

Cultural inductions for all workers

It is important to Ngāti Tama that all involved in Te Ara o Te Ata – Mt Messenger Bypass enter the front doors of the iwi before entering the project site.

Since 2020, Pukearuhe Marae has hosted cultural inductions for more than 750 project workers.

A core principle of the iwi is MANAAKI – respecting and valuing others. MANAAKI is the foundation of the cultural induction space. Cultural safety and wellbeing for the environment and each other are paramount to the project.

The rich history and kōrero of Ngāti Tama are shared on a visit to the coastal lands returned under the project agreement, which unlock access to significant wāhi tapu (sacred places) and pā sites. This visit has been a memorable experience for many.

The project team and Ngāti Tama will continue widening pathways of true collaboration and successful outcomes for all involved on Te Ara o Te Ata.

‘He rau ringa, He oti ai’

‘The hands of many will complete the works ahead’

Some feedback from cultural inductions:

- ‘It was a lovely introduction into the history and culture of the locals (Ngāti Tama) and their collaboration in building the new road’*
- ‘The induction opened my eyes to the history of the mana whenua and the deep significance of the land where we are working.’*
- “Knowing that Ngāti Tama is happy with the road is a weight lifted off my shoulders’*



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