

# Matua Hautere



## Whakapapa Kōrero

Matua Hautere and Kaikaiāwaro are two of our significant Ngāti Kuia ancestors. They are ancestors who help define us as Ngāti Kuia.

Matua Hautere was an explorer, he is likened to his/our ancestor Kupe, both travelling in and around this place that we call home, exploring, finding, discovering and naming.

He travelled across Raukawakawa on his waka Te Hoiere. He was guided by Kaikaiāwaro and Ruamano, kaitiaki that take the form of aihe or dolphins. Kaikaiāwaro the female element,

Ruamano the balancing male element. Ruamano eventually returned but Kaikaiāwaro stayed and lives in Te Ana a Kaikaiāwaro protecting and guiding us even today. When we fish down the Sounds we offer some back as a way to thank her for protecting us.

Matua Hautere travelled across Raukawakawa and all through the Marlborough Sounds on his way to Nelson. He and Kaikaiāwaro moved through and named places and recorded the resources and food they found. Matua Hautere built Tūāhu in places that he visited.

Matua Hautere is important to us because he named so many of the special places that we love and enjoy. He is important too because our ancestors recorded many pūrākau involving Matua Hautere and Kaikaiāwaro which means that they really wanted us all to know about them.

**We can be like Matua Hautere. We too are brave, daring, discoverers, explorers, kaitiaki, adaptable, solid in who we are as people.**



## Waiata

**Matua Hautere te tipuna i hoea mai rā  
i Hawaiki-nui  
I Hawaiki-roa, Hawaiki-pāmamao e  
Te ara whakaheke i tōna tipuna a Kupe  
He tipua, he tangata Matua Hautere e**

**Matua Hautere te Tipuna i reia Te  
Moana o Raukawa  
I runga tōna waka i a Te Hoiere e  
Kaikaiāwaro hei hoa haere, hei kaitiaki  
He tipua, he tangata Matua Hautere e**

**Matua Hautere te tipuna i taunahatia  
te whenua nei  
Aku whenua tipuna, whenua taurikura  
Ngā ipukarea, wai whakaika e tere nei**

**He tipua, he tangata Matua Hautere e (x2)  
He tipua, he tangata, hi aue hi!**

This waiata was written to remind our whānau of our Tipuna Matua Hautere who followed the trail of his ancestor Kupe. He travelled across Raukawakawa on his waka Te Hoiere with Kaikaiāwaro, his companion and guardian. Matua Hautere is our eponymous ancestor.