

Introducing Te Pito te Ao

In November 2015 Community Research sought a Content Developer to conceptualise, propose, create, procure and edit new content for their What Works website. Community Research is pleased to announce Te Pito te Ao, a Ruatoria based team comprising of:



Manu Caddie (BDes, Dip. Tchg) has whakapapa to Tonga, Ireland, Scotland, Spain, he grew up in Tauranga, studied in Wellington and has lived in Te Tairāwhiti since 1998. Manu is in the process of relocating with his whānau from Gisborne/Turanganui-a-Kiwa to Makarika just south of Ruatorea to his partner Tarsh's marae.

With qualifications in Communication Design and Teaching, Manu has been working in the community sector for more than 20 years. Over the past ten years Manu has specialised in research and project management work undertaking assignments for The World Bank, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Social Development, Te Puni Kōkiri, Te Runanga o Ngāti Porou, Tairāwhiti District Health Board and a number of local authorities and civil society organisations both in Aotearoa and overseas.

Manu has been a member of ANZEA and helped the organisation redevelop its online presence in 2006-7. As an elected representative and community activist, Manu has helped lead a number of campaigns that rely on the effective and efficient management of complex information and empirical evidence resources for the public and community organisations.

Panapa Ehau (Post-Grad. Dip. Environmental Engineering, Master of Indigenous Studies, Grad. Dip. Management Studies, BBS Marketing) has whakapapa to Ngāti Porou & Ngāti Uepohatu where he currently resides at Ruatorea with his whānau.



Panapa has a background in community engagement, project management, research, evaluation, sustainability and housing. He has experienced in managing large publicly-funded research projects and working in the public sector with a focus on organisation performance and service improvement.

Panapa spent the last decade building skills in these areas specifically to support whānau to improve the well-being of our communities. He is currently engaged with a number of projects that range from local flaxroots initiatives at marae on the East Coast to programmes that are recognised by the United Nations and the International Olympic Committee



Pia Pohatu (Master of Indigenous Studies (incomplete), Bachelor of Resource & Environment Planning) has whakapapa to Ngāti Porou, Rongowhakaata and Ngai Tamanuhiri.

Pia's background is in iwi and hapū environmental planning and kaupapa Māori, community-based research. She has worked as a researcher and coordinator for Te Runanga o Ngāti Porou on Hapū Environmental Management Plans, Te Whare Wananga O Ngati Porou (Waiapu Research Project – TWWX01: Maori Community Goals for Enhancing Ecosystem Health), He Oranga mo nga Uri Tuku Iho Trust (Matauranga Maori for Sustainable Hapu Development & Waiapu Koka Huhua Projects) and Radio Ngāti Porou as archivist for their audio collection. Her interests include environmental restoration and sustainability models for communities with a particular interest in whānau and hapū leadership, infrastructure and rural enterprise opportunities. She is currently managing a hapū education and matauranga project for Te Runanganui o Ngāti Porou, a State of the Rohe Environmental Report for Hikurangi Takiwā Hapu Trust and papakainga development for a local Maori Incorporation, Pahiitaua Inc



Tui Warmenhoven (LLB) has whakapapa to Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Uepohatu, Te Whānau-a-Apanui and the Netherlands. Tui is a lawyer with a background in government, educational and iwi organisations. She has practised as a Solicitor and worked as a Policy Analyst, Researcher and Cultural Advisor. Tui is currently a Trustee of Te Runanganui o Ngāti Porou.

Her field of expertise is models for sustainability in land use and community development with particular interest in waterways, fisheries, environmental restoration and Māori knowledge (customary and contemporary).

Tui has participated in multiple international forums and conferences on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (2006 Porto Alegre, Brazil), the Global Consultation for Indigenous Peoples on the Right to Food, Food Security and Food Sovereignty (2006 Porto Cabezas Nicaragua) and the International Experts Seminar on Indicators Relevant to Indigenous Peoples, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Millennium Development Goals

(2007 Banaue Philippines). She was also selected to co-draft the final report for the Food Sovereignty meeting and is now a member of the “Indigenous Peoples’ Alliance for Food Sovereignty”.