renay Kerehoma. They've already invited us back for their 10th Pow Wow in October 2020





NOVEMBER 2018: NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA: Pow Wow performance – joined by our very own ring-in Ani-Piki Tuari



Louisiana Indian Heritage Association

52nd Annual POWWOW

November 17-18, 2018
Lamar-Dixon Expo Center
Gonzales, LA

HEAD STAFF:	SCHEDULE:
Head Man: TBI	Saturday- Gourd 12pm
Head Lady: TBA	Grand Entry 1:30pm
Head Singer: TBA	Gourd 6pm
Gourd: TBA	Grand Entry 7:30pm
MC: TBA	Sunday- Gourd 12pm
AD: Darsh DeSilva	Grand Entry 1:30pm



JULY 2019: The group – old and new – at the Polynesian Cultural Center after their performance at Aotearoa Village in Hawaii. What an amazing reunion! And acknowledgment to the First Nations artists for the ‘summer korowai’ outfit to signify our connection with Canada. Nga mihi also to the regular performing group at PCC who allowed us to perform on their stage to visitors. And YES that’s Mara’s moko in the middle as well as her daughter 3rd from left. Three generations on the same stage – awesome!!! *Ummmm might be time to retire Mara!!*



Well – that’s all from us whanau.

We wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and New Year with friends and whanau. Drive safe and take care and best wishes for a prosperous 2020.

Don’t forget to **SAVE THE DATE 24 July 2020** in Poneke for the Kāhui Tautoko 20th anniversary – it’ll be a blast (speaking of which – that only gives 7 months to get to the gym!~ LOL)

See you all again soon – the team at Kāhui Tautoko Consulting.... Take care ...