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NGA PŌTIKI
A TAMAPAHORE TRUST

A WORD FROM THE GM

Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust General Manager Sandie Rota



Tēna koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

It is my privilege to report on the progress and achievements of operations since my employment as Ngā Pōtiki General Manager 14 weeks ago.

It has been an absolute pleasure working alongside our Board of Trustees and exceptional team members, who live by our mission statement 'to serve our people of Ngā Pōtiki'. This is always at the forefront of our minds.

I have gained invaluable knowledge from my peers, made some fantastic networks, and I look forward to continuing my akoranga journey with you.

Some of our successes to share so far:

- Communication via social media channels has been ramped up 100%. We are keen to interact and learn about you, so please share your stories by emailing kiaora@ngapotiki.org.nz.
- Stay connected and up to date (update your email address by going to our website – www.ngapotiki.org.nz), encourage your whānau to 'Like and Share' our pages, to be better informed.
- Soon we will be opening our very own Puna Reo - it's happening whānau! So, stay tuned for more information.
- Ngakohu Papuni is leading a development of Ngā Pōtiki curriculum for kura in our rohe – Ka rawe!

- We are making our way through the Resource Management priorities, keeping on track to ensure we continue to have a Ngā Pōtiki representative at the table voicing our views.
- Thanks to the Centennial Celebration committee for organising the Ratana gathering at Romai Marae, it was such a successful event with hundreds of people attending.
- Huge thanks to Mangatawa Marae for their support in enabling the Covid-19 vaccination roll out.
- Planning is underway for our next AGM, date to be confirmed.
- We are working remotely so it's best to call if you want to visit us. Our details are: Phone 07 572 3344, or email kiaora@ngapotiki.org.nz.

There is plenty of exciting work to be done, but more on those when they come to light. If I haven't reached out to you, flick me an email and let's catch up for a kaputī soon.

I'm thoroughly enjoying my role, thank you whānau. My motto is to try and be better every day.

He waka eke noa.

Ngā mihi nui

Sandie

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Verna Ohia-Gate
Deputy Chairperson



Ropata Stephens
Trustee



Shirley Oliver
Trustee



Colin Reeder
Advisory Trustee



Lara Burkhardt
Advisory Trustee

NEW-LOOK NGĀ PŌTIKI Ā TAMAPAHORE TRUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES

There have been some changes to the Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust, Board of Trustees.

After the resignation of Colin Reeder as Chairperson and Victoria Carroll as Deputy Chair, Peter Stokes was appointed as chairman and Verna Ohia-Gate as Deputy Chair. Colin remains to have a strong presence on the board, with the position of Advisory Trustee, with all changes effective since May 1, 2021.

We are grateful for Colin's passion, and commitment to Ngā Pōtiki for the past 20 years. He has decided to take a step back from the board, remaining as an Advisory Trustee and Director of the Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore housing flagship company Manawa Limited Partnership. Victoria is the newly appointed General Manager of Manawa Community Housing Trust and a Director of Manawa Limited Partnership.

Peter is represented on several boards including Poripori Land Trust, and Ngai Te Rangi Fisheries. He currently lives and works in Tamaki Makaurau but

always looks forward to coming home to Whareroa.

Verna has recently returned from Poneke where she worked for several years in Government departments and brings a wealth of knowledge in the health and social services sector. She has a strong whānau history of mana tangata.

Elected to the Ngā Pōtiki Trust board two years ago, Verna is also a Ngā Pōtiki representative on Te Runanga o Ngāi Te Rangi Trust.

Also on the Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust are Lara Burkhardt (Advisory Trustee), Ropata Stephens (Trustee) and Shirley Oliver (Trustee).

We are thrilled to have enormous talent in our Leadership team; those with sound knowledge, strong skillsets, capabilities and are proud to continue serving our people of Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore by keeping our values of Rangatiratanga, Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga and Kaitiakitanga at the forefront.

About Peter Stokes - our new Board chairman

When Peter Stokes joined the Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust Board of Trustees he saw it as a way to repay his whānau.

Peter, who attended Te Aute College as a boarding student, said many people from Ngā Potiki helped him get there so when the opportunity to join our board came up about seven years ago, he knew it was the right move.

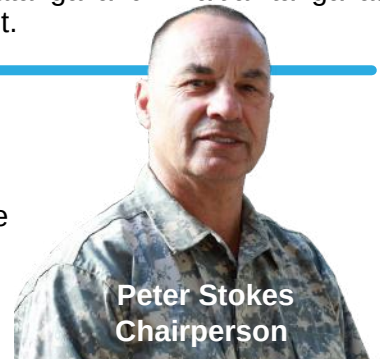
"I had a bit of a debt to pay to repay my whānau."

Peter has a military background, joining the Royal New Zealand Navy in 1975 and serving for eight years. He discovered a strong sense of discipline, gained a family and saw the world - even representing the Navy at the Queen's Jubilee in Britain, in his time there. In 1984 Peter joined the "brotherhood" of the New Zealand Fire service where he remains today.

"It was an awesome experience. You go in there as a boy and come out a man."

As chairman of the Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust Board Peter hopes to steer a steady ship, meet the aspirations of the wider Ngā Pōtiki whānau, support growth in the iwi and improve the situations of our families by getting them into better positions through housing and social outcomes.

Peter and his wife Kanewa Stokes (Ngāti Porou, Te Whānau-ā-Apanui) have been married for 37 years and have two children - Atawhai, who is in her second to last year of her studies to become a doctor; and Mauri Oho, an actor who has recently joined the cast of bilingual drama series, Ahikāroa.



Peter Stokes
Chairperson

NEW APPOINTMENTS AT NGĀ PŌTIKI Ā TAMAPAHORE TRUST

Kristin joins the team



Kia ora whānau, I'm Kristin Macfarlane - the new Communications Advisor at Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust.

I am from Ngāti Ranginui and Te Arawa and have a background in journalism and communications.

I started my career in Tauranga Moana as a news reporter at Moana AM radio nearly 20 years ago. Since then I've worked at various media companies in the Bay of Plenty and Western Australia as an editor, news director and reporter.

In the last year I've focused on highlighting the positive work being through communications roles at Sport BOP and Rotorua Boys' High School, and through television docu-series projects.

I love showcasing the positive work being done for Māori and there is so much of that happening at Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust. I'm looking forward to helping, learning from, and working for Ngā Pōtiki.



As of May 1, 2021 Victoria Carroll has officially retired as deputy chairperson on Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore's Board of Trustees to take up the position of General Manager of Manawa Community Housing Trust and a Director of Manawa Limited Partnership.

She will now focus on delivering the Ngā Pōtiki affordable housing strategy and assist the commercial and residential development in the Manawa subdivision.

"This is just a natural progression ... we have a programme of housing and development work that requires focused attention and I want to build capability within the organisation," Victoria said.

Victoria has been part of the Nga Potiki journey for 24 years, working to improve outcomes for Ngā Pōtiki whānau. She was part of a key team that led the iwi's Treaty claim and was co-negotiator of the iwi's Treaty settlement. When the board was formalised in 2013, she was appointed deputy chairperson.

Victoria has been involved in the provision of social and affordable housing for more than a decade, she was the project lead for the Western Bay of Plenty Sub Regional Housing Strategy that resulted in the building

Māori housing matters - Victoria Carroll's new role

of 150 houses on Māori land throughout the district. She also chaired the committee that drafted the National Māori Housing Strategy 2015.

Manawa Community Housing Trust (MCHT) is well into making a positive impact for Ngā Pōtiki whānau.

"We have a construction programme to build 30 rental homes for our people, with the first six - three bedroom, two bathroom, internal garaging homes, due to be completed in October," she said.

MCHT has a programme for another 30 home ownership sites in Manawa and would like to introduce long-term residential leases as an affordable home ownership package so whānau raise a mortgage for the house only and pay a nominal rent for the land. "given the low income levels of our hard working whanau this is a very affordable option and cuts the cost of house and land packages by up to 50%.

The trust's projects to provide affordable rentals and home ownership opportunities for whānau are ongoing and Victoria says it is a very rewarding line of work being able to help those struggling with housing.

SAYING GOODBYE AFTER MORE THAN TWO DECADES



After more than two decades Matire Duncan has left Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust.

The former manager of Ngā Pōtiki's Resource Management Unit left her role in June of this year, saying the desire to spend more time with her whānau had become increasingly important in recent times and she couldn't put it off any longer.

The 63-year-old partner, mother of three, grandmother of 11 and great-grandmother of two, says her mother is "still very much the backbone of my family" and being able to spend more time with all of them has been a huge motivation behind her decision.

But moving away from the organisation, of which she was a founding member of its Board of Trustees, wasn't an easy transition.

"It was quite emotional. I hadn't decided on the spot, it was something I had been considering since before Christmas last year," she said.

"I'm really proud of where we've come from, we've really established ourselves in a formidable light."

Matire's time with Ngā Pōtiki began in 1997, in a voluntary-type role "for the betterment of my people" that progressed naturally, she says. Over the years had held many roles including as a trustee, office manager,

programme co-ordinator and then her former role.

The main part of her role was about relationship building with council and developers and agents on behalf of Ngā Pōtiki to ensure everyone understood their roles and responsibilities. She also looked after sustainability, heritage and cultural spaces, aimed to strengthen her people and looked after waterways.

Her most memorable moments of her time with Ngā Pōtiki included when the iwi was recognised as a tribe of Tauranga Moana, successfully repealing the wastewater treatment plant at Te Maunga as part of the Mount Maunganui Borough Reclamation and Empowering Act Repeal Bill, wahi tapu status being awarded to Te Tāhuna o Rangataua and the Pāpāmoa Hills Heritage Park and of course, the Ngā Pōtiki settlement.

Although Matire, who is the chairwoman of Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana (RMW) and has represented Ngā Pōtiki on council committees, has left Ngā Pōtiki her work for her people continues.

Last year, Matire attained her certificate as a Commissioner through the 'Making Good Decision' course specialising in te ao Māori, resource consents, tangata whenua community engagement, resource and heritage management and planning, iwi environmental management and consultancy for the Bay of Plenty and nationwide.

MILESTONE FOR TE ARA Ō WAIRĀKEI

Kohatu blessing at Te Ara ō Wairākei Stormwater Reserve

Another milestone in the Te Ara ō Wairākei project has been reached – with the placement and blessing of a kohatu at Te Ara ō Wairākei Stormwater Reserve.

The kohatu, which has come from the Poplar Lane Quarry and chosen by our own Matire Duncan and Vivienne Robinson from Te Kapu o Waitaha, was blessed by Ngā Pōtiki's eldest kaumatua, Waka Taite, along with our trustee Ropata Stephens on July 14.

The kohatu will also be the site of one of seven interpretation panels that will share the stories of tangata whenua and showcase artwork by our whanaunga Linda Munn.

Matire, our former Resource Management Manager, was a leader of the project for Ngā Pōtiki and Scott Yeoman, our former communications advisor, helped with panel content.

The Te Ara ō Wairākei (The path of Wairākei) project aims to preserve and enhance the natural environment along the 15km Te Ara ō Wairākei Stormwater Reserve for native wildlife and the people Ngā Pōtiki and Pāpāmoa.

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.



RESTORATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS AT TAHUWHAKATI KI MARAE



After a 9-months of restoration work Tahuwhakatiki Marae, Tupuna Whare Romainohorangi was blessed on June 4, 2021,

This mahi was taken on by Romai Marae Committee and led by Trustee Ropata Stephens.

Mita Ririnui, John Ohia Eddie Stokes and Josh Te Kani resided the blessing, which marked the beginning of the Pōhiri for Centennial celebrations that commemorated the Tahupotiki Wiremu Ratana visit to Tauranga Moana on June 2-6, 1921.



During his visit through Tauranga, Ratana shared the word of God through healing and thousands flocked to see him.

This year, to acknowledge 100 years since his visit, celebrations were held from June 4-7, with waiata, wānanga, kēmu, mahi toi and more. The event ended with a night of entertainment on the final evening.





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- Looking at becoming a kaiako in the future?

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