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A WORD FROM YOUR POARI

Outgoing Ngā Pōtiki ā
Tamapahore Board Chairman



Tēnā tātou katoa,

Mā Ihoa o ngā mano e tiaki, e manaaki ia koutou kātoa i tēnei mātahi o te tau me kii te wā o Matariki. Me noho ora, me noho haumarū.

We've seen a few changes in our organisation recently. Due to new work commitments in Tāmaki Makaurau, I have stepped down as chair of the board, after taking up the role in May 2021. I will continue to serve Ngā Pōtiki as a trustee, as I have done since 2015.

I would like to thank my fellow board members for their support during my time as chair. Verna Ohia-Gate, who has been a trustee since 2019 and became deputy chair last year, has been elected the new chair of the board. I truly believe having someone who lives full-time in our rohe leading our board will be more efficient and beneficial to our mahi. Having someone as capable as Verna in that role puts us in a great position as we head into the future.

Meanwhile, our general manager Sandie Rota is moving on and we thank her for her contribution and wish her the best for her future endeavours.

A big thank you to everyone who logged in and joined our first virtual Annual General Meeting for Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust on Saturday, April 9, 2022.

The risk of Covid-19 meant this AGM was held online instead of kanohi kitea.

It was a great opportunity to share our progress with you and outline the achievements for the 2020/21 year. A recording of the meeting and the corresponding Q&A are both available on our website for those of you who couldn't join us on the day, and so is our Annual Report document.

As I said in that Annual Report, cultural development is fundamental to the Ngā Pōtiki mission and support for our two marae goes without saying.

In 2019, we set aside \$300,000 for both Tahuwhakatiki Marae (Rongomainohorangi) and Mangatawa Marae (Tamapahore) for capital works. There is an application and assessment process before this funding can be accessed. Tahuwhakatiki Marae recently completed this process as part of the wharekai project and we thank the marae committee for their hard mahi. This funding is still available for Mangatawa Marae if, and when, they choose to apply.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Pita Stokes.

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30 NEW, AFFORDABLE RENTALS FOR NGĀ PŌTIKI WHĀNAU

Thirty new affordable rental homes will be available for Ngā Pōtiki whānau thanks to a \$15m funding boost given to Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust's housing arm, Manawa Community Housing Trust.

The funding has been granted through the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development's (MHUD) Whai Kāinga Whai Oranga fund and will be used to build a total of 30 rental homes - 10 four-bedroom houses, 16 3-bedroom properties and four two-bedroom townhouses - that will be allocated to low-income, working Ngā Pōtiki whānau to live in.

Manawa Community Housing Trust has partnered with Generation Homes to build these properties. Stage One is construction of the 10 four-bedroom homes, already underway. Groundwork has started on the four-bedroom homes, to be tenanted around November. Stage Two of the development is the construction of four townhouse blocks of three, and two-bedroom homes, due to be completed by the end of 2024.

All 30 homes will be located in the Manawa subdivision in Pāpāmoa and will be rented to low-income working Ngā Pōtiki whānau at less than the market rental rate, ensuring our whānau have access to affordable, healthy, and stable

accommodation. All of the homes will have solar power (photovoltaic) and the four-bedroom houses are bespoke, designed to their specific sites, and also feature an internal garage and two bathrooms.

Manawa Community Housing Trust general manager Victoria Carroll says these affordable rentals are part of a wider housing strategy that aims to build a total of 216 rental homes for Ngā Pōtiki whānau by 2028.

This project follows the opening of six new, three-bedroom townhouses in December 2021, which are operating as social housing rentals and are now home to whānau who whakapapa to Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore.

"We've completed six, three-bedroom homes that are now tenanted to Ngā Pōtiki whānau and we're excited to start construction of our 30 new homes. We acknowledge MHUD's MAIHI programme, Kararaina Calcott-Cribb and her MAIHI team for supporting our Ngā Pōtiki housing aspirations," Victoria says.

Demand for our affordable housing is evident in the number of Ngā Pōtiki whānau on our waitlist, which is sitting at 116 whānau. We will be in touch with those whānau after July when the selection process will begin.

The provision of quality affordable housing for all members of Ngā Pōtiki is a key strategy for Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust and Manawa Community Housing Trust, which is a registered community housing provider tasked specifically with providing housing solutions for our Ngā Pōtiki whānau.

Ngā Pōtiki opened an online Expression of Interest (EOI) page the day after the April AGM for Ngā Pōtiki whānau to register their interest for these affordable rental housing options. The EOI page will close at the end of June so we encourage you to register your interest at ngapotiki.org.nz/housing/ or ngapotikihousing.co.nz/affordable-rental-housing.html

Everyone who registers will be considered and contacted after July as to their eligibility and if eligible, will be invited into the next stage for interviews in August. Please appreciate the offering is already oversubscribed and we can only house 30 whānau through this offering.

If you have other housing needs please contact our tenancy manager, Traci Wepiha-Te Kanawa on housing@ngapotiki.org.nz or pop into the office at Manawa (unit 2/4 Te Omiraka Lane) for a chat.



Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust's housing team Silence Quinn, Traci Wepiha-Te Kanawa, Victoria Carroll and Courtney Tierney.

PROTECTING OUR CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH TE TAIAO



Cultural monitor for Ngā Pōtiki Raymond Ririnui.

Ngā Pōtiki is looking for more cultural monitors to get involved in this important mahi



Blessing the start of a wastewater pipeline upgrade in Pāpāmoa.



Rātana āpotoro Pahu Akuhata.



At the site of the blessing for a wastewater pipeline upgrade.

Raymond Ririnui is a cultural monitor for Ngā Pōtiki.

This mahi takes him all over the 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 includes monitoring any potential impact on wai, wāhi tapu, ngāi tipu taketake, ngāi kīrehe taketake, and other taonga.

The latest project – a wastewater pipeline upgrade in Pāpāmoa between the Opal Drive pump station and the intersection of Gravatt Road and Beachwater Drive – was officially opened in May with a blessing attended by representatives from Ngā Pōtiki, Waitaha, Tauranga City Council, Sian

Keith Archaeology, and contractors HEB Construction, WSP, and Tiaki Engineering Consultants.

Raymond was at the blessing, which was conducted by kaumātua and Rātana āpotoro Pahu Akuhata. The Opal Drive Wastewater Pipeline Renewal Project is one of several sites Raymond is currently monitoring and 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.



Cultural monitor for Ngā Pōtiki Raymond Ririnui, Rātana āpotoro Pahu Akuhata and Ngā Pōtiki advisory trustee Lara Burkhardt.

TE AHO NGĀRAHU O NGĀ PŌTIKI – FOSTERING TE REO MĀORI THROUGH LOCALISED RESOURCES

Ngā Pōtiki has partnered with Huia Publishers to produce a storybook for our tamariki. The proposed pukapuka – *Kia ū Kī uta* – will be about a journey of whakapapa. It will tell the story of our lineage and history, for the minds and hearts of our tamaiti nohinohi.

The kōrero is being written by Tania Ririnui, with support from Ngā Pōtiki pakeke and matatau. This project is part of the Ministry of Education's Te Aho Ngārahu initiative, which offers funding to iwi and hapū to support the telling of their own stories in te reo Māori.

It is a kaupapa that empowers the rejuvenation of our language through a medium of our own creation.

Many of our whānau in other rohe have been able to take up this opportunity since Te Aho Ngārahu was first established in 2017,

and this year Ngā Pōtiki will create our own Māori-medium localised resource for our tamariki and our future.

Our tīma is fortunate enough to be guided by people with a wealth of experience from Huia Publishers and the Ministry of Education, as well as our kaumātua.

The first writing wānanga with Huia Publishers was held in April in Pāpāmoa.

Mā wai ngā tarawāhi o te Wairākei e tāwharau – ko Ngā Pōtiki tēnā.



Tania Ririnui with Pania Tahau-Hodges from Huia Publishers during a writing wānanga in April.

Ngā mihi o Matariki, te tau hou Māori

This year will mark the first time that Matariki will be officially celebrated as a rā whakatā ā-ture in Aotearoa and we, at Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust are excited about the recognition.

Matariki, which is an abbreviation of 'Ngā Mata o te Ariki Tāwhirimātea' ('The eyes of the god Tāwhirimātea'), is the Māori name for the cluster of stars that is also known as the Pleiades. This cluster rises during the midwinter, marking the Māori new year and a time for remembrance (Honouring those we have lost since the last rising of Matariki), celebrating the present by gathering together to give thanks for what we have and looking to the

future by looking forward to what's to come.

This year, the Matariki public holiday falls on Friday, June 24. It will always fall on a Friday but dates may change to align with the maramataka (Māori stellar-lunar calendar).

As a way to acknowledge Matariki we have been holding workshops with our social housing tenants, which have been based around helping our whānau grow their own kai.

Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust encourages our whānau to celebrate Matariki - a time for new beginnings, planning for the year ahead and of course, acknowledgement.



NEW APPOINTMENT AT NGĀ PŌTIKI Ā TAMAPAHORE TRUST

We welcome Courtney Tierney to Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust.

Courtney joined our housing team in May, providing Tenancy Management and Property Management Support.

Of Ngāi Tūhoe and Ngāti Whakaue descent, Courtney has come to us from Hamilton where she worked as a transitional housing navigator for Emerge Aotearoa and is looking forward to helping our whānau into safe, warm and affordable homes.

Born and raised in Auckland, Courtney studied at the University of Canterbury coming away with a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Psychology and a Masters in Child and Family Psychology. Her background provides her with a good baseline that she hopes will be a benefit to her real life mahi with Ngā Pōtiki.



Courtney Tierney has joined our housing team as tenancy management and property management support.

Courtney feels privileged to be part of the housing team at Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust and feels there is a lot of potential for her to be part of an important and positive difference for our Ngā Pōtiki whānau. She's looking forward to the challenges

ahead, the rewarding mahi that comes with helping whānau into affordable, safe and healthy homes and being part of the solution to the current housing crisis. We are excited to have Courtney on board.

Covid-19 care packages distributed to whānau

Ngā Pōtiki distributed hundreds of Covid-19 care packages to whānau earlier this year as daily case numbers climbed around Aotearoa and the likelihood of infection increased.

We sought funding and partnered with a local pharmacy to create the packages, which included medical face masks, hand sanitiser, disinfectant wipes, pulse oximeters, thermometers, and other items to support the immune system.

More than 450 packages were given out to Ngā Pōtiki registered members. "We partnered with Life Pharmacy

Bayfair to produce a Covid-19 care package that could add to the support shown by other community organisations enabling whānau to keep safe," Ngā Pōtiki chairman Peter Stokes said at the time.

He said the care packages provided Ngā Pōtiki people with some of the medical items necessary to help protect themselves and their wider whānau and community against Covid-19, and also provided support if someone in a household contracted the virus and needed to manage their infection at home.

"Ko te mea nui ki te poari o Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore kia noho

haumaru te whānau whānui o Ngā Pōtiki ki roto i te wā nei o te mate karauna. Our priority is the safety of our whānau during this pandemic, and how we can contribute and support them in their kāinga."



Covid-19 care packages have been distributed to Ngā Pōtiki registered members.

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