

# KĀTI HUIRAPA RUNAKA KI PUKETERAKI

COVID– 19 Special

9 April 2020

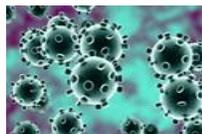
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## Message from Matapura Ellison



All the best for Easter weekend. Hopefully you have seen what measures the Police are taking over this time to stop those wanting to go to the Bach, surfing etc , so I would like to remind you to stay at home and do your bit to stop the spread of Covid-19. Missy has provided some ideas to keep your whānau occupied over the weekend.

As mentioned in my last panui all the runaka office and maintenance staff are working from home and everyone is relying on technology to keep up communication with members.

We are aware that many of our whānau don't have access to a computer and will therefore not be getting our electronic newsletters and other information posted on our website or Facebook page.

We are working to overcome this but until this has been resolved we are ringing those whom we know don't have the internet.

However, we are finding that for some members we don't have an up to date contact number or address. So, I ask if you could ring us on 0274 130 436 or contact a whānau member who can email us with any updates or just put a note in the post. That would be great.

Finally, I will be able to update you soon on additional initiatives the Executive are working on to further support whānau in these times. So, watch this space.

Matapura Ellison  
Chairperson



# WHERE TO GO FOR SERVICES AND SUPPORT

Who can you go to?	What can they help you with?	How can you contact them?																																
<p><b>Family &amp; Friends</b></p> <p><i>Supermarket Priority Assistance Service for online deliveries</i></p>	<p>Shop for you or collect your groceries using click and collect  <a href="https://shop.countdown.co.nz/shop/content/priority-assistance">https://shop.countdown.co.nz/shop/content/priority-assistance</a></p> <p><b>MOH advice is that you should stay 2 metres away from others</b></p>	<p>Social media, phone, email</p> <p><i>(Online ordering open 7 days per week- check store website for click and collect and delivery slots)</i></p>																																
<p><b>Civil Defence and Emergency Management Groups (CDEM)</b></p> <p><i>People who have an urgent need for essential supplies and they don't have the means or transport to get it themselves</i></p>	<p>Household goods and services and other essential items including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food</li> <li>• Water</li> <li>• Groceries</li> <li>• Pet Food</li> <li>• Medication</li> <li>• Cooking</li> <li>• Fuel</li> <li>• Clothing</li> <li>• Bedding</li> </ul>	<table> <tr> <td>Northland</td> <td>0800 790 791</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Auckland</td> <td>0800 222 296</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Waikato</td> <td>0800 800 405</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bay of Plenty</td> <td>0800 884 222</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Manawatu/Wanganui</td> <td>0800 725 678</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Taranaki</td> <td>0800 900 077</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gisborne</td> <td>0800 653 800</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hawkes Bay</td> <td>0800 422 923</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wellington</td> <td>0800 141 967</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nelson Tasman</td> <td>0800 505 075</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Marlborough</td> <td>03 520 7400</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Canterbury</td> <td>0800 24 24 11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chatham Islands</td> <td>03 305 0033 Ex 715</td> </tr> <tr> <td>West Coast</td> <td>03 900 9329</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Otago</td> <td>0800 322 4000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Southland</td> <td>0800 890 127</td> </tr> </table>	Northland	0800 790 791	Auckland	0800 222 296	Waikato	0800 800 405	Bay of Plenty	0800 884 222	Manawatu/Wanganui	0800 725 678	Taranaki	0800 900 077	Gisborne	0800 653 800	Hawkes Bay	0800 422 923	Wellington	0800 141 967	Nelson Tasman	0800 505 075	Marlborough	03 520 7400	Canterbury	0800 24 24 11	Chatham Islands	03 305 0033 Ex 715	West Coast	03 900 9329	Otago	0800 322 4000	Southland	0800 890 127
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<p><b>Essential Social Service providers</b></p> <p><i>Social sector organisations providing essential services</i></p>	<p>Some social sector organisations are already essential services. This includes organisations that are:</p> <p>Providing or delivering food and other essential goods (e.g. food banks, food rescue, food parcels)</p> <p>Providing childcare services for essential workers (e.g. ECE, OSCAR)</p> <p>Whānau Ora COVID-19 Support Partners</p> <p>Providing family and sexual violence crisis response support</p>	<p><b>7 days per week 7am-7pm</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/newsroom/2020/covid-19/list-of-social-sector-organisations-providing-essential-services.html">https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/newsroom/2020/covid-19/list-of-social-sector-organisations-providing-essential-services.html</a></p> <p><a href="http://pasifikafutures.co.nz/covid-19-support/">http://pasifikafutures.co.nz/covid-19-support/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.teputahitanga.org/">http://www.teputahitanga.org/</a></p> <p><a href="https://whanauora.nz/covid19response/">https://whanauora.nz/covid19response/</a></p> <p>If you do not have internet access contact your local CDEM</p> <p><b>Operating for the most part 7 days a week for crisis</b></p>																																
<p><b>Ministry of Social Development (MSD)</b></p> <p><b>Seniors</b></p> <p><b>Studylink</b></p> <p><b>Work and Income Services</b></p>	<p>Financial support for emergency and on-going needs</p> <p>MSD service centres are currently closed but case managers are still available to help people in need. There is a wide range of information on the MSD website.</p> <p>You can apply for a main benefit on-line and check your eligibility for food assistance. You can also ask for help by phone for other essential needs eg emergency housing.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.msd.govt.nz/">http://www.msd.govt.nz/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/">http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/</a></p> <table> <tr> <td>MyMSD</td> <td>(Food grant &amp; Benefit app)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0800 552 002</td> <td>(Seniors 65+)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0800 88 99 00</td> <td>(Students)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0800 559 009</td> <td>(General line)</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>MyMSD</b>                      <b>MSD 0800 General Line</b></p> <p><b>24 hours</b>                      <b>Monday-Friday 7am-6pm</b></p> <p><b>7 days per week</b>            <b>Saturday - 8am-1pm</b></p> <p>   <b>Sunday – 8am-1pm</b></p>	MyMSD	(Food grant & Benefit app)	0800 552 002	(Seniors 65+)	0800 88 99 00	(Students)	0800 559 009	(General line)																								
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<p><b>Temporary Accommodation Service (TAS)</b></p>	<p>Temporary accommodation to those required to self-isolate who are unable to do so in their own homes or are travellers visiting New Zealand and do not already have suitable self-isolation accommodation arranged.</p>	<p><a href="https://temporaryaccommodation.mbie.govt.nz/how-we-can-help/">https://temporaryaccommodation.mbie.govt.nz/how-we-can-help/</a></p> <p>0508 754 163</p> <p><b>The call centre is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week</b></p>																																
<p><b>1737</b></p>	<p>Free mental health and addiction support services.</p>	<p><a href="https://1737.org.nz/">https://1737.org.nz/</a></p> <p>1737</p> <p><b>Free call or text anytime (24 hours, 7 days per week)</b></p>																																
<p><b>Healthline</b></p>	<p>Health advice and information about the condition or illness you are calling about, provided by trained healthcare professionals.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.healthpoint.co.nz/">https://www.healthpoint.co.nz/</a></p> <p>0800 611 116</p> <p><b>Free call</b></p> <p><b>24 hours, 7 days per week</b></p>																																
<p><b>Government Helpline</b></p>	<p>Provides easy access to information across agencies, information regarding financial assistance and other support.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.govt.nz/about/about-us/contact-us/">https://www.govt.nz/about/about-us/contact-us/</a></p> <p>0800 779 997</p> <p><b>8am-10pm, 7 days a week</b></p>																																

Information taken from the COVID 19 website, which is updated regularly

## Outdoor Scavenger Hunt

COLLECT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN A BAG OR BASKET. CHECK THE BOXES AS YOU FIND EACH ONE.

- 5 LEAVES THAT LOOK DIFFERENT
- A STICK THAT IS LONGER THAN YOUR HAND
- A ROCK WITH SPOTS ON IT
- A FLOWER
- A FLAT ROCK
- 10 BLADES OF GRASS
- SOMETHING YOU LOVE TO PLAY WITH
- A PIECE OF TRASH YOU CAN RECYCLE
- SOMETHING THAT IS BROWN
- SOMETHING THAT IS HEAVY
- SOMETHING THAT IS VERY LIGHT
- SOMETHING THAT NEEDS SUN TO LIVE
- AN ITEM SMALLER THAN YOUR THUMB
- SOMETHING THAT STARTS WITH "M"
- SOMETHING THAT SMELLS GOOD

Ready for snack? Make sure everything gets put back where it belongs!

## Indoor Scavenger Hunt

COLLECT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN A BAG OR BASKET. CHECK THE BOXES AS YOU FIND EACH ONE.

- A TOY WITH WHEELS
- A BOOK WITH THE FIRST LETTER OF YOUR NAME IN THE TITLE
- A PAIR OF MATCHING SOCKS
- 4 THINGS THAT ARE GREEN
- SOMETHING VERY SOFT
- A TOY SMALLER THAN YOUR HAND
- SOMETHING ROUND
- A BOOK WITH NUMBERS IN IT
- 5 LEGOS THAT ARE ALL DIFFERENT
- A PHOTO OF SOMEONE YOU LOVE
- AN ITEM YOU CAN SEE YOURSELF IN
- AN ITEM THAT MAKES YOU FEEL COZY
- A TOY THAT HAS 3 DIFFERNT COLORS
- A MOVIE THAT HAS "S" IN THE TITLE
- YOUR SNUGGLIEST STUFFED ANIMAL

Ready for snack? Make sure everything gets put back where it belongs!

## Otago Polyfest cancellation announcement



E aku nui, e aku iti, tēnā koutou katoa  
Nei te reo rahiri e rere atu ana ki a koutou i ngā āhuatanga o te wā.  
Ko te tumanako ia ka noho haumaruru koutou katoa i roto i tō ake mirumiru hauora.  
Heoti he raru ki uta he raru ki tai! E te whānau e whakapono ana mātou i te kōrero “He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata. Nō reira tēnei te mihi maioha ki a koutou katoa.

Bula vinaka, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Kia orana, Mālō e lelei, Mauri, Namasde, Talofa, Talofa lava, Taloha ni, & Greetings,

The 27th Otago Polyfest was scheduled to be held from 7 - 11 September at the Edgar Centre in Dunedin. After careful consideration of the risks that the global COVID-19 pandemic poses to the safety and wellbeing of everyone involved, we regret to announce that the Otago Polyfest is cancelled.

It is unknown when early learning services and schools will be able to plan, rehearse and organise their groups. The contribution made by kaumatua, elders and community whānau may be compromised by large gatherings and potential exposure to infections.

We emphasise the importance of offering children, young people and whānau opportunities to participate in Māori and Pacific cultural experiences as an integral part of any ECE / school or home-based education programme.

The Polyfest continues to be a significant component of arts, cultural and performance curriculum and despite the disappointment of not holding the event this year, we strongly urge you to continue to include waiata, karakia, Te Reo Māori, Pacific languages, dance and stories in your programmes.

The trustees wish to assure our Polyfest whānau that we are exploring alternatives and opportunities to celebrate our rich and vibrant community of Māori and Pasifika performing arts in Otago. We remind you that the Otago Polyfest YouTube channel stores the past three years of performances available to watch and share.

After 26 years of consecutive years of delivery, this is the first time that Otago Polyfest will not be held. We reiterate the importance of ensuring that Māori and Pasifika cultural experiences are valued and maintained. The trustees will continue to focus on planning and resourcing our next steps. We invite you to contact us for further information or guidance.

Contact us

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Otago-Polyfest-584881188190913/>

Email [admin@otagopolyfest.nz](mailto:admin@otagopolyfest.nz)

YouTube Link: [Otago Polyfest YouTube](#)

Te Mana Ahua Ake Charitable Trust

Angelina Kiore, Pip Laufiso, Fiona Matapo, Tagiilima Feleti

# First tuatara hatchlings discovered at Orokonui Ecosanctuary

Wednesday 8 April 2020



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Two tuatara hatchlings have recently been sighted at Orokonui Ecosanctuary by University of Otago researchers and are the first to be seen since adult tuatara were released at the ecosanctuary in 2012.

Although tuatara hatchlings have been reported in fenced ecosanctuaries on the North Island, these hatchlings may be the first to hatch as part of a viable tuatara population on Te Waipounamu (the South Island) for several hundred years.

The hatchlings at Orokonui were found earlier this year under small strips of roofing material by Jade Christiansen, an undergraduate student working on a Te Ngaru Paewhenua: Māori and Pacific Science Summer Studentship at the University of Otago.

“My hands were shaking,” Ms Christiansen says. “I was very nervous, yet very excited. The hatchlings can be surprisingly lively. One of them still had its horny ‘shell-breaker’ – a projection on the tip of its snout – so I knew it had hatched recently.”

Professor Alison Cree, of Otago’s Department of Zoology, leads the research group that has been researching the tuatara population for over seven years. A recent Masters student, Jemima Gardiner-Rodden, had been monitoring the nest for over 16 months.

Ms Gardiner-Rodden says it’s likely these hatchlings are female due to the long duration of incubation in the nest and the relatively cool soil temperatures. Nest temperatures are known to determine the sex of developing tuatara embryos.

Further evidence at the nest such as empty eggshells with distinctive splits suggests there may also be additional hatchlings from this clutch. Female tuatara nest only every few years and average-sized females lay a clutch of about nine eggs.

Orokonui Ecosanctuary’s Conservation Manager Elton Smith says this discovery is yet another significant biodiversity outcome for the sanctuary. “This success can be directly attributed to our fence that excludes all introduced mammals (other than perhaps mice) that would otherwise predate upon the tuatara,” Mr Smith says.

Professor Cree says that evidence of offspring being produced is an important stage to reach when re-establishing a viable population, and that a breeding population at Orokonui could be a valuable contribution to protecting the survival of this taonga species in the global climate emergency.

“We’ve been excited to see tuatara surviving and growing, and we’ve long suspected that hatching was occurring based on indirect evidence, including split eggshells,” Professor Cree says.

“But this is the first direct evidence for the entire cycle through to hatching, from egg-yolk production onwards in the mother’s body, taking place at Orokonui.”

Nelson-based Ngāti Koata are kaitiaki (guardians) for the source population of tuatara for Orokonui, and Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki as mana whenua are tangata tiaki for the ecosanctuary.

“We’re thrilled for tuatara, for Orokonui and for our iwi partners who’ve been so supportive of this project,” Professor Cree says.

Orokonui Ecosanctuary is currently closed due to Covid-19 but staff are still carrying out essential tasks.

# Runaka Updates: What your staff are saying and doing



**Aroha Ellison**

Aroha is supplying meals and vegetables from the mara two times a week prioritising our local kaumatua. If you want any more details please get in contact with Suzanne Ellison by email : [manager@puketeraki.nz](mailto:manager@puketeraki.nz) or 0274 130 436.



**Suzanne Ellison**

Suzanne is the Runaka Manager and have been working in that role for close to 15 years. Lockdown in Karitane is going ok as it's a great place to live anytime. My main focus is that our runaka is providing meaningful support to our members during this challenging time and that the staff are well & supported in their mahi. Staying safe within our 'bubbles' is the most important thing we can do at this time. Stay home for Easter! Mauriora, na Suzanne"

## Administration Team:



**John Youngson**

What am I doing? currently responding to Resource Consent approvals under the Resource Management act as these are not stopping. Also trying to keep the Office running as seamlessly as possible from home, this includes writing these extremely well written e - panui's- I try !!

## Jo Silich



My role is accounts and payroll. So still paying the bills and peoples wages but from home. My bubble is me and my husband Sean. He is working from home for Oceanagold. I am trying different kinds of exercise while in lockdown. Anything on youtube that says good for beginners and seniors".

## Georgina George



Georgina is currently doing registration forms, updating our members database. All admin work from home. She's a trooper! doing amazing.



**Missy Parata**

"Kia Ora!! I am Kaitoko Support person with multiple roles assisting our team and community. Keeping in touch with our Kaumatua and whānau, updating our Facebook page and sorting future bookings for our marae has been keeping me busy during our rāhui. Enjoying isolation with my little whānau here in Karitane.



**Waiariki Parata-Taiapa**

I am doing the best I can working from home with 3 little ones and I am taking this opportunity to work on getting all the history documents sorted and hopefully writing up a shortened version.

## Computer Support for members and Kaumātua:

We are looking for a computer savvy member who would be able to help members and Kaumātua who are experiencing technical issues or just want to set up their new computer. If you can help email [admin@puketeraki.nz](mailto:admin@puketeraki.nz)

*Please share this Newsletter with others, especially those that do not use the internet. If they live nearby, print it out and pop it in their letterbox. You can even read it out to them over the phone*

### Key telephone numbers

COVID-19 Healthline [0800 358 5453](tel:08003585453)

For general health issues, phone your doctor.

For emergencies dial [111](tel:111).

Elder Abuse Helpline [0800 32 668 65](tel:08003266865)

If you are unable to find what you need online, and are not sure who to contact for help, call the free government helpline on [0800 779 997](tel:0800779997) or on [0800 22 66 57](tel:0800226657) (8am– 1am, 7 days a week).

### Office Contact Details

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C/- PDC, Karitane 9440  
Phone [\(03\) 465 7300](tel:034657300)

[admin@puketeraki.nz](mailto:admin@puketeraki.nz)

# Ka Kite ano koutou : Hope to see you soon after lockdown

