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NGĀ PŌTIKI Ā TAMAPAHORE TRUST AGM ANNOUNCEMENT

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

We are happy to announce that the date for our two AGMs for the 2021-2022 financial year will be March 4, 2023.

The first AGM will be for Manawa Community Housing Trust 2021-22. This will be followed by the AGM for Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust 2021-22.

These AGMs will be held kanohi ki te kanohi at Club Mount Maunganui (45 Kawaka Street). The first hui will start at 10am, Saturday, March 4, 2023.

We look forward to seeing you all there but there will also be an online option available for our whānau who can't make it on the day.

In November, trustee nomination forms will be sent out to Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust's registered members via email and post. Forms will also be available at our office, and on our website.

Remember, you need to be an adult registered member to participate in our AGMs and trustee nomination process. If you are not yet a registered member of Ngā Pōtiki, please visit www.ngapotiki.org.nz/registration.

Further information about the AGMs, as well as trustee nominations, will be shared on our website and social media pages in the near future.

Mā te wā,

Verna Ohia-Gate

Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust chairperson



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NO MORE AQUATIC WEED SALVINIA IN TE ARA Ō WAIRĀKEI

Biosecurity New Zealand is declaring the successful eradication of the aggressive aquatic weed salvinia from Te Ara ō Wairākei after four years of work.

Salvinia is an invasive aquatic pest that grows rapidly and can smother the surface of rivers and lakes, destroying the living environment for native life and causing a drowning hazard.

It was detected in early 2018 in Te Ara ō Wairākei – a waterway that follows the original path of Wairākei Stream.

Control activities began in June 2018 and Biosecurity NZ worked in partnership with Tauranga City Council and with support from Ngā Pōtiki and Bay of Plenty Regional Council. The aquatic weed was spread over 1km through Te Ara ō Wairākei.

“Even very small fragments of salvinia can survive and grow, so working together was essential for eradication efforts to be effective. We value the expertise each of our partners brought and the role they played in successfully removing this pest,” Biosecurity NZ deputy director-general Stuart Anderson said.



The aggressive aquatic weed salvinia has been eradicated from Te Ara ō Wairākei.

Throughout eradication and management efforts, Ngā Pōtiki ensured appropriate cultural processes were respected, and also monitored for tuna (eels) that might be impacted by the removal operation.

“This Te Ara ō Wairākei green corridor and the surrounding landscape has significant historic, cultural, spiritual and ecological value to Ngā Pōtiki. It is closely associated with Ngā Pōtiki history in this area and our cultural worldview.

Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust chairwoman Verna Ohia-Gate was proud Ngā Pōtiki had been involved in such a successful campaign to eradicate salvinia.

“We thank Biosecurity New Zealand, Tauranga City Council, and Bay of Plenty Regional Council for helping us to look after Te Ara ō Wairākei and the native wildlife – including taonga such as tuna – that call it home.

“We aim to protect and enhance the mauri of any natural area that remains in our rohe,” she said.

“This is a big win for the entire Pāpāmoa community.”

Strengthening the relationship between Ngā Pōtiki & DoC



Te Papa Atawhai Department of Conservation's Jeff Milham talking during the July hui.

An important milestone has been reached in the partnership between Ngā Pōtiki and Te Papa Atawhai Department of Conservation.

Ngā Pōtiki signed a relationship agreement with the Tauranga district office at DoC during an event at Tahuwhakatiki Marae in July.

This is an exciting step forward for both organisations as we work together to protect and restore te taiao.



Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust advisory trustee Colin Reeder and chairwoman Verna Ohia-Gate, with Pāpāmoa Surf Life Saving Club chairperson Jim Pearson. Jim and Verna are also pictured below.

NGĀ PŌTIKI & PĀPĀMOA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB REACH MILESTONE

Water safety skills of Ngā Pōtiki rangatahi is something Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust and the Pāpāmoa Surf Life Saving Club want to improve – and they could be doing that together as part of an official partnership between the two organisations.

Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust chairperson Verna Ohia-Gate and Pāpāmoa Surf Life Saving Club chairperson Jim Pearson have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to strengthen and officiate the relationship between the groups. The signing, which took place at the Pāpāmoa Surf Life Saving Club on August 16, is seen as a major milestone that has been reached after working together over many years.

Verna said the signing marked the officiating of a partnership between Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust and the Pāpāmoa Surf Life Saving Club and she was grateful for the team before her for initiating this relationship. She acknowledged Matire Duncan as a key person involved from the beginning, along with Colin Reeder, former chairman of Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust, who attended the signing of the MOU.

“I just think it’s just great that we’ve got this milestone in place,” Verna said.

Verna was looking forward to the future opportunities the MOU would bring for Ngā Pōtiki people. She said one potential project was sponsoring rangatahi to take part in a water safety programme before potentially joining the surf club.

“That’s certainly something the board is looking at, somehow sponsoring them to go to a pool to learn to swim and then from there, they come here to Pāpāmoa Surf Life Saving Club,” she said.

“It’s about their safety at the beach, even reading the waves and understanding how things work.”

Jim described the MOU signing as a “great milestone for the relationship between the surf club and Ngā Pōtiki going forward from this point”.



“I think the relationship is really important so that we as a surf club and community gain a greater cultural understanding of the history of the area and everything that’s important to Ngā Pōtiki so that we can think about that, in how we provide surf lifesaving,” he said.

“In terms of value, it’s how we can work together and for causes that benefit both of us and just become more united in how we do things.

“Going forward, from the surf lifesaving point of view, some of the things that are really important that we should work together on is water safety and swimming skills for the young ones, so that they are safe in the sea and we’ve talked about that with Verna and Colin already.”

Colin said Ngā Pōtiki had a strong connection to the land that the surf club was on, and he was pleased to see the signing take place after many years of joint projects.

“It’s the culmination of a long conversation we’ve had with the club,” he said.

“We’ve also spoken about the opportunities perhaps for our Ngā Pōtiki kids being more involved here.”

NEI RĀ NGĀ RINGA TŪWHERA A NGĀ PŌTIKI E PŌHIRI ANA I TĒNEI TŪMUAKI HOU A IVA ROPATI!

We had the honour of welcoming Pāpāmoa College's new principal Iva Ropati on his first day on the job. Iva comes to Pāpāmoa College from Howick College in Auckland, and arrived in our rohe on October 17 with a large group of supporters, including whānau and students. As Howick College representatives entrusted Iva to his new school, our Ngā Pōtiki whānau received and welcomed him. Once the formalities had ended, Howick students paid tribute to their former principal through haka and Samoan waiata. Here are some photos from the day.



HOUSING: MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR NGĀ PŌTIKI WHĀNAU



R Clarke and T Ririnui taking part in the Matariki workshops.

The Ngā Pōtiki Housing team organised a series of workshops during the Matariki season for our tenants in Manawa.

As part of this series, māra kai navigator Paora Tuanau from Poutiri Trust came along to pass on his knowledge. Paora, who helps whānau set up māra kai, shared his expertise and advice with our tenants, before working with them to plant fruit trees around the properties and vegetables in the new gardens (pictured right). The vegetable gardens are already flourishing.

“We used to be a people that used to grow communal foods but through the years we’ve lost that because the supermarkets have become more cheap and accessible,” Paora said.

“But times are changed now and

people need to actually start growing their own māra kai gardens.”

He said this mahi provides whānau with kai and is a natural way of connecting to Papatūānuku.

“It’s excellent for your mental health. We’re talking about your taha tinana, your taha wairua, hinengaro. It’s all in conjunction with your māra kai.”

Meanwhile, the construction of 10 new 4-bedroom affordable rental houses in Manawa (pictured below), that will be tenanted by Ngā Pōtiki whānau this year, has progressed well.

Next up for the housing team is the construction of four townhouse blocks of 2-bedroom and 3-bedroom homes, due to be completed by the end of 2024. These will also be affordable rentals for our whānau.



BLESSING A BILLION-DOLLAR TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

Pāpāmoa is developing at a rapid rate.

In October, Ngā Pōtiki attended a blessing at the site of a planned billion-dollar town centre development in Pāpāmoa East. The Sands Town Centre will eventually have a supermarket, retail outlet, aquatic centre, health hub, retirement village, indoor sports centre, as well as community facilities such as a library and civic space.

This development is in anticipation of thousands of new homes being built on the surrounding whenua.

Kaumātua and Rātana āpotoro Pahu Akuhata conducted the site blessing on October 19, ahead of construction starting on stage one of the development. The blessing was also attended by Ngā Pōtiki chairwoman Verna Ohia-Gate and Ngā Pōtiki cultural monitor Raymond Rinui.

Raymond's mahi takes him all over the Ngā Pōtiki rohe, as he keeps an eye on new construction and development projects and makes sure our cultural and spiritual relationship with te taiao is considered and protected. This work includes monitoring any potential impact on wai, wāhi tapu, ngāi tipu taketake, ngāi kīrehe taketake, and other taonga.



Kaumātua and Rātana āpotoro Pahu Akuhata conducted the site blessing.



Ngā Pōtiki chairperson Verna Ohia-Gate was among the Ngā Pōtiki representatives in attendance.



Ngā Pōtiki cultural monitor Raymond Rinui.

With all the new development going on in Pāpāmoa, Ngā Pōtiki is looking for additional cultural monitors to

help share the load going forward. If you are interested, please email kiaora@ngapotiki.org.nz.



Bubby and Reg Tahau (above) at the blessing of Whitiōra, pictured below.



Community Support

There has been a lot happening in the Ngā Pōtiki rohe – and we've been there supporting the kaupapa.

The blessing of the start of Pāpāmoa Surf Life Saving Club's patrol season at Labour Weekend, the blessing of the opening of the Whitiōra Health and Wellness Centre in October, and the official opening of Te Manawa ō Pāpāmoa School in August are just some of the many events we've attended that are significant in our community.

We've enjoyed seeing and being part of these events, and we'll continue to do so.



The official opening of Te Manawa ō Pāpāmoa school (above, below).

