



Ngā Tāngata o Mangatawa

Whakapapa & History Project by MPBI

Figure 1: Whakawhanaungatanga weekend at Maungatapu Marae 2021

Mangatawa Whakapapa and History Project

Kia ora e te whānau! This pānui is to explain a new project aimed at capturing the stories of Mangatawa. Please have a read and get in touch if you have any questions or suggestions – we would really value your input.

Where did this idea come from?

On the shores of the glistening tāhuna o Rangataua, with feet grounded to the whenua of Opopoti, and the vision of our tohorā maunga, Maungamana, in the distance, gathered kaumatua, pākeke, rangatahi and tamariki alike – nga uri o Tamapahore. In an event of whakawhanaungatanga (facilitated by Patrick Nicholas at Maungatapu Marae), 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 truths 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 unalike, 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 whakapapa. All these acts are demonstrations of rangatiratanga, kaitiakitanga, and manaakitanga united to create this ātaahua display of the word “whānau.”

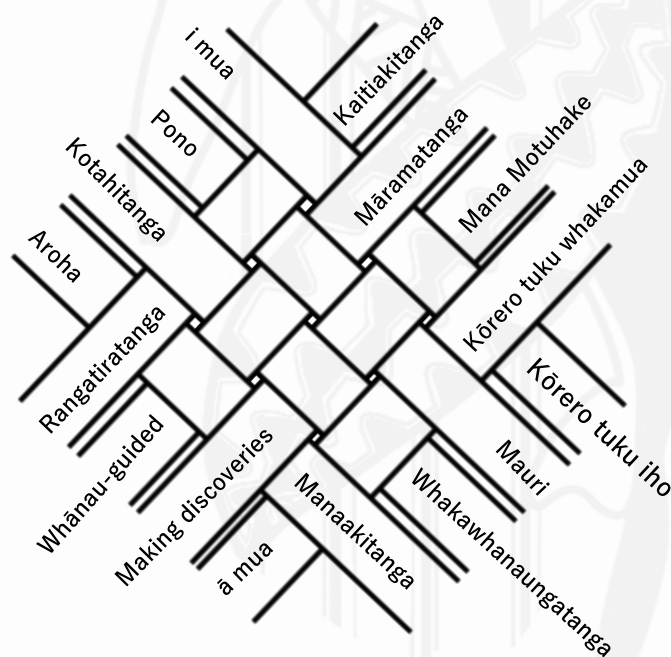
When we reflected on this experience, we felt there was “unfinished business.” With an intention of nurturing the relationship between the people and Mangatawa, we want to extend our hands out and reach more whānau to awhi you through a rich story-telling experience.

Mangatawa Pāpāmoa Blocks Inc wants to engage whānau in korero 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 by capturing them to create learning resources for our whānau and our future generations.

Te Whāriki o Mangatawa

Māori are natural storytellers. We tell our stories through kōrero, waiata, mahi toi, whakairo, and weaving, then pass those onto the next generation. Adorning whare, there were whāriki, mats that demonstrated the story or journey of that whānau.

The ability to weave whāriki is the ability to tell a story. Using our two pathways – whānau wānanga & one-on-one interviews – they weave the values of Mangatawa and the experiences we create, to tell the story about the identity of Mangatawa, adorning the whenua of our tūrangawaewae.





“All our korero are taonga and we want to help preserve it.”

How will we help you capture your korero?

There are two options for participating in this whakapapa and history project:

Pathway 1: One-on-one Interviews

Our goal is to learn more about you, our shareholders. We can talk about your whanau, your experiences, your knowledge, your korero.

Help us understand your core values and stimulate key experiences and hitori.

Let's sit together over a kapu tī and get to know each other, kanohi ki te kanohi.

Let's create a safe space for you to share your stories. A space where you're in control.

Pathway 2: Whanau Wananga

Like the Whakawhanaungatanga weekend at Maungatapu, we can recreate a serene environment and fill it with the voices of whānau.

In wānanga spaces, we can create an opportunity to korero and learn as a whānau. The intention of this wānanga space 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, Together we can guide kōrero and be the narrative of your own stories. Let's create opportunities to see our past, present, and future through your eyes.

Although done in slightly different formats, both pathways weave together naturally, leading to the fulfilment and enlightenment within our whanau. The hope is that “Nga Tāngata o Mangatawa” will empower us in our journey to discover our identity, as we weave together our experiences and knowledge.

How will we capture these taonga?

You're in control. We can transcribe your korero into written content, We can 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 'Nga Tāngata o Mangatawa'. The stories will be protected under Mangatawa Papamoa Inc and will be available to you through restricted access. Korero 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 korero arises, then written approval from you is required and a clear understanding of how it will be shared.

Keen to take part?

We will communicate more about this kaupapa over the coming weeks and months.

If you would like to hear more, or register your interest in taking part, please contact our Projects Coordinator, Rangimarie Elvin via email projects@mangatawa.com or phone 07 574 8365 ext 305.

