

WHAKAPAPA

Whakapapa: Geneology, lineage, descent, kinship and status.

Artist's note on symbolism

Whakapapa is represented by a younger and older generation linking hands to show the passing on of bloodlines and knowledge.

The harakeke symbolises the whānau structure. The rito, which is the innermost part of the harakeke, represents the child, and is supported by the awhi rito, which represents the adult.

In this illustration the rito of the harakeke becomes the central pou, and the patterning shows the links of generations as recorded on the rafters of a whareniui.

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Kāi Tahu, Ngāti Kahungunu ki te Wairoa.

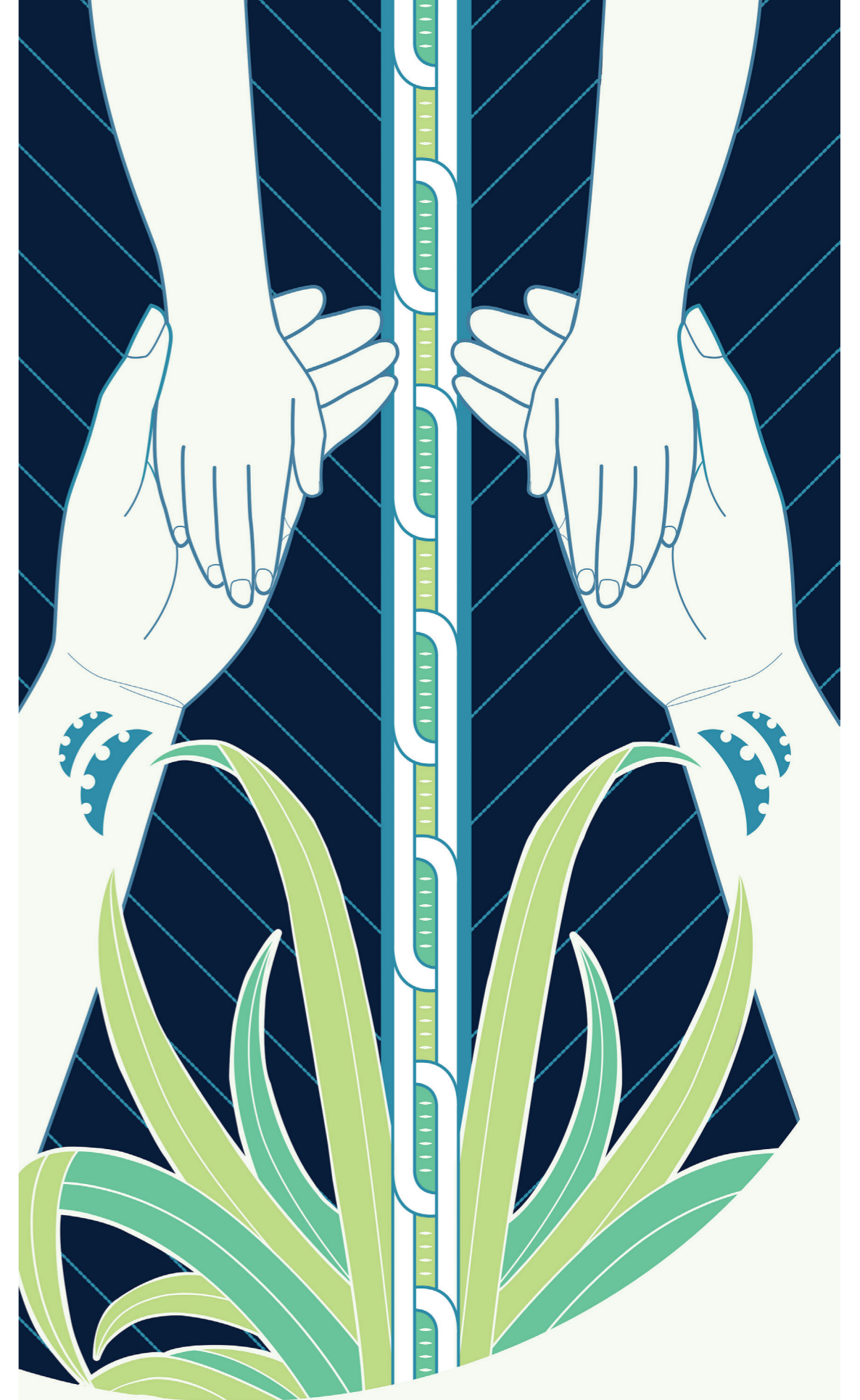
I am an illustrator who has been freelancing for five years since graduating with a design degree from Massey University, majoring in illustration.

I live and work in Te-Whanganui-a-Tara with my partner and cat, and specialise in educational material with an emphasis on mātauranga Māori.

My artistic style draws on my interests in kōwhaiwhai, botanical illustrations and folk art, and my favourite work is children's book illustration.

I have six children's books published so far, through Huia, Scholastic, Te Papa Press, Cengage and Penguin Random House. When I'm not drawing, I enjoy walking, cooking, making music and playing computer games.

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