



NG MĀIA

Tāmaki Makaurau  
Māori Midwives

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 12, 2019**

NMTM Monthly Hui – Matariki

**June 18-20, 2019**

International Indigenous Health and Wellbeing Conference 2019, Darwin

**June 26-29, 2019**

NAISA Conference, Waikato University

**July 2, 2019**

NZCOM Auckland Monthly Meeting – Matariki celebration. Guest speaker Rikki Solomon presenting Nga Kitenga o te Maramataka: Insights into the Maramataka (Māori Lunar Calendar)

**July 10, 2019**

NMTM Monthly Hui

**August 6, 2019**

NZCOM Auckland Monthly Meeting – AGM

**Save the Date 2020**

**June 21 - 25, 2020**

32<sup>nd</sup> International Confederation of Midwives Triennial Congress – Indonesia

## NGĀ MIHI NUI KI A KOUTOU KATOA

Tenā koutou katoa. We would like to thank all of the passionate midwives, midwifery students and whānau who we have seen over the last couple months at our regular hui. It has been wonderful to come together, share kai and work on our upcoming projects for the year. We hope to see many more of you over the coming months.

NMTM has been working hard to organise some exciting events for the year in order to uplift and celebrate our membership. During our June and July hui we will be celebrating Matariki, the Māori New Year! We look forward to celebrating with the New Zealand College of Midwives Auckland Region at their July meeting, and we warmly invite you to join us for a special shared kai and an insightful presentation from Rikki Solomon on the Maramataka. Keep an eye out for our next pānui, where we will announce more exciting events that we will be hosting!

We would like to congratulate two of our new graduate midwife members, Sean Hamilton and Aroha Tokerangi on their new roles as Registered Midwives. Sean has joined Auckland District Health Board in their Māori Midwifery Service, Te Manawa o Hine and Aroha has joined Counties Manukau Health at Middlemore Hosiptal. You both bring so much pride into your work and are fiercely passionate about incorporating tikanga Māori into your practice to serve women and whānau to the best of your abilities. We wish you both well in your new roles, and know you will be an incredible asset to your teams.

Hei maumaharatanga ki te tino hoa, it is with great sadness that we share of the sudden passing of our dear friend and colleague Diana Bates Keepa Hunuhunu in her sleep on the morning of Friday 19th April 2019. Diana was a strong wahine Māori and a passionate and generous midwife and friend. Among the many roles Diana held she was the Ngā Māia o Aotearoa South Island Representative on the New Zealand College of Midwives National Board and was a member of the Ngā Māia o Aotearoa National Board of Trustees. A service for Diana was held at the Canterbury Crematorium in Christchurch on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Diana touched the lives of those around her and we are deeply saddened by this loss. Our thoughts and aroha go to Diana's husband Clint Bates, her young children and whānau at this time. We will miss your joy, kindness and presence 'Lady Di'. Kei konā te aroha me te whakaaro.

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## Ā WHĀNAU TAUMATA RAU O NGĀ MĀIA KI TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU

### NGĀ MIHI KI NGĀ WĀHINE WHAKAWHĀNAU, NGĀ TAUIRA ME NGĀ WHĀNAU O NGĀ MĀIA KI TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU

*Acknowledging our remarkable Māori midwives, students and whānau*

*This month's pānui features Lavinia McGee-Repia, one of our valued Ngā Māia ki Tāmaki Makaurau Board Members.*



**Lavinia McGee-Repia**

**Ngā Māia ki Tāmaki Makaurau  
Whānau Representative Board  
Member**

*I te taha o tōku Papa. No kotimana ia. I te taha o tōku māmā. Ko Onekainga te maunga. Ko Te Wairahi te awa. Ko Whakapaumahara te wharenuī. Ko Mahuhu ki rangi te waka. Ko whānau whero me Ngāti Rehua te hapū. Ko Ngātiwai te iwi. Ko motu tohora i whaka kohatu naia Te Tai Tonga. Ko nga Taratara o Toi te Huatahi Te Tai Tokerau. Ko motu Rangiahua Te Tai Hauauru. Ko Kaitoke kohatu Te Tai Rāwhiti. Ko Hirakimata te maunga tapu waenga nui, Ko te Moananui o Toi Te Huatahi te moana, Ko Rehua raua ko Te Rangituangahuru nga tupuna. Ko Tukaiaia; ko te Tuatara; ko Te Mauri nga Kaitiaki. Ko Ngāti Rehua-Ngātiwai ki Aotea te mana whenua. Ko Ngātiwai te iwi. Tihei wa mauri ora! Tokowhitu ōku tamariki. Tekau ma ono ōku mokopuna. Kotahi tōku mokomoko. E noho ana au ki Pakuranga. Ko Lavinia McGee-Repia tōku ingoa.*

Lavinia is currently employed by Auckland District Health Board as the Aranga Tētēkura Service Coordinator (Maternal Wellbeing and Child Protection Advisory Service). She brings to this role her passion for facilitating best and better health outcomes for the community she serves, her background of two years midwifery training and a Bachelor of Health Science from the Auckland University of Technology, and her working experience as a Whānau Ora Kaiarahi at Manurewa Marae and as a residential home Team Leader with Oranga Tamariki.

Lavinia is dedicated to uplifting her communities, giving time to various volunteer roles, such as with us at NMTM, the New Zealand College of Midwives Auckland Region Committee and for Ruapotaka Marae. We are incredibly lucky to have Lavinia as a NMTM Board Member who is always around to uplift our rōpū with wisdom, guidance, manaaki and fry bread.

A devoted daughter, mother and grandmother, Lavinia stands proud in the heritage that she carries from both her mother and father. "I am grateful for the teachings I have learnt from them" says Lavinia. She describes her mother as a true stalwart and wishes she possessed more of her qualities. Her mother was the rock and foundation of her whānau, teaching Lavinia how to pray, find peace within herself, and how to rely on a loving Heavenly Father. Her father, a hard worker, always ensured their whānau never went without, "...providing a roof over our head, a warm bed to sleep in and food on the table". No other work transcends that of righteous intentional parenting.

To her parents, she will be forever grateful. Lavinia's dreams and aspirations involve her whānau always. In her words, "...without my whānau I am nothing, without their support I cannot achieve, without their love I cannot grow, without their strength I cannot be, whānau mo ake tonu". She is very proud of her children and grandchildren's achievements which has enabled them opportunities to travel the world, perform kapa haka in Italy and be part of the television world in "City Slickers 2". Lavinia is grateful that she is Māori and comes from a true heritage of aroha, whakaponu, tumanako, rangimarie taught in her youth by a loving mother and grandmother.

Lavinia's sister, Judyth Hilton, is a midwife, stemming from their Great, Great Grandmother who was the midwife on Aotea (Great Barrier Island), and her moko kauae depicts this. Lavinia feels blessed to have had a special part in the birth of some of her whānau members. When baby is born and the veil between heaven and earth is thin, she can feel the wairua of her tūpuna. When that veil is thin and our tūpuna have the opportunity to visit is one of the most spiritual moments that one can experience, and so she takes her hat off to all midwives who are out there and have the opportunity every time they birth a baby to be in the presence of the tūpuna of that pepi.

Lavinia believes that true love blooms when we care more about another person than we care about ourselves.

She would like to leave our readers with the following, "Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui".



Strength from My Ancestors - Hine Te Iwaiwa  
By Regan Balzer for Ngā Maia o Aotearoa

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Puti Baker: Co-Deputy Chair and Treasurer

Our rōpū welcomes new membership. If you would like to become a Ngā Māia ki Tāmaki Makaurau member please contact us or to download a membership form visit: <http://www.ngamaia.co.nz>

Please email your completed membership form to us at: [ngamaia.tamakimakaurau@gmail.com](mailto:ngamaia.tamakimakaurau@gmail.com)

Annual membership fees:  
Midwife - \$100.00  
Student Midwife, Whānau, Consumer, Kaumātua - \$30.00.

### Cinnamon Lindsay: Secretary

If you are due for your MSR and require certificates for your NMTM professional activity and continuing midwifery education involvement, please email us at least two weeks prior to needing these records.

Also, members can you please advise us if you have a change in contact details for rōpū communications.

Please contact us at if you have a notice you would like to have included in our monthly panui.

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## NGĀ MĀIA KI TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU NOTICEBOARD UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Are you a health worker, researcher, postgraduate student, community worker or volunteer that is working on a project or initiative related to tikanga Māori or Māori health? Would you like to speak at one of our upcoming hui during our bi-monthly education segment? We would love to hear from you!
- Our Ngā Māia o Aotearoa lanyards can be purchased for \$10 each at our monthly hui, via Facebook or by contacting Jana Kite, one of our NMTM Student Representatives at [jana.kite@gmail.com](mailto:jana.kite@gmail.com)
- Have you had any problems with your Ngā Māia o Aotearoa lanyards? Unfortunately some people have received lanyards that have broken due to mechanical issues with the retractable reel. We have been in contact with our supplier and are replacing the lanyards. We apologise if you have had this issue and invite you to please make contact with Jana for a free replacement.
- It is great having the opportunity to share the amazing stories of our Māori midwives, students and whānau in our Ngā Whānau Taumata Rau o Ngā Māia ki Tāmaki Makaurau pānuī segment. If you would like to nominate someone to feature in this segment or have a story you would like to share of your own, we would love to hear from you. Please email us at [ngamaia.tamakimakaurau@gmail.com](mailto:ngamaia.tamakimakaurau@gmail.com)
- To make our rōpū more accessible to our members and supporters outside of the Auckland region we would like to remind you all that joining us via Zoom video conferencing is available. Please contact Kaniwa Kupenga-Tamarama on the day of our monthly hui at [kaniwathemidwife@hotmail.com](mailto:kaniwathemidwife@hotmail.com) to arrange access to the Zoom link.

## NGĀ MĀIA KI TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU MONTHLY HUI NAU MAI, HAERE MAI!

**Venue:** NZCOM Auckland Resource Centre.

**Date and Time: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019, 1800 - 2130**

**1800 - 1930:** Committee and regional business hui.

Ngā Māia ki Tāmaki Makaurau members welcome. MCNZ Accredited.

**1930 - 2130:** Regional hui and education/discussion forum.

All midwives, students and whānau welcome. MCNZ Accredited.

### **Guest Presenter**

**Vanessa Duthie – Māori Health Workforce Consultant,  
Auckland District Health Board  
*Māori Health Workforce Persona's***

**Date and Time: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019, 1800 - 2130**

**1800 - 1930:** Committee and regional business hui.

Ngā Māia ki Tāmaki Makaurau members welcome. MCNZ Accredited.

**1930 - 2130:** Regional hui and education/discussion forum.

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**Māori Midwifery Student Discussion Forum**  
***A forum for Māori midwifery students to network, share  
and discuss knowledge, experiences and tips***

You are welcome to bring a plate of kai to share at our monthly hui.