

# TE TĀWHARAU O NGĀTI PŪKENGĀ TAKU MANU KORIHĪ ATA

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There is a lot of exciting work happening including our Skills Register Campaign. The register will be used to identify the skills and expertise that exist within our iwi and support connections for business development and other opportunities. Every month we draw a name to receive a prize so get in there whānau the draw will continue until March 2022. There is still time to win!

We are also developing our reo strategy which is part of our strategic plan. A survey has been released and we invite feedback from across our Iwi. We look forward to reporting back on the progress. We are also continuing our work capturing our Treaty stories. We are working with Ministry of Culture and Heritage and look forward to updating more in the year ahead.

In November, we completed the first phase of the wetlands restoration project on our whenua (Te Kapua) in Tauranga. A huge thanks to Des Heke and his team at Papatuanuku Services for his expertise and passion towards the restoration of our whenua. Also a big mihi to Te Ohu Kaitiaki o Te Kapua for their continued guidance on the Te Kapua development. The next phase is a 3 year project in partnership with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council for planting and weed suppression. We will provide more updates in due course. But have a few photos of the wetlands to share in this pānui.

## CHAIRS FOREWORD

Hokahoka taku aumihi i te hau, ka rere ki te kahu o te rangi, ka mihiā te runga rawa. Ka tiro ki te tihi o Taupiri, ka mihiā a Kīngi Tūheitia. Koutou te hunga kua mū, kia tangihia, kia poroporoakitia, e moe, okioki. Tātou e ngā mahuetanga iho, kia whakarongo ake ki te tangi o te Tui e tuitui ai tātou. Tēnā koutou katoa.

In July, we completed our annual Kāinga Roadshow where trustees visited each of the four kāinga to provide updates and answer any questions from the floor. This activity is a favourite for trustees as we get to form new and develop existing relationships with whānau. We also get a sense of the challenges and aspirations of each kāinga. We look forward to continuing our annual roadshow for years to come.

For the second year in a row, we conducted our AGM online. This seems to be a favourable method as attendance and feedback was well received. This is also likely to be our preferred approach until it is safe for us to go back to hui ā-kano.

The ongoing impacts of Covid continue to be felt widely. As anticipated and expected, our Tauranga Kāinga have made the wise decision to postpone the Ahurei, noting that the safety of our people is paramount. Our Ahurei has become one of the most favourite events in calendar and was due to be held in Tauranga in 2022. We look forward to coming together in Tauranga when we are able to do so safely.

Finally, at our Hui ā Tau in September I resigned from my role as Chair for Te Tāwharau o Ngāti Pūkenga. It has been both an honour and a privilege to serve you all for the past 7 years. I am proud of the work we have done as your board to establish ourselves, finalise our settlement, develop our strategy and develop events that emphasise the importance of kotahitanga for our Iwi. I know we have laid a strong foundation for our uri. I will maintain my role as a Trustee for what is my final term, I will also remain a Director on Ngāti Pūkenga Investments. I look forward to seeing you all at one of our events when we are able to come together again.

I would like to introduce our new Chair Mereana Moko. Mereana is a Trustee for our Maketu kāinga and has been with our board now for the past 4 years. In her time with our board I have watched Mereana grow both in her leadership at a kāinga and board level and in her knowledge and understanding of board systems and processes. Mereana is a courageous servant leader and I feel grateful that she has agreed to step into the Chair role. Mereana shared with me that she is looking forward to stepping up as our Chair. I wish her all the best and will be here to support her as she takes on this leadership role for our Iwi.

We are extremely fortunate to have Watson Ohia as Deputy Chair for Te Tāwharau o Ngāti Pūkenga. Watson has been one of our Tauranga Trustees for the past 3 years and we are extremely privileged to have someone with his experience and knowledge working alongside our Chair.

## Wetlands

Te Kapua formed part of the treaty settlement package for Ngāti Pūkenga whānui in 2017 and is now managed by Ngāti Pūkenga Investments Ltd. Des Heke from Papatuanuku Services was contracted in May this year to restore the wetlands and clean up the block in preparation for the kiwifruit development.

Des is well known in Tauranga Moana for his affinity to the taiao and enacting kaitiakitanga responsibilities.

We were fortunate to have Des and his team completely transform our whenua from a poor, neglected state due to 20+ years of grazing. To the glorious pocket of land & wetlands we now see today. Mihi nui ki a koe Des rātou ko Papatuanuku Services.



## NGĀTI PŪKENGĀ KI MANAIA

Ngāti Pūkenga Ki Waiau Society Inc will be holding our Hui ā Tau on the 19 December 2021 from 10am - 11:30am by ZUI. For those who would like to attend our online Hui ā Tau, please email Manaia Ashby our Administrator at [ngati-pukenga@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ngati-pukenga@xtra.co.nz). Manaia will send the link.

In August this year we saw the Delta outbreak take hold across Auckland bringing the country to a standstill once again. As soon as the nationwide lockdown was announced our young people in Manaia managed roadblocks at the one lane bridge in Manaia, turning traffic around and sending them all back to where they had come from. In the end there were thousands of vehicles that were turned around.

To lessen the impact of the Delta virus and any further variants we are encouraging our people to get vaccinated. Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki have been working tirelessly since the most recent outbreak.

Firstly, setting up testing centers followed by a vaccination drive that has been available across our Hauraki Marae, including drive through vaccination clinics at our Marae in Manaia.



We encourage everyone to “Double Vaccinated” right now!

In Manaia, Ngāti Pūkenga ki Waiau Society Inc have continued to provide support for our Kāinga through education grants, supporting travel costs at the wharekura and ongoing support for our puna reo.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our annual Xmas celebration and kai at our Marae. We look forward to coming together in the New Year, but for now we need to maintain the health and wellbeing of our people. We wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

## NGĀTI PŪKENGĀ KI PAKIKAIKUTU

### Pakikaikutu on display in exhibition

After hearing stories of childhood and growing up on the whenua at Pakikaikutu, June Pitman was inspired to turn these stories into graphic images and has successfully launched the exhibition Kaumātua o Tamaterau at Tamaterau Hall this month.

“The idea came from going on wānanga through the kainga of Ngāti Pukenga and sharing stories, after looking around at the age of people sharing the stories I thought this really needs to be recorded. “The realisation came that all these people in the van have continued to maintain ahi kāa from waikaraka to parua bay the old families that were here are still here but in a different generation”

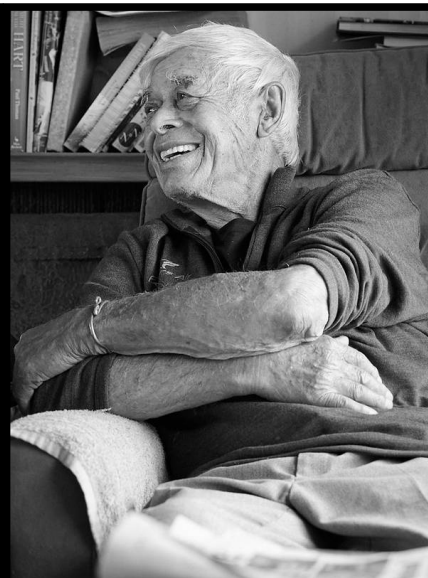
The exhibition, photographed by Claire Gordon, has captured prominent whānau who live along the shoreline and whakapapa to the area; Whānau Dickey, Haora, Pitman, Pohe, Pepi and Soloman (Ngāti Kahu).

As the area has become increasingly pākeha centric over the last 100 years, it's been important to educate the locals on who the whānau are that live here.

“Part of the kaupapa behind it is to raise mana Māori in the community, they have no idea about the heritage or the cultural significance of the place they live on and so it's time to raise awareness and this is a heartfelt way to do that. To share the stories of growing up on this area long before it was heavily populated.”

Throughout the journey of creating the exhibition stories were told of the first connections of power, the first pākeha engagements, Portugese settlement and the Christian holy grounds.

“It's like all the whānau are still holding hands along the harbour with a huge amount of cultural heritage to be told by us. The most special thing is that everyone helped each other back in the day, it was about looking after each other, staying connected and respecting each other.”



# NGĀTI PŪKENGA KI TAURANGA

## **Our Tauranga Kainga Vision 2050:**

Below is a summary of the key elements of the Tauranga Kainga Vision 2050.

## **Our WHY: As Ngāti Pūkenga ki Tauranga, we want to;**

- Honour our tīpuna and our identity as Ngāti Pūkenga ki Tauranga. Kia Pūkenga te Tū!
- Ensure that all Uri of Ngāti Pūkenga ki Tauranga are culturally, socially, physically, spiritually and economically well. Kia Pūkenga te Oranga
- Live by the mātāpono (values) of Ngāti Pūkenga ki Tauranga. Kia Pūkenga te Ngākau!

## **Our HOW: Kia Pūkenga te Ngākau! Our Values: As Ngāti Pūkenga ki Tauranga, we thrive when we;**

- Have a clear Shared Vision
- Are United and Cohesive
- Are Respectful in all that we do
- Focus on Solutions not Positions
- Communicate clearly, effectively and are transparent.

## **Our WHAT: Our Goals for Ngāti Pūkenga ki Tauranga are that:**

- Our Reo and Tikanga is thriving on our marae and beyond.
- Our people are Healthy, Well and adequately Housed
- Our people are empowered through meaningful Education, Enterprise and Employment.
- We have Strong Relationships among ourselves (including whanau, kainga, Tauranga Moana and Ngati Pūkenga Whanui) and beyond ourselves.

**Achieving our Vision:** Since developing our Tauranga Kainga vision we have focused on how to best organise ourselves to achieve the vision for our Kainga. The Kainga thoroughly considered a range of options and sort guidance and expertise. In the end the Kainga decided to establish a new Tauranga Kainga Trust that is focused on achieving the Tauranga Kainga Vision 2050.

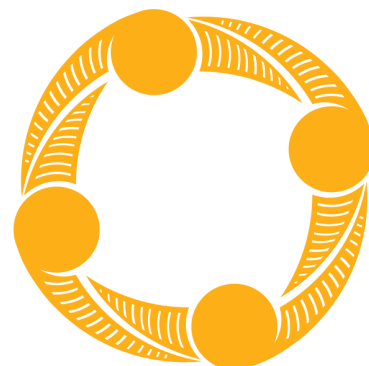
The trust deed for the new Kainga Trust is nearly completed. Key points in regards to the Tauranga Kainga Trust are that:

- The focus of the trust is on achieving the Kainga 2050 Vision for the wellbeing of our people.
- Uri of Ngati Pūkenga are welcome to join the trust remembering that the trust focus is on the Tauranga Kainga Vision, Tauranga Kainga Interests and Tauranga Kainga Future.
- Our people are welcome to register for the Trust on the Rarangi Tautoko for Uri of Ngati Pūkenga who support this Tauranga Kainga Vision 2050.

- The goal of the trust is that all of our decisions are open, transparent and Tauranga Vision focused.
- The trust focus is to serve all Uri of Ngati Pūkenga as stated in the Tauranga Kainga Vision whether they are on the Rarangi Tautoko or not.
- Our intention is that the trustees for this new trust to be in place by early 2022.
- Connected to the trust are Ohu who will oversee, plan and advance the achievement of our key goals in the Kainga vision. The magic for our kainga will happen in the Ohu.

## **Covid 19 in Tauranga and a United Response:**

Thank you to all of our amazing people who are supporting our communities as we face Covid 19 challenges. As with many areas across Aotearoa, the presence of Covid 19 is being felt by our people here in Tauranga. On Sunday December the 12th our people from Ngati Pūkenga met with our whanau from Romai and Tamapahore to develop a shared approach to support our whanau including those who may need to isolate at home in the future. We are thankful to everyone who attended the hui and look forward to further developments to support the wellbeing of all of our whanau in Ngāti Pūkenga and Ngā Potiki.



## NGĀTI PŪKENGĀ KI MAKETŪ

### Ngāti Pūkenga ki Maketū December 2021 report

#### Waewaetutuki Wetlands project

This exciting new project is underway despite being hampered by the lockdown. A threatened plant species survey has been completed by BOP Wetland ecologists and two rare native orchid species have been located. This project will also ensure that the nesting sites of rare native and migrating birds will be protected. (Picture of one of the native orchid species)

#### Graduates

Sister and brother Sapphire and Robbie Peake - descendants of Ngapire Mokopapaki and her husband Koa Williams, and Paruhiterangi O'Callaghan - mokopuna of Tom & Mabel Moko completed the Te Tohu Paetahi qualification, an intensive year-long total immersion reo programme at the University of Waikato (Tauranga campus). A carload from Maketu travelled every weekday to attend this programme.



#### Young budding artist

Eleven-year-old artist and businessman Nixon Mohi (of the Himiona whānau) won a Manaaki Peoples' Choice grant for small businesses. This award provides Nixon with a Cricut (graphics cutting machine), a website, phone and small business mentoring sessions. Nixon also had a successful art exhibition in June in Tauranga. Check him out on Instagram [@oranga\\_whakaniko](#) (Nixon pictured at his art exhibition with his grandmother Raewyn Hanara)

#### He maimai aroha

We acknowledge and mihi to all of our mate that have left us in 2021 and in particular our Aunty Tai – Ngataierua Thomas (nee Moko) who was a real pillar for us in terms of our Ngāti Pūkenga identity here in Maketu. Moe mai rā, Aunty.

