



The Unauthorised Version  
of the History of

Te Kāhui Tāwharautanga  
o Ngā Rongoā

And

Te Kāhui Rongoā (Trust)

*Hui Tanguru 2012*

It was really only a matter of time before Ngā Ringa Whakahaere o Te Iwi Māori and Te Paepae Matua mo Rongoā got to really know one another. You could say it was a blessing in disguise when they were directed to merge in May 2011.



Accepting change is not one of our strongest traits and it took several meetings (pūkana and all) before we all woke up and realised that our journey in relation to ***rongoa*** is the same, only our pathways were different.



And so the beguiling and beautiful Ngā Ringa  
Whakahaere o Te Iwi Māori courted our dashing  
(comparatively much younger) Te Paepae  
Matua mo Rongoā and lo and behold ka puta  
mai tā rāua pēpe.



Now these two formidable giants ( Ngā Ringa rāua ko Te Paepae) have many, many, MANY whanau between them and if we are to be honest we all know it is impossible to please them all.



Marriage negotiations were one thing but to agree on a name for this new baby was something else again.

Ka tono ngā whānau katoa, ka puta ko ngā ingoa tekau mā tōru.

Auē ka tau te taumaha ki runga ki tā tātou pēpe.



Ka hui ano te hui, ka kōrero ano te kōrero a ka  
tae atu ki te Whiringa a Rangi.

November 18<sup>th</sup> proved to be a most auspicious  
day indeed for us all.



Representatives from (te nuinga) o ngā whānau arrived at Panguru Marae in the Hokianga and a most learned kaumātua from Ngā Puhi Nui Tonu guided us through a process to choose the name for our newborn.





Ka hui anō te kōrero, ka kōrero anō te hui, a, ka  
puta ko te ingoa tika.



It wasn't a unanimous decision by any means but fair's fair and the majority of voices asked that our newborn be given a very auspicious name and so ***Te Kāhui Tāwharautanga o Ngā Rongoā*** took her first breath as the whakaruruhau for Rongoā Māori throughout the motu.

Now this little one has been born into two worlds and no doubt there will be a lot of mahi ahead of her so it is imperative that we protect her in these changing times.



She already has the wisdom and wonder of her ancestral past and what better way to protect her in these times than to embrace her with a *whānau e matatau ana ki ngā mahi o tēnei ao hurihuri.*



A whānau well versed in the many requirements needed to survive in both worlds.

And so the voices united once again and agreed that ***Te Kāhui Rongoā*** would be that whānau.



This whānau is no ordinary whānau for ***Te Kāhui Tāwharautanga o Ngā Rongoā*** must place her trust in the hands of ***Te Kāhui Rongoā***.

Every rohe agreed unanimously to give this little one, two of their very best warriors to protect her, nurture her and help her grow.



And so we arrive to today. As young as she is ***Te Kāhui Tāwharautanga o Ngā Rongoā*** will attract a bevy of the most learned warriors, tāne and wāhine.

Each will vie for a position to be of service to her, for she embodies all that is Rongoā past, present and future.



Soon she will be surrounded by a formidable team of kaimahi who will be passionate about bringing Rongoā into the twenty first century and together they will once again strive to fulfil the dreams and aspirations of our ancestors.





Proud parents Ngā Ringa Whakahaere and Te Paepae Matua will forever keep a fond eye on their pēpe and no matter what challenges are placed before them in the future, rest assured with your support they will prevail.



“Tū mai ra e

***Te Kāhui Tāwharautanga o Ngā  
Rongoā***

hei whakaruruhau mō ngā Taonga  
Tuku Iho”



*ĒHARA TĒNEI I TE  
MUTUNGA*

*KO TE TĪMATANGA KE!*