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A word from your poari

Kia ora mai tātou

The year 2020 is quickly drawing to a close and, for many whānau, that cannot happen soon enough. It has been a difficult year. A year of sudden change and upheaval. A year of adaptation, of getting used to "the new normal".

However, this has also been a year of reflection for a lot of people. A year where we had to stop and think and prioritise.

More than ever, the things we value most in life – whānau, marae, faith, community – have got us through and kept us going.

Ngā marae have put in a lot of hard mahi this year.

Tahuwhakatiki Marae (Rōmai) and Mangatawa Marae (Tamapahore) have hosted several events for whānau in recent months, have secured funding for upgrades and improvements (some of which are already underway), and both marae committees are busy planning for the future.

To help with the ongoing administration of ngā marae, to ensure this incredible progress and development continues, Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust has committed to an annual grant of \$20,000 for each marae.

Despite the difficulties of 2020, Ngā Pōtiki has continued to forge ahead and has had several reasons to celebrate.

We announced this year that we will be building a puna reo in Pāpāmoa, in partnership with the Ministry of Education.

The Manawa development also reached some important milestones this year, and our shared equity home ownership scheme received a \$7.2 million boost from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through its Progressive Home Ownership fund. You can read more about that announcement in this newsletter.

Our dedicated staff and board of trustees have been busy, and the Trust's progress and solid financial growth were presented to whānau at a well-attended Annual General Meeting last month. We would like to thank everyone who came along and contributed to that constructive meeting.

Next year the hard work will continue. More milestones will be met, and new goals will be set. We continue to look ahead.

We wish you all a safe and restful holiday break. Enjoy your quality time with whānau, and all the kai, laughter and aroha that comes with that.

Mai i te ipukarea, te hōkai nuku o Ngā Pōtiki e mihi kau ana ki te whānau whānui o Tamapahore. Ko te tūmanako me noho haumarū, me tiaki tātou i a tātou i ngā wā kātoa kia māriho te wā Kirihimete, me te whakaaro ano hoki kia kānapu te tirohanga ki te tau hou.

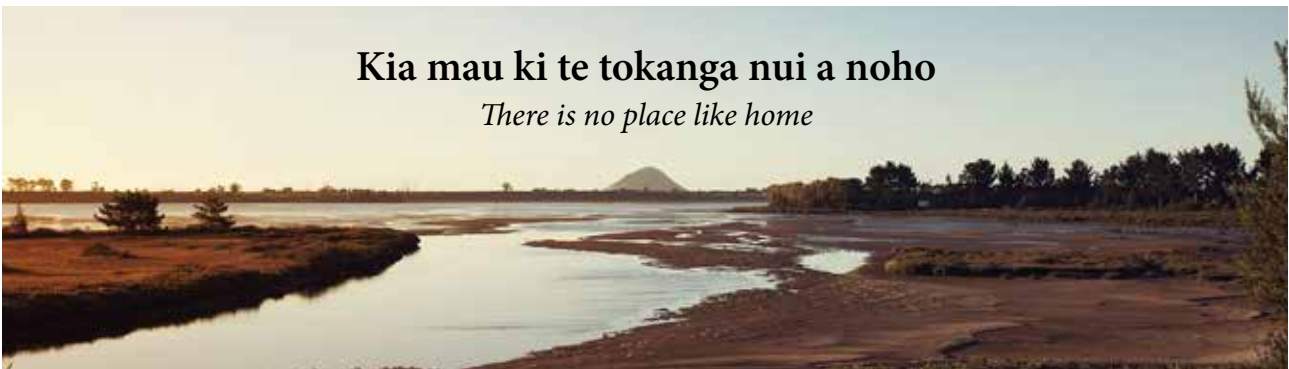
Kia mau ki te tokanga nui a noho.

Ngā mihi mahana

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

Kia mau ki te tokanga nui a noho

There is no place like home



Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust

Te Ara o Wairākei education day

Last month we jointly hosted an education day at Te Ara o Wairākei, the stormwater reserve in Pāpāmoa, with Tauranga City Council.

More than 200 students, parents and teachers from Golden Sands School and Tahatai Coast School took part in the event.

The tamariki planted native trees, tested water quality, learned about tuna and other native wildlife in the reserve, as well as how to trap pests.

At the Ngā Pōtiki station, we shared some history about the area and read the kōrero *Ngā Maunga Tohorā: The Whale Mountains*. The students also spent time colouring in their own copies of the original motif created especially for Te Ara o Wairākei by our whanaunga Linda Munn.

We value this collaboration with Tauranga City Council and the other event partners and we are always looking for ways to strengthen our partnership with local Pāpāmoa schools and the wider community.



We hope there will be more educational events like this in the near future.

As our chairman Colin Reeder said, “The Te Ara o Wairākei education day was an opportunity to share our passion and aroha for the surrounding cultural landscapes and seascapes.

It was a chance to share our stories and history with enthusiastic tamariki who are curious and eager to learn. These tamariki are the guardians of tomorrow, and to see them engaged in learning about the environment, gives us great comfort and hope.”





Mangatawa Marae hui and bus tour

Mangatawa Marae (Tamapahore) hosted a second marae development plan hui in October and there was another great turnout.

Whānau were given updates on the development plan and were presented with the new Mangatawa Marae logo. The top koru represents Mangatawa Te Maunga, and the bottom koru represents Te Tāhuna o Rangataua.

The new Mangatawa Marae website was also unveiled for the first time. The website will play a key role in the marae's new communication strategy.

As part of the hui, Dr Desmond Kahotea gave a presentation on the history of Ngā Pōtiki, which included a timeline of historic events, and whaka-papa to Tamapahore. It was a well-researched presentation that provided invaluable information for whānau.

A bus tour was also organised. Whānau climbed aboard two buses and visited local sites of significance. The first stop was the office of Mangatawa Pāpāmoa Blocks Incorporated, and the buses were met by chairman Kevin Haua. Whānau had a look around the office and were given a kōrero about business and operations. The buses then took whānau to a Tauranga Heritage Collection storage facility in Mount Maunganui, where they were met by the cultural heritage manager Dean Flavell. Dean gave a tour of the facility and showed



whānau the Tamapahore taonga in the collection. These taonga come from the original Tamapahore whareniui at Karikari. You can look at photos of the taonga on the Tauranga Heritage Collection website.

The final stop on the history kōrero bus tour was Tahuwhakatiki Marae

(Rōmai). There was kōrero about the relationship and history between the two marae and whānau, and the day ended with a highly-anticipated kai.

A video was made about the day and you can watch it at

www.mangatawa-marae.org.nz.



Ki te Ao Mārama - Opening to the light

Events and Opportunities for Māori Gifted Learners

Whāia te māramatanga / Seek illumination



Twelve ākonga from Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Otepou, Tauranga Intermediate School and Mt Maunganui Intermediate School took part in the Events and Opportunities for Gifted Māori Learners programme this year.

The programme, which ended this month, was a two-year partnership between the Ministry of Education, Ngā Pōtiki and Reach Education. It was coordinated by Kathryn Bluett-Atvars and Dr Rosemary Cathcart.

The 12 ākonga who participated this year undertook an inquiry project related to navigation and migration and sought to answer the questions: How did our tīpuna get here? And how did we live here when we got here?



As part of the project, the students researched their own whakapapa and waka and shared their findings through impressive multimedia presentations.

Kathryn and Rosemary would like to say a special thank you to Ngakohu Papuni, Jack and Aurere Thatcher, and Tamahau Tangitu for all their help and support with the programme.

"We would also like to thank the three schools, the teachers involved, the ākonga and their parents," Kathryn said.

"The level of inquiry this year was incredible and the presentations were modern and engaging. We look forward to sharing more photos, a short video and outcomes from the programme, with our Ngā Pōtiki whānau, as well as the schools and communities involved, in more detail in 2021."





Housing Minister visits Pāpāmoa to announce \$7.2m for Ngā Pōtiki PHO

Ngā Pōtiki will receive \$7.2 million from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through its Progressive Home Ownership fund.

Minister of Housing, Hon Dr Megan Woods, visited the Manawa residential development in Pāpāmoa Beach in October to make the announcement.

Ngā Pōtiki and Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) officials invested a lot of time and resource to realise this outcome.

The Ngā Pōtiki Progressive Home Ownership (PHO) Programme will enable more Ngā Pōtiki whānau to buy their own homes.

Our deputy chair Victoria Carroll said the Ngā Pōtiki Progressive Home Ownership (PHO) Programme will enable us to expand our shared equity home ownership scheme to more than 30 Ngā Pōtiki whānau and assist them into home ownership.

“Given that Tauranga is one of the most expensive cities in which to buy a home, exacerbated by low household worker incomes for Māori, we need these innovative programmes to assist hard-working whānau into home ownership.”

She said quality affordable housing for Ngā Pōtiki people is a key post-Treaty-settlement strategy, and we want to deliver that across a spectrum of housing – social, affordable rentals, and home ownership.

We developed a bespoke shared equity scheme in 2018 that has helped and will continue to help Ngā Pōtiki whānau buy their own homes.

The first 10 Ngā Pōtiki whānau have already graduated through this scheme and are now living in their own homes at Manawa.

Minister Woods met two of these Ngā Pōtiki homeowners and visited their new houses during her visit in October. The Ngā Pōtiki PHO Programme will be delivered within the existing shared equity framework.

“Affordable housing is an issue for all New Zealanders, however, it is compounded for Māori because household incomes are often less than the average household income,” Victoria said.

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“This makes homeownership more difficult for our whānau. Our shared equity scheme is aimed at working whānau who without support couldn’t afford their own home.”

Our chairman Colin Reeder said there are more than 200 whānau and elderly on our waitlist for homeownership and rental accommodation.

“We want our Ngā Pōtiki people to be able to continue living in their rohe, to be close to their whānau and marae, to stay connected to their whenua. Therefore, we need to help create housing here in Pāpāmoa that our people can afford to live in.”

Update your membership details Create an online account – Whakauru mai

Have you visited the new [registration and membership page](#) on our website yet?

We want to connect with all of our members online 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.

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 yet 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, call us at the office on 07 572 3344, or email us at: kiaora@ngapotiki.org.nz.



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Expressions of interest are still open



We have partnered with Westpac New Zealand to deliver our 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.

Expressions of interest are still open. 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.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please visit our Frequently Asked Questions page here - www.ngapotikihousing.co.nz/faq.html.

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.

Complete the expression of interest form at: www.ngapotikihousing.co.nz/home-ownership.html.