

Meet the Whangaroa Papa Hapū Communications Team

Kia ora e te whānau,

We are proud to introduce our new Whangaroa Papa Hapū Communications Team. Drawing on the strengths of youth and maturity, professional and academia, home grown and recently returned, each member brings a unique skill set, a deep connection to our kaupapa, and a shared commitment to supporting our whānau and hapū voice with aroha and integrity.

Myjanne Jensen – Communications Lead



Ko Myjanne Jensen tōku ingoa. I am a Māori–Danish journalist and storyteller, born and raised in Australia, and now back home living in Te Tai Tokerau.

My tāne is Jade and we are the proud parents of four beautiful kōtiro — Audrey, Minnie-Jane (MJ), Maggie and Moana.

Some of you might know me from my time as Editor of the *Northland Age*, or through my mahi as a freelance journalist for *Te Ao with Moana*.

In 2018, when my beautiful nan — Heeni Hapa (Jane Smythe, née Shepherd) — passed away, I felt the strong karanga to come home. That moment became the beginning of my journey to reconnect with my whakapapa, te ao Māori, and the whenua of my tūpuna.

This mahi with Whangaroa Papa Hapū is therefore more than just a role for me — it's a deep privilege and an honour, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to be able to utilise my skillset to āwhi our whānau and hapū in sharing our stories with mana, authenticity, and heart.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Myjanne.



Simon Whitlock – Website and Digital Support

Ko Simon Whitlock tōku ingoa.

Nō Ingarangi me te whenua Wīwī ōku tūpuna.

Nō Pōneke ōku mātua, heoi anō i tipu ake au i Akarana.

Kua nukunuku māua ko tōku hoa rangatira ki konei i te tau 2022. Kei Pupuke māua e noho ana.

I have been managing the Whangaroa Papa Hapū website for the last couple of years. I really enjoy the website work as well as being part of the community.

Ngā mihi maioha,
Simon.

Bonnie Boyed – Content and Social Media Coordinator



Kia ora whānau,
Ko Bonnie Boyed tōku ingoa.
Nō Whangaroa ahau.

It's a privilege to contribute the knowledge I've gained through my communications degree to support our whānau and hapū as part of the Whangaroa Papa Hapū Communications Team.

My role is to strengthen and encourage whānau engagement through the sharing of pānui, creative content, and kaupapa that bring us together as whānau, hapū and descendants of Whangaroa.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Bonnie Boyed

Haohao Te Tangata – Gathering Our People



Whangaroa Papa Hapū is excited to officially launch Haohao Te Tangata, our new educational video series on Ngā Takenga Mai, a draft mandate strategy discussion document for Whangaroa.

Every fortnight, journalist and host Myjanne Jensen will interview whānau from across our rohe, sharing whakaaro on key topics in our hapū-led redress journey including “What is Ngā Takenga Mai?”, “Why does it matter?”,

“The impact of colonisation in Whangaroa”, “Hapū kaikōrero” “Entry and exit options for Hapū” “What’s it like to go through the redress process?” and more.

Our first episode, Ko wai a Whangaroa Papa Hapū?, features kaiwhakahaere Robyn Tauroa. Robyn will share the origins of the rōpū, the journey through the Waitangi Tribunal claims process and its most recent role in supporting the redress process.

This kaupapa is about bringing our whānau and hapū together — to listen, learn, share kōrero, and help shape Ngā Takenga Mai. We recognise and respect that our whānau hold diverse views and perspectives on redress, and this is a space for those voices to be heard and acknowledged.

Our tūpuna led the way, now it's our turn to collectively decide what redress truly means for us, today and for future generations. Whether you are near or far, as uri of Whangaroa, your voice matters.

 Tune in, share your whakaaro, and be part of our journey.

Maumahara Mane Series



He rā mō te maumahara — a day to pause and remember.

Whangaroa Papa Hapū welcomes you to follow and engage with our fortnightly series Maumahara Mane as we share treasured memories and stories from our archives to honour the people, places, events and kaupapa that have shaped our collective journey. These posts are an invitation to come together to reflect, remember, reconnect and share kōrero as we preserve and pass these taonga on to future generations.