

TE TĀWHARAU O NGĀTI PŪKENGĀ  
**TAKU MANU KORIHĪ ATA**  
HAKIHEA/DECEMBER 2022



### **CHAIRS FOREWORD**

He hōnore , he kororia ki te Atua, he maungārongo ki te mata o te whenua, he whakaaro pai ki ngā tāngata katoa.

E tangi ana, e mihi ana ngā tini mate o te tau. Moe mārire , haere, oti atu koutou ki te huinga kahurangi.

Tau mai kia tātou , e aku mana, ngā tini huānga o Pūkenga , nei rā te mihi aroha kia koutou katoa.

As we come to the close of 2022, we reflect upon a year of change, perseverance and resilience. As a Trust we continue to strive for the success of Ngāti Pūkenga & what we have yet to achieve.

Ko te pae tawhiti, whaia kia tata  
Ko te pae tata, whakamaua kia tina!

I wish each and every one of you a happy and safe holiday over the festive season. May you all enjoy time with your whānau and friends.

Mā te Atua tātou katoa e manaaki, e tiaki, Pai Marire!  
Te Tāwharau o Ngāti Pūkenga  
Chairperson  
Mereana Moko

The Board welcomed two new Trustees in 2022, for Tauranga, Kipouaka Pukekura and Manaia, Arran Ashby. It is always a great pleasure to see our iwi members put their hands up to represent their people. The level of ability, diverse experience and willingness to serve, is a tribute to the outstanding people we have in our iwi. The Board remains committed to delivering to our people and Te Pae Tawhiti, Vision 2050.

Our AGM was held on Sunday the 25th of September 2022. We again offered both a physical venue and an online platform with kāinga hosting hui to view together. With updates on the work and progress of Te Tāwharau and Ngāti Pūkenga Investments, the AGM presents iwi members with the opportunity to understand the operational workings of Ngāti Pūkenga. We encourage all uri to attend, and hope to see you all at our AGM in 2023.

Te Tai Treaty Stories Phase 2 is well on its way and nearing completion. This phase includes the refining of an online interactive resource that will be launched at Ahurei 2023. This is an exciting initiative for Ngāti Pūkenga as an iwi. The level of work, with contributions from kaumatua to rangatahi makes this a truly unique project, and one we are looking forward to the launch of.

Te Hui Ahurei ā Ngāti Pūkenga 2023

Thursday 23 March - Sunday 26 March 2023

Te Whetu o te Rangi Marae, 5/612 Welcome Bay Road,  
Welcome Bay, Tauranga

The number one event to kick off 2023 will be our Ahurei! Lock it in your diaries now. Tauranga have things simmering away to make sure this is a great success.

Looking forward to our planning for 2023, we have drafted some exciting new proposals and are seeking funding to establish these initiatives. Our plans include the progression of te reo, rangatahi involvement and iwi engagement. Trustees and kaimahi are excited to be venturing into new projects to keep moving iwi aspirations forward.

Thank you to my fellow Trustees, and all the kaimahi of Te Tawharau who have made 2022 a success through their hardwork and dedication. May 2023 be as successful. I look forward to the opportunity to connect with you all in person at Ahurei in March.

## NGĀTI PŪKENGĀ KI MANAIA

### Manaia Marae:

The Manaia Marae shut the doors to all whānau during the Covid 19 nationwide lockdown. The only access during this period was for security checks and maintenance. We have maintained a cautious approach as the covid settings have gone from red to orange, to green. Now that we are back at green settings our Marae is open again and we have experienced a number of bookings. It is great to see our whānau returning to our marae and having access again for our special events including our tangihanga.

On the 18th of December 2022 we will be hosting (for the first time since Covid) our annual Christmas lunch at the Marae following our AGM. We look forward to seeing our whānau and sharing in a kai to celebrate this special time including providing a taonga for our mokopuna who attend.

### Manaia River Project:

The Manaia River Restoration project which is now being co-governed between Ngāti Pūkenga ki Waiau and Ngāti Whanaunga has continued this year during the challenging impacts of Covid. Electric fencing has been used to mitigate stock entering our water ways, and we have completed planting using both volunteers and the River team. The project over the many years it has been running has had a positive impact on both the state of our waterways and the quality of the water. There is much more work to do.

### NPKM Aquaculture Update:

The mussel industry is working through a major issue GML9 Spat Retention and survival this has been a challenge for all farmers including Ngāti Pūkenga ki Manaia. As Chair I have been heavily involved in working on solutions alongside other members of the aquaculture industry.

On behalf of Ngāti Pūkenga Ki Manaia I have been involved with a small team of mussel farmers and scientists over the past two and half years who have been looking at commercial seaweed farming. We held some public hui earlier in the year to share the project with our whānau in Manaia.

We have been working on the first stages of a commercially viable development programme supported by GreenWave Seaweed Farming Pilot project. This project was started in October this year and has been funded partly by the government to bring about the industry acceleration required by Coromandel Farmers. I will maintain oversight of this project and keep our community informed.

### Education:

We continue to support our whānau in achieving their mātauranga goals through education grants as well as our ongoing support for Te Wharekura o Manaia and their aspirations for our Tamariki/Mokopuna.

Ngā manaakitanga

Harry Haerengarangi Mikaere

## NGĀTI PŪKENGĀ KI PAKIKAIKUTU

There has been lots happening for the whānau at Pakikaikutu over the last six months. We have been working hard on our five-year strategic plan and the importance of protecting the health of our whenua and natural resources. For many years now the urupā that sits on the eastern slopes adjacent to Rangitihi Pā overlooking Whangārei Te Terenga Parāoa has had no markings of the interred and was in need of fencing repair. We mihi to Ray Haora who has been maintaining the urupā for many years and recently whānau from Pakikaikutu have worked to have the area fenced off, cleared and had undergrown mapping done to ascertain where burials may have been placed. To date we are aware of 22 burials that occurred here and the development of the urupā continues to be a top priority for us to reconnect, not only to the whenua but, to our wider Ngāti Pūkenga whakapapa on other kāinga. Our next phase of the urupā is further mapping and location, walking access, construction of a shelter and a memorial stone to acknowledge the interred. Pakikaikutu carver Te Kaurinui Parata has been leading the project for our pou whenua creation and installation as we seek to reconnect our people to the whenua. At a meeting held recently the pou has been agreed to be placed alongside the vicinity of the urupā as we look to centre on our sites of significance that includes a marae in the future.

**Annual General Meeting**  
Our yearly AGM has been set for Sunday, 19 February 2023  
at the Tamaterau Hall from 10am



PHOTO: Looking south over Whangārei Te Terenga Parāoa harbour from Rangitihi Pā

## NGĀTI PŪKENGĀ KI PAKIKAIKUTU

### Newly Elected Trustees

We wish to acknowledge and mihi our newly elected trustees to our Pakikaikutu Kāinga Entity who are:

#### Karina Donaldson

I am the middle child of 5. My mother Yvonne Donaldson née Dickey is the youngest daughter of Steve Dickey (Tiwene Tiki) and Ngāmiro Hererangi Dickey. I have a master's degree in computer science from Massey University. I currently work as a Business Analyst (BA) at AUT University, which involves looking at organisational performance, finding and investigating problems, and introducing change. I am involved in the development of systems to improve administrative outcomes. I also critically question and interrogate large amounts of data and consider solutions.

#### Caroline Haora

I am the eldest of 3. My father Raymond Haora is the only son of Hoani & Eileen Haora. I am named after my great grandmother Caroline Haora and Hoani Haora. I have been working as a Flora Culturalist for the last 4 years before changing my occupation, I was a chef for 25 years. I have lived on Pakikaikutu for 50 years of my life.

#### Dan Pitman

I have a bachelor's degree in marine ecology and currently working in ecological restoration around Auckland which involves helping to regenerate native bush through invasive pest-plant and pest-animal monitoring/management, I would like to bring forth my knowledge of this for the better of our iwi.

My brother Nathan and I are tangata whenua to Pakikaikutu through both our Nan, Ellen Cassidy and our grandfather George "Bunny" Tirarau Pitman. Our father Edwin "Bill" Pitman and his siblings (Prudence and Leslie) all grew up on Pakikaikutu and although my brother and I grew up in other parts of Whangārei, we have discovered the mauri in our ancestral link to this land and return when we can.

It is my desire to maintain this land so it remains fruitful for future generations and to rebuild tupuna kainga.

# NGĀTI PŪKENGĀ KI TAURANGA

Ngāti Pūkenga Wellbeing Covid Response 2021/2022

Covid Response for Ngāpeke Marae (Tangihanga)



Exert taken from Covid 19 Response Health and Safety Plan

- Supporting our whanau throughout their tangihanga during their loss.
- Supporting their manuhiri upon arrival, signing them in or scanning, taking them through the marae covid regulations in place, limited entry and exit, supplying them with the tools to stay safe.
- Supporting our unvaccinated as well as our vaccinated whānau.
- Supporting our paetapu by keeping our Kaikaranga, Kaikōrero, kuia and koroua protected by initiating hongis and hariru alternatives with an elbow nudge or flick of the eyebrows ie; 'kia ora bro' attitude, .
- Supporting tamariki mokopuna and our skeleton kitchen crew, ground crew and marae committee, keeping them safe and protected at all times
- Supporting and monitoring traffic control on and off the marae.
- Keeping tight controls over management of small crowds congregating at any one time and moving them on if we have to.
- Wearing of masks and adhering to the ground rules for the changes in our tikanga and kawa.

Covid Response for our whanau in our Hāpori Māori

- This plan was based on an Iwi lead approach to deliver Whānau Ora Isolation and Hygiene Packs in partnership with the Kaupapa Māori Primary Healthcare Service Provider, Te Manu Toroa and the Kaupapa Māori PHO, Ngā Mataapuna Oranga.
- This collaborative effort led to strengthening our priorities further by formalising the delivery of Primary Healthcare Services at Ngāpeke ie; Nurse Practitioner and other Kaupapa Māori Nurse-Led Clinics.
- Collaborating Iwi Social Service Providers to ensure the welfare and care needs of our people were being met.
- We initiated Health and Wellbeing Services throughout our marae communities, the Kura Kaupapa Māori o Otepou, our Ngāpeke Kohanga, our Papakāinga x 2, accessing Iwi, Kaupapa Māori Health Providers, Mental Health networks, the comprehensive medical workforce working alongside our traditional Rongoa and Mirimiri and all relevant agencies that were critical to the welfare and wellbeing of Ngāti Pūkenga ki Tauranga.
- We became a resilient people because we knew how to shift into a safe and protective space at a moments notice. The different Levels we went through, the Traffic Light system, then Omnicron, we had to learn on the spot how to adapt and make the radical changes needed.

Positive Outcomes

Once levels dropped and we had a bit more freedom, instead of delivering meals on wheels in the heat of summer, we opted to provide our vulnerable whanau with Pak n Save vouchers.

## NGĀTI PŪKENGĀ KI TAURANGA



Our Ngāti Pūkenga kaumātua receiving shopping vouchers



Not forgetting our younger whānau whānui receiving their Pak n Save vouchers

### Ngāpeke Te Kōhanga Reo (Testimonial)

The support from NPW with kai vouchers at the start of the school term enabled our Kōhanga whānau to withhold paying fees for the 1st month, as we were able to provide kai for our tamariki, enabling whanau to utilise their putea on other expenses. In terms of resources, the Kōhanga gratefully received Whānau Ora packs and Immunisation Booster packs also supported by NPW.

### Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Otepou (Testimonial)

At the onset of the Pandemic the kura were struck with Covid affected whanau and it didn't take long to spread. They sought immediate relief from NPW and over the course of several weeks, the kura were issued kai vouchers, Isolation packs, Whānau Ora packs, assisted travel to testing stations, taught how to isolate at home, RATS packs and supported with access to food providers, care in the community provider, women's refuge, social & clinical services and daily whakamoemiti. Adhering to MOE guidelines and support from NPW, the impact of Covid among the kura was eradicated and the wairua of the kura was restored.

### Whanau who Received Assistance (Testimonial)

Tenei he mihi nui kia koutou.

My whanau and I are so grateful for the COVID health pack we received from Ngati Pūkenga.

Without it I don't know how we would have got through.

My youngest son was the first to get it in my whare, I knew straight away it was going to be impossible to isolate him alone so my next worry was how I was going to protect my other two kids and myself? I have diabetes and my eldest has asthma.

Unfortunately, my big son caught it too but thanks to the health pack my daughter and I were able stay negative and my boys had everything they needed to ease their symptoms and for me to monitor them.

Nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa.

Na Whitney me oku tamariki

## NGĀTI PŪKENGĀ KI TAURANGA



### Whakanuia Matariki

Ngāti Pūkenga Wellbeing celebrating Matariki with our Kaupapa Māori Provider, Te Manu Toroa and our Kaupapa Māori PHO, Ngā Mataapuna Oranga. The whare was full to the brim with Pūkenga pride.

## Ngāti Pūkenga Wellbeing Whānau Day 2022

We held a Health Promotion whānau event on Friday 28 October 2022.

The overall objective was to introduce the newly developed Primary Healthcare (clinical) Services to our Māori Hāpori delivered by our Nurse Practitioner and other teams of clinical services within our Kaupapa Māori Nurse-Led Clinics.

A team of 45 Health Professionals covering all clinical disciplines emerged on Ngāpeke Marae to showcase their services they will be delivering at the marae next year.

The flow on effect from the Whānau Day has seen the Kaupapa Nurses and their specialist teams return to the marae every week, delivering follow up programs of care with our whānau and carrying out weekly consultations. Our whānau who wouldn't go to the doctor because they had no petrol to get across town or their waka is illegal (no warrant), they are now being treated at home. We bring the services to them!

We acknowledge our Clinical Partners, Kaupapa Māori Primary Healthcare Provider, Te Manu Toroa and our Kaupapa Māori PHO, Ngā Mataapuna Oranga for reducing the inequities in Māori Health in our Māori communities, ka nui te mihi e aku hoamahi, tau ke.



## NGĀTI PŪKENGĀ KI MAKETU

Currently, our most consistent Kainga activity is in the taiao space. Our Kāinga Environmental Policy and Plan is underway. The plan will align with our whanau community and iwi environmental values. Almost all our Waewaetutuki whanau have created environmental plans for the Waewaetutuki Wetland.

Our Jobs for Nature team continue to work through contract priorities and of particular note is the mahi being done to identify, protect and understand the habitat of the extremely rare Matuku Hurepo bird (Australasian Bittern). More endangered than the kiwi, this bird is one step away from extinction as there are less than 900 in existence. The loss of its habitat means it is really exposed to predation.

### New Ngati Pukenga ki Maketū Trustees

The kainga recently held our AGM and welcomed the following new trustees: Rehua Pussell, Katerina Raman, Pare Tapsell and Lee Williams. They join existing trustees Elaine Tapsell (chair) Whakarongotai Hokowhitu and Mereana Moko.



### Your Kainga Kaitahi

In July our kainga celebrated 'Being Pukenga with a Kaitahi at our local Maketu café.



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