

Kaitiaki Whenua – Nursery

Looking to make a real difference?

Whai Māia is looking for a Kaitiaki Whenua to join the Nursery Team and contribute to the important mahi involved in the maintenance of the whenua including the marae grounds and surrounds.

Ko wai mātou | Who are we

Ko Whai Māia te peka whakawhanake o Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei. He huhua ngā kōkiri a tēnei peka, ko te mātauranga me te ako, ko te reo Māori me te ahurea tuakiri a Ngāti Whātua, ko ngā umanga me te mahi, ko ngā whare, ko te hauora me te oranga, ko te mahi tāpoi me ngā taonga tuku iho, ko te tiaki taiao me te penapena rawa.

Whai Māia is the tribal development arm for Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei. We are a diverse business encompassing education and learning, careers and employment, housing, health and wellbeing, culture and heritage, and environmental and resource management.

Our people are the heart of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei. Our goal is for whānau to be loved and nurtured, strong and happy, stand tall and proud, confident and enjoy life in comfort, companionship and inclusion.

Purpose of the role

Toi Taiao endeavours to support and extended on its foundation kaupapa “Ko Te Pukaki”. This kaupapa seeks increase the mauri of the natural environment by restoring native flora and fauna (including observation of organic, ethical and sustainable practices and traditional matauranga).

This supports NWO’s role as educator, carrier and guardian of knowledge, and leader for research around the natural environment. This role is designed as a flexible role that will support better outcomes across the landscaping, ecological, maara, rongoa and nursery teams that meet a range of contractual service obligations and allow Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei to develop its environmental capability.

This is a 6-month fixed-term role starting 21 January 2025 and ending on 18 July 2025.

Key Mahi Areas

- Nursery
- Landscaping projects
- Māra
- Ecological initiatives

Ngā tino pūkenga/whēako | Qualifications & Experience

- Full Clean Drivers licence
- Able to use landscaping and nursery equipment
- Physically fit and comfortable working in an outdoor environment
- Understanding of and commitment to Hua Parakore
- Eager to learn and advance personal development
- Excellent communication, verbal skills
- Understanding of plant diseases, pest management and harvesting processes
- Understanding of Maramataka, Māori organics and traditional matauranga
- Knowledge of traditional mara kai and mara rongoa
- Proficiency in nga tikanga me te reo Māori an advantage
- Understanding of planning, space allocation, design principles
- A strong Health and Safety mindset

To be successful in this role, we recognise that the following values & competencies are critical for kaimahi/employees to flourish at Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei:

- Manaakitanga
- Respect
- Resilience
- Whānau outcome focused
- Collaboration
- Cultural Understanding

Requirements & Checks

Applicants must have the right to work in New Zealand.

Please be aware in applying for this role, you may be required to undergo the following pre-employment checks:

- Police Vetting Report
- Driver's Licence Verification

Drug and Alcohol Testing

As part of our commitment to maintaining a safe and productive workplace, candidates for this position may be required to undergo pre-employment drug and alcohol testing. Additionally, employees may be subject to random, routine, or for-cause testing during the course of their employment in accordance with company policies and applicable New Zealand legislation.

By applying, you acknowledge and consent to potential drug and alcohol testing, as outlined in the company's Drug and Alcohol Policy, which adheres to the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and other relevant laws.

Apply Now

If you're interested, please click the 'Apply for this job' button at the top or bottom of the page.

If you have any questions about the role please email: jamiec@nwo.iwi.nz

Applications Close: Monday, 6 January 2025 - 5:00pm.

Note: Our office is closed from 23 December 2024 - 3 January 2025, therefore responses to any queries via our Careers' Site will be after Monday 6 January 2025.