

'Tau mai e Kapiti'

Māori Writer's Residency
Waiorua Bay, Kapiti Island
Matariki 2009

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Kaitiaki o Kapiti Trust*

Nau mai, Haere mai, Tukua mai o Koutou Pepa Tono Invitation to Apply

*Tau mai e Kapiti
Whakataretare mai ki te rangatahi e hao nei.
Waikāhua, Waikātohu, e mau ki ngā mana
i ngakia e koe.
Ūhia mai rā te manaakitanga a ngā tūpuna
kua wehe ki te pō
hei mauri whakakaha
i te hinengaro
o Tama, o Hine e pae nei.*

*We salute you Kapiti
Gaze upon the youth that gather here.
Who shall say who will take hold of the
authority vested in you?
Bestow the blessings of those
ancestors who have passed on
As an empowering life-force for the
minds and imaginations
Of the children gathered here.*

(*Excerpt from 'Tau mai e Kapiti', pātere composed by Kīngi Tahiwī, 1930s. Lyrics and translation from 'Kāti au i konei', Charles Te Ahukaramū Royal, Huia Publishers, 1994)

Applications are invited for the **Tau mai e Kapiti Māori Writer's Residency 2009**. This is the only known Māori writer's residency in Aotearoa New Zealand, and the first artist's residency of any kind to be offered on Kapiti Island.

The chosen writer will be given a grant and the opportunity to live and write on the northern end of Kapiti Island in the Kapiti Nature Lodge. The writer will share meals and some facilities with the host families and visitors to the Lodge.

The **'Tau mai e Kapiti** writer's residency will take place for eight weeks during Matariki, Māori New Year: 22 June to 14 August 2009.

We welcome applications from Māori writers aged 25 and over, writing in te reo Māori or English, for children or adults, in the following genres: non-fiction, fiction, poetry, scripts, waiata/songs.

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The closing date for applications is 27 February 2009. The selection panel's decision will be announced in early April 2009. This residency is funded by Te Waka Toi, and is supported and hosted by the Kaitiaki o Kapiti Trust.