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A word from your poari

Tena koutou, tena tātou

He mihi mahana ki a koutou i enei wa uaua, i enei wa raruraru o te kaupapa Covid-19. Engari ahakoa, ko ngā piki me ngā heke, ko te tumanako kei noho pai koutou, kei te noho haumaruru hoki.

Ka hoki ki ngā mahara kia ratou kua wheturangitia, a ngā mate huhua o te rohe mai Parakiri ki Wairākei whakawhiti atu ki Otawa. No reira haere ra koutou. Me hoki ki a tātou ki te hunga ora, ki ngā kanohi ora o ratou. No reira tena koutou, tena tātou katoa.

I am pleased to introduce the first issue of the Ngā Pōtiki Kawerongo for 2021. This issue is full of interesting kōrero, exciting announcements and pānui, and impressive kaupapa and mahi – all of which reflect our Ngā Pōtiki cultural landscape, and our whanaunga who are putting in the hard yards behind the scenes for the benefit and progress of our communities.

Mauri ora.

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

Mangatawa Marae civil defence planning

Earlier this month, on Friday March 5, amid all the civil defence alerts and tsunami warnings and notifications about land and marine threats, a large group of people from the Pāpāmoa community unexpectedly arrived at Mangatawa Marae (Tamapahore), seeking higher ground.

The Mangatawa Marae Committee would like to thank whānau for their tremendous effort in looking after those visitors, for quickly organising cups of tea, preparing kai and making the community feel welcome.

Last November, Mangatawa Marae started a civil defence planning process with a whānau workshop (pictured above). The tsunami scare on March 5 – despite there being no official evacuation of Pāpāmoa – was a learning experience. It was a reminder of the risk and it reiterated the need to be prepared.



A civil defence meeting has since been held at Mangatawa Marae and a team of volunteers has been formed. A civil defence plan is now well underway.

Rātana Centennial Celebrations

A message from the Rātana Centennial Celebrations organising committee:

On June 4th–7th this year we celebrate 100 years since the arrival of Tahupōtiki Wiremu Rātana, Te Māngai, to Tauranga Moana.

In his 1921 tour through Tauranga, he came sharing the word of God through healing. Thousands flocked to see Rātana after news circulated of a Māori miracle man who had cured the deaf, the blind, and the crippled. In his reign as Te Māngai, Rātana cured hundreds.

One hundred years on and we're inviting you all to join us in celebrating the blessings bestowed upon our moana all those years ago through waiata, wānanga, kēmu, mahi toi and more.

Our event will be held over a three-day wānanga at Tahuwhakatiki Marae (Rōmai), starting Friday 4th June at 4pm with a pōhiri for all our manuhiri, and concluding with entertainment on Sunday night. We have accommodation available for whānau travelling from afar and kaumātua-friendly options.

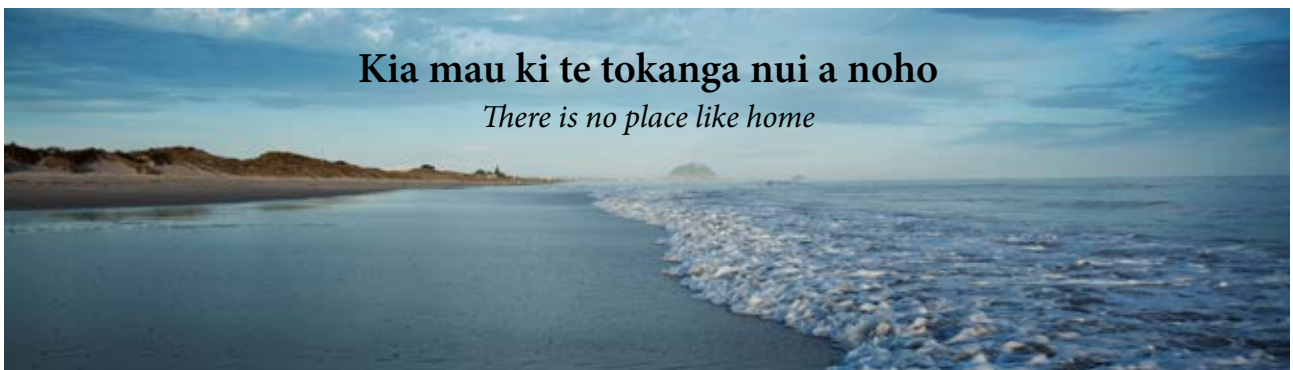
If you plan on participating in our wānanga, please visit one of our Facebook pages (**Centennial Celebration** or **100 year arrival of TW Ratana te Mangai to Tauranga Moana 2021**) and sign our registration form. Registrations will help with numbers for catering and accommodation.

Everyone is welcome. And we look forward to seeing you all there.



Kia mau ki te tokanga nui a noho

There is no place like home





Kaumātua Kōrero: Eva Ngarongoa Tawa

Someone who will definitely be at the Rātana Centennial Celebrations in June is Ngā Pōtiki whanaunga **Eva Ngarongoa Tawa**, who turned 84 in January this year.

She wouldn't miss it for the world. Eva goes to church every fortnight and tries her best to make it down to the annual celebrations at Rātana pā each January.

"I'm very staunch in the Rātana church," she says. "Very staunch."

Eva has agreed to take part in our new **Kaumātua Kōrero** series, which will be published in each Ngā Pōtiki newsletter, as well as on our website – www.ngapotiki.org.nz.

Our aim is to write as many profiles as we can about our Ngā Pōtiki kaumātua, interview them one by one, and ask them to share stories, memories and words of wisdom.

Eva sat down for her interview one sunny Thursday at Tahuwhakatiki Marae (Rōmai), which is actually where you will find her *every* Thursday, catching up and spending time with old friends and whānau at the weekly kaumātua day run by Whaioranga Trust.

There's music, dancing, fun exercises, arts and crafts, health checks, educational talks, lunch, and then maybe some cards in the afternoon.

Eva goes to a similar get-together on Wednesdays as well, at Opopoti (Maungatapu) Marae.

These events are a highlight of her week and during the Covid-19 lockdown last year, she really missed them.

"That virus sort of locked us in. I couldn't wait to get back to these things. It's the company, and it's good to see everybody."

A van picks her up every Wednesday and Thursday morning to take her to the marae.

"I'm always dressed up and I'm always ready."

Eva has lived her entire life in Tauranga Moana. She has five children, five grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

She has spent the past 40 years in Maungatapu but was born and brought up in Pāpāmoa, on a farm.

Eva says she has fond memories of her childhood, of waking up early to help milk the cows before rushing home to get ready for school at Pāpāmoa Native School.

"I was a stay-at-home person because of my disability," she says. "I was always in the kitchen with mum."

However, she does remember going out to "the pictures" with her siblings, and tagging along on adventures up Kopukairoa. She says she couldn't keep up with her brothers and sisters and they would tell her to wait at the bottom, and then they would shout out to her when they got to the top of the maunga, to make sure she was still there.

Eva was good at riding horses and that gave her the ability to explore her whenua.

"We'd ride our horses to Pāpāmoa, to the beach, to get pipis and that. And we'd raid all the orchards on the way there and the way back. It was good fun," she says with a laugh. "Good clean fun."

Eva says they would also pick blackberries and find walnut and chestnut trees.

"We knew how to take the shortcut to Pāpāmoa. The shortcut was coming across Kairua Rd and then we'd head across to Tamapahore, through the paddocks. And then from Tamapahore we'd go out to the ocean beach to get the pipis."

Eva has watched that landscape change over her lifetime. Where there was swampland and farmland, secret tracks and shortcuts to the beach, there are now roads and a lot of houses.

"It's all changed, especially at Pāpāmoa," Eva says. "I'd get lost."

Tahuwhakatiki Marae (Rōmai), Mangatawa Marae (Tamapahore) and Te Whetū o Te Rangi Marae have always been a big part of Eva's life.

"They spent a lot of time at the marae – our parents," she says. "They would always head out for the marae and stay down there for weeks on end, making whāriki for the marae, making this and that for the marae, and they enjoyed that."

Eva has her own early marae memories, of river swims and kai cooked over wood fires.

"In the cold times we'd go and sit by the fire and watch all the food being cooked."

They would often sleep overnight at the marae, she says, their horses tied up along the fence.

Sometimes all those good memories come flooding back, as she reminisces with her fellow kaumātua at Rōmai on Thursdays. Or when she goes to the urupā to visit old friends and whānau.

Some things, of course, haven't changed over her eight decades.

Te Tāhuna o Rangataua still sparkles in the sun. Mangatawa and Kopukairoa continue to stand strong, visible from afar. And the same whānau remain connected to the marae and the whenua.

"Everybody should come back to their marae," Eva says.

"This is where it all began."



Busy summer at Mangatawa Marae

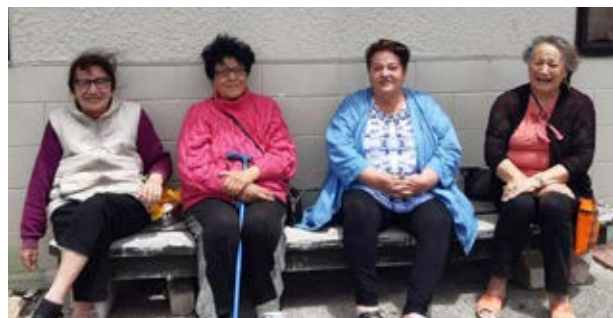
Mangatawa Marae (Tamapahore) has hosted several events this summer.

The marae committee decided to wrap up the challenging year last year with a pre-Christmas lunch on December 12 for whānau, to thank everyone for the support they had received.

The event was well attended – a full house! – and whānau expressed their appreciation for the delicious kai.

On December 22, the Mangatawa Papakainga Christmas Party was also held at the marae. There were motorbike rides, a bouncy castle, a water slide, a bubble machine, games, and Hana Kōkō with presents.

Mangatawa Marae also hosted the Ngāi Te Rangi AGM on January 22. There was some good kōrero, beautiful waiata, a tamariki station, and nice healthy kai was put on for lunch.



Te Manawa ō Pāpāmoa School to open next year

A new school will be opening on Te Okuroa Drive in Pāpāmoa next year. Te Manawa ō Pāpāmoa School was gifted its name by Ngā Pōtiki. It will be a state co-ed primary school run by the Ministry of Education and will be open for enrolments for students Years 1-6 from June this year. The school principal/tumuaki is Shane Cunliffe (pictured right, with Ngā Pōtiki chairman Colin Reeder).

Shane would like to share the following kōrero:

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

I am absolutely honoured to be selected as foundation tumuaki at Te Manawa ō Pāpāmoa School here in Pāpāmoa. I am a local who grew up in Pāpāmoa, love the outdoors, good coffee, being active and have a deep affiliation and vested interest with our people, our land, our community and obviously our tamariki.

My wife, Belinda, and children, Poppy (7) and Archie (5), are super excited about Te Manawa ō Pāpāmoa School and have been a great support in the journey so far.

I am passionate about collaboratively designing and developing a world-class kura where the environment, culture, curriculum, and team is highly responsive to our tamariki, whānau, community and mana whenua. This would mean using the best international research to inform a future-focused pedagogy and localised curriculum where every child has a personalised pathway and that our kura



is ready for the child (not expecting the child to be ready for the school). A “one size fits one” mantra.

The Establishment Board of Trustees and I look forward to connecting with our mana whenua (Ngā Pōtiki) and our community to start designing what the blueprint of Te Manawa ō Pāpāmoa School will look, sound, and feel like. Initially, this will centre around co-constructing our North Star, or our ultimate vision, values, and purpose as a kura – from our community’s perspective.

We are currently gathering voice from the community about what you believe a “dream school” would offer our tamariki here in Pāpāmoa.

If you have five minutes, please fill out the survey on our Facebook page to make this a reality for our community.

Every survey goes into the draw to win a voucher from Ben and his team at Pāpāmoa Four Square.

Pupuritia Nga Ringa is on a mission

Words and photos supplied by Pupuritia Nga Ringa.

"Aspire to be the moonlight to shine upon someone's darkest hour."

That is our mission, our message.

We are Pupuritia Nga Ringa, a sub-committee that formed last year at Tahuwhakatiki Marae (Rōmai), with the aim of helping restore the mana of our people.

Pupuritia Nga Ringa: Holding Hands – that is exactly what we are here to do, to reconnect our whānau, and to walk alongside you through the healing process.

We are here to support whānau who have been affected by whakamomori, disconnection, depression, and grief.

We as a whānau have taken it upon ourselves to make the ultimate difference, with our hands clenched united, gracefully as we awhi our whānau back onto the pathway of connection, happiness, and healing.

Empowering our whānau with resilience because that is who we are as Māori.

We have organised a series of wānanga over the past several months, including whānau days, fishing trips, and “ko wai au” wānanga – shining a light on the importance of knowing who we are and where we are from.

By simply spending time together we are watering our roots that have been our foundation for many generations. Our whānau have this knowledge carved already in their hearts.

For our most recent wānanga, we invited the inspirational Mike King.

Pupuritia Nga Ringa has been privileged to facilitate these wānanga. We want to inspire our cousins to jump on the waka too. Collectively we can make the ultimate difference.

You can contact us by emailing pupuritiangaringa@gmail.com, and follow us on Facebook to find out about future wānanga.



Expressions of interest are still open



Expressions of interest are still open for the Ngā Pōtiki shared equity home ownership scheme.

The scheme is designed to help Ngā Pōtiki whānau buy their own homes. It is aimed at working whānau who without support couldn't afford their own homes.

We have partnered with Westpac New Zealand to deliver the scheme.

For an application to be successful, the whānau must be able to earn enough to service a bank loan. Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust will put in a portion of the value of the land to help subsidise the overall cost of the house and land package.

If you are accepted into the scheme, all details will be explained as we work through the process with you.

What are the criteria for the shared equity home ownership scheme?

You must:

- be a registered member of Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore
- be 25-50 years of age
- earn a minimum of \$60,000 per annum gross
- earn a maximum of \$85,000 for a single person, and \$135,000 for a couple
- have low debt, or a plan to quickly reduce your debt
- be a first home buyer, or a second chancer
- purchase a house and land package for no more than \$550,000
- live in the house for two years or more
- agree to the terms and conditions of the shared equity home ownership scheme

What is the Ngā Pōtiki shared equity home ownership scheme?

- If you are accepted into the scheme, you and Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust will co-own the property in respective equity shares. The idea is that over time you will buy the Trust out and own your home 100 per cent.
- You and Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust will sign a property sharing agreement, setting out the equity share relationship and the ongoing expectations between you and the Trust.



- YOU must repay the loan, NOT the Trust.
- Should you ever want to sell the home, you must first offer to sell it back to Ngā Pōtiki under a right of first refusal. If it's appropriate, Ngā Pōtiki might purchase the home to on-sell to another whānau.
- You may have to attend workshops that cover budgeting advice, financial literacy, the legal framework, and housing options.
- The scheme can be a lengthy process and may take three months or more once you have been offered a place.
- Our housing advisory team will assist you through the entire process.

Please visit ngapotikihousing.co.nz for more information

Do we have your correct contact details?

We want to be able to connect with all of our members 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.

Have you visited the registration and membership page on our website yet?

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 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, or if you want us to update your contact details another way, call us at the office on 07 572 3344, or email us at: kiaora@ngapotiki.org.nz.



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