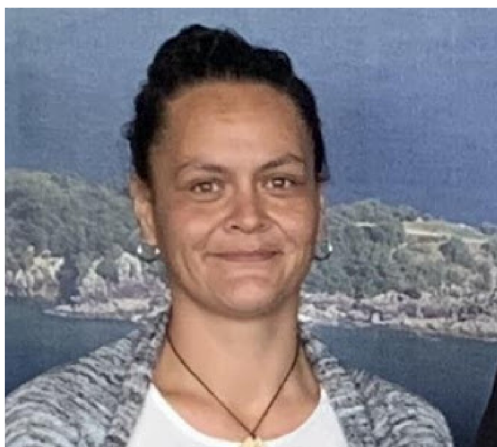


TE TĀWHARAU O NGĀTI PŪKENGĀ TAKU MANU KORIHĪ ATA

PIPIRI / JUNE 2022



CHAIRS FOREWORD

Mahuta mai a Matariki I te pae, manawa mai te mātahi o te tau.
Tenei a Matariki ka eke ki te urunga tapu, te urunga ka kitea, te urunga ka rawea.
He Mauri Tipua, He Mauri Atua, Tihei Mauri Ora!

Ngā Mahi 2020-21

2021-22 has provided plenty of challenges to the way we connect and interact within our communities and operations, but from those challenges we have grown and developed in resourceful and thoughtful ways in our current climate. What began with obstacles due to Covid19 have become opportunities for more efficient and effective workspaces. This has set the tone for how we will move into the next year, looking for more ways to deliver to our iwi in unprecedented times and appreciating our most valued assets, te tangata, and how the Trust can serve them.

New Chair.

At the Boards Hui in November 2021, I was truly humbled to be voted into the position of Chair for Te Tāwharau o Ngāti Pūkenga Charitable Trust, with Watson Ohia appointed as Deputy Chair. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Jocelyn Mikaere for all the mahi she has accomplished during her time as Chair – Na ana mahi whakahirahira mo te iwi, kua waiho mai he turanga tiketike – ka mihi kia koe e te rangatira. We are thankful to continue to have Jocelyn remain on not only as a Trustee, but also as Chair of Ngāti Pūkenga Investment.

New Kaimahi

The start of 2022 saw a shuffle and addition within the management of Ngāti Pūkenga. Kylie Smallman has maintained her role as GM for Ngāti Pūkenga Investments, with Hemi Dawson now appointed as GM for TTONP. Our greatest thanks to Kylie for her mahi and we look forward to introducing Hemi to you all during elections and at our AGM this year.

Te Tai Treaty Stories

Phase 1 of the Treaty Stories project included recording interviews and written narratives of people involved with the pre, negotiation and post settlement phases of our treaty settlement. We have been successful in securing further funding from the Ministry of Culture and Heritage to continue Te Tai Treaty Stories Phase 2. This phase will record all the researched information into a documentary and education resource. Tahu Hollis has been beneficial in leading and delivering the program. Having a Ngāti Pūkenga member undertake this project is a sign of the depth of talent Ngāti Pūkenga have to offer not just our iwi, but our nation.

Marine and Coastal Act Hearings

Te Takutai Moana legislation provides for recognition of customary interests of iwi, hapū and whānau in the common marine and coastal area of Aotearoa. We currently have a dedicated team working to achieve recognition of our status through High Court legal proceedings. Updates will be given as the cases progress through the Courts.

Rangatahi Events

Due to the gathering restrictions of Covid-19, the Rangatahi event was unable to go ahead again this year. However, alternative opportunities for rangatahi often arise, so keep on the lookout for events on the website and Facebook page.

Skills Register

Thank you to all those who updated their skills and experience during the skill register campaign. This information has been used to update the skills that exist within our iwi and enable us in our efforts to support connections and offer opportunities to iwi.

The Year Ahead 2022-23

Pānui

The decision has been made to trial the publishing and postage of a limited number of pānui as opposed to mailing a copy to every member. This is due to the amount of pānui being returned to sender and the costs and waste associated with this. Therefore, the June pānui will be posted to all registered iwi members over 60 years old, and published in Your Iwi for all other members. You can help us keep you in the loop with what's happening and reduce waste by ensuring you and your whānau have your contact details up to date on the register. Do this either through Your Iwi or the office of Te Tāwharau o Ngāti Pūkenga.

Upcoming elections at all four kāinga

Preparation is underway for the 2022 elections, with Trustee positions up for re-election at all four kāinga. Whaea Dawn Wihongi, (Manaia kāinga) has served her maximum term as trustee and is unable to re-stand for elections this year. We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to you Whaea Dawn for your guidance, contribution and dedication with not only representing our Manaia kāinga, but Ngāti Pūkenga Iwi. E mihi maioha ana e te Kahurangi, Tēnā Koe.

AGM

Our annual AGM will be held on Sunday the 25th of September. It will be via an online platform again this year, so keep it noted in your diaries and an eye out for further information on how to join us.

Finally, a big thank you to my fellow Trustees, and all the staff of Te Tāwharau who have provided a tremendous amount of support to me as Chair. Thank you all for your ongoing support over the past year. While we have faced our fair share of challenges in the past year, I remain inspired by the ōhākī of our tūpuna, and will focus on maintaining the relationships and kotahitanga between our four kāinga.

Te Tāwharau has worked hard to provide information and updates for our members, and we respect the absolute right of each kāinga to maintain their own voice, mana and rangatiratanga in matters pertaining to each kāinga. Maintaining our precious ties and relationships between our kāinga will continue to drive our Trustees in their engagement with and across our kāinga, we have also been guided by our commitment to the kotahitanga of our Iwi.

Ma mua ka ora a muri, ma muri ka ora ā mua. E mihi ana kia koutou katoa ngā uri o Ngāti Pūkenga, tēnā koutou katoa. Mauri Ora!

Mereana Moko

Te Tāwharau o Ngāti Pūkenga Chairperson

NGĀTI PŪKENGĀ KI MANAIA

Tēnā koutou, in January this year we were pleased to reopen our marae following a period of closure due to Covid-19. Maintaining the safety and wellbeing of our people has been a priority, and our marae committee members were pleased to be able to reopen. This meant our marae facilities were open in time to be utilised for making lunches to feed our tamariki at the Wharekura. The Manaia River Restoration project has continued over the years and now has a focus on training and development, erosion and protection, fencing and planting and finally improved biosecurity and pest control.

Ngāti Pūkenga ki Manaia has also hosted a number of hui introducing the concept of commercially growing seaweed in Tīkapa. This is a relatively new concept in Coromandel and we are working to understand the benefits and business model. We will continue to host sessions to share information with the whānau as it becomes available.



In May our rangatira Harry Mikaere attended his investiture ceremony at Government House in Auckland. Harry was awarded a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit (CNZM)

The CNZM is awarded for a prominent national or international role, leading role in regional affairs or distinguished contribution to an area of activity.

During the ceremony the Governor General, Dame Cindy Kiro read out the citation for the honour and presented the insignia medal to Harry. This honour acknowledged his contribution to the aquaculture industry and Māori economic development in New Zealand.

Dame Cindy Kiro noted the importance of a supportive whānau, in particular she noted that Ruth Mikaere deserved a mention for her unwavering support of Harry.



NGĀTI PŪKENGĀ KI PAKIKAIKUTU

Hōri Parata of the Tiki lineage of Pakikaikutu, labelled the “whale whisperer” by the Guardian News of the United Kingdom, is the recipient of the Environmental Leadership award of the Northland Regional Council Whakamānawa ā-Taiao | Environmental Awards ceremony held in late May. The award recognises “an individual or group whose leadership, support of others and willingness to share ideas and resources is making a significant contribution to Northland’s environment.”



A TAONGA PRACTICE

Among Hōri Parata’s environmental management work features the native kiore (not to be mistaken with the European rat that has inherited the kiore name), the kauri and the tohorā. Work with the tohorā has been prominent over a quarter of a century reviving the traditional practice of hauhake tohorā – the traditional practice of harvesting whales. Having overseen more than 500 strandings, in a country regarded globally by whale experts as the “stranding capital of the world”, Hōri is considered one of the country’s leading experts at the centre of the reconciliation and restoration of a taonga practice. A 2018 story by National Geographic on Hōri described his work as a “political statement – a very visible expression of Māori management of the environment, after many generations of New Zealand’s European settlers doing things their way.”

Hōri named one of his sons, Te Kaurinui, after the first whale he flensed and named in 1996, Kaurinui – naming of the whales a practice incorporated when recovering stranded whales. The story has a few parts beginning in a helicopter when Hōri was looking for a kauri tree to fashion a waka, then followed by a whale wānanga facilitated by the renowned tohunga tohorā and “whale rider”, Rāmari Stewart. Shortly after the wānanga news come in of a stranding outside the Whangārei Harbour entrance on an inaccessible area of the Te Whara coastline. When the tohorā, a Brydes whale, was located, its form from a distance reminded Hōri of the kauri he had been looking for. Rāmari was quickly called back to the North, providing a major lead in reforging what was a near lost practice.

These events have been instrumental in undoing Eurocentric defined legislation that has prevented Māori customary access to beached whales and traditional harvesting practices, including the practice given official recognition in New Zealand in 1998. With strengthened Te Tiriti o Waitangi partnerships with the Crown, many tribes now have marine mammal protocols with the Department of Conservation (DoC). However, DoC officials will still turn up pointing out commercial operations require permits – only to be informed, “Māori don’t classify these practices as commercial operations.”

NGĀTI PŪKENGĀ KI PAKIKAIKUTU



Hōri has been instrumental in growing a new generation of hauhake tohorā practitioners, Te Manu Taupunga. Te Kaurinui, about to turn 25, is now a member of Te Manu Taupunga. Te Manu Taupunga were formed via an intergenerational view of knowledge transmission from tohunga to expert practitioner, to local kaimahi, to whānau, hapū and iwi. Te Manu Taupunga now provide outreach regionally and nationally to support haukāinga upon strandings.

2018, a notable year for Ngāti Tū and Ngāti Haua Piko of Ngāruahine on the South Taranaki coast of Kaupokonui beach, with the unprecedented stranding of 12 parāoa. Reaching out to Hōri and Te Manu Taupunga who incidentally were in Tokomaru Bay on the East Coast at the time assisting with the stranding of another tohorā (blue whale) there. Last year Hōri and Te Manu Taupunga travelled to Poutō, Waikāretu Marae, on the Kaipara Harbour. There they led the hauhake of three parāoa (sperm whale) that stranded at Ripiroa Beach in March. Through the process, Ngāti Tū and Ngāti Haua Piko of Taranaki and Te Uri o Hau of neighbouring Ngāti Whātua joined the knowledge holders growing local community knowledge in the traditional practices of hauhake tohorā.

This taonga practice has provided a platform to inform wider New Zealand and Government agencies including regional councils how to work with Māori in the protection of this taonga practice. Hōri also sits at a strategic level with kauri dieback and tohorā (through mātauranga Māori) and provides leadership and training to those around him to instil confidence and competence in the protection of these sacred practices for future generations. His leadership has culminated in a new project known as Kauri Ora, an Iwi collaboration between Ngāti Kuri, Te Rarawa, Te Roroa & Ngāti Wai. The collaboration seeks to use mātauranga Māori via rongoā applications made up of tohorā products to combat kauri dieback spread in the Tai Tokerau.

NGĀTI PŪKENGĀ KI TAURANGA

“Whatungarongaro te tangata, toitū te whenua”

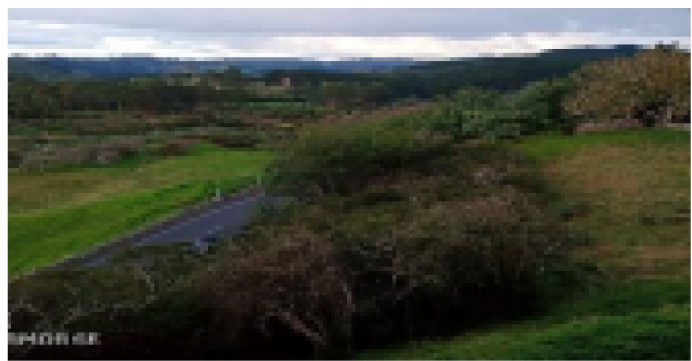
This month's article for the Tauranga Moana Kāinga will look at three land-based entities that are directly connected to Ngāti Pūkenga and located within our Kāinga. More specifically, this article will provide a brief overview of the current status of Patetu Whānau Trust, Meretaka Trust and the Ngāpeke A2B/A1C land block.

Patetu Whānau Trust was established in 1983 and is located on Welcome Bay road in close proximity to the Faith Bible College, Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Otepou, Tono Wairua and Tahuwhakatiki Marae. Patetu is the name of the land/hill in which the Trust is founded upon which is also at the base of our ancestral landmark maunga Kopukairoa. On that note, our ancestors Meretaka and Kupa Haimona subsisted on neighbouring land up until Meretaka stepped into the spirit realm while tending to their chickens.

Patetu Whānau Trust is the kaitiaki of approximately fourteen point three hectare of tribal land. Four hectare of this land has been developed into a Green kiwifruit orchard and zero point six hectare is of the Gold G3 kiwifruit. The governance board consists of four trustees and there are sixty shareholders who are predominantly of the Kahotea Whānau. This year, Patetu Whānau Trust was granted a licence to grow extra Gold G3 kiwifruit and a Papakāinga housing initiative was officially launched. Meretaka Trust is also located on Welcome Bay road just before the entrance to Asher road and next door to Harona Kahu. This entity is named in honour of our above mentioned ancestor. Meretaka Trust is the kaitiaki of the Ngāpeke 3 land block of just over eighteen hectare of tribal land. Likewise, Meretaka Trust has invested in growing kiwifruit and joined the Te Awanui Huka Pak Limited company in 1984. The governance board consists of seven trustees and there are two hundred and thirty eight shareholders. This year, Meretaka Trust has undertaken a wetland restoration project.

The Ngāpeke A2B/A1C land block is located at the end of Kaiwha road which branches off Welcome Bay road. Ngāpeke marae and Te Whetu o te rangi wharehau which are on the Ngāpeke 5 land block are adjacent to Kaiwha road across from the Ngāpeke 7 Permaculture land block. Ngāpeke A2B/A1C is the amalgamation of two land blocks. This amalgamation occurred in 1997. The combined total area of tribal land is just over two hundred and twelve hectare.

This entity has evolved into cultivating radiata pine as a forestry resource. The governance board consists of six trustees and there are seven hundred and sixty five shareholders. To conclude, the first-planted trees of Ngāpeke A2B/A1C are ready for harvesting this year.



NGĀTI PŪKENGĀ KI MAKETU

He Mihi

As we celebrate this time of Matariki, we acknowledge and mihi to our loved ones that have left us over the previous twelve months – including two beloved members of our Maketū Kāinga, Betty Herewini and Arahi Tapsell. Nō reira e te hunga mate, wheturangitia ki te Kupenga o Taramainuku.

Haere, haere, haere atu rā.



Jobs for Nature

The past few months have seen a significant increase of activity in our Taiao space. Ngāti Pūkenga ki Maketu: Jobs for Nature have been collaborating with our whanau to develop a few Taiao based projects. The projects determined included Waewaetutuki Wetland Restoration, Kaikokopu River-Rediversion, Maara Kai/ Ngahere Rongoa, Riparian Historical Trail (Kōrero o te whenua).

All going well, physical mahi is expected to commence in August, so we will be training and recruiting over the next couple of months to prepare our whānau for any/all upcoming educational and mahi related opportunities on our whenua.

Whānaungatanga

Building relationships not only within ourselves, but also with the respective iwi of Maketu always remains a priority. That said, there are a few local hui coming up which will support our progress in this area.

With MACA approaching the Maketu area, and also with the development of the Kaikokopu Historical Heritage Trail, we expect to host a few kāinga hui to share kōrero, whakapapa and hītori pertaining to Ngāti Pūkenga ki Maketu – Keep an eye out for invitations and updates via email and our kāinga Facebook page.

In July, we will be coming together for 'Kāinga Kaitahi'. Please see flyer on the next page for details.

NGĀTI PŪKENGĀ KI MAKETU

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KĀINGA KAITAHI

Celebrating being PŪKENGĀ

Beachside Café & Restaurant, Maketū 12.30pm

Saturday 9th July

Max. 40 people.

It's been a while since we've gotten together so ... we're having a Buffet lunch to celebrate *Being Pūkenga*. To register please pay \$10 per adult, \$5 per 11yrs & under (non-refundable) to:

Ngāti Pūkenga ki Maketū Trust 02-0316-0557358-000

& email pukenga.maketu@gmail.com with names of attendees. This is a limited event - no payment no reservation. (Event subsidised by the Trust)

TE TAWHARAU O NGĀTI PŪKENGĀ ELECTION

One Trustee from our Pakikaikutu, Manaia, Tauranga and Maketu kāinga (four people in total) are being sought this year for the Te Tāwharau o Ngāti Pūkenga Trust (the Trust).

Nominations are open throughout June and early July.

For further information or an official nomination form please contact your kāinga or the IRO (details below).

Each nomination paper must be signed by the candidate and two adult members of Ngāti Pūkenga, all of whom must be listed on the Ngāti Pūkenga Register.

Candidates must be available to attend their kāinga candidate presentation hui, and submit a profile statement with their nomination paper for dispatching with the voting papers.

Candidate Presentation Hui

PAKIKAIKUTU

Sunday 24th July, 10 am
Tamaterau Hall, Whangarei

MANAIA

Saturday 9th July, 9.00am
Manaia Marae

TAURANGA

Sunday 17th July, 1.00pm
Whetu o Te Rangi Marae

MAKETU

Sunday 17th July, 1.00pm
Maketu Community Centre

Te Tāwharau o Ngāti Pūkenga

Phone: 0800-895-212 or npiro2022@gmail.com

VOTING - AUGUST-SEPTEMBER (30 day period)

If voting is required. The voting process will begin with voting packs including candidate profiles being sent out by TToNP. Voting will be by post starting on 7th August 2022. Note that the votes must be with the Returning Officer by 6th September 2022.

TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT

Votes will be counted by the Independent Returning Officer and the Trustee will be confirmed by the 11th September. The successful candidate will take office at the AGM on the 25th September 2022.