



***Taiaha! Taiaha!***  
***E ngā mana nui o Te Taiuhu kia rite mai koutou,***  
***mauria mai nga pūkenga ki te papa a Rēhia.***  
**KIA TOTO TE RAU!!**

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Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō wishes to extend an invitation to all Te Taiuhu o te Waka o Māui manawhenua iwi, Ngāti Kuia, Rangitāne o Wairau, Ngāti Koata, Ngāti Toa Rangatira, Ngāti Rārua, Ngāti Tama, and Te Ātiawa, to be part of Te Ipukarea, Inter-Iwi sports day **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Landsdowne Park, Blenheim.** We are excited for what promises to be a fun-filled day of whanaungatanga, laughter, banter and **'friendly competitive'** iwi rivalry in the form of sports.

This pānui is the first of many that will be coming your way over the next few weeks. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our organising team – their details are at the end of this pānui.

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- A mihi whakatau will be held for participating teams, representatives and supporters on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 6pm, at the Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō Trust office in Seymour St, Blenheim. (This will move to Omaka Marae if need be due to numbers). Light snacks will be available. Whilst we are aware that some teams may not arrive until game day, it would be appreciated if a representative from each team could attend to receive any last-minute instructions and all required information.
- Accommodation will be available at Omaka Marae from Friday to Sunday for team members and supporters travelling for this event. Please contact Omaka Marae if you wish to reserve a spot on (03) 5789256 or email [admin@omakamarae@xtra.co.nz](mailto:admin@omakamarae@xtra.co.nz). There will be a small fee (\$10pp, tamariki U10yrs free) but the marae will work through this with you.
- Set up of your tents/marquees/gazebos at Landsdowne Park can happen on the day, from 8am onwards. Karakia will be 8:45am and the first games will begin at 9:30am.
- The games this year will be **netball, touch rugby, and Ki o Rahi**. Grading and registration information will be sent out separately. Iwi may enter a maximum of **2 teams per sport/grade**.
- We encourage teams and supporters to make a day of it and pack a big hearty lunch as well as snacks to sustain them; the day is set to be a long one, with a lot of sweating and running.
- As well as kai and perhaps your own BBQ, your teams' and supporters' *'What to Bring'* lists should include a tent, marquee and/or gazebo. We will have tents for officials and some shading for kaumātua, as well as sunscreen on the go to help avoid burnt bodies and sunstroke, but your help in this would be appreciated.
- We encourage you to fly your iwi banners high throughout the day, so be sure to rally your supporters and cheerleaders.
- Our 'Officials' will receive all team registrations. It is their responsibility to manage the game draws and time schedules, make sure our referees are in place, answer any questions pertaining to their respective area/sport, and also manage any protests – conflict and resolution.
- Once all games are over, we will return to Omaka Marae for hākari and presentations. Concluding that, we would hope that another of our Te Taiuhu iwi may choose to 'hikina te mauri' for the next Te Ipukarea.

- We are using the **TE IPUKAREA Te Taihu o te Waka a Māui** Facebook page for all communication. We will post up fliers relating to the kaupapa i.e. registration forms, games rules, information regarding times, any changes in itinerary etc. Please encourage your team contacts to add themselves onto the page to stay up to date. Other communication will be via email or phone, simply contact one of the organising team.
- **Please Note: We will send out information on team registrations, grading and and payments shortly. Registrations will close on Monday 5th November.**
- For further information, questions or updates please feel free to contact a member of our organising team:

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