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## MILESTONES AND MORE FOR NGĀ PŌTIKI



In 2021, there were many changes faced, and for Ngā Pōtiki, those changes have included plenty of reasons to celebrate.

As we start 2022, it's timely to acknowledge all of the milestones we reached last year and the goals we continue to work towards.

One of the biggest milestones for Ngā Pōtiki in 2021 came in October, when Justice Powell granted Customary Marine Title (CMT) of Te Tāhuna o Rangataua to Ngā Pōtiki, Ngāti Pūkenga, Ngāti Hē, Ngāi Tukairangi and Ngāti Tapu.

This is something our people can be proud of and is part of a two-stage claim. Stage 2, which includes Customary Marine Title and Protected Customary Rights of the area to seaward of Pāpāmoa and including adjacent islands, was heard in October. The decision is yet to be released.

In November we opened registrations for our new puna reo, which have proved highly popular. Our new puna reo is scheduled to open in 2022 and we can't wait to be supporting Ngā Pōtiki whānau and the broader community through Māori medium early childhood education and more.

Our Puna is just one of many projects that

Ngā Pōtiki is involved with in the education sector, also ensuring schools in our rohe understand and acknowledge mana whenua through Te Wharepuni ā Pāpāmoa (more about that on the inside pages of this newsletter).

In December we saw the opening of six, three-bedroom rental homes for our Ngā Pōtiki whānau - four of which have tenants all settled in and excited to be in stable, healthy and affordable accommodation. It's a life-changing experience and we're glad to have helped each whānau.

Throughout the year, we have farewelled staff who have made a big impact on our trust over the years; we've welcomed new team members who are working hard to create positive change for our Ngā Pōtiki whānau and we've seen some movement within our Board of Trustees that is providing new leadership for our people.

In 2022, we'll continue to provide opportunities for our Ngā Pōtiki whānau in areas of education and training; housing and development and environment and heritage. We'll continue to reach milestones that benefit our people and we look forward to ongoing connections and relationships with our community.

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Te Wharepuni ā Pāpāmoa - Kim Horne, Dorothea Collier, Linda Munn, Ngakohu Papuni (co-leader), Sharron Adams (co-leader), Zebby Mohi and Bruce Jepsen.

## TE WHAREPUNI Ā PĀPĀMOA - HOW NGĀ PŌTIKI IS HELPING TO LEAD THE WAY IN EDUCATION

Ngā Pōtiki is helping to set the benchmark for education in New Zealand by ensuring all students in our rohe are learning about the history of mana whenua as part of their every day school curriculum.

Ngā Pōtiki has become the first iwi in Aotearoa to co-lead a kahui ako that has been named Te Wharepuni ā Pāpāmoa.

Te Wharepuni ā Pāpāmoa is co-lead by Ngakohu Papuni, who is a Ngā Pōtiki's education lead, and Sharron Adams, Te Akau ki Pāpāmoa Tumuaki Tuarua, and will provide schools with a localised curriculum that ensures students have a deep connection to te taiao, whakapapa and whenua.

This means Ngā Pōtiki make 50 per cent of the decisions at a governance level for the kura in our rohe and that all Pāpāmoa school students can be taught the same localised curriculum that focuses on mana whenua, educating every child about the history of the land

they are learning on to create a stronger sense of identity and culture. Students who are not from the local iwi/hapū that their school sits will also be supported to learn their own whakapapa.

Along with Ngakohu and Sharron, Te Wharepuni ā Pāpāmoa will be strengthened by Te Akau ki Pāpāmoa kaiako and tumuaki tuarua, and Ngā Pōtiki whānau.

Ngakohu said the inception of Te Wharepuni ā Pāpāmoa had come from the strong relationships Ngā Pōtiki had built with our community of learning.

It is hoped that this framework - the first of its kind in New Zealand, will become the benchmark for the rest of New Zealand's English-based education system to follow.

Sharron said there were more than 10 schools across the age groups that had committed to a Te Wharepuni ā Pāpāmoa approach

from early childhood education through to tertiary level.

Te Akau ki Pāpāmoa principal Bruce Jepsen, who is also the president of Te Akatea (New Zealand Māori Principals' Association), is a major advocate in ensuring students know stories of mana whenua, that Māori students thrive and that Māori culture is incorporated into students' everyday learning. It's an approach that has been delivered at his school for many years, which has resulted in high achievement among Māori students.

Bruce described Te Wharepuni ā Pāpāmoa as the "right way forward". He said it privileged mana whenua and ensured identity, culture and language were front and centre of the New Zealand curriculum.

"This is the model that all schools in all rohe and all places need to embrace to ensure the success of tamariki," Bruce said.

# CUSTOMARY MARINE TITLE GRANTED TO NGĀ PAPAKA O RANGATAUA

Ngā Pōtiki has been successful in its application for joint Customary Marine Title of Te Tāhuna o Rangataua.

In 2020, Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust established 'Nga Papaka o Rangataua' to bring together all hapu and iwi from around the inner Tauranga Harbour as a collective strategy to seek joint Customary Marine Title and Protected Customary Rights of Te Tāhuna o Rangataua under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011.

Throughout April and May 2021, Ngā Pōtiki presented evidence before the High Court establishing their respective mana ki te whenua, traditional histories and their historical and contemporary cultural practices in Te Tāhuna o Rangataua.

Justice Powell released his decision to the application on October 12, 2021, granting Customary Marine Title (CMT) of Te Tāhuna o Rangataua to Ngā Pōtiki, Ngāti

Pūkenga, Ngāti Hē, Ngāti Tukairangi and Ngāti Tapu. The decision acknowledges each as kaitiaki of Te Tāhuna o Rangataua.

Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust chairperson Peter Stokes welcomed the decision, describing it as a positive step forward in protecting an area of significance for Ngā Pōtiki.

Ngā Pōtiki is centred upon Tamapāhore marae at Mangatawa and Tahuwhakatiki marae, both at the eastern end of Te Tāhuna o Rangataua.

In 2012, Ngā Pōtiki was successful in getting the New Zealand Geographic Board to change the name of the estuary from Rangataua Bay to Te Tāhuna o Rangataua, and an application to Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga led to the whole of Te Tāhuna o Rangataua being recognised as a wāhi tapu.

Mr Stokes said

there was still some work to be done to define areas of kaitiakitanga but there was no doubt the decision was a win for the people of Ngā Pōtiki.

“Once we get through the period of appeals, together we - Ngā Pōtiki, Ngāti Pūkenga, Ngāti Hē, Ngāti Tukairangi and Ngāti



Ngā Pōtiki chairman Peter Stokes.

Tapu - can sit down together to survey the areas that we'll be responsible for,” Mr Stokes said.

Ngā Pōtiki's application was part of a two-stage claim. Stage 2, which includes Customary Marine Title and Protected Customary Rights of the area to seaward of Pāpāmoa and including adjacent islands, was heard in November, with a decision yet to be released.

# MANAWA COMMUNITY HOUSING - UPDATES & FUTURE PLANS

As New Zealand experiences a housing crisis, it is Māori and Pasifika suffering the most. Māori and Pasifika make up about half of the MSD Housing Register waiting for subsidised housing and are the majority of transitional housing tenants living 12 weeks at a time in hotels.

Māori are not benefiting from generic Government programmes like the KiwiBuild programme, Homestart and Kainga Whenua loans, with home ownership the lowest it has ever been. The renting situation is no better.

Ngā Pōtiki continue to be committed to better housing for our people and are currently working on a partnership with Government to assist our housing aspirations, and the strategies to achieve them.

## What's been happening



The Manawa Community Housing team, from left, Tenancy Manager Traci Wepiha-Te Kanawa, General Manager Victoria Carroll and Property Manager Silence Quinn.

As we build housing opportunities it's important we also build our capacity and capability.

In May this year we employed a General Manager to Manawa Community Housing Trust and in October, employed Traci Wepiha-Te Kanawa as the Tenancy Manager and Silence Quinn as the Property Manager. Both women are from Ngā Pōtiki and bring with them skills, experience, whanaungatanga, rangatiratanga and katiakitanga.

## New rentals open in time for Christmas



Our new rentals in Te Omiraka Lane open will open in December.

We are pleased to announce the opening of six, three-bedroom rental homes for our Ngā Pōtiki whānau.

These homes have already been allocated to whānau who have been longest on our waitlist, and who have met the criteria.

The homes are two-storey duplexes,

each with an internal garage, two bathrooms and three toilets - they're pretty flash.

The opening was held in December, with our tenants settling in over recent weeks.



New tenants with whānau and the Manawa Community Housing Trust team.

## FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

### Home ownership

The excessive-priced housing market in Tauranga is now rivalling Auckland, making it harder than ever for whānau to get into home-ownership.

In 2018 we launched the Ngā Pōtiki, Shared Equity Scheme and within two years the scheme has become unachievable in the current property market.

Land sections that were \$240,000 in 2018 are now \$400,000 a section. Add a home to that and it's an \$800,000 mortgage.

In response we are preparing a new, more affordable home-ownership programme called the Long-term Leasing Home-ownership Programme. Under this programme whānau buy and own the home, and lease the land from Ngā Pōtiki in the Manawa subdivision. The lease is long-term and the lease rental is nominal.

We have reserved 30 sections in Manawa for this programme, with further details to come.

### Kaumatua Village

Plans are underway for a Kaumatua housing development in the Manawa subdivision, to build 20, two-bedroom Kaumatua Units in stage 5. These details will soon be released.

### 30 more rental homes

Plans and funding options are being worked on to build 30 rental homes, which will be a mix of two, three and four-bedroom homes for registered Ngā Pōtiki members.

Construction of the first 10 homes is scheduled to start in 2022. These will be four-bedroom whānau homes.

### Papakāinga housing hui

We want to develop a Ngā Pōtiki Papakāinga strategy.

We plan to support our Ngā Pōtiki whānau and land trusts throughout our rohe who are wanting to build papakāinga and are interested in collective land development strategies that move us towards better benefitting our own rather than others, as a Ngā Pōtiki Collective.

If you are interested, we will be holding a wananga to explore the options in the near future.

Please contact our housing team by calling 07-572 3344 or emailing [Housing@ngapotiki.org.nz](mailto:Housing@ngapotiki.org.nz) to register your interest in attending the hui.

# NEW APPOINTMENTS AT NGĀ PŌTIKI Ā TAMAPAHORE TRUST

## Who are the new faces of our housing team?

In October we welcomed Silence Quinn and Traci Wepiha—Te Kanawa to Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust, joining General Manager of Housing Victoria Carroll to work as part of the Manawa Community Housing Trust team.

Silence, who has come from Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Te Rangi Iwi Trust having worked across numerous roles over the last 7.5 years, is our new Property Manager. She has project managing experience and is also part way through an accounting degree.

Silence, who is Ngā Pōtiki tūturu, is a doting sister, partner, and godmother to nine and she knows first hand how our housing opportunities can benefit

our whānau.

She purchased her home in Pāpāmoa through our Shared Equity Scheme, which means Silence is the perfect person to help our whānau do the same.

Through this new role, Silence is looking forward to being part of the solution to improving housing conditions for our whānau.

Traci, also Ngā Pōtiki tūturu, is our new Tenancy Manager and has come to us from Tauranga Community Housing Trust.

She loves the progressive work being done at Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust and is excited about being able to help strengthen our whānau and their



From left, Manawa Community Housing Trust's new Property Manager Silence Quinn and Tenancy Manager Traci Wepiha-Te Kanawa.

cultural identity in Pāpāmoa and the wider Ngā Pōtiki rohe.

Traci has five adult children, all of whom attended Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Otepou over the years. She also has one cherished mokopuna named Amiorangi, a loveable

rotweiler called Kaha and her cat Miss Maia-Mae.

Her partner of 43 years, Lincoln, (Ngāti Maniapoto) was raised at Mount Maunganui.

When Traci isn't at mahi, she enjoys learning about world cultures, watching sports and relaxation.

## TRAFFIC LIGHT FRAMEWORK - OUR NEW COVID RESPONSE

***New Zealand has moved out Covid-19 alert levels and into a new Traffic Light Framework. Like a traffic light, there are three settings - Red, Orange and Green. The Ngā Pōtiki rohe, and the rest of Tauranga Moana started in Orange, with settings due to be reviewed this week.***

Covid-19 continues to play a major part of our every day lives and we continue to do what we can to support our people.

In August we faced our second nationwide lockdown and when our rohe transitioned out of Level 4 lockdown, Auckland remained until December.

Over those months we worked with other organisations and businesses to support our whānau and help protect them from Covid.

Tahuwhakatiki Marae hosted a vaccination day in November,

providing our whānau with the opportunity to get vaccinated in a Māori setting they're comfortable in.

Our kaumatua received food parcels to support them through uncertain times and our team kept in touch with our vulnerable whānau members as often as possible.

Today, Ngā Pōtiki's efforts to protect against Covid-19 continues. Since December we have been giving our registered members Immunity Booster Packs, with packs still being available today - more information on how access these packs can be found below.

In recent weeks the importance of being vaccinated in order to have some sense of freedom has really proven its worth, with the use of My Vaccine Passes becoming part of our every day lives.

For any of our whānau not yet vaccinated, please make a booking to better protect yourself from Covid-19. As of this week, anyone who had their second dose more than four months ago can now book their booster online; while jabs can now be given to children aged between 5 and 12.

Protect yourself against Covid and keep safe.

# NAU MAI, HAERE MAI: NGĀ PŌTIKI WELCOMES JOEL NGATUERE

Ngā Pōtiki has helped welcome Joel Ngatuere into his new role as Oranga Tamariki's new site manager for Ngā Parirau (Tauranga East).

A pōwhiri for Joel was held at Tahuwhakatiki Marae in November, with Joel's whānau and friends attending, along with Oranga Tamariki staff and Ngā Pōtiki whānau.

Previously, Joel was kairaranga ā-whānau at Oranga Tamariki, which meant he worked on the frontline with our whānau, providing support and some matauranga within the organisation.

When the opportunity for the Ngā Parirau site manager came up, Joel saw it as an opportunity to create change that could better whānau and tamariki.

"I really wanted to be part of the change and to be part of embedding this change within our rohe," Joel said.

"If I'm in this organisation, how can I give back the best that I can for our whānau," he said.

Joel knows there is some mistrust in the organisation but he is looking



Joel Ngatuere (foreground) is flanked by whānau, friends, colleagues and more at Tahuwhakatiki Marae.

forward to being able to turn that around in his new role. He knows it won't be a quick fix, but he's willing to put in the time and effort, to work alongside iwi, hapū or Māori non-governmental organisations to ensure the safety and wellbeing of whānau and tamariki.

"We know there is a lot of mistrust there and it' been built up over generations but ... my intention is to slowly bring that back," Joel said.

As the site manager for Ngā Parirau, Joel has a big area to look after,

including Whareroa and Mauao to Otamarakau, Te Puke, Waitaha, Tapuika, Ngāti Mākino, Ngā Pōtiki, Ngāti Pūkena to Maungatapu.

"I really want to encourage anyone who wants to be a part of this, 'nau mai', come and be a part of this because we can't do this alone."

Joel is no stranger to Ngā Pōtiki, having married into our whānau.

We are looking forward to seeing the change Joel creates and seeing him thrive in his new role!

## Celebrating our talented tamariki

We celebrated another successful year of our Ki te Ao Marama programme in 2021 and the awesome achievements our ākonga.

We are very proud of each of these talented and hard-working, young Māori students.

Here are some photos from our end of year presentation.

Tau kē!

