



64 Amopo Street
Kawhia

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Kia ora

My name is Nedracita Dunn and I am the Secretary of the Kawhia Maori Women's Welfare League.

Our Peka(Group) was formed in 1976. We have 27 Senior, 4 Junior, 3 Honorary and 3 Life members in our membership.

We actively participate in supporting community events and have donated to a number of key services to aid in their functioning as an important component to provide the services needed in around the harbour.

We undertook recently to re-establish an area known as, Pouewe, which is situated beside and behind the old Kawhia Post office. This place is of historical significance, it was a place where expecting mother would be taken to the hot water springs at the mouth of Pouewe Stream to assist with birthing process and ceremonies.

In conjunction with the Community board and Otorohanga District Council we have worked together to groom this area in preparation to plant flowers and place a plaque to outline the history of this area. It is our hope that this will encourage people to visit.

Would you be interested in donating a beautiful stone art piece to adorn our special area. In particular the Koru stone piece that has the Mother/Child figure? (Pictured below).

We believe that this piece signifies 'Pouewe' in its entirety.

We look forward to hearing from you and would welcome any questions you may have.

Ngaa mihi

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