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### A word from your kaimahi

#### *Kia ora mai tātou*

This is an unprecedented time. A time of change. Our marae have had to close temporarily and we have all been asked to stay home for at least four weeks.

When this year began, very few of us would have been paying attention to the Covid-19 coronavirus and what it might mean. Now, for the wellbeing of our whānau, marae, hapū, iwi, and everybody in Aotearoa, we have to pay attention and act with others in mind.

As New Zealand moved to Alert Level 4 at 11.59pm on March 25, we temporarily closed the Ngā Pōtiki office in Pāpāmoa. We are sticking to the self-isolation rules that are so important for protecting our kaumātua and all of our whānau who have underlying health conditions. We all have to play by the rules to slow the spread and look after our most vulnerable. Stay home to stay safe. Stay home to reduce the spread of Covid-19.

While it is important to regularly take stock of the evolving situation and to stay up to date with the Government's guidance (we recommend you do that by visiting [www.covid19.govt.nz](http://www.covid19.govt.nz)), sometimes it can all feel a little overwhelming.

It's a good idea to keep as many of your normal routines as you can. If you usually go for a morning walk, keep doing that. Just remember, you should only be walking in your local area and with people who are in your household – your "bubble". If you see others while out and about, you need to stay two metres away and the interaction should only be very brief. If you are unwell, don't leave the house at all.

None of this feels very natural but it is what we need to do right now. Things are not the same as they were last week, but we will find a new normal.

If you can help it, don't let your life revolve around this lockdown. Don't draw your curtains and go into hibernation for the next month or so. Keep in contact with friends and whānau by calling regularly. If you have the technical know-how (or tamariki or mokopuna who can help) set up video calling on your phone or computer. Seeing each other's faces and hearing each other's voices in the 'virtual' world is our new 'kanohi ki te kanohi' setting.

#### **Keep listening to music. Keep singing.**

We can still catch up for a laugh with people who do not live with us, or have hui and wānanga, the only difference is we cannot gather together at someone's whare, or at our marae, or anywhere else to do that. We can still get together (even though we are not together physically) in the virtual world. Use tools like Skype, Facebook Messenger, WhatsApp, FaceTime, Zoom. There are so many more.

Keep an eye on the Ngā Pōtiki Facebook page over the coming weeks and we will share some tips and tricks to help you all get connected, or stay connected, using your smartphone, tablet or computer.

We want to stay connected with you. The staff at Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust are still working (from our various homes across the Waikato and Tauranga Moana) and can be contacted via email – [kiaora@ngapotiki.org.nz](mailto:kiaora@ngapotiki.org.nz), or by using Facebook Messenger – [m.me/ngapotiki.org.nz](https://m.me/ngapotiki.org.nz).

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We want to hear from you – send us old photos of Pāpāmoa or of our marae that we can share, send us ideas for future issues of this newsletter. Send us your stories about the new normal of staying home.

This issue of the newsletter – **Issue #16** – is packed with stories, updates, and announcements. We introduce three new staff members and share an exciting update about our Manawa Shared Equity Scheme.

Unfortunately, this issue of the newsletter will not be able to be delivered by post. With the office now closed, we cannot print or post anything.

This is a time to come together as a community, as an iwi. Let's adapt together. Let's support each other. And finally, thank you to those of you working in essential services that continue leaving the house each day to go to work, to keep our communities and the country running smoothly. Thank you and stay safe.

**Ngā mihi mahana**

**Erana and all the team.**

# Protect yourself and others from COVID-19



**Mahia te hopi.  
Horoi ō ringa.**

Wash your hands with soap and water often (for at least 20 seconds). Then dry.



**Whakamātihetihe te ihu ki te tuke.**

Cough or sneeze into your elbow or by covering your mouth and nose with tissues.



**Mēnā ka paru ō ringa, kaua e pā te kānohi.**

Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.



**Whakapūputu ai te patuero i ngā mea katoa.  
Hei tauira: Ngā kakau,  
ngā papa, ngā taputapu.**

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects, such as doorknobs.



**Rauatu te aihika ki te ipupara.**

Put used tissues in the bin or a bag immediately.



**Mēnā ka māuiui koe, herea ki te kainga.**

Stay home if you feel unwell.

For updates and more information on keeping yourself safe, visit [Covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz)

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## Whanaungatanga

Getting to know our trustees and staff a little better. In this issue, we provide a list of our trustees and everyone working for Ngā Pōtiki, and our three new staff members answer a few questions about themselves.

*Next issue, we will profile some of our trustees.*

## Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust staff

**Erana Brewerton** – General Manager

**Briar Hayman** – Executive Assistant

**Matire Duncan** – Resource Management Unit Manager

**Linda Carroll** – Housing Advisor

**Tania Ririnui** – Education and Skills Coordinator

**Scott Yeoman** – Communications Advisor

**Luwina Stewart** – Financial Administrator

## The board of Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust

**Colin Reeder** – Chairperson and Advisory Trustee

**Victoria Carroll** – Deputy Chairperson and Trustee

**Peter Stokes** – Trustee

**Verna Gate** – Trustee

**Shirley Oliver** – Trustee

**Ropata Stephens** – Trustee



**Briar Hayman** – Executive Assistant

**Tell us a little bit about yourself, starting with where you grew up.**

I was born in Taihape where my dad grew up and within a year my parents moved to mum's hometown, Tūranganui-a-Kiwa. Growing up in Gizzy was a blessing, with fantastic beaches and weather, an abundance of kaimoana, camping and more. Mum had a career in education, and I was lucky to have the opportunity to go to hui with her around Tairāwhiti, meeting some amazing, talented people along the way. After completing my schooling, I studied at Waikato University, later relocating to Auckland. I moved to Te Puke in 1999 to raise my children out of the rat race. I am proud to be a part of our awesome community.

**What would your dream holiday involve?**

Beautiful weather, a beach, a book, and my life buddy, Karl.

**What is your favourite seafood to eat raw, and cooked?**

Raw oysters closely followed by sashimi. Cooked would be pūwhaiu coated in panko crumbs and fried in butter.

**How do you spend your time when you are not at work?**

With friends or family, gardening, cooking, reading or going for walks.

**What was your first job, and what did you do with the money you earned?**

Working in our local dairy in Kaiti, at the age of 12, enabled me to buy as many lollies and ice blocks as I wanted.



**Tania Ririnui** – Education and Skills Coordinator

**Tell us a little bit about yourself, starting with where you grew up.**

I whānau au ki kōnei.

Ko te āhuatanga nei, he uri nō te motu whānui, mai Ngā Kuri a Whārei ki Tihirau puta noa ki te hōkainuku o Ngāti Awa te toki, te tangatanga i te rā, te ngohengohe i te wai. Rere tititaha ki te rohe o Te Arawa, mai Maketū ki Tongariro, ngōkingōki haere ana ki Te Tāhuna o Rangataua, kia whakapāpaka au i ahau. He hononga ā toto, e kore e whati. Takahi paru, kāwhaki pō.

I was born in Tauranga, raised in Maungatapu, I have two taringa kore tamariki, ko Paiheretia Te Rongopai taku tamāhine, e whā ōna tau, ko Witika Te Rere a Kāpuni taku Tama e toru ōna tau. My husband was born and bred on Matakana Island, the centre of the universe and a place we both call home.

**What's your favourite place in Aotearoa, and why?**

My favourite place in Aotearoa is Rangiwaea Island. It's beautiful, calm, untouched and home to the best rēwena maker in the country, Nanny Joyce Taingahue.

**What is some good advice you have received?**

I'm not sure it was advice but my Aussie koko always used to say, "If you can help it, don't get old".

**What would your dream holiday involve?**

Most likely, the wharf at Rangiwaea Island, good kai (rēwena) and whānau.

**What is your favourite food?**

Kaimoana (on rēwena).



**Scott Yeoman** – Communications Advisor

**Tell us a little bit about yourself, starting with where you grew up.**

I was born in Durban, South Africa but have spent 23 of my 27 years in Aotearoa. I grew up in Ākarana/Auckland, crazy about sport. My girlfriend and I – childhood sweethearts – moved to Tauranga Moana about two and a half years ago after travelling around Aotearoa in a van for five months. We loved that trip so much we wanted to settle somewhere new, away from the Big Smoke. Pāpāmoa is our new home. I have trained and worked as a newspaper journalist and am now using those skills to share the stories of Ngā Pōtiki.

**What's your favourite place in Aotearoa, and why?**

The Catlins, in the southeastern corner of Te Waipounamu/South Island. That place is wild Aotearoa at its best.

**What skill or talent would you most like to learn?**

I have always wanted to learn a new language and so this year I am starting my te reo Māori journey.

**What is your favourite food?**

Spicy peri-peri chicken, with chips.

**What would your dream holiday involve?**

Going somewhere truly wild, where I can watch and photograph wildlife in its natural habitat.

**Mā tātau  
katoa e  
ārai atu te  
COVID-19**





'Once disturbed the flounder never returns to where it originally was'

One way to interpret this whakataukī is:  
Don't make the same mistake twice.

## Asian paddle crab update



Underwater trapping across the Bay of Plenty coastline this summer has confirmed Asian paddle crabs have become well established in Tauranga Moana and have spread further along the coast.

This is concerning for Ngā Pōtiki, as these invasive pests could decimate our natural environment and our native taonga species. Thankfully, the crabs have not yet been found in Te Tāhuna o Rangataua.

Last summer, eight crabs were caught after almost 1200 traps were placed around the harbour. This summer, the number caught has risen to 42 in Tauranga Harbour and for the first time, two crabs were also caught in Ōhiwa Harbour.

Ngā Pōtiki's Matire Duncan is tracking this issue closely and is working alongside ngā hapū o Te Tāhuna o Rangataua, the Bay of Plenty Regional Council, as well as Manaaki Te Awanui and NIWA New Zealand.

Matire is part of a project that is developing and trialling pest crab trapping and surveillance methods utilising traditional Māori knowledge.

Although some of this mahi is on hold at the moment due to the lockdown, if you want to get involved when it starts up again, please contact her by emailing: [matire@ngapotiki.org.nz](mailto:matire@ngapotiki.org.nz)



## Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana

A big congratulations to Ngā Pōtiki's Matire Duncan who has been appointed the new independent chairperson of the Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana – a collective of 16 iwi and hapū representatives in the Tauranga City Council area.

The rangapū is a forum for iwi and hapū to discuss and debate local authority concerns, and to implement initiatives that advance and protect the interests of tangata whenua.

Ngā Pōtiki acknowledges the previous chair, Puhirake Ihaka, who has been the bedrock of the collective for 14 years.

The initiative to establish the collective started back in 1997 and Matire was part of that process. She has been Ngā Pōtiki's representative for many years.

As Matire moves into the independent chair role, we are confident our new representative, Ngā Pōtiki trustee Ropata Stephens, will carry on where she left off.



## Manawa update

Our first 10 whānau have been in their brand new homes for about five months now and are quickly settling into the growing Manawa neighbourhood. Ngā Pōtiki is excited to announce that a second group of whānau has been approved to participate in the next Manawa Shared Equity Scheme. Congratulations to all involved.

*Watch this space.*



## Starting the school year with a pōhiri

Four Pāpāmoa schools started the 2020 school year with a pōhiri and Ngā Pōtiki was there to help welcome the new students and staff.

Chair of Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust, Colin Reeder, said it was “a real privilege” for Ngā Pōtiki to take part in pōhiri with Pāpāmoa College, Te Akau ki Pāpāmoa School, Tahatai Coast School and Pāpāmoa Primary School.

“In doing so, we fulfill our commitment to the schools and it’s in line with the Ngā Pōtiki education strategy as well – that we collaborate with our schools to provide the best educational experience for kids as possible.”

Ngā Pōtiki also hosted an educational teacher only day for Golden Sands School staff earlier this month, which included a pōhiri and visit to Tahuwhakatiki Marae (Rōmai), and a coach tour around places of cultural significance to Ngā Pōtiki, from Maketū to Pāpāmoa.

Visit [ngapotiki.org.nz](http://ngapotiki.org.nz) to read the full story and see photos and videos from the school pōhiri events.

A couple of weeks ago, we made a video about Tahuwhakatiki Marae (Rōmai) responding to the Covid-19 pandemic. Even though our marae are now closed (as of March 23), the video still gives you an option for greeting friends and whānau if you bump into them at the supermarket or when out for a walk.



It also shows you how we can all be proactive, adapt and work together during this time of uncertainty and change.

NZ Herald Local Focus also filmed its own video story about the changes at Tahuwhakatiki Marae.

You can watch those videos here -

<https://bit.ly/3aulihq>

<https://vimeo.com/399729336>







## Te Ara ō Wairākei project

You may have seen some upgrades along the 15km Te Ara ō Wairākei stormwater reserve in Pāpāmoa this year.

The beautiful motif pictured below comes from original artwork by our whanaunga Linda Munn.

Boffa Miskell Ltd and Streetscape Ltd converted Linda's art into a graphic and engineering design that will be installed on the new signposts, public seating and interpretation panels (coming soon!) along the Te Ara ō Wairākei corridor.

Ngā Pōtiki would like to say a big thank you to all involved, including Tauranga City Council and other iwi and hapū members. It has been a long journey to this point, and it is great to see this project really coming together now.

We also support the work that is being done by the city council to preserve and enhance the natural environment.



LASER CUT MOTIF RENDER

The Wairākei Stream once flowed freely along this corridor and it has significant historic, cultural, spiritual and ecological value.

We view the Te Ara ō Wairākei initiative as an opportunity to preserve what remains of the once extensive Pāpāmoa wetlands and associated habitats that continue to disappear at a rapid rate as the result of rampant development.

Ngā Pōtiki's involvement represents a commitment to the health and enhancement of the natural environment, not just for our tribal beneficiaries, but for all residents of Pāpāmoa to enjoy.



The Te Ara ō Wairākei project will enable conditions conducive for wildlife native to the area such as tuna/eels, kōkopu, inanga, mokomoko and pārerā to re-establish themselves and flourish.

Ngā Pōtiki, therefore, supports the reintroduction of indigenous plant species such as harakeke that can support this process.

At the same time, we take the view that the remnants of the Wairākei Stream and its wider catchment are very much part of the surrounding cultural landscape comprising of the Pāpāmoa Hills, Mangatawa, forested areas, Kaiate Falls and waterways that are closely associated with our history and cultural worldview.

Ngā Pōtiki joins with other iwi and interest groups in supporting the Te Ara ō Wairākei initiative.

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**HOW YOU CAN HELP:** Do you have any old photos of Pāpāmoa or the Wairākei Stream? We are looking for images to include on the new interpretation panels that will be installed along the Te Ara ō Wairākei corridor. Email your photos to: [kiaora@ngapotiki.org.nz](mailto:kiaora@ngapotiki.org.nz)

# We can all slow the spread

We all need to work together if we want to slow the spread of COVID-19. Unite against the virus now.



Be kind. Check-in on the elderly or vulnerable



Washing and drying your hands kills the virus



Cough or sneeze into your elbow



Stay home if you are sick

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## Marae Contacts



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Mangatawa Marae (Tamapahore)

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### Are you a registered Ngā Pōtiki member?

If you are a registered Ngā Pōtiki member and your physical address, email address, phone number or any other details have changed, please email us ([kiaora@ngapotiki.org.nz](mailto:kiaora@ngapotiki.org.nz)) so we can update your details in our system.

If you whakapapa to Ngā Pōtiki and want to become a registered member please go to our website, complete the registration form and we will contact you once your registration is validated and approved.

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