

November 2021

Tēnā rā tātau e aku whanaunga

He karanga tēnei ki ngā uri o Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika, he tūnga kaitūao kei te motu o Mātiu mō tēnei raumati.

The summer season is upon us, and the volunteer position of Kaitiaki Tūao on Mātiu/Somes Island is now open. Third time running, the opportunity for one uri to actively be a tāngata tiaki on Mātiu/Somes Island over the summer re-learning, making connections, being a voice of welcome and actively contributing to the manaakitanga of manuhiri and tāonga species of the motu is an opportunity worth applying for.

Suitable for anyone who is;

- Uri of Taranaki Whānui
- 17years or older (needs to be independent).
- Able to work & stay on Mātiu, Mon-Fri doing 8.5hrs a day
- Volunteering for a minimum of four to twelve weeks
- Start date: Monday 13th December 2021, finish date & holiday break negotiable
- No experience needed, training provided
- \$150 kai voucher at the end of each working week
- Needs to be active, walking up and down the hill and on uneven surfaces is a daily task

How to apply;

- Send in your CV with a summary of up to 500-words expressing your interest for this role.
- For a copy of the job description or questions please contact Gemma on 027 204 2858 or gwright@doc.govt.nz

Applications close on **Monday 6th December 2021, 5.00pm**. Please share with your whānau and networks.

E aku whānau whānui, tēnei ka mihi atu ki a koutou,

Ngā manaakitanga

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Volunteer Role:

Kaitiaki Tūao – Volunteer Kaitiaki: Mātiu/Somes Island



Te Āheitanga – The Opportunity

The Kaitiaki Tūao is a volunteer opportunity for descendants of Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika (Taranaki Whānui) to re-connect with Mātiu/Somes Island and its community.

You will be mentored by the Iwi Kaitiaki Ranger and Island Rangers using a Tuakana-Teina approach over the summer period 2021-2022. You will become familiar with the Kaitiaki Ranger role and the Island's operational systems, over a period of at least four to twelve weeks. As Kaitiaki Tūao you will be the voice of welcome to manuhiri, volunteers, and Department staff.

This is an excellent opportunity for descendants of Taranaki Whānui who are interested in learning more about Mātiu/Somes Island or exploring a career in the environment.

Wāhi mahi – Workplace.

Te motu o Mātiu – Mātiu Island

Ngā rā mahi – Dates.

You will be required for at least four to twelve weeks. Starting on Monday 13th December 2021. The successful candidate and Kaitiaki Ranger will negotiate holiday break and finishing date. You will do an 8.5 hour day; five days per week. Weekends may be required.

Mā wai tēnei tūnga e whakakī – Who can fill this role?

Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika (Taranaki Whānui) descendants aged 17 years and over. Needs to be independent, have a willingness to give anything a go, and a respectable attitude towards themselves and others. No prior conservation experience is needed.

What to Expect

Ngā Kaitautoko – Support team.

You will be well supported by:

- Iwi – Kaitiaki Ranger, Kaitiaki Board Members and others.
- DOC – Island Rangers, Kapiti/Wellington Office team and others.

Ngā mahi – Key tasks.

The Department is committed to upholding its vision of “injury free and safe home every day” for its workers, contractors and volunteers. You will learn and apply DOC’s health and safety processes. The work is predominantly to do with iwi projects, re-connection, and learning from the island rangers. You will:

- Be the voice of welcome to manuhiri, iwi and kaimahi on behalf of Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika in the islands biosecurity room.
- Lead a re-connection project with your whānau to Mātiu Island.
- Assist Iwi Kaitiaki ranger with iwi projects and programmes.
- Learn about the islands Māori, Iwi and European history.
- Kaitiaki of Whare Mahana, 10 Iwi interpretation pou, Tomokanga/Waharoa.
- Other tasks as required.

You will participate in Island Rangers’ work:

- Island systems.
- Bait station and tracking tunnels
- Manaaki the islands wildlife
- Track maintenance
- Cleaning water filters
- Sanding, scraping, painting
- Other tasks as required

Ngā Pūkenga – Attributes and Skills required.

| <i>Skill</i> | <i>Required</i> | <i>Preferred</i> |
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| Working unsupervised | Yes | |
| Follow written and verbal instructions | Yes | |
| Public speaking | Yes | |
| Te Reo Māori me ōna Tikanga. | | Preferred |
| Knowledge of Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o Te Ika history | | Preferred |
| Physically fit, able to comfortably walk with 5kg pack up to four hours over uneven ground | Yes | |

| Certificate or Licence | Required | Preferred |
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| NZ driver licence | | Preferred but not essential |
| First Aid Certificate | | Preferred |

Ngā āhuatanga o Mātiu – Mātiu environment

Immerse yourself into the rhythm of Mātiu, surrounded by the waves of Tangaroa, and the winds of Tāwhirimātea. The motu, is 24 ha and largely dominated by the mokopuna of Tānemahuta with multiple network of tracks. There are many historic buildings, accommodation and a campground. We welcome up to 20,000 manuhiri each year from x6 ferries each weekday and up to x11 ferries over the weekend. The island is mammalian predator free since 1989, and with your help we strive to continue this mahi.

Some of the island is steep and travel around the coast & through the bush can be difficult. Both working off track and around the coast are expected. Staff travel by small

boat between the harbour islands – Mokopuna, Makaro and Mātiu – so embarking and disembarking off beaches and rocky coasts is usual.

There is mobile phone reception on all areas of the island.

Mā Te Papa Atawhai e tautoko – What DOC provides

Equipment: All uniform and Personal Protective equipment for specific jobs are provided.

Transport: One trip to and from the island weekly via East by West ferries.

Accommodation: will be in the islands Motel units which have a fully stocked kitchen (except food), x2 beds and bathroom. There is a shared washing machine. Under normal circumstances, you will be living alone, but if the island gets full, you will be asked to share a room with another volunteer for a time.

Food: You will supply your own food but will be reimbursed with a \$150 grocery voucher at the end of each working week. We do ask you to come with your first weeks' worth of food.

Training: All relevant training is done on site.

Detailed logistics are provided on confirmation of acceptance of volunteer role.

Mauria mai ēnei mea – Bring with you the following

- Kai
- Warm clothes
- Sneakers and working shoes with a steel cap (able to get dirty)
- Swimming / diving gear
- Torch (preferably with a red light)
- Sleeping Bags/Bedding
- Towel and personal toiletries
- Personal Entertainment – there is no internet or TV in the motel rooms

Ētahi atu pārongo – Other information.

Motel units:

- Each motel unit has a fully equipped kitchen, with gas oven and hob
- Fridge
- Pots, pans and utensils
- Empty Rubbish bins and Compost bins (There is a compost heap outside)
- Dining Table and chairs
- Lounge with couches
- x2 beds

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Kaitiaki Tūao Autumn 2021

Hirini Marsh

Mihi

E ngā manu tioriori o tēnā whānau, o tēnā whānau, e ngā uri o Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika, tēnā tātau katoa.

Ko Hirini Marsh tēnei,

Ko Te Atiawa te Iwi

Ko Te Matehou te hapū

Ko Pukeatua te Maunga

Ko Waiwhetu te Āwa

Ko Arohanui ki Te Tangata te marae

Tihei Mouri ora.

Background

The role of the Kaitiaki Tūao – Volunteer Kaitiaki, began in the summer of 2019 as one avenue to reconnect uri of Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika to Mātiu/Somes Island. In 2019, Te Atiawa uri Te Atatu Patelesio pioneered the way, as the first Kaitiaki Tūao.

The Mātiu/Somes Island rangers had the privilege of working alongside Te Atiawa uri Hirini Marsh as the second Kaitiaki Tūao between March and May of 2021.

Hirini applied for this role because he was on a journey of learning his whakapapa and reconnecting to the motu just as his great grandmother did, who was an avid kairuku moana and provider for her whānau and wider community. For this reason, Hirini



Figure 1: Kaitiaki Tūao Hirini Marsh practicing his mihi, biosecurity and health & safety kōrero in the whare manuhiri. wanted to connect, relearn, and take care of the tāonga that live on the motu.

The experience

On his very first day of mahi, Hirini managed to set foot on all three harbour islands Mātiu, Mokopuna and Makāro to ensure mammalian predators weren't present as part of the monthly pest management checks. Talk about getting straight into the mahi!

Braving new adventures such as public speaking, he quickly began to grow in confidence delivering proudly his mihi, leading the biosecurity process and



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the health & safety talk to all manuhiri and whānau visiting the motu.

We had many wānanga actively connecting ourselves to the taiao, whether that was spending time in the realm of Tangaroa, or getting to know the different rākau, manu, wētā and mokomoko species and their roles in the environment.

Hirini contributed to the induction process of volunteers to the motu, worked with the community groups and always worked over and beyond to finish the mahi.

We saw Hirini grow with confidence each passing week as he familiarized and settled into his role. We farewelled Hirini and his whānau in May 2021 with kai and a good look back on the journey he took whilst he was Kaitiaki Tūao.

He mihi

We, the Mātiu/Somes Island rangers, would like to extend our thanks and acknowledgement to Hirini Marsh and his whānau whānui for the contributions, the shared learnings and mouri he brought to this role and the motu. E kore ngā mihi e mutu mōu e Hirini.

The Opportunity

There is one position available for Taranaki Whānui uri to be Kaitiaki Tūao – Volunteer Kaitiaki on Mātiu Island during the summer of 2021.

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COVID-19:

If Wellington is further affected by COVID-19, please be prepared to have your experience shortened. All other COVID-19 on island related matters will be shared with the successful candidate.

Apply now:

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Mouri Motu, Mouri Tāngata, Mouri Ora.



Figure 2: Wānanga in Te Wao Nui a Tāne, relearning to mihi and identify rākau and manu of the motu.