



KAIPARA

Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Ngahere Ltd

Ngahere Kaitiaki

Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara (NMWoK – the post Treaty settlement entity for Ngāti Whātua o Kaipara / NWoK) purchased land under Woodhill and Riverhead Forests from the Crown in 2013. We entered into a JV arrangement with a forestry company and we have now have pines that NMWoK actually part-owns, planted on our own whenua.

There are several public roads / easements that run through the forests. These are common entry points for trespassers, although trespass, poaching and vandalism are unfortunately common across their full extent. In recent years, we have managed a team of kaitiaki who have patrolled the forests and surrounding areas, educating the public about access rights and wrongs, and protecting NMWoK interests.

These are the roles that NMWoKNL ('Ngahere', NMWoK's forest management arm) is looking to fill - to inform the public about accessing the forests and their attractions, health and safety with respect to the forests, to assist with forest security (eg. checking gates and monitoring for illegal / dangerous activity), supporting and promoting NMWoKNL (and NMWoK associated) businesses and activity in the forests and advocating for the care of our tribal resources (eg. dunes and kai moana).

The service runs during the typical working week, over weekends and public holidays, and for special events and filming activity. Staff will be on rostered shifts. Days can be long with early starts and late finishes. There will be the requirement from time to time for members of the kaitiaki team to assist with managing filming activity and sporting / other events, to contribute to pest control and maintenance around the forests, to help with emergency callouts when the need applies, to assist with recces by parties interested in making use of the forests, to manaaki whānau to access and use their ngahere, as well as the opportunity to contribute to cultural tourism offerings that NMWoKNL manages.

The successful applicant must be physically fit and in good health as the role requires walking moderate distances, sometimes on difficult terrain, manual labour including intensive work like cutting and splitting wood by hand, loading and unloading of fire-wood. (S)he must also be very sensible, trustworthy, well-spoken / articulate and good with people, as key tasks are public relations / education and monitoring / managing access into the forest. It would be of benefit if the applicant has an understanding of working on tablets, recording data, writing incident reports and following clear instructions. (S)he must

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hold a clean driver's license and be willing to be subject to a Police background check, as well as workplace drug testing. Security training / experience would be an advantage, as would knowledge of Te Reo me ngā tikanga o Ngāti Whātua and of our south Kaipara communities.

This is an exciting opportunity to be part of the development of the Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Ngahere team working in and around Woodhill and Riverhead.

If you are interested, please forward before 16/10/2023 an application letter and an up-to-date cv to:

Ngahere [@kaiparangahere.com](mailto:poutahu@kaiparangahere.com)

Attention: Wikiriwhi Ratima (Kaiwhakahaere Kaitiaki, NMWoKNL)

Please focus on your qualifications and attributes that make you suitable for the kaitiaki role, but do mention interests and skills that could be useful in the wider activities of NMWoKNL (eg. cultural tourism).

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