

Manunui

- Make strong choices
 - Persevere
 - Share wisdom

Manunui, Te waha o te Marangai, hō!

Manunui, the mouthway to Ngai Tamarawaho

The bountiful garden beds of Manunui Pā at the borders of Hangarau. Renowned for prevailing winds or turbulence of this section of the Tauranga harbour.

Manunui is a significant pā site, a Pā Tūwatawata, a fortified pā. Manunui Pā gave protection and security to this part of the boundaries of Ngai Tamarāwaho from its high vantage point.

This maunga and pā overlooks Te Waha o te Marangai down below toward Bethlehem, North West into the harbour to Hangarau, and North across to Oreanui and Matuaiwi on the end of Matua Peninsula.

A significant history of Manunui talks of a Kāroro, a seagull, witnessing and singing the tale of a wāhine down below in a nearby estuary. Where she took it upon herself to avoid a great wrong being done to her and in doing so preserving what she saw as an unwanted future. From the lament of the Kāroro, her legacy of Mana Wāhine was forged for eternity.