



Tuia Te Ao Marama

Panui

Are you Māori?

Did you Nurse in a mental health (psychiatric) hospital or service during 1950 to 1990 in New Zealand?

Are you interested in being interviewed for an Oral History project that will capture the stories of Māori mental health nurses?

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Information Sheet

Project Title: **Tuia Te Ao Marama, Māori Mental Health Nurses Oral History Project**

Te Ao Maramatanga (College of Mental Health Nurses) is the professional body for practicing Mental Health Nurses in New Zealand. Our Mission Statement is: ***Partnership, Voice, and Excellence in Mental Health Nursing.***

Mental health institutions, the care of the mentally ill and the people that worked as mental health nurses are imagined and stereotyped to a degree that the public have fixed ideas about them. Opinions are shaped by depictions of the images and stories presented in literature, movies, television and folklore. Typically broadly painted and over simplified, the images portrayed have the potential to misrepresent the mental health nurse and their reasons for choosing to care for the mentally unwell.

The information regarding Māori nurses, their mental health nursing experiences and the contributions they make to others is scarce. Much of the information and stories are held by individual Māori who were professionally employed in mental health services and among some of their whanau. This project aims to contribute rich narratives of Māori nurses about their professional experiences as Māori mental health nurses in Aotearoa.

Māori Caucus members of Te Ao Maramatanga will conduct interviews amongst Māori who were mental health nurses between 1950- 1990, to contribute to a resource for publication. The Māori caucus envisions the resource will be invaluable as it will act as one method of acknowledging Māori mental health nursing. As well as contributing to a nursing history based in Aotearoa/New Zealand and adding a perspective to the education of prospective mental health nurses, about Māori mental health nursing.

The team members for this project are: [Maria Baker](#) (Ngapuhi, Te Rarawa), [Tio Sewell](#) (Ngati Maru, Te Arawa), [Hineroa Hakiaha](#) (Tuhoehoe), [Ron Baker](#) (Rongomaiwahine, Ngati Porou), [Jayne Tawhi-Amopiu](#) (Ngati Toa Rangatira, Tuwharetoa, Ngati Porou, Ngai Tahu me Norway), [Katrina Wahanui](#) (Ngati Maniapoto, Ngati Urunumia, Ngati Apakura, Ngati Kahu, Nga Puhi), [Tish Siaoisi](#) (Ngati Mutunga o Wharekauri) & [Donna Tearii](#) (Ngati Maniapoto.)

What is the purpose of this project?

To create a written record of the contributions Māori nurses made during 1950 to 1990 to mental health nursing and the care of the mentally unwell in New Zealand.

What are the benefits?

The information you share will contribute toward the development of a resource about Māori who worked in various mental health services during 1950-1990. We envision a resource will show case a number of perspectives from Māori who may not have had the opportunity to share their stories about their experiences as mental health nurses. We believe this Māori oral history project will inform and inspire the future generations of Māori entering mental health and the health workforce.

What will happen in this project?

For Māori who are interested to participate in this project, we will ask you to take part in an interview. We will negotiate the length of time the interview will take prior to each interview. We will sit down and have a korero about your experiences, your thoughts and opinions. The interview will be recorded.

What are the discomforts and risks?

We do not envision any issues arising, however as we korero during the interview, some of the information you share may be reminiscent of some sensitive issues. If there is a possibility of you or others in the interview becoming upset, we will cease the interview or have a break to reassess the kaupapa. Anything you share will be respected and we will work with you to ensure the richness of the korero is maintained. But, at the same time ensuring the integrity of your korero, views and preferences are articulated in the manner you will be happy with.

How will my privacy be protected?

This is a voluntary Oral History Project, and there will be certain information revealed and encouraged, such as your name, whakapapa (etc). We will work with you, to determine the best way to protect the privacy of you and others. We will also work with you to determine what identifiable information you are happy with being recorded in the final resource. During the tenure of this project your interview information will be stored on a separate laptop and hard drive with secure password access. All written information will be stored in a

locked cabinet. Following the completion of the project, the data will be stored with Te Ao Maramatanga and National Library.

What are the costs of participating in this project?

The only cost is your time.

What opportunity do I have to consider this invitation?

If you are interested in participating, we will contact you directly, we will tell you more about the project, where you can ask us any questions you may have. If you agree, we will schedule a time for an interview. You are welcome to change your mind and withdraw from the project up to a fortnight following the completion of the interview.

How do I agree to participate in this project?

You can let Maria Baker know you would like to participate in the project by text, phone or email. You will need to sign and complete an agreement form before we commence the interview. We will bring this to you to sign at the time of the interview.

Will I receive feedback on the results of this project?

Yes, following the completion of your interview, you will receive a copy of the draft information to ensure accuracy of your korero, and how we may incorporate it in the resource. You will also receive a copy of the resource once finished.

What do I do if I have concerns about this project?

Any concerns regarding the nature of this project should be notified in the first instance to Te Ao Maramatanga (College of Mental Health Nurses) National Office PO Box 83111 Edmonton Rd, Auckland.

Whom do I contact for further information about this research?

You can contact Maria Baker – 021373428 or mariabaker3@hotmail.com