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Whakamihatia te kāpunipuni o Matariki
Whakamihatia tōna rongomaiwhiti
Whakamihatia tōna orokohanganga

Let us celebrate the gathering of Matariki
Let us value & heed its significance
Let us honor its ancient wisdom

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TE PŪRONGO O NGĀ POU MATARUA | CO-DIRECTORS UPDATE

Ānana! Kātahi anō a Matariki ka whakamaiohatia e te motu whānui
I whakarewa ōkawa ai te kaupapa i Te Papa Tongarewa
Tākina te kawa e te apārangi i te ata hāpara a Hine Ruhi
Kua whakatō pū a Matariki ki te pāpori o Aotearoa

Hūrō katoa te whare o NPM mō tēnei haumāuiui
Inā he ngākau whakaute mō te tiro a Māori ki tōnā ake ao

Hei kairangahau Māori, me whakapeto ngoi tātou
Kia whakatangata whenua te mātauranga Māori ki Aotearoa nei
Kei ngā matakaikutu o te rangahau – nō tātou te wā. Karawhiua!

The NPM whānau was thrilled to witness the landmark celebration of Matariki unfold across Aotearoa, cementing mātauranga as a core part of our national identity. Many of us tuned in to watch the pre-dawn ceremony that took place at Te Papa Tongarewa to welcome the star cluster Matariki (also known as Pleiades) that heralds the beginning of the Māori New Year. This year's celebration also marked the official launch of Matariki as Aotearoa's first uniquely Indigenous public holiday.

NPM senior researcher Professor Rangi Matamua (Tūhoe) - known as the 'Matariki man' - was a driving force behind the change. His bestselling book *Matariki: The star of the year assembled centuries of ancestral astronomical knowledge and decades of his own research on Matariki*.

Rangi - a former recipient of the prestigious Prime Minister's Science Communication Prize - also chaired the Matariki Advisory Group which provided advice to the Government on the formation of the Matriki public holiday - Aotearoa's first new public holiday in nearly a century! (E-Tangata). Ngā mihi nunui ki a koe e Rangi!

Mātauranga was also front and centre of a recent Spinoff article *'The place for mātauranga Māori is alongside science'*. The piece profiled another NPM senior researcher and physicist, Associate Professor Ocean Mercier (Ngāti Porou). Ocean's research focuses on how mātauranga and science connect and relate, particularly in educational and environmental contexts. In her NPM role as Pou Pae Tawhiti (Lead, Living Lightly), Ocean walks alongside our researchers to generate impactful, mātauranga-informed research that supports responsible social, economic and environmental relationships.

Finally, we extend our hearty congratulations to the successful recipients of our recently awarded Matakitenga Research Grants. The awards of up to $60k were available to multi-institutional Māori-led research that contributes to specific outcomes and our overall mission as expressed through the NPM Matakitenga Research Framework. Our Rangahau Committee, led by Professor Melinda Webber (Ngā Puhi, Ngāti Whakaue), was impressed with the breadth and quality of the submissions - you can read more about the funded projects below.

As always, a great deal of mahi lies ahead for the NPM whānau. But for now, we should all endeavour to take a pause - rest, recharge and reset.

Mānawatia a Matariki!

Ngā Pou Matarua | Co-Directors

- Professor Tahu Kukutai
- Professor Linda Waimarie Nikora

KAUPAPA MATUA: ENVIRONMENT AOTEAROA 2022

A wealth of resources have been created to support the country in its learning of the new annual Matariki holiday. The resources aim to deepen the public's awareness and understanding, and to encourage all New Zealanders to embrace the event as part of our country's cultural and national identity.

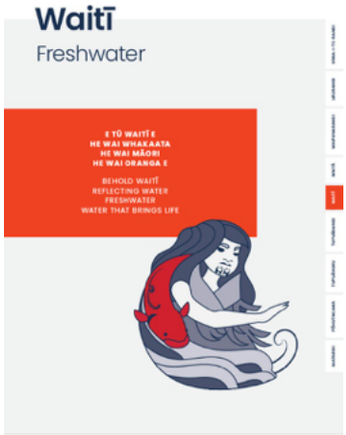
A recent report by the Ministry for Environment and Stats NZ Environment Aotearoa 2022 (EA22) puts Matariki front and centre, marking an important departure from conventional government reporting approaches.

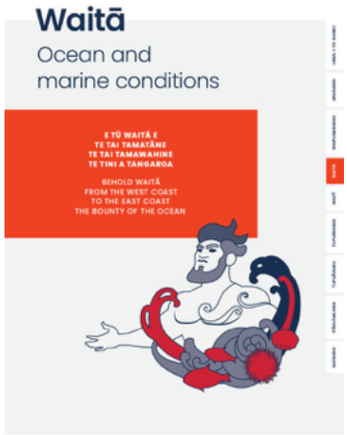
Combining mātauranga alongside standard scientific monitoring indicators, the report provides a uniquely Aotearoa evidence base on the state of te taio (the environment).

Structured around Te Kāhui o Matariki - the nine stars of the Matariki - EA22 highlights different aspects of the environment and people's connection with it.

The artwork created for EA22 is stunning and provides a brilliant resource for whānau, tamariki, and kura - and indeed anyone wanting to learn the names and domains of Te Kāhui o Matariki. These can be found inside the report.

Thank you to the MFE team for allowing us to reproduce them here!





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NPM's Pou Pātai Mauri, Dr Shaun Awatere (Ngāti Porou), was an advisor for EA22. This is what he had to say:

EA22 is a bold new approach for environmental reporting that is founded upon a vision of dual knowledge bases working in partnership to evaluate the state of Aotearoa's natural resources. Importantly, the framing for assessment is drawn from Te Ao Māori conceptualisations of human relationships with Te Ao Tūroa and atua, the metaphysical representations of the fundamental importance of natural resources for human wellbeing. Utilising a Matariki framework, EA 2022 is internationally innovative, and importantly draws out the connections between humans and the environment in a manner that embraces holistic methodologies.

HE HOKINGA MAHARA | Ngā Pae back in the day...

We delve into the archives of our NPM Annual Reports to reflect on our milestone moments from 'back in the day'.

Tā Tipene O'Regan (centre) starts his 16 year term as NPM's longest serving Chair. Seen here with Professor Michael Walker, Brenda Tahi, Dr Farah Palmer, Mike Brown, Professor Linda Tuhiwai Smith and Professor Tom Barnes

2006

- Tā Tipene O'Regan, Assistant Vice Chancellor Māori at the University of Canterbury, was appointed Chair of the NPM Board and went on to chair the organisation for another 16 years!

- An International Research Advisory Panel (IRAP), made up of leading international and New Zealand academics, was established to ensure the Centre continues to maintain standards of excellence and to provide external review of our activities. The first members were:

  - Associate Professor Harald Gaski, Associate Professor in Sami literature, University of Tromsø, Norway;

- Professor Martin Nakata, Director of Nura Gili, and Chair of Australian Indigenous Education, University of New South Wales;

- Professor Karina Walters, Founder and Director of the Indigenous Wellness Research Institute, Associate Dean for Research, William P. and Ruth Gerberding Endowed University Professor, School of Social Work, University of Washington;

- Professor Margaret Maaka (Ngāti Awa, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāi Tahu), Center for Pacific Islands Studies, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa;

- Associate Professor Gregory Cajete, Tewa from Santa Clara Pueblo, New Mexico, Chair of the Native American Studies and Associate Professor of Education.

Te Puāwaitanga Research Excellence Awards, Emeritus Professor Ranginui Walker.

2007

- Dr Tracey McIntosh (Tūhoe) began as new Joint Director, replacing one of NPM's founding Joint Directors, Professor Linda Tuhiwai Smith, who took up a new post as Pro Vice-Chancellor (Māori) at the University of Waikato.
- The inaugural *Te Puāwaitanga Research Excellence Awards* were held to honour the work of outstanding academics. Among the recipients were Distinguished Professor Hirini Moko Mead and Emeritus Professor Ranginui Walker.
- World-leading research by biologist and NPM Joint Director Professor Michael Walker was highlighted in *Science*. Under the title 'Seeking nature's inner compass', the article described how Michael had "... navigated cultures and courted controversy in his quest to prove that life forms possess a single organ for perceiving magnetic fields - a sensor based on magnetite". Geophysicist Joseph Kirschvink, himself a pioneer of magnetite research, told *Science*: "If there is ever a Nobel Prize for magnetic field perception, Walker's name will be on it." - Seeking nature's inner

RANGAHAU | RESEARCH

Matakitenga research gets underway.

NPM are excited to announce the successful research projects of our inaugural 2022 Matakitenga Funding Round:

Project Title: *Te kōrero a te reporepo – Understanding the connection between tohu, te maramataka and the health of te taiao*
Lead Researcher: Dr Isaac Warbrick (Auckland University of Technology)

Project Title: *E rua ngaa marae, kotahi te iwi - Ngaati Koroki Kahukura*
Lead Researcher: Associate Professor Linda Te Aho (The University of Waikato)

Project Title: *The use of tikanga Māori law in Te Kōti Whenua Māori Land Court dispute resolution mediation service and the outcomes for Māori landowners.*
Lead Researcher: Metiria Stanton Turei (The University of Otago)

Project Title: *The Hikairo series - Culturally responsive teaching in Aotearoa me Te Waipounamu*
Lead Researcher: Dr Matiu Ratima (The University of Canterbury)

Project Title: *Kai Piro, Oranga Tangata: Māori Fermented Food and Derived Health Benefits to Māori*
Lead Researcher: Associate Professor Te Kahautu Maxwell (The University of Waikato)

Project Title: *Motiti Marae and Tapuiwahine A12 whenua landblocks: The unseen – Exploring the whenua through sonic mapping and LiDar scanning technologies*
Lead Researcher: Dr Maree Sheehan (Auckland University of Technology)

Project Title: *Examining the contribution of mātauranga Māori to climate health in Aotearoa*
Lead Researcher: Dr Ken Taiapa (The University of Otago)

Project Title: *Toiora, Hauora: Developing Māori arts-based pedagogy for whānau wellbeing*
Lead Researcher: Dr Hinekura Smith (Unitec Institute of Technology)

Project Title: *Tihei Mauriora, Tihei Mana Motuhake: Breathing mauri and mana motuhake into the lives of rangatahi Māori who offend, and their whānau, who have lived experience of trauma*
Lead Researcher: Dr Tania Cliffe-Tautari (The University of Auckland)

Project Title: *Combating bias in schools: A Kaupapa Māori study into students' experiences of racism by Māori, with Māori, for the benefit of Māori*
Lead Researcher: Dr Maia Hetaraka (The University of Auckland)

Project Title: *Whakamana: Empowering well-being for rangatahi takatāpui*
Lead Researcher: Dr Rāwiri Tinirau (Te Atawhai o Te Ao)

We look forward to working closely with the researchers to support their research over the next two years.

More details here>>

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Kōrero with our NPM Kāhui Ārahi - Research Leadership Team

Each month we feature a member of our NPM Kāhui Ārahi- Research Leadership Team in our e-pānui.

This month we talked with Associate Professor Karyn Paringatai from The University of Otago who is leading the NPM Pou Pātai Te Ao Māori.

Kia ora e hoa! Ko wai tō ingoa, nō whea koe?

He uri tēnei nō te tairāwhiti. Ko Whetumatarau ko Maunga Kākā ngā maunga. Ko Awatere, ko Orotua ngā awa. Ko Hinerupe, ko Mātahi o te tau ngā marae. He mokopuna nō Hunaara, nō Tuwhakairiora, nō Hinerupe anō hoki. Ko Ngāti Porou te iwi. Ko Karyn Paringatai tōku ingoa.

My whānau hail from Horoera, just out of Te Araroa, right up on the East Cape of the North Island. And I absolutely love it there. But my heart is also in Invercargill where I was born and raised after my father moved there in 1968 for work at the Makarewa Freezing Works. My mother is a fifth generation Pākehā Southlander who is of Polish, Prussian, Scottish and German descent, two of whom arrived in Bluff in 1875. So I come from migrant whānau, which I carried on the tradition of when I moved to Dunedin for university study and have stayed here since. I am an Associate Professor in Te Tumu – School of Māori, Pacific and Indigenous Studies at the University of Otago, but my most important role in life is as māmā to two tamariki, Manuhou (3 years) and Mātahi (1 year).

Can you give us a little glimpse into a 'day in the life' of Karyn?

My day begins and ends in the arms of my tamariki. Whatever happens in between those two periods is up to the winds of fate to decide. I'm not very structured in that I have to do specific things at certain times of the day (except Crossfit at 7am is a must for my mental sanity). Whatever is of priority on any given day is what I will do. At the moment I'm on research study leave so I've just been planning, thinking, reading and occasionally writing (the hardest part of this academic gig!). All of which is interrupted by Mātahi who we have resisted putting into daycare so far.

What excites you about leading out Pou Patai Te Ao Māori?

I am a second language learner who grew up far away from my Ngāti Porou whānau. I didn't grow up in a household or community that would be described as the most conducive to fostering a strong Māori language and cultural identity. I've had to work hard on my competency, understanding, and application of te reo Māori, tikanga Māori and mātauranga Māori. As a result I am so much more aware of the value of these three things and the potential they have to transform lives. As Pou Pātai Te Ao Māori I'm excited to work with our researchers to challenge them to pay attention to te reo Māori, tikanga Māori and mātauranga Māori in equal quantities, which is not always easy to do when we they have varying degrees of understanding and comfortability. Challenging thinking, generating enthusiasm and helping to provide opportunities is something I look forward to in this position going forward.

Our NPM vision is flourishing Māori futures. What does that mean for you?

For me, flourishing Māori futures is about whānau. How can the work that we do now bring about demonstrable changes for our whānau going forward? It's about re-establishing our sense of purpose, realigning our priorities, and realising our potential. And acting on that. Doing whatever it takes to ensure our whānau have the tools to manifest their aspirations.

Lastly, if you could be a manu Māori/NZ Native Bird which one would you choose and why?

I've never been much of a bird person. But I used to teach Te Pihinga (an intermediate Māori language course based on the Te Whanake series of texts written by John Moorfield) and I became fascinated with the kōtuku-ngutupapa. It breaks the mould of what birds typically look like with a spoon-shaped bill, long gangly legs, a large body and a bushy plume of feathers that resembles a bad case of bed hair. So for me the kōtuku-ngutupapa reminds me that in a world full of straight-billed manu, be a spoon-billed one instead.

Nga mihi e hoa.

Karyn and Neihana Matiu with their tamariki Mātahi and Manuhou

PUNA MĀTAURANGA | PUBLICATIONS

An audio first for our Māori academics

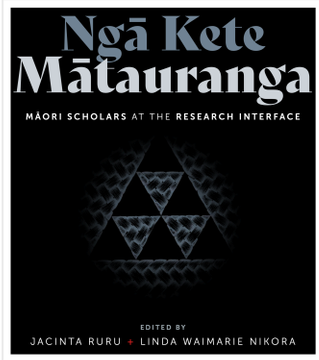
Ngā Kete Mātauranga: Māori Scholars at the Research Interface is being released as an audiobook on Tuesday 5th July.

The audio book has been a huge undertaking, with our authors bringing to life their poignant chapters from the book, now in its third print run.

Listen to an excerpt here at Audiobooks NZ>>

"This is going to be an incredibly powerful and moving testament to us and our place in the research sector for generations to come. We think it's the first of its kind for Aotearoa - an edited book with each chapter narrated by the author. We hope to get the audio book (and hardcopy book) into all the public libraries throughout the country." - Professor Jacinta Ruru

Coming soon... Nga Kete Matauranga Audiobook



HUI | EVENTS, CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS

Webinar | Ngā Hua a Te Matatini: The Benefits of kapa haka to Aotearoa

Te Matatini CEO Carl Ross and NPM Co-Director Linda Waimarie Nikora will be hosting a discussion with authors of ***Ngā Hua a Te Matatini: The Benefits of kapa haka to Aotearoa*** due to be published July 6th 2022.

To learn more about the research join us for a discussion with some of the researchers.

Register below:

Ngā Hua a Te Mātatini Webinar
Date: Weds 6th July, 2022
Time: 6-7pm

Conscious of the lack of serious inquiry into Kapa Haka, the CEO of Te Matatini Inc, the National Organisation for Kapa Haka in Aotearoa New Zealand approached Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga, to make a start on rectifying this situation.

10th International Indigenous Research Conference 2022 ONLINE Registrations Open!

Flourishing Indigenous Futures

As we celebrate 20 years of being Aotearoa's only Indigenous Centre of Research Excellence, NPM is excited to invite you to join us online from 15 – 18 November 2022 for our 2nd virtual and 10th International Indigenous Research Conference (IIRC).

IIRC is a time for reflection, sharing, planning, innovating, and getting inspired. Everything about our conference is unapologetically Indigenous!

Topics include: climate change, living sustainably, Indigenous rights and wellbeing, Indigenous data sovereignty, Indigenous distinctiveness. We are interested in all topics that build firm foundations for flourishing Indigenous futures.

We appreciate that multiple modes of engagement are important to enable participants to 'plug in' and experience the conference vibe. IIRC22 will offer master classes, keynotes, discussion fora, social connects, live and pre-recorded papers, and posters.

Register for IIRC22 here >>

IIRC22
15 – 18 November 2022

IIRC22 Key Dates

- 5 Aug 2022 Abstract submissions deadline
- 26 Sept 2022 Presenters notified
- 14 Oct 2022 Pre-recorded videos due
- 14 Oct 2022 Early-bird registration closes
- 15 – 18 Nov 2022 IIRC 2022 begins

Sign up for the IIRC22 mailing list to be notified of our amazing lineup of Indigenous keynote presenters

IIRC22 Call for Abstracts!

The call for abstracts is now open for IIRC22 *Flourishing Indigenous Futures*. We want to stimulate thoughtful thinking and conversation about things that matter to Indigenous researchers and communities.

In keeping with our NPM Matakitenga Framework, submitters will be asked to select one pātai (question) and one pae/rautaki (knowledge and strategy) that is most relevant to their abstract submission.

Submissions close Friday 5 August 2022, 11:59pm NZST

To make an abstract submission apply here>>>

HE PITOPITO KŌRERO | NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

2022 Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Graduate Award Winner

Nikki Barrett (née Haereroa) of Ngāti Hau and Ngāti Porou is this year's successful recipient of the Fulbright-NPM Graduate scholarship.

Nikki is a PhD candidate at Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato | University of Waikato, researching in the revitalisation of traditional Indigenous birthing knowledge and practices.

"Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga is really excited to work with Fulbright to enable this opportunity for Nikki. Birthing practices is an important area within Indigenous health research and is receiving more attention, as a consequence of the global recognition of the importance of Indigenous knowledge and solutions."
- NPM Co-Director and Fulbright alumna Professor Tahu Kukutai

Nikki and the rest of the 2022 Fulbright New Zealand cohort were recently honoured at a special awards ceremony at the National Library in Wellington, hosted by Ho.n Aupito William Sio, Minister for Pacific People and Minister for Courts.

Applications for the 2022-23 Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Graduate awards are open now.

The closing date is August 1.

Media Savvy for Māori researchers returns

The annual NPM-Scimex Media Savvy for Māori Researchers (MSMR) returned this month after taking a break in 2021 due to COVID disruptions.

Ōrākei Marae provided a breathtaking backdrop and ultimate wānanga space for a small group of kairangahau Māori who gathered there for a 2-day communication skills and media training course held by the amazing Science Media Exchange (Scimex) team.

Highlights included a visit to the newsroom (NZ Herald and Newstalk ZB).

On the final day participants delivered short pitches on their research to a panel of four journalists who responded and gave practical tips and feedback to each of the brave presenters.

"It was a very meaningful and positive experience for everyone involved," said Science Media Centre (NZ) Director Dacia Herbulock.

Feedback from participants was equally positive as captured in the comments below…

"This two-day workshop was exceptional! We now have a new kete of tools and skills to communicate our science to different forms of media. I wish I had these earlier! I loved the practical nature of the workshop and the opportunity to practice pitching our research to journalists, being on camera and having a go with 'live' interviews in a safe environment. I am very grateful for the time and constructive feedback we received from experienced journalists, news presenters and our tauira whānau; this was invaluable. It was also eye-opening to see into the worlds of Māori and mainstream media. I have a new understanding of the pressures they are under which motivates me to communicate my research well."

- Kristie-Lee Thomas, (Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri), Lecturer and PhD student, Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha

- Dr Theresa Pankhurst, (Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Porou), Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Vaccine Alliance Aotearoa NZ (VAANZ) Ohu Kaupare Huaketo

"The beautiful manaaki, supportive mauri and dedication to the advancement of Māori science through the media shone through. I've taken so much away with me. As I head back to my little awa, sitting at the airport I'm reflecting on how much learning you were able to jam into two days for us. Exceptional. I found the whole process so challenging, stretching me well beyond my comfort zone and beyond. I've learnt so much. He mihi mahana ki a tātau. Thank you to the entire crew, both Ngā Pae and Scimex for the generous sharing of your collective expertise and your belief and encouragement in our kaupapa-nui-tonu."

- Tom Johnson, (Te Āti Haunui-a-Pāpārangi), PhD Student

Kāti rā ngā kōrero mō tēnei wā,

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