



Whitiki Ngati Porou! **Vaccinate now!**

## NGA KORERO A TE KAIWHAKAHAERE



**Tena tatau Ngati Porou whanau whanui**  
**Tena tatau i nga whakamatautau o te wa.**

On the 1st of November 2021 Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou and Ngati Porou Hauora celebrated working as one unity of purpose!

*"Hoake taua ki Waiapu, ki  
Tatara e maru ana."*

*"Let us go to Waiapu, where  
the rain cape is thick."*

In an organisational context this whakatauki speaks to the strength of our organisations, united in purpose and vision, and when united and woven as one, becoming the Tatara which may support, shield, and protect our people in their times of need.

The change in structure is to consolidate whanau services under one "korowai" or "tatara". This will facilitate better integration of services.

Whanau and whanau wellbeing needs to be at the centre of everything we do.

The change will impact how we provide services to whanau, that is:

- A new expanded entity will carry out the work, including Hauora, TRONPnui Social and Maturanga Services, Whanau Ora and Corporate Shared Services.
- Most staff will work for the new entity and will operate from Te Tini o Porou and Ruatorea.
- Two main sites will be upgraded – Te Tini o Porou is refurbished and a new build in Ruatorea

Covid-19 continues to throw challenges and disrupt our lives any many ways.

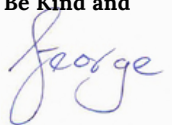
I need to acknowledge and mihi to our Ngati Porou Hauora staff, nurses, vaccinators and the many volunteers that have been working continuously to help get our vaccination rates over the line and upwards of 90%.

The decision to move the Hui a Tau from Te Rahui Marae in Tikitiki to Te Tini o Porou in Turanga meant that we had to change up the way our iwi members could watch and participate. In addition to our live broadcast on Radio Ngati Porou and video livestream, this year was the first time iwi members were

able to zoom in. This meant that our people could watch and participate in an online voting system from the comfort and safety of their own "bubbles". We had 158 Natis join the AGM in person and online, which was an excellent result!

As we get ready for the holiday season I want to encourage all Ngati Porou at home and away, to please go get your Covid-19 shots and if its been 6 months since your last shot, go get your booster. Vaccination is our best protection.

**To all Ngati Porou, Be Safe, Be Kind and  
have a Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year !**



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# Hikurangi Maunga Dawn Ceremony & Pa Wars 2022 - CANCELLED

## KIA NGATI POROU KEI TE WHENUA KEI TE AO

### TO ALL NGATI POROU IWI MEMBERS AND THEIR WHANAU WHO LIVE AWAY FROM HOME

Tena tatau Ngati Porou. Tangihia o tatau mate, okioki atu ratau ki te po. Tatau nga mahuetanga iho a ratau ma e pupuri nei i te ha o o tatau matua tipuna. Whitiki! Kia Mataara! Kia oho! Whakaahurutia o tatau marae kainga, o tatau hapori, whakapumautia nga kawai tangata. Tihei Mauri ora.

Ngati Porou are daring and adventurous in the tradition of our tipuna Maui Tikitiki. We have spread far and wide, across Aotearoa and the world, in pursuit of opportunities and endeavours that contribute to our wellbeing and prosperity. This letter is addressed to all our Ngati Porou whanau who live away from home.

I know that travelling home for Christmas and New Year is the highlight of the year for many of us. It is a time to catch up with whanau, parents, siblings, children, aunts and uncles, cousins, our Pakeke, new additions to the whanau, and old friends. It is a time to enjoy our special parts of paradise and to reconnect with our hapu and marae. It is a time to download, de-stress, and have a well deserved holiday. "E hoki koe ki o maunga, ki o awa kia puehutia e nga hau o Tawhirimatea"

Unfortunately, the hospitality and beauty of home during the holiday period masks a poor reality for our hau kaenga year-round. The reality is that our region, and our people, have some of the worst health, well-being, and social statistics in Aotearoa. We also have one of the lowest Covid-19 vaccination rates across all of Aotearoa's DHBs. There are many people working long hours, doing the best they can, to turn-around those statistics, but it will take time to reverse a situation caused by deep-seated and long-standing inequities.

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Our region's health services struggle to service our people as it is now, without the very real threat of Covid-19. It is not an exaggeration to say that health services will be overwhelmed when Covid-19 arrives in our region. Ngati Porou people will be at the worst end of that struggle; some of us will become seriously ill and some of us may die.

I am therefore asking you to think carefully about your plans for the holiday period. If you want to come home to Ngati Porou, please consider the health and wellbeing of your whanau back here. Please consider how you would feel if you brought Covid-19 on holiday with you. Please remember that our region's services will struggle to look after you and your whanau if you become unwell.

**However, if you must come home, please be double-vaccinated and ensure you have a copy of your vaccine pass. Please consider having a Covid-19 test before you leave and think about limiting your movements for a short time when you arrive in Te Tairāwhiti.** We will all be safer if you are able to do these things, and we would love to see you home, safely.

If you are unable to do these things, for whatever reason, please be less adventurous and consider staying where you are for the time being. We will gladly welcome you home again when the time is safe for all of us.

Meri kirihimete me te Hape Nuiā, kia tau te ia o te Mauri ki a tatau katoa.

**Selwyn T Parata**  
**Tiamana o Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou**





## TE PIHOPATANGA: A CALLING TO THE MINISTRY

**Born and bred in the heart of the Waiapu Valley, Rev Merekaraka Te Whitu was one of seven ordained to the Secret Order of Priests by Bishop Don Tamihere last month at Omaha Marae, Fernhill.**

**Nati Link recently caught up with, “Rev Mere” to talk about what it means to be “called” and the people who helped shape and led her on her journey to becoming a minister.**

“Ko Poho Te Rangi me Kamiti nga maunga.  
Ko Matumako me Waikaka nga awa.  
Ko Te Whanau a Tapuhi me Te Whanau a Takimoana nga hapu.  
Ko Te Aohou me Ohinewaiapu nga marae  
Ko Ngati Porou te iwi.  
Ko Merekaraka Te Whitu awau, no Tikitiki no Rangitukia hoki.

Tena tatau,  
My journey to priesthood has been a gradual one. I was commissioned as a kaikarakia at St. Marys, Tikitiki in 2013 ordained a deacon on the atea of Hinemaurea Marae, Wharekahika in 2017 and ordained to the priesthood on the 26th November 2021 in Kahukuranui where tipuna, Omaha.

You don't know you're called to a ministry such as this, at first. Well I certainly didn't. It's through being raised in and by a community – the marae, the kura and the church.

A calling to a ministry such as this is one of service, service to God and people. Fortunate to sit beside ministers like the Rev. Tipuna Tangaere (Papa Nunu) Rev. Te Oraitu Manuel (Nanny Dot) Rev. Matanuku Kaa (Uncle Mac) and the many other minitaa-iwi within Ngati Porou.

Minita steeped in reo, tikanga, whakapapa and whakaponu. They seemed to effortlessly demonstrate their calling to God and people through karakia, haka, kauhau & himene. They wanted to see our people happy & spiritually nurtured in the faith – they also wanted to see our young people come through and lead.

I'm currently working for the Pihopatanga o Aotearoa as part of the Kahui Rangatahi team helping to lead a programme called Tipuranga – a leadership programme for young people. Tipuranga has been designed in the spirit of Te Oranga Ake to see a flourishing generation of rangatahi and whanau Mihinare mai te kaenga puta noa ki te ao – founded on the whakatauki ‘E Tipu E Rea’ which continues to be a source of inspiration for the haahi.

Ka nui tena mo tenei wa e hika ma.  
Meri Kirihiomete me te Hape Nuia.”

**Reverend Merekaraka Te Whitu**



**Wiremu Paenga and Rev Merekaraka Te Whitu**



**L - R: Rev. Tessa Tamihere Rev. Merekaraka Te Whitu Rev. Zhane Tahau-Whelan Rev. Isaac Beach Rev. Lorraine Waititi and Rev. Ruihana Paenga**



## WHAI MAHI SURVEY: GROWING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NGATI POROU.



Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou (TRONPnui) and Ngati Porou Holding Company Ltd (Holdco) ran a survey to help inform an employment strategy for Ngati Porou as an iwi and for Holdco to grow its workforce and local investments and employment opportunities.

Holdco is 100% owned by TRONPnui it's task is to manage the \$267.1m assets of Ngati Porou.

With businesses in Forestry, Seafoods, Manuka, Horticulture and a property strategy in the pipeline, Holdco will use the survey responses to help the Iwi to gain insights and better understand the aspirations of our Ngati Porou whanau.

Their aim is to build positive social and economic outcomes and create intergenerational wealth for Ngati Porou.

**THE SURVEY WILL ONLY TAKE 5 MINUTES TO COMPLETE.**

**[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE SURVEY](#)**



**Kaimahi in training at Hauiti Berries** - In 2019 Holdco entered into a joint venture agreement with Hauiti Incorporation to grow four hectares of blueberries on Hauiti Inc land creating local employment and income.

## MA O MAHI, KA KITEA KOE E TO IWI: CELEBRATING 20 YEARS WORKING FOR TE RUNANGANUI O NGATI POROU

Laughter and joy filled Tawhiwhirangi dinning hall as a celebration was held in honour of Anne Huriwai and her 20 years of service to Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou and the I.W.I.

"They say "find a job you love and you'll never work a day in your life." That's how I felt about my time with the Runanganui." Anne said.

Around 60 of Anne's former TRONPnui colleagues, her whanau and friends gathered at Rahui Marae to reminisce about her time at the Runanganui.

"I have had nine CE's in my time with the Runanganui. From Amo to George and those in between I say thank you for your leadership, your guidance and your support."

Although Anne has left her role as Whanau Oranga Manager she has been contracted by the Runanganui for 6 months to help prepare whanau for home ownership opportunities through the Toitu Tairawhiti Housing initiative.



**Selwyn Parata (TRONPnui Tiamana) and lady of the hour Anne Huriwai.**







## TE ARA PATUPAIAREHE: A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFELONG TEACHINGS OF NANNY KUINI MOEHAU REEDY

**Te Ara Patupaiarehe was an exceptional evening of art, culture, lights, music and kai.**

Nestled in the trees of Manutahi Hill in Ruatoria, surrounded by the natural sounds of the forest, interpretations of patupaiarehe designed, developed and created by the students of Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Te Waiu o Ngati Porou alongside the Tairawhiti Arts Festival lights were exhibited.

Over 600 people along the Coast attended the collaborative event and were treated to prizes, glow sticks, musical performances, and a full dinner to take home.

Whanau experienced the magic of illuminated art works and korero on the Ngati Porou folklore of Manutahi patupaiarehe in Ruatorea, who are guardians and kaitiaki of the forest and environment

Te Ara Patupaiarehe was a tribute to the lifelong teachings of Nanny Kuini Moehau Reedy through many generations both at school, in kapa haka and on behalf of iwi.

Big heartfelt thank you to our collaborative partners, Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Te Waiu o Ngati Porou, Sport Gisborne Tairawhiti, The Tairawhiti Arts Festival and Ngati Porou Whanui Forest. To our financial sponsors, Trust Tairawhiti, Toitu Tairawhiti, Te Puni Kokiri, Te Horo Marae and Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou.



Nanny Kuini Moehau Reedy



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## NETFEST 2021: NGATI POROU RANGATAHI DRIVE HEALTH & WELLBEING INITIATIVE

Ngata College in Ruatoria hosted this years Netfest event with around 60 rangatahi joining from neighboring Ngati Porou kura.

The event was co-designed with rangatahi from TKKM o Te Waiu o Ngati Porou, Te Waha o Rerekohu, Ngata College and TKKM o Kawakawa mai Tawhiti as part of an initiative driven by Sport NZ to help increase physical activity among rangatahi, improve wellness and build confidence and leadership.

"As a netball centre we are hoping to reignite an interest in netball among more rangatahi on the coast including those who may have never tried the sport before." said Mon McLeod Youth Development Gisborne Netball Centre..

"Nga mihi ki to tatau Runanganui", said Roimata Mangu, Ngata College teacher.

Strengthening and maintaining Ngati Porou connections was an important goal of the event, and TRONPui was happy to support.

"Congratulations to all our tamariki on a fabulous day celebrating our hononga and whakapapa, as Ngati Porou." she said.



## NAUMAI HARAMAI RA!

Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou welcomed over 20 new kaimahi to the organisation early December with a whakatau held at Te Tini o Porou, Whangaia te Iwi.

Kaimahi have joined our corporate services, Whanau Oranga and Horouta Whanau Ora branches.

Pictured right: Brendon Te Wana joins our Tuhono Whanau team, while Chakakhan Edmonds is our new Social Worker in Schools based at Kaiti School.

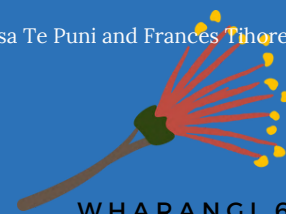


## NGATI POROU PAKEKE: IN GOOD HANDS

Ngati Porou Hauora Home Base care provides quality care to our Ngati Porou Pakeke from Potaka to Whangara.

Congratulations to Apikara Collier, Frances Tihore, Amira Te Rito, Olive Mark, Sensamelia Hina, Lisa Te Puni and Willy Tai in gaining their Level 2 Health & Wellbeing Certificate.

Pictured left: Willy Tai, Amira Te Rito, Lisa Te Puni and Frances Tihore.





## WHITIKI NGATI POROU! A CALL TO ARMS!

**"Ko Darryl Crawford ahau.** I'm Chairman of Uawa Sports Club. I started teaching at Tolaga Bay Area School in 2000. I'm now working for Sport Gisborne Tairawhiti leading our Manawakura team.

The best thing about Uawa is quite simply that it's home.

I'm pro-vax, we need to live with the virus and I see the vaccine as a way to for us all to live with covid in all of its forms. I want my babies to be able to enjoy their lives. So many of their school events have been cancelled and if we don't get to Orange that will continue to be the normal for us all. I don't want that for any of us.

I never felt hesitant about vaccination and am now fully vaxed.

Our aspiration as a rugby club is that we should be better people than we are players.

Oranga whanau!!"



Making the vaccination experience a positive one! Darryl and his daughter Bobbi Atawhai lend a hand at one of the many "pop up" vaccination events held across Te Tairawhiti, where whanau were treated to kai and entertainment, as a thanks for getting their shots.



**"Anyone who knows me well, would know I refused the vaccination for months.**

I did my own research and it felt like the more I looked, the scarier the idea became.

That was until one day, whilst sitting at work I realised I had several obligations to different people in my life. The decision wasn't about me but the community that I love.

If there was to be an outbreak within Ngati Porou, it would be inevitable that my chances of catching COVID-19 would be higher than the average but what scared me more was my ability to spread it.

So, with the support of my partner, we made the decision to be vaccinated. My responsibility to my one year old daughter, partner, whanau and the community I live and work in, far out-weighed my fear."

-Te Ara Hunt



All smiles - Te Ara receives her Covid-19 shot - "As a Mental Health Clinician who is often within the community, at clinics and in people's homes there was no question that I was responsible as a health worker to make the choice that benefited the health of Ngati Porou."



**"Ko Taine Aupouri ahau.**

I wasn't hesitant at all about getting the vax, because I was keen to help protect my whanau and community from Covid and fight for a better future.

My plans for summer is to enjoy time with my whanau and friends and also go hunting and fishing."



"Taine's Nanny, Mabel Aupouri (pictured below) was lucky enough to win one of our weekly draws of \$500 kai vouchers, when she got her booster shot.







# Meri Kirihimete me te Hape Nuia!

## Na nga kaimahi o TRONPnui me Ngati Porou Hauora

