



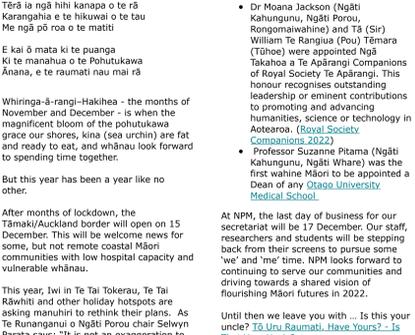
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TE PŪRONGO O NGĀ POU MATARAU | CO-DIRECTORS UPDATE



Tērā i ngā hīhi kanapa o te rā Karangahia e te hikuwai o te tau Me ngā pō roa o te maiti

E kai ō mataki te puanga Ki te manahua o te Pohutukawa Ānana, e te raumati mau rā

Whiringa-ā-rangi-hākiheā i te mōnath o November and December - is when the magnificent bloom of the pohutukawa grace our shores, kiha (sea urchin) are fat and ready to eat, and whānau look forward to spending time together.

But this year - has been a year like no other.

After months of lockdown, the Tāmaki/Auckland border will open on 15 December. This will be welcome news for some, but not remote coastal Māori communities with low hospital capacity and vulnerable whānau.

This year, Iwi in Te Tai Tokerau, Te Tai Rāwhiti and other holiday hotspots are asking manuhi to rethink their plans. As Te Runanganui o Ngāiwi Porou chair Selwyn Parata says: "It is not an exaggeration to say that health services will be overwhelmed when Covid-19 arrives in our region". "I am asking you to think carefully about your plans for the holiday period".

We ask that prospective holidaymakers heed the wishes of mana whenua across the motu. Māori comprise nearly half of all confirmed COVID-19 cases since August, and more than one third of hospitalisations.

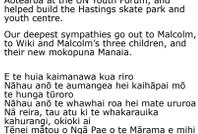
Despite the many challenges of 2021, NPM celebrated some important highlights and successes:

- The 2016-2021 contract with TEC was completed and our annual report covering the last 18 months is out now
- We commenced an exciting partnership with The Spinoff (see story below) to bring a new series that shares our research and shows how Mātauranga Māori is shaping the future of Aotearoa.

- Dr Moana Jackson (Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Porou, Rongomaiwahine) and Tā (Sir) William Te Rangiaua (Pou) Tēmara Awe (Tāne) were appointed Ngā Takahoa a Te Apārangi Companions of Royal Society Te Apārangi. This honor recognizes outstanding leadership or eminent contributions to promoting and advancing humanities, science or technology in Aotearoa. ([Royal Society Companions 2022](#))
- Professor Suzanne Pitama (Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Whare) was the first wahine Māori to be appointed a Dean of any [Otago University Medical School](#).

At NPM, the last day of business for our secretariat will be 17 December. Our staff, researchers and students will be stepping back from their screens to pursue some 'wee' and 'me' time. NPM looks forward to continuing to serve our communities and driving towards a shared vision of flourishing Māori futures in 2022.

Until then we leave you with ... Is this your uncle? [Tā Irua Raumati, Have Yours? - Is This Uncle?](#)

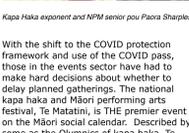


Ngā Pou Matarau | Co-Directors

- Professor Tahu Kukutai
- Professor Linda Waimarie Nikora

HE MAIMAI AROHA | IN LOVING MEMORY

Wiki Mulholland 1978-2021 (Ngāti Rangitāne, Ngāti Kahungunu)



Wiki Mulholland during her appearance at the Health select committee on 14 October, Wellington. Photo / NZ Herald

Wiki Mulholland fought tirelessly for women in Aotearoa to have timely access to life-extending breast drugs. After being diagnosed with cancer, Wiki and her husband Malcolm - an Māori senior researcher and historian - campaigned for equity of access to cancer treatment drugs including hormone and radiotherapy.

They were among the first to call for an independent inquiry into concerns about Pharmacia's slowness to approve funding for new drugs, lack of transparency, and discrimination against Māori and Pasifika.

Wiki's leadership and passion for social justice was evident from an early age. As a rangatahi she won the Ngā Manu Kōrero national speech competition, the National Organs Championships, represented Aotearoa at the UN Youth Forum, and helped build the Hastings skate park and youth centre.

Our deepest sympathies go to Malcolm, to Wiki and Malcolm's three children, and their new mokopuna Manāia.

E te huiā kaimānawa kua riro Nāhau anō te aumānea hei kaiāhāpai mō te huiā nāhau, taurā ki te whakarauka kahurangi, okioki ki tāne mātau o Ngā Pae o te Mārama e mihi ē tangi

KAUPAPA O TE MARAMA: TE MATATINI



Kapa Haka exponent and NPM senior pou Paora Sharples (centre) with members of Te Rōpū Manutaki

With the shift to the COVID protection framework and use of the COVID pass, those in the events sector have had to delay planned gatherings. The national kapa haka and Māori performing arts festival, Te Matatini, is THE premier event on the Māori social calendar. Described by some as the Olympics of kapa haka, Te Matatini was due to take place in February 2022 at Eden Park in Tāmaki. However the national committee, comprising regional māngai (committees), and the host iwi/rohe (tribe/region) decided to postpone the festival for a year, citing protection of whānau as a number one priority.

NPM pou Paora Sharples has a long association with Te Matatini. He first performed at the festival in 1986 with Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato, before shifting to Te Rōpū Manutaki, the West Auckland-based roopū (group) which his father Tā Rita Sharples helped establish. Highlights over three decades of performing include winning in 1990 and [winning best male leader in 2007](#). In the early days of the festival, things were run on the proverbial smell of an oily rag. As Paora recalls, "apparently the first national kapa haka festival in 1972 was run on five thousand dollars. Today the event costs millions."

Since then, the festival - gifted the name Te Matatini by Tā Wharehūia Milroy in 2004 - has grown in size and popularity. In 2019, Te Matatini in Te Whanganui-ā-tara (Wellington) saw 47 roopū take to the stage, with more than 1,800 competitors, and over 60,000 attendees over 4 days. Paora says competition is always fierce: "The depth and breadth of talent in our communities and whānau still blows me away."

As an art form inherent to us as Māori, there is a never-ending pool of talent, skill and ability which manifests itself every 2 years on the competitive stage. With every festival, the cultural expression and level of artistic excellence continues to surpass all previous benchmarks, and exceed crowd expectations."

Paora has been a crucial part of NPM since 2016 when he joined as Kaihautu Tikanga. In his role as senior pou, Paora continues to ensure that Te Reo, Tikanga and Mātauranga are situated at the forefront of all that NPM does.

More recently Paora was part of a major inter-institution research collaboration on the project, "The value of kapa haka". The research was facilitated by NPM working with researchers from the University of Auckland, Auckland University of Technology, Te Wānanga o Raukawa, Te Hārenga Waka-victoria University of Wellington, and Cognitus Economic Insight. The project evidenced the positive contribution of kapa haka to the wellbeing of Aotearoa, and produced information for improved and accountable investment.

Being born and raised in west Auckland, Paora and his whānau are also key members of the community and have been very active in supporting efforts to encourage whānau there to get vaccinated.

"Tāmaki kapa haka along with local Marae, Iwi and Māori health providers have played an active role in vaccinating our Māori community. The health, safety and wellbeing of our whānau, hapū & iwi remains paramount - tūkina te whakapapa."

RANGAHAU | RESEARCH

Consultation has begun on the green paper *Te Ara Pae-rangi-Future Pathways* which sets out an ambitious agenda for the potential reform of Aotearoa's Research, Science and Innovation sector.

The last major overhaul of the sector was nearly 30 years ago, with the creation of the Crown Research Institutes.

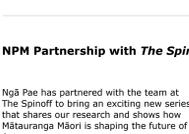
Over the coming months NPM will work with our partners and colleagues across the sector to support meaningful opportunities for Māori to participate in, and influence, sector reform. Some of the groundwork has already been laid with recent reports published by Māori and our partners.

A guide to Vision Mātauranga: Lessons from Māori voices in the New Zealand science sector, was published by NPM and Rauka Māngai in 2019. The report had three key messages for the sector: empower Māori knowledge; empower Māori people, empower Māori resources.

A follow-up report, Te Pūtāhanga: A Tiriti-led Science-Policy Approach for Aotearoa New Zealand was published by NPM earlier this year. A central argument was the need for an independently resourced, sustainable, and unapologetically Māori place in the sector.

PUNA MĀTAURANGA | PUBLICATIONS, JOURNALS

2020-2021 Pūrongo-ā-tau Annual Report available online



NPM's 2020-2021 Annual Report has been published and is now available online. The report highlights our achievements and bright spots over an incredibly challenging period with COVID-19.

One of the highlights of 2021 was the launch of *Ngā Kete Mātauranga: Māori scholarship & research interface* which is now in its third print run. Speaking at the launch at Te Papa in March, NPM rūnuku Emeritus Professor Ngāhūia Te Awetokutu reminded those gathered that the book had been "30 years in its making".

Ngāhūia reflected on the profound legacy of Ngāti Mutunga scholar Te Rangī Hiroa (also known as Sir Peter Buck) and his aspirations for Māori scholars to one day record our 'own culture with its own local interpretations'.

As well as being a renowned scholar, politician and medical doctor, Te Rangī Hiroa was the first Māori to become a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand in 1925.

The annual report also marks the end of our third CoRE contract with TEC, and the beginning of our new contract through to 2028. The stunning artwork for the report features some of Aotearoa's most iconic Indigenous flora with beautiful sketches drawn by the team at Anki Creative based in Otatahi (Christchurch).

The theme is inspired by the [United Nations' 2020 International Year of Plant Health \(IYPH\)](#) which seeks to raise global awareness on how protecting plant health can help end hunger, protect the environment, and boost economic development.

New book examines intergenerational resilience as path to progress

Professor Lewis Williams (Ngāi Te Rangī)



The world is in crisis - climate change, a pandemic, social and economic disparities, and an increase in white supremacy activities - and these problems are rooted in displacement and disconnection from place, and addressing them requires Indigenous-led, intergenerational resilience.

This is the premise of Lewis Williams' new book, *Indigenous Intergenerational Resilience: Confronting Cultural and Ecological Crisis*.

Lewis, of Ngāi Te Rangī is a professor in the department of geography and environment and Indigenous Studies, at the University of Western Ontario, Turtle Island / Canada.

"At the time I was undertaking the research for the book I was also part of the Ngā Pae Māramatanga Future-Proofing Māori Development Opportunities Huiinga Āhuarangi-Huiinga Oranga platform project which helped support the production of the book. NPM's vision in seeing the value of researching the generational dimensions of climate crisis for Māori and other Indigenous Peoples, and therefore sponsoring research on this kaupapa, was vital in establishing a strong foundation for the rest of the book. When an organization such as Ngā Pae o Māramatanga sees the value in what you are doing, it makes a real difference - just that feeling of being supported."

The book, which is set in Aotearoa and Turtle Island, also narrates Williams' own story of connecting to the Ngāi Te Rangī part of her identity. [read more here](#)

NPM Partnership with The Spinoff

Ngā Pae has partnered with the team at The Spinoff to bring an exciting new series that shares our research and shows how Mātauranga Māori is shaping the future of Aotearoa.

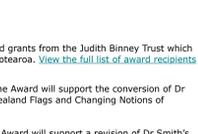
The Spinoff is an independent media group creating internationally acclaimed informative works like the COVID-19 series with microbiologist Siouxsie Wiles ([Can I hug my friends?](#)) and academic pieces by guest contributors from our very own research network with the likes of [Tūhū Kusurū](#), [Jacinta Barry](#) and [Samia Hignett](#).

We begin the series by returning to our roots. 'Ko Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga tēnei: The beating heart of Mātauranga Māori' that chronicles our incredible journey to date.

[Read the story here](#)

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Ko Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga tēnei: The beating heart of Mātauranga Māori

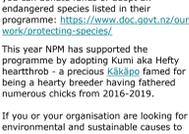


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NGĀ MANAAKITANGA | OPPORTUNITIES

Media training workshop for Māori researchers

Facilitated by the Science Media Centre



There are still places available for the 2022 Media Savvy workshop tailored for the 2022 Māori research network. Don't miss out on this free-free opportunity - apply now. [here](#).

Applications close 4 March, 2022.

Media Savvy for Māori Researchers 5-6 April 2022

Waipapa Marae
Waipapa Taumata Rau | The University of Auckland
Tāmaki Makaurau | Auckland

Applications close 4 March.

Please visit [here](#) for more information on SAVVY training or to register your interest in future workshops.

HE PITOPITO KŌRERO | NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Top Honours to our Māori Scholars

Many of NPM's researchers across our partner institutions have been recognised this month for their contributions and excellence in their fields.

Since 1897 the Royal Society Te Apārangi has awarded the [Te Ahi Hira](#) award biennially to recognise excellence in the social sciences in Aotearoa. We are thrilled that Te Apārangi has named NPM Pou Matarau/Co-Director Professor Linda Waimarie Nikora as the 2021 Te Rangī Hiroa recipient for her work in "transforming Psychology for Māori and Aotearoa by indigenising the discipline and for enduring contributions to shaping the foundations for promising and flourishing futures for all New Zealanders."

A number of other NPM researchers and affiliates also received 2021 Research Honours from Te Apārangi. Dr Amohia Boulton (Ngāti Ranginui, Ngāi Te Rangī, Ngāti Mutunga, Te Ahi Waka o te Waka a Māui) of Whakauae Research Services was awarded Te Owhiri Award for her outstanding leadership and contribution that has helped advance Māori health services in Aotearoa.

Dr Karen Brewer (Whakatōhea, Ngāti Te Rangī) from the University of Auckland received The Early Career Te Kōwhiri Māori Research Award for a kaupapa Māori speech-language therapy resource for whānau with communication difficulties following stroke.

The **Imagining Decolonised Cities** team received the Te Ranganuiā Hira Māori Award for their innovative combining of decolonial scholarship with urbanism practice and engaging rangatahi as mātauranga co-producers. The core research team:

- Ocean Mercier (Ngāti Porou)
- Moana Jackson (Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Porou, Rongomaiwahine)
- Mike Ross (Ngāti Hauā)
- Rebecca Kiddle (Ngāti Porou, Ngāpūhi)
- Amanda Thomas (Pākehā)
- Blanca Elkington (Ngāti Toa Rangitira iwi members)
- Jennie Smeaton (Ngāti Toa Rangitira iwi members)

Among many firsts, Linda became the first Māori Professor of Psychology while at the University of Waikato, where she co-developed the Māori and Psychology Unit, which has been central to the rise of mātauranga Māori-focused research.

We are privileged to have been served by so many formidible scholars over the years including former Co-Director Professor Tracey McIntosh, who was awarded the Te Rangī Hiroa medal in 2017, and founding NPM Co-Director Professor Linda Tuhiwai Smith who received the inaugural Royal Society Te Apārangi Te Pūwhiriāra Research Excellence Award in 2018.

NPM New Horizons Raumatī Interns 2021-2022 Confirmed

This year's 2021-2022 New Horizons Raumatī (Summer) Internship Programme is about to start with another outstanding group of Māori Internship researchers.

This summer they will be working with NPM Researchers from around the country engaged in an exciting range of projects that align to the NPM Matakitanga research programme and contribute to the mission of NPM which is to create the foundations for flourishing Māori futures.

We congratulate all the confirmed recipients who will be researching throughout the summer to deliver a series of highly anticipated research reports early in 2022. See our website for the full list of successful recipients.

Sponsora Protected Species

The Department of Conservation (DOC) runs a species-specific programme to protect native wildlife of Aotearoa where you can donate funds or adopt an endangered species listed in the programme: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/protecting-species/>

This year NPM has supported the programme by adopting Kumi aka Hefty heartbeats - a precious [kākāpō](#) famed for being a hearty breeder having fathered numerous chicks from 2016-2019.

If you or your organisation are looking for environmental and sustainable causes to support this festive season, consider sponsoring a protected species in the DOC programme.

Kumi | Image: Maddy Whitaker

NPM Offices Closed for the Holidays

As the year draws to an end the NPM secretariat is looking forward to a well-earned break after a busy year of bringing the 2016-2021 programme of work to a close. The Office will be reopening Monday 20 January 2022. Until then, we wish our NPM research community, whānau and friends a safe and restful holiday.

Ngā mihi mō te wā o Hine-raumati, Ngā mihi and hoki mō te tau hou! Kia pai o koutou harararei. Have a great summer break!

Ngā ora mai rā,

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