

NGA TANGATA O MANGATAWA



Mangatawa Whakapapa and History Project

Kia ora e te whānau! This pānui is to explain a current project aimed at capturing the stories of Mangatawa.

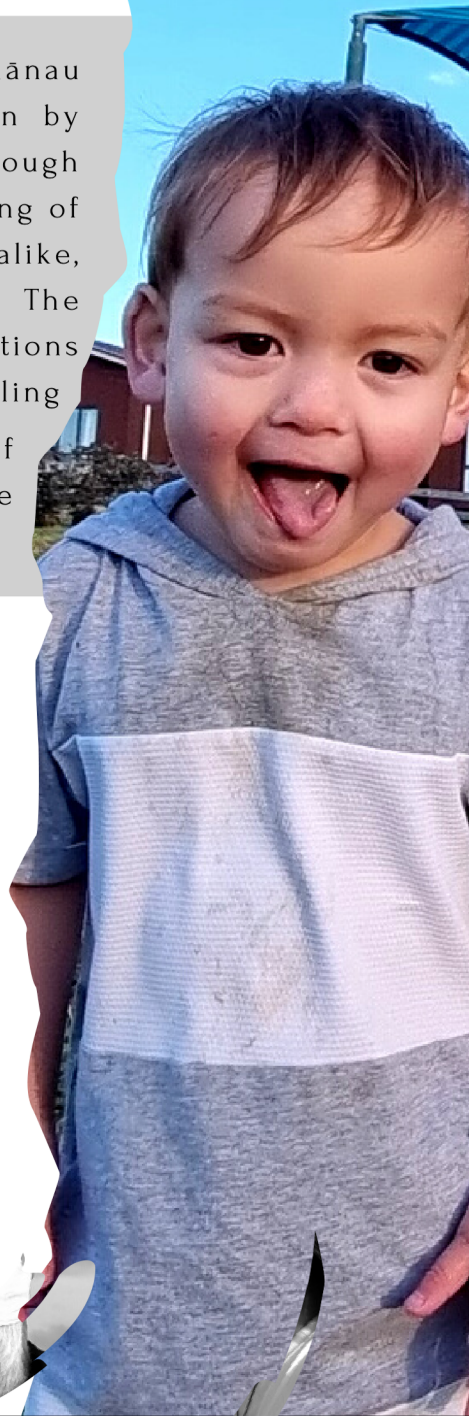
Where did this idea come from?

On the shores of the glistening tāhuna o Rangataua, with feet grounded to Opopoti, and the vision of our tohorā maunga, Maungamana, in the distance, gathered kaumatua, pākeke, rangatahi and tamariki alike. In an event of whakawhanaungatanga unfolded an enriching, emotional journey, and experience for many of our shareholders and beneficiaries.

The unique 2021 event involved the courageous act of whānau standing to share their stories and the manaakitanga shown by those bearing witness. The blossoming of relationships through kōrero created connections that will last lifetimes. The absorbing of mātauranga, developing perspectives of whakaaro alike and unlike, helped evolve our capacity to give and receive aroha. The observations of tuākana-tēina relations between the generations were a true illustration of Māoritanga; we all witnessed the healing powers of kotahitanga. All these acts are demonstrations of rangatiratanga, kaitiakitanga, and manaakitanga united to create this ataahua display of the word “whānau.”

When we reflected on this experience, we felt there was “unfinished business.” With an intention of nurturing the relationship between the people and Mangatawa, we want to extend our hands out and reach more whānau to awhi you through a rich story-telling experience.

Mangatawa Pāpāmoa Blocks Inc wants to engage whānau in kōrero about the history of Mangatawa, and the whakapapa that makes us whānau. Through intimate one-on-one sessions and immersive wānanga, we want to capture taonga tuku iho – stories passed down – and honour these taonga to create learning resources for our whānau and our future generations.



Pathway 1: One on one Interviews

Our goal is to learn more about you, our shareholders.

Help us understand your core values and stimulate key memories and hītori. Let's sit together over a kapu tī and get to know each other, kanohi ki te kanohi. We want to create a safe space for you to share your stories.

Pathway 2: Whanau Wananga

In wānanga spaces, we can create an opportunity to kōrero and learn as a whānau. The intention is to enliven kōrero, enhance our hononga as a whānau, and build a sense of belonging (tūrangawaewae) back to Mangatawa.

Wānanga will be whānau guided to create opportunities to see our past, present, and future through your eyes.

Both pathways weave together naturally, leading to the fulfilment and enlightenment within our whānau. The hope is that “Ngā Tāngata o Mangatawa” will empower us in our journey to rediscover our identity, as we weave together our experiences and knowledge.

How will we capture these taonga?

You're in control. We can transcribe your kōrero into written content, use an audio recorder to only capture your voice, or, our personal favourite, a camera and audio set up to capture the full experience.

How will we store these taonga?

In our library unique to 'Ngā Tāngata o Mangatawa'. The stories will be protected under Mangatawa Papamoa Blocks Inc and will be available to you through restricted access. Kōrero will be stored here until you give consent to share it.

How will we share these taonga?

It's totally up to you. If the opportunity to share your kōrero arises, then written approval from you is required and a clear understanding of how it will be shared.

Keen to take part?

If you would like to hear more, or register your interest in taking part, please contact our Projects Manager, Rangimarie Elvin on



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