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A word from your poari

Kia ora mai tātou,

This year will likely be remembered for one thing: Covid-19.

The disruptions, major setbacks and heartbreaking losses caused by the coronavirus pandemic will certainly stick with us all for a long time. It has been a tough year for a lot of people.

So, it is with great joy and relief that Ngā Pōtiki has some good news to share.

We are building a puna reo in Pāpāmoa!

It has been a long journey to get to this point and there is still a lot of mahi to do before we can open the doors and welcome our tamariki, but this is a milestone worth celebrating.

Our housing initiatives and the Manawa development are also progressing well and we have a lot to update you on in this newsletter.

Meanwhile, the marae committees at Tahuwhakatiki Marae (Rōmai) and Mangatawa Marae have also been very busy over the past few months – with upgrades and restoration work, future planning, important hui and whānau gatherings. There is a lot to look forward to.

Don't forget we have our AGM coming up. It will be held on November 14 at Club Mount Maunganui (more details on page 6).

Before then, there is the 2020 General Election to vote in, as well as two very important referendums. Make sure you are enrolled to vote on October 17, whānau.

Ngā mihi mahana

Colin Reeder and the board of Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust.



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Ngā Pōtiki housing update

The Manawa residential subdivision in Pāpāmoa is now two-thirds complete, with all sites offered to the general market sold.

Manawa will have 240 sites, about 70 of which have been set aside for Ngā Pōtiki housing.

This includes about 40 sites set aside for Ngā Pōtiki whānau to buy their own house and land packages (via our shared equity scheme), and about 30 sites set aside for affordable rentals that will be owned and managed by Ngā Pōtiki as a registered Community Housing Provider.

A bespoke kaumātua village of about 20 homes is also being planned for.

The Manawa subdivision will also have a commercial retail centre, an early childcare centre, a community centre, and 3000m² of green space.

The shared equity scheme is available to Ngā Pōtiki tribal members.

So far, 10 of our whānau have been able to buy their own house and land packages at Manawa through this scheme.



Victoria Carroll, deputy chair of Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust.

They are all settled into their new neighbourhood and have been living there since late last year. These are all brand new, three- and four-bedroom houses.

Silence Quinn, 26, and her partner Corey Wheeler, 28, moved into their brand new three-bedroom house at Manawa in November last year.

"So probably after a couple of months it actually kicked in – like, 'Oh my God, I'm in my own home, I don't have to pay somebody else's mortgage,'" Silence told the *Bay of Plenty Times Weekend*, for an article published about Ngā Pōtiki housing and Manawa.

Silence was living at her mum's house when she and Corey applied for the shared equity scheme.

"Family is family and they're just going to barge on in and do what they got to do," Silence said with a laugh.

The couple wanted their own space – a house to call their own.

Silence said she and Corey were enjoying having some time to themselves now.

"We're real lucky that Ngā Pōtiki has gone out of their way to sort it out for us. You know, they made it easier," she said.

"It was time-consuming, obviously, because we were the first ones to try this scheme ... but Ngā Pōtiki helped us along the way, every step."



Ngā Pōtiki whanaunga Silence Quinn and her partner Corey Wheeler.



Ngā Pōtiki whanaunga Atirau Ohia and his partner Gemma Pearson outside their new three-bedroom home at Manawa, with whānau and tamariki from the neighbourhood.

Atirau Ohia and his partner Gemma Pearson said building their first house at Manawa, with help from the shared equity scheme, was "life-changing". "My favourite part about living here is actually seeing all the kids play, knowing that a lot of the kids that are here are actually related to us as well," Atirau said. He said he and Gemma were tired of renting situations and were looking to try and get out of that and buy their own home, "but the prices were daunting".

They contemplated moving out of Tauranga to where houses were cheaper but much preferred to stay in the city. "What the Ngā Pōtiki initiative gave us was a chance to get into a home at a price that we could afford, and it's been really exciting to be part of a community that's growing," Atirau said. The couple felt for those still struggling to pay high rents, which was tough, he said. An additional 30 sites have been set aside at Manawa for Ngā Pōtiki whānau to buy their own house and

land packages and we have started the process for applications for 2020. Meanwhile, construction on the first six affordable three-bedroom rental homes at Manawa is due to start in a couple of months. We are working with Te Puni Kōkiri on this project. We are also now working on applying our housing strategies to another subdivision called "Te Ākau" off Simpson Rd, which will open up a further 100 housing sites – 30 per cent of which will also be kept aside for Ngā Pōtiki housing.

"Ngā Pōtiki received only a very small Treaty settlement, so the development of Manawa has also been critical in growing the tribal economic base," Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust deputy chair Victoria Carroll said.

"Ngā Pōtiki must protect and grow the Treaty settlement on behalf of all Ngā Pōtiki people, balancing that with providing benefits directly to Ngā Pōtiki whānau," Victoria said.

"Providing quality affordable housing and rentals is one way we are doing that. Employment training and improving education outcomes, including building education infrastructure (like our early childhood centre), are two other pathways we are focusing on."



**Tangaroa i te titi
Tangaroa i te tata
Tangaroa whakamau tai**

**Toitū te marae o Tangaroa
Tu toi te iwi**

*Tangaroa near,
Tangaroa far
Tangaroa keeper of the tides*

*Let Tangaroa's domain be
undisturbed and resolute
Let the people be steadfast*



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Development plan in the works at Mangatawa Marae

Ko te kai ā te rangatira, he kōrero.

Kā tika me mihi kia tātou kātoa i tae ā tinana ki Tamapahore ā te Rāhoroi mo te hui ā marae. Rawe te rongo i te kātoa o ngā kōrero me kī ngā moemoeā o te hāpori. He taonga te kōrero, he taonga hoki te eke whakamua me ngā mahi whakawhanake i wā tātou marae. Kia kaha tātou! Kia kōtahi te hoe, ki ū ki uta.

There was a great turnout and some very positive kōrero at a marae development plan hui at Mangatawa Marae (Tamapahore) on August 8. Plenty of inspirational ideas

were shared about what whānau want on their marae. The Mangatawa Marae Committee has been busy building a draft framework for the development plan, outlining whānau aspirations.

The draft framework will be presented for discussion and approval at a second marae development plan hui on October 31.

As part of the hui, a history kōrero bus tour has been organised and will visit local sites of significance. See the pānui below for more details.

It is great to see such a high level of whānau engagement in this development plan. Congratulations to the Mangatawa Marae Committee for all its work in leading this project.

Marae Development Plan Hui

Saturday, October 31st

Mangatawa Marae (Tamapahore)

10am-2pm

The Mangatawa Marae Committee would like to invite whānau to a second marae development plan hui. A draft framework outlining whānau aspirations will be presented for discussion and approval.

As part of the hui, a history kōrero bus tour has been organised and will visit sites of significance.

Please RSVP (email: linda@mangatawa-marae.org.nz) by Tuesday, October 13th to book your place on the bus and to confirm your attendance for lunch.

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The first students at Tauranga's first official kōhanga reo watched their parents fight for their right to learn te reo in a classroom. Photo / Supplied

Our parents' fight for kōhanga in Tauranga Moana became our taonga

Ngā Pōtiki education and skills coordinator Tania Ririnui wrote a column for *Te Wiki o te Reo Māori / Māori Language Week*, which ran from September 14-20. The column was published in the *Bay of Plenty Times*.

By *Tania Ririnui*

Ūhia te reo tongarerewa.

He reo mārohirohi, he reo mōwai, he reo rangatira.

Kia tika te haere me whakatākotohia ngā kōrero ā toto.

Ko te āhuatanga nei, he uri nō te motu whānui, mai Ngā Kuri a Whārei ki Tihirau puta noa ki te hōkai nuku 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.

Ko Te Ao Māori he ao tāwhito. Mēna i whakatipuria ai koe ki Te Ao Māori whā tekau tau ki mua, pērā i ahau, mōhio kātoa koe. Ehara i te huarahi māmā, he huarahi taumaha, i wētēhi wā he huarahi whawhai. Kaore e kore he pakanga mo te reo, mo ngā tikanga, mo ngā oati a kui mā, a koro mā kia pūawai te ngākau Māori. Kia ora tōnu haere te reo.

The rejuvenation of te reo Māori is not a new concept, it is an aspiration that stretches back the length of European history in Aotearoa.

It is a promise made by our ancestors and brought to fruition by many a march, a protest, and a dream of our people. Our nannies and koro, our mums and dads.

I was lucky enough to be one of the first tauira at the first official kōhanga reo in Tauranga Moana. My sisters and brother, our cousins – we watched our parents fight for our right to the reo. A reo that many of them knew very little of. Collectively they wanted more for us and we were blessed that their fight and their sacrifice became our taonga, our treasured pounamu, a nurtured seed encouraged to grow. It wasn't fashionable then. It wasn't token. It was often a battle we didn't realise we were fighting.

The introduction of quality reo into kura at that time meant hard work from parents and communities. Very few resources existed and many a late night after a long day on the power board was spent by my dad translating mainstream pukapuka into te reo so that we had books to read in our language. That is something mainstream students would never need to worry about.

There were many moments when these efforts were overlooked, and the significance of our struggle was undervalued.

Forty or so years later, we witness a surge in support for te reo from not only Māori but many cultures that live in this diverse country. We have a long way to go, but I am humbled by the many non-Māori who support us, who respect our culture and the reo we hold resolute.

As a Māori speaker, I encourage all to give it a go. Hapa (mistake) or not, I acknowledge what it takes to overcome the fear of trying something new.

My promise is that I will continue to work hard to make Aotearoa a place where te reo Māori at any level is nurtured. I cannot guarantee that I will not respectfully correct your grammar or pronunciation – Tauranga, not towel wronger, whānau.

But with open arms, we will get there.



He tohu rangatira, he wāhine hūmārie.

Earlier this year, Melissa Kapene – affectionately known by many as ‘Whaea Melis’ – finished up as kaiako Māori at Papamoa College.

We are sad to see her go but wish her all the very best in her new role at Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu (formerly known as The Correspondence School).

Whaea Melis forged a strong relationship between Ngā Pōtiki

and Papamoa College and was key to the success of a marae-based programme we helped run, which was aimed at driving up Māori achievement.

Ngā Pōtiki presented Whaea Melis with pounamu taonga to thank her for her dedication and support for tauira Māori over the years, many of whom were Ngā Pōtiki rangatahi.

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Ngā Pōtiki Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust will be held on

Saturday, November 14
from 10.30am.

The meeting will be held at Club Mount Maunganui (45 Kawaka Street, Mount Maunganui).

Having completed the trustee nomination process, no election is required in 2020.

AGM Agenda

- Karakia/mihi
- Apologies
- Chairman's Report - 2019/20
- Operational Report - 2019/20
- Annual Report and audited consolidated financial statements - 2019/20
- Annual Plan - 2020/21
- Approve auditor for the next income year
- Approve trustee remuneration

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Have you visited the new [registration and membership page](#) on our website yet?

We want to connect with all of our members online to improve the way we communicate with you, and a good place to start is by making sure we have your up to date contact details.

Please visit the page and follow the instructions. Click through to our secure registration/membership portal and create an online account with us.

Once you have an online account, you can update your contact details and receive notifications from us about upcoming events and opportunities.

If you are not yet a registered member of Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore, you can apply to become a member via this online portal.

If you need help with the process, call us at the office on 07 572 3344, or email us at: kiaora@ngapotiki.org.nz.

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Wharenui restoration at Tahuwhakatiki Marae

Wharenui restoration work at Tahuwhakatiki Marae (Rōmai) has started.

Earlier in September, a small gathering was held at the marae to bless the wharenui and the contractors. Scaffolding was put up and the wharenui has now been covered in shrink wrap.

The marae will be closed for 26 weeks.

The wharenui restoration work was made possible through funding from the Provincial Growth Fund. Congratulations to the Tahuwhakatiki Marae Committee for launching this exciting project.

Meanwhile, the driveway leading to Tahuwhakatiki Marae has also recently been upgraded (with some bright yellow road humps added in too). A big thanks to Pirihima Whānau Trust for funding the driveway mahi.





Ngā Pōtiki is building a puna reo

Kia hiwa rā, kia hiwa rā ... nei rā te tū manahau e te iwi!

Kua roa nei te wā e noho tahi ana mātou a Ngā Pōtiki ki te taha o Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga me he whakaaro kotahi, kia whakatūria he puna reo, kia whāngai te reo ki roto o tēna o tēna o wā mātou tamariki.

He moemoeā kua puāwai, kua whakatinanahia, me kāwea!

We are thrilled to announce we will be building a Māori-medium early childhood education centre in Pāpāmoa, in partnership with the Ministry of Education.

The puna reo will be built on land owned by Ngā Pōtiki, in the heart of the Manawa development.

The Ministry of Education announced in July that the Ngā Pōtiki proposal to establish a new early childhood education centre in Pāpāmoa had been successful, and that the Ministry would help fund the project with a substantial grant through its Targeted Assistance for Participation (TAP) programme.

The aim of the TAP programme is to increase access to early childhood education, particularly for Māori, Pacific and whānau in low socio-economic communities.

The puna reo project stemmed from a survey carried out in 2017 by Ngā Pōtiki to understand the educational needs of Māori living in Pāpāmoa.

The survey identified a need for early learning, focused on quality, affordability, and a localised Ngā Pōtiki-centric curriculum, underpinned by te reo Māori.

The underlying theme was a demand for a tamariki-focused, professional early education service that genuinely reflected the iwi community and prepared tamariki for a transition into kura kaupapa Māori.

The puna reo will support Ngā Pōtiki whānau and the broader community by providing a Māori-medium option in Pāpāmoa.

Our chairman, Colin Reeder, thanked the Ministry of Education for its support, as well as the many people who contributed towards the success of this key project milestone, in big ways and small.

“Many hands helped nudge this project along to where it sits today and what will eventually become an amazing community resource.”

The puna reo is the first piece of a Māori-medium education ecosystem that Ngā Pōtiki visualised many years ago.

The Ministry of Education said the puna reo will prioritise tamariki not already participating in early childhood education, from Māori, Pacific and low socio-economic communities in Pāpāmoa and Tauranga.

“Evidence shows how language and culture and support for identity are woven through the early childhood curriculum,” the Ministry said.

“This is enabled by local whānau/hapū/iwi deciding what knowledge should be available and how this should be made accessible. The Ministry will support Ngā Pōtiki through the establishment process.”

Whaowhaotia te reo tongarerewa, kia tū te mana o Ngā Pōtiki.



All Ngā Pōtiki videos in one place

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