



Nga Korero o Nga Taonga o Te Kahui Maunga Festival

Paretetaitonga Overall Marae Aggregate

Literally that which wards off the south winds, this Taonga is the pinnacle of awards and represents the main peak of Ruapehu. This name is also an alternative for the whole of Ruapehu and is locally pronounced Paratetaitonga.

Hauhungatahi Indoor Bowls

Literally, the first snow fall, this maunga very rarely has snow settle on it. It is a key feature in the Waimarino/National Park skyline looking towards Ruapehu and was also known as Puke Titi due to the plentiful titi warrens on this maunga.

Rongokaupo Table Tennis

Literally, that which is heard at night, is the collective name for both the Raetihi and Rongokaupo (proper) hills that stretch from the junction to the Hapuawhenua viaduct. This was a major hunting ground and there are many bat colonies which possibly has a link to the name of the puke.

Hukaroa Netball

Literally, the long snowy cloak, this hill always gets some of the first snow falls for the winter. Immediately behind Raetihi township looking west ward, it is recognised as the taumata of Uenuku-manawa-wiri.

Te Ranga-A-Kauika Basketball

This hill is behind Nga Mokai and means the clan of Kauika. Kauika was a chief in the pre Taiwiri times and a number of significant events have happened on this hill. Raukawa invaded the Murimotu peoples at this pa (hence the name Pah hill) and Tinirau was hangi'ed here.

Tuhirangi Touch

Literally, that which is written in the heavens, Tuhirangi was the tuahu of ancestors like Paerangi and Rangituhia and has special significance. This taumata tapu is situated between Waiouru and Raketapauma.

Maungakaretu Volleyball

Maungakaretu is a hill between Karioi and Kauangaroa between the fields track and the Turakina valley road and is where Rangiteauria is buried. The Maungakaretu lands are shared between Ngati Rangi, Ngati Pamoana and Te Awaiti (through their Uenuku-Manawa-Wiri lines) and Ngati Apa. It was a resourceful area full of kai especially birds.