Korero

News and stories from Pukerua Bay

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Matariki – a time for remembrance, celebration, and looking to the future. Photo credit: Mark Tantrum.

Kia ora

Mānawatia a Matariki! Happy Māori New Year!

It's a great pleasure to bring you this special Matariki issue of *Kōrero*. Matariki is a time for reflection and celebration, acknowledging the past, and looking ahead to what the new year will bring. We do all that in this issue, beginning with grateful acknowledgement of our contributors, distributors, advertisers, and sponsors. Special thanks go to Ahu Charitable Trust for sponsoring this issue and to Pelorus Trust whose recent grant gives us confidence we can keep going! Also, to Mark Tantrum for the beautiful Matariki photos.

Gill England takes us to the past, telling us the story of the first modern-day Matariki celebrations in Pukerua Bay (page 3). Then Ahu Charitable Trust and Pukerua Bay Hub bring us to the present, sharing plans for this year's celebration (pages 10–11). There's also a chance to win a copy of Miriama Kamo's latest book by drawing Waipunārangi, the star that is the focus of this year's celebration (page 13).

The future is represented by our tamariki and by stories from the school. Piata Gargiulo tells us about the kapa haka group and what it means to her, and Daniel Wharakura explains the purpose and activities of the school's whānau group (pages 8–9). The kapa haka group will perform at the Matariki celebration, and the whānau group will once again be putting down a hāngi – between them they will feed our bellies and

our souls! Ben Christie reports on the recent workshop on constructing a local curriculum for our school (page 12).

Matariki reminds us of our close connection to the natural world and how our own hauora (health and wellbeing) rises and falls with that of our land and waterways. Waipunārangi is connected to the rains and other atmospheric conditions. We know only too well how, as the planet warms, we are experiencing changes in our rainfall patterns, often to devastating effect. So, it's appropriate that in this issue, we share stories of the work being done to combat climate change in our community and across our region (pages 4–7).

It's great to know that our community value of manaakitanga also came through strongly at the local curriculum workshop. So, what is it like to be a new person coming into our community? In the next issue, we'd love to have stories from people who have done that. We'd be especially interested to hear from people who have come to us from overseas, be that the Cook Strait or the open oceans! Please deliver your copy by 1 August.

Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toiroa.

Let us keep close together, not wide apart.

We acknowledge mana whenua of Pukerua Bay, Ngāti Toa Rangatira. For Ngāti Toa news, see <u>ngatitoa.iwi.nz</u>

The Matariki lantern walks – a learning journey

It was over 16 years ago that a group of Pukerua Bay parents decided to get the community groups together to celebrate and mark Matariki and midwinter. From my memory, the seed was planted by the irrepressible Trish Booth and others who had been involved with the Steiner playgroup. The Steiner kindy had held winter solstice/Matariki lantern walks in Paekākāriki. We decided to do a Pukerua version of this in the amazing new Secret Valley, following the Waimāpihi Stream.

The plan was to gather in the railway station car park, which in those days was DARK, say karakia, and wind down through the candle-lit bush with torches and handmade lanterns, following the stream. We'd then cross the SH1 bridge and walk through the school and over to Saint Mark's Church to stand around a blazing brazier (outside!) There we would learn about Matariki, sing waiata, and share kai. Who remembers hot cocoa and Karen's iced star biscuits?!

It was a glittering adventure with a sense of wonder and mystery, especially for the little ones. We were blown away by the number of people who turned up that first year, and the people from different walks of life who played a part. For me, it was seeing the season from a te ao Māori perspective for the first time, so there was lots to learn. It's so good to see how this tradition has grown and how the next generations of parents and tamariki are continuing to create magic and deepen our understanding of Matariki – remembrance, celebration, and looking ahead.

There are so many folk who have contributed to making the Pukerua Bay Matariki celebration unique every year. Too many to name. Kia ora tātou and thank you. xx

Nā Gill England



Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki,

Mānawa maiea te ariki o te rangi,

Mānawa maiea te mātahi o te tau.

Hail the rise of Matariki, Hail the lord of the sky, Hail the New Year.



Regional kai sovereignty: food security in changing times

Why is our food so expensive and what can we do about it?

That's the question driving a growing group of people interested in regional kai sovereignty and food security. Led by the nutrition team at the former CCDHB – now part of Te Whatu Ora – the group is meeting regularly and involves a diverse range of people, including mana whenua, community organisations, growers and producers, council and central government, and environmental experts. Their vision is to ensure that everyone in our region has access to the food that we need, while ensuring growers are paid a fair price.

In the last few months, this group has grown and flourished. I was fortunate to attend a hui back in March at Takapūwāhia Marae.

Since then, they've started working on a Regional Food Systems Strategy (RFSS).

This mahi is also part of a wider national network called the Kore Hiakai Zero

Hunger Collective <u>zerohunger.org.nz</u>, a nationwide project helping build food-secure communities across Aotearoa.

Focusing on a more local and sustainable food system allows us to reduce emissions and work in harmony with our environment and can bolster our local economy. By working with local partners, we can build on existing community initiatives that increase access to healthy, affordable, and culturally appropriate food. For instance, we already have a great weekly \$15 fruit and veggie bag system right here in Pukerua Bay, part of a regional network committed to reducing food costs. And of course, we have an amazing Community Garden and Food Forest, Email smac.fruitvege@gmail.com if you're interested in finding out more about how the fruit and veggie bag works, and pukeruabaycommunitygarden@gmail. com to find out about the Community Garden.

Nā Conor Twyford

PUKERUA RAY CLIMATE ACTION worksho Series Sundays 3 to 5pm, at the RSA, Wairaka Road in August Sundays 3 to 5pm,

YOUR HOUSTHOLD'S CARRON FOOTPRINT

6 August: Find out how to measure your household carbon emissions so you can track the difference your climate action is making.

Road in August

THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

13 August: How do we change our economy to design out waste, keep materials in use, and regenerate natural systems?

RECYCLING & HOMEMADE CLEANING PRODUCTS

20 August: Take action at home by maximising your recycling and making your own cleaning products – a hands-on workshop.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & RESILIENCE*

27 August: Events will continue to happen – how do we get ready as households and as a community?



All ages welcome and koha is appreciated. Come to the series or pick your favourites.

Please let us know which workshops you're coming to so we have an idea of numbers. *There will be a community supper after Workshop 4 at the RSA, 5pm onwards.

For more information, and to register your interest, visit www.pukeruabay.org.nz/climate-change

These workshops come out of the two community meetings held on climate change.

Pukerua Bay climate action group – unity in action

In October last year, Pukerua Bay held its first-ever workshop on climate change. Forty-five people came together to share their ideas for mitigating climate change and dealing with its effects. The energy was incredible!

In February, a smaller workshop was held to strengthen our foundations and get more clarity on our direction. At this workshop, we began by constructing a deeper understanding of the role of Ngāti Toa Rangatira as mana whenua of Pukerua Bay. We also took time to understand the mandate for action provided by the Village Plan and the incredible resources we have in our community, with so many individuals and groups already caring for our place and our people by enacting the values of manaakitanga, whanaungatanga, and kaitiakitanga. We decided to add to

these with three streams of work focused on sustainability, resilience, and supporting the school.

We've drafted the diagram on the opposite page to represent our strategy. Appropriately, for Matariki, it's based on the 'constellation' model of collaboration! We hope you can see how we plan to build on the strengths we already have in our community to combat climate change.

On the previous page, there's an invitation for you to attend a series of workshops to be held in August. You are warmly welcomed. We may be a small community but together, it's amazing what we can achieve!

For more on our mahi, check out the climate action page on the community website: pkb.nz/climate-change

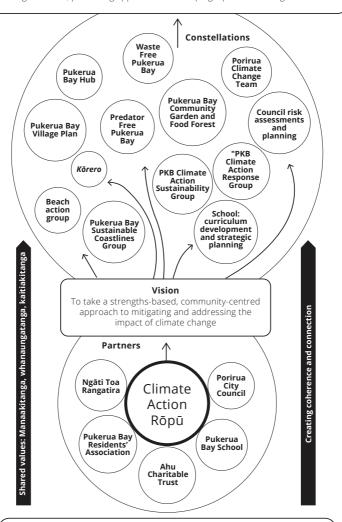
Nā Pukerua Bay Climate Action Group



DRAFT PUKERUA BAY CLIMATE ACTION STRATEGY

The need and the opportunity

Pukerua Bay's climate change action group is a response to our growing awareness of the impact of climate change and the urgent need to lessen and mitigate its effects. It emerged from the Village Planning process and is taking the same strengths-based, partnering approach to developing a plan and taking action.



Agreements

Mandate and overarching framework: The Pukerua Bay Village Plan and its planning framework.

Premise: By activating the community values of manaakitanga and whanaungatanga, and by entering Te Tiriti-honouring relationship with mana whenua, we can best practise kalitakitanga and mitigate and address the impact of climate change.

Te Tiriti o Waitangi: We acknowledge mana whenua of Pukerua Bay, Ngāti Toa Rangatira.





Pukerua Bay kapa haka

Hello. My name is Piata. I am a Year Seven student from Pukerua Bay School.

I love kapa haka and the experiences it offers me and others. I am enjoying learning new songs for Matariki and pōwhiri, to welcome new people into our school.

I like how Shareen and Kaya teach us by demonstrating the actions, and then how we get to learn by doing the song and the actions together.

Some girls from school, including myself, have welcomed new whānau with a school karanga taught by Shareen. We were very nervous for our first time, but we did a very good job. I believe we are supposed to learn a new one very soon.

Kapa haka is allowing me and others to gain confidence and learn more about waiata and pōwhiri.

Nā Piata Gargiulo



Shareen and Kaya lead the learning for the kapa haka group.



Piata and her friends greet newcomers with a karanga.

Pukerua Bay School whānau group

The whānau group at Pukerua Bay School is there to tautoko (support) the school's te reo Māori, te ao Māori, and tīkanga Māori aspirations. Over the years, the whānau group has worked closely with the school to incorporate tīkanga practices and progress te reo Māori across the student year groups. It has also provided hangi for key school events.

In conjunction with school staff and other parents, the whanau group is currently doing a 20-week te reo Māori course. This learning programme is a great way for the school, whanau group, and families connected to the school to come together and learn te reo Māori.

With the upcoming Matariki celebrations at the school on Saturday 22 July, the whānau group will be putting down a hāngi. Meals will be available to pre-order through the school, closer to the day. They sold out fast last year, so be sure to get in quick!

The whānau group are always open to having support from within the community, so if you would like to know more about the mahi that's happening and are keen to get involved. Please reach out.

> Ngā mihi Daniel Wharakura 022 169 4950

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Your local councillor

Josh Trlin, councillor for the Northern Ward / Pukerua ki te Raki



Kia ora! My name is Josh Trlin. I'm one of your local Northern Ward councillors and I want to hear from you.

- Have an idea to improve our city?
- Concerned about an issue within our community?
- · Want to know more about the work your council is doina?
- · Got a problem you need council help to solve?

Drop me a line and let's have a chat.







Pukerua Bay's Matariki celebration is back for 2023!

Ko Matariki hunga nui, whakapiri mai, whakatata mai, nau mai, hoki mai.

Join us for this year's local Matariki celebration to be held on 22 July. Once again, we are planning family-friendly activities, yummy kai, and Te Ara Matariki, the starry night walk.

Check out the performances from 4–7pm at the Pukerua Bay School and Community Hall, as well as local art and light displays around Pukerua Bay. We have some exciting entertainment planned, including kapa haka, dance, reo, and music performances. Please follow the Facebook event <u>facebook</u>. <u>com/PKBHub</u> for details on the final line up.

The starry night walk will start at 7pm, heading from Pukerua Bay School to Kōawa Ngaro Secret Valley. Please explore Kōawa Ngaro Secret Valley responsibly. Bring a lantern, headlamp, or torch; wrap up warm; and wear sturdy footwear. Children must be supervised at all times.

Gold coin koha entry, rain or shine.

E tū Waipunārangi e

This year's focus is Waipunārangi, the star that is connected to ua, or rain. It translates to 'water that pools in the sky' or 'ngā puna wai i te Rangi'. Waipunārangi is in the top left of the Matariki cluster and is one of the two stars associated with weather, the other being Ururangi.

E tū Waipunārangi e,

He ua könehunehu,

He ua kopatapata,

He ua hūkerikeri.

Behold Waipunārangi,

It is a drizzle,

It is a light shower,

It is a deluge.

Me mihi ka tika. The event will be an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for all we have.

What else?

In the lead-up to our community's celebration, contemporary dancer and choreographer Bianca Hyslop (Te Arawa, Ngāti Whakaue) will lead kanikani, te reo o te tinana expression through dance and raranga toi weaving workshops. Our tamariki will create the beautiful art stars we've come to love, and everyone is welcome to the lantern-making and art workshops taking place on 11 and 16 July. A group of local artists and crafters are making illuminated works. All this creativity will contribute to our celebration on 22 July.

School holidays – get involved!

1-15 July Community art stars:

Collect your star or artwork template from the

Pukerua Bay Library or RSA. Decorate it over the holidays and return it by 15 July for display at Matariki.

11 July Art workshop, 11am–3pm, RSA, Wairaka Rd

16 July Lantern making, 2pm–5pm, RSA, Wairaka Rd

Find out more

This event is proudly brought to you by Pukerua Bay Hub, with support from Porirua City Council's Creative Communities Scheme and the Matariki Ahunga Nui Fund. For details of what is happening, when, and how to get involved, go to Matariki Celebration 2023: facebook.com/events/1398020937714174.









Local curriculum community workshop

On the evening of 16 May, Pukerua Bay School held a community workshop for parents to contribute to the development of a local curriculum for Pukerua Bay School. The evening was a great success. A big thanks to the over 30 parents who attended for their thoughtful contributions. And thanks to Sarah Hopkinson for facilitating the event and sharing her knowledge and enthusiasm.

What is a local curriculum? It is the way we bring The New Zealand Curriculum to life at our school. It should be responsive to the needs, identity, language, culture, interests, strengths and aspirations of our learners and their families and have a clear focus on what supports the progress of all learners.

It was wonderful to hear whānau share their aspirations for their tamariki and the values they would like to embed in their learning. It was interesting to see some strong emerging themes, which will feed through into the curriculum's development. In particular, the 'value of curiosity and love of learning' shone through as fundamental, followed by 'manaakitanga' (hospitality, kindness, generosity; supporting the process of showing respect, generosity, and care for others), which speaks to the wonderful community we have here in Pukerua Bay.

This community input was an important step on this journey for our kura. We'll keep you posted on our progress.

Nga mihi nui, Ben Christie, on behalf of the Pukerua Bay School BOT

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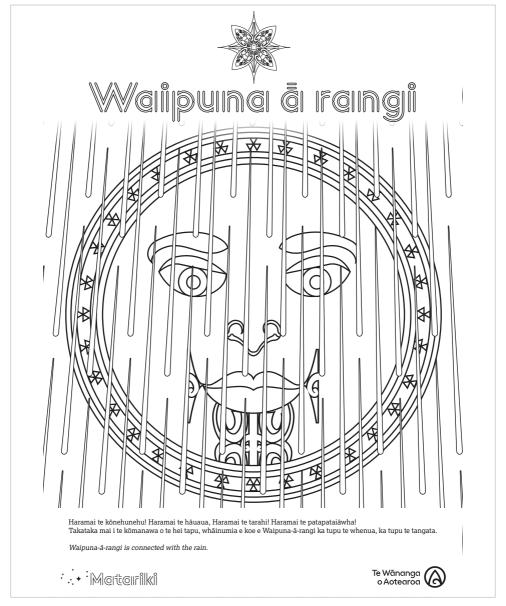
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Win The Twin Stars of Matariki

Would you like a chance to win a signed copy of Miriama Kamo's new book, *The Twin Stars of Matariki: Waiti and Waita* scholastic.co.nz/media/6728/twin-stars-of-matariki tn final.pdf? Just colour in the picture below or create your own picture of Waipunārangi. Drop it off to the school office, with your name and phone number on the back. Every entry will go into the draw!



An update from Ahu and Pukerua Bay Hub

Tēnā koutou katoa!

We would like to provide a quick update on Pukerua Bay Hub and the organisation behind it, Ahu Charitable Trust ki Pukerua Bay.

Ahu was established in 2017 by locals, with the charitable pillars of community, education, and relief of poverty. Its mission is for "better connected, vibrant, resilient communities where all people have opportunities to enjoy the company of others, get to know their 'neighbours' and share knowledge and skills."

Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toi roa.

Let us keep close together, not far apart.

We have had a few changes recently and wish to acknowledge the incredible contributions of Kirk Beyer and Helen Davidson, who recently stepped down from the Board. We welcome new trustees, Lani Evans and Iain MacLean.

The Ahu Board is responsible for ensuring activities such as workshops, groups, and events meet the goals of the Trust Deed, securing funding to support activities and accountability. We can't run activities without donations, grants, and sponsorship and would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the amazing help we have had over the years to put on major events, such as the Matariki celebration and Christmas on the Field. We are currently looking at our long-term strategy and exploring next steps for Pukerua Bay Hub.

If you have an idea for a community initiative and would like our support, please contact the trustees at hello@pkbhub.org.nz.

Meet the trustees



Kelly McClean,

Chair

Kelly was born in Wellington. She has lived in a few places around New Zealand but always ends up back in Whanganui-a-Tara. Her

parents are from Portland, OR and New York City, NY, USA. She has lived in Pukerua Bay for over ten years with her husband Ewan. Their tamariki are Zoe, Freya, and Eleanor.



Helen Smith,

Treasurer

Helen was born in Wellington and grew up there. She has lived in Pukerua Bay for 23 years and her partner, Guyon, also lives here. Helen

has two adult children, Regan and Jessica, and a granddaughter, Aria.



Angela Brown

Angela was born in England to an English mum and Irish dad. She moved to Aotearoa in 2006 with husband Jim and their two children. The family moved to Pukerua Bay in 2016.



Beccy Davis

Becky was born in Ōtaki and grew up at Te Horo Beach. She is married to JB, and they have one daughter, Isabel.



Aimee Porteners

He uri a Aimee Porteners nō Ngāti Toa, Ngāti Kahungungu ki Wairarapa, Te Atiawa, Kai Tahu, Ngāti Koata, Ngāti Ranginui anō hoki. I tipu ake ia ki te whanga

o Pukerua. Tokotoru ana tamariki. Tēnā koutou katoa.



Lani Evans

Lani was born in Brisbane but has lived (mostly) in Aotearoa since 2003, starting in Ōtepoti (Dunedin) and moving to Te Whanganui-a-Tara six years ago. She lives

in Pukerua Bay with husband Hugh, children Ara and Bryn, mother Ann, best mate Anna and Anna's pēpi, Brie. The house also contains two dogs, two cats, four chickens, and a lot of snails.



Iain MacLean,

Acting secretary

Timaru farm-born, Mount Maunganui beach-raised, polished in other North Island towns, Iain has lived in Te Whanganui-a-Tara

since 1982, and in Pukerua Bay since 1988. He and wife Kate raised their three children here, and daughter Marian still lives next door.











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Our theme for the next issue is **immigrant stories**. We welcome your contributions of stories, photos, poems, articles, or community notices.

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The copy deadline for the next issue is **1 August**. Our email address is newsletter@pukeruabay.org.nz





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Our team

Kōrero is brought to you by Kate Dreaver, Jonathan Harker, Anne Johnston, Iain MacLean, Moira Lawler, Nikky Winchester, and Mel Galletly.

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OUR SKINK: The image of the Whitaker's Skink on our banner, and in the Residents' Association logo, was created by local artist, Pauline Morse.

Pukerua Bay Community website and directory

The Pukerua Bay community website <u>pukeruabay.org.nz</u> holds lots of useful information, including a local business directory.

You can download a PDF of *Kōrero* from the website at: **pkb.nz/korero** or via this QR code.

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Events calendar		
1–16 July	Matariki in Porirua, see <u>poriruacity.govt.nz/discover-porirua/about-porirua/our-heritage/matariki-porirua/</u>	
22 July	Matariki celebrated in Pukerua Bay (see pages 10–11 and 20)	
6 August	Climate action workshop, 3.00–5.00pm, RSA, Wairaka Rd (see page 7)	
8 August	Residents' Association meeting, 7.30–9.30pm, RSA, Wairaka Rd	
13 August	Climate action workshop, 3.00–5.00pm, RSA, Wairaka Rd	
20 August	Climate action workshop, 3.00–5.00pm, RSA, Wairaka Rd	
27 August	Climate action workshop and shared meal, 3.00–7.00pm, RSA, Wairaka Rd	
12 September	Residents' Association meeting, 7.30–9.30pm, RSA, Wairaka Rd	
11 October	Residents' Association AGM, 7.30–9.30pm, RSA, Wairaka Rd	
To list an event in the September issue, please email by 1 August newsletter@pukeruabay.org.nz		

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