



Our waka wānanga at Lake Rotoiti © Pene Webber

Waka Wānanga

On the 5th and 6th of November, Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō held a waka wānanga at Lake Rotoiti to give our whānau more experience paddling and steering Te Haeata as well as some experience driving the safety boat after the Day Skippers course last month.

We were so lucky with the weather over the weekend! The sun even kept some of those pesky sandflies away.

We had a great turn out for the wānanga, and had the energy and spirit of tamariki to keep the kaihoe paddling throughout the day. Thank you to all of the whānau who came along for the weekend, especially those who came all the way from Wellington! We really enjoyed the opportunity to get the waka out on the water.

A big thank you also to Lee Mason, who showed us all how to paddle Te Haeata and for all his guidance working with Suz Tawaka as she is learning to steer the waka. Suz did an amazing job steering Te Haeata all weekend! Ka mau te wehi!

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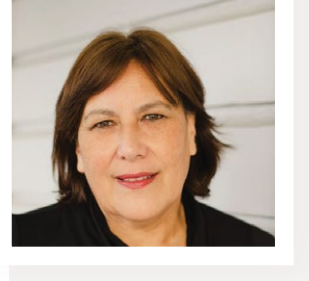
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FROM THE CHAIR



I have been overseas and, as a result, I missed the Annual General Meeting (AGM). I tried to join online but the connection was too unstable. Thank you to those who registered to participate in the whānau day and the AGM. The impact of the Government announcement to have a holiday in recognition of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth’s passing impacted on the final numbers who attended the Hui-a-Tau, but I trust you enjoyed catching up with each other.

I take this opportunity to congratulate Nicole Akuhata, who is the newly appointed Tarakaipa representative to the Trusts. Nicole will have an opportunity to tell you more about herself in a future edition of the pānui.

On behalf of the iwi, I’d like to thank the outgoing Tarakaipa Trustee Bosun Huntley for his contribution to the Trusts. He has added value to many of the issues presented for trustee consideration and Bosun has taken his responsibilities very seriously. We all wish Bosun the best for his future and no doubt we will see him at various functions throughout the coming years.

I have viewed a recording of the 2022 AGM and I would like to take this opportunity to either address the answers to your questions in more detail or to answer questions that were submitted other than from the floor. I plan to do so through the “Chair Update” in this issue of the pānui, and through future articles in the pānui until they have all been answered.

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Q: If a question were asked at the Board level, how do we know the Board has had the discussion, and has an action, and how then do we know the result?

A: The Board are regularly asked questions or clarification sought on various issues. Matters which require a Board response are always put on the Board agenda. Discussions are recorded in the minutes and responses should go out to the respective people making the enquiry either by letter, phone call or through the Chairperson. We utilise the pānui as another tool to answer questions which may impact on all iwi members, and this may be seen in the form of a specific article in the pānui. The Chairperson also utilises the ‘Chair Update’ to highlight matters which have a wider impact on all iwi members in order to answer specific questions. Our Apa website is also an avenue to get updates and often covers frequently asked questions that have been brought to our attention.

Q: How many staff are employed by Ngāti Apa and how many staff whakapapa to Ngāti Apa?

A: Ngāti Apa employ seven FTE and four contractors. Two members of staff whakapapa to the iwi. Furthermore, the Trust, at this stage of our development, have a comfort level with the number of staff currently employed and believes we have the staff with the best fit, skills and qualifications for their roles. Increases in staff numbers may come about because of capacity issues or from a need resulting from strategic planning by Trustees.

The overall aim of the Trustees has always been to have all positions within the Group managed and staffed by registered Ngāti Apa members. We are working towards this goal through the Associate Director’s role with Ngāti Apa Investments Limited (NAIL), the rangatahi programme, waiata wānanga, and through scholarships, grants and trade training grants in order to get suitably qualified members through their education. The initiatives we currently run all align with our vision and what we do gives purpose to that. We provide internships which allow our scholarship recipients opportunities to work within our group.

In parallel, other initiatives like the pahi project aim to ensure we have a ‘place to stand’ whilst solidifying our numbers within the cultural and te Reo Māori space so that we have the expertise to sit on the paepae, those who can karanga, and an iwi that can waiata. Once we have achieved this, we can then work towards a more formal setting like our own Marae in which we can stand with pride.

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Thank you to all the staff who helped in the organising of the AGM, thanks to Clinton and my fellow Trustees, and thanks to whānau who participated.

We had a Board hui on Saturday 5th November where I was appointed as the Chairperson of the Board for another year and Clinton Gapper the Deputy Chairperson. The Trust is also sad to have received the resignation of Shanell Kelly from her role as Capability Advisor for Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō. We will miss having her on our team and wish her all the best for her future endeavours.

As this will be the final pānui for the year, may I take this opportunity on behalf of the Group to wish you all a very safe and happy Merry Christmas, and let’s hope for a ‘fabulicious’ and restful New Year.

Until next time whānau, may you find peace in your whānau and joy in living.

Ngā mihi nui
Hinemoa Conner

Ngā Ararau (GIS) Project – The Many Paths of Apa

Kia ora e te whānau, Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō are in the very early planning phase of a new project called Ngā Ararau (GIS) Project – The Many Paths of Apa. This project aims to map out the rohe of Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō, through recording pūrakau and narratives of our people, highlighting sights of significance, mapping taonga species and wahi tapu.

We would appreciate your input whānau, as this will be a resource for you! Do you or your whānau have narratives you are willing to share? Perhaps you have interviewing skills? Are you a pro with a drone? Or behind the camera? This project will likely always be ongoing as we add to the mapping and define the information we gather – so please get in touch as we start to shape up how this project will look - your input would be very much appreciated. Email office@ngatiapakiterato.iwi.co.nz to get involved!

New kaimahi

Ko Anita Simpson tōku ingoa. I grew up in the small country town of Tapawera. After finishing my accounting degree, I spent some time overseas in various finance and office roles before returning home to raise my two young children, Tyler (3) and Evie (1).

I really enjoy the outdoors and can't wait to explore the beautiful Marlborough region. I am very excited about this new role and look forward to being able to contribute my skills and enthusiasm at Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō.

Kia ora e te whānau, ko Grace Tocker tōku ingoa. I have been the Events and Communications Co-ordinator for the past year so I have been fortunate enough to meet many of you at wānanga this year.

I have changed roles and am now the Taiao Advisor for Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō. I am very passionate about the environment and I have my MSc in Ecology and Biodiversity. I am really looking forward to working as part of the Taiao team with Jen and hope to see you all at the various Taiao projects we have lined up around the rohe over the next year.

Anita Simpson



Grace Tocker



Whakapapa me ōna Kōrero

Ko Rotoiti, ko Rotoroa ngā roto

In Te Waipounamu tradition, the Lakes Rotoiti and Rotoroa were discovered by Rākai-hautū as he explored the inland area. His descendant Toi is an ancestor of Ngāti Apa. In another version, the trail from Whakatū to Kawatiri was discovered by Tū-ororo-te-rangi of Ngāti Wairangi, another ancestor of some Ngāti Apa whānau. Generations later, Ngāti Apa would be using this route to visit each other as they moved between the different regions. The Lakes became an important feature in our cultural landscape, a part of our identity, and remain so today.

Our ancestors Kehu, also known as Hone Mokehakeha (1840s), and Pūaha te Rangi (1860) guided the first European surveyors through these lands. They gave these surveyors the many Māori placenames used today.

In our Treaty claims and negotiations, we fought to have our associations to the lakes recognised by the Crown, resulting in several significant Treaty Redress mechanisms. We received Statutory Acknowledgements and Deeds of Recognition for the Lakes and several of the alpine tarns. We secured our right to continue to take tuna from the lakes.



Puritia kia mau ki to tātai rangatira e ngā mōrehu o Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō

Ngā Mōrehu o Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō is the new Tipuna List whakapapa booklet for registered members which illustrates descent from our founding ancestor Apa to the ancestors in our Tipuna List. This is a downloadable PDF and can be requested via lyne.owen@ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz.

Kawepūrongo/News

Kaumātua Kirihimete Grants

Calling all kaumātua!
Make sure we have your up-to-date contact details so that we can organise your kirihimete grant. If you have moved house or changed email address, let us know by emailing office@ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz and giving us your new details. Letters have gone out, so get in touch if you haven't received yours!

Te Tira Kaumātua

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō are calling for registrations of interest for those wishing to be on our Kaumātua sub-Committee. If you are interested in being on our Kaumātua sub-Committee, please email office@ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz and tell us why you are keen to be involved!

Scholarships and Grants – open!

Our scholarships and grants are open for applications. We have three scholarships available, with focuses on the study of Te Reo, the environment, and business or commerce. We have our Education Grants to support members undertaking tertiary study. We also have our Trades Training Grants to support members through their trade training or apprenticeship. There is something for everyone! So head to our website and get your applications in by 5th February 2022.

Taiao Strategy

Our Taiao Team is busy developing the Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō Taiao Strategy. This document will outline the strategic direction of the iwi for te taiao within our rohe. The Taiao Strategy represents the views of our iwi members – We need your input! We are planning hui to get your feedback on the following key questions: What is te taiao to you? What are your aspirations for te taiao? What are the key environmental issues? If you would like to contribute your kōrero, we would love to hear from you! We can arrange group/individual hui at a time that suits you. Please contact taiao@ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz if you are keen to kōrero with us.

Farewell to Shanell Kelly

Kia ora e te whānau, it is with a heavy-heart that I advise you of the resignation of our Capability Advisor Shanell Kelly from the Trust. Nell has been with us for just over a year based in our Nelson office and has applied herself wholeheartedly to all her mahi. She has been generous with her support and insights, and has been a valued team member. Nell will most certainly be missed. I, together with the kaimahi of Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō, wish Nell the very best for her future and hope she will never be too far away! Kia tō te rā, e Apa maranga mai.

Rowena Smith
Acting General Manager

Upcoming events

Te Ipukarea

Ipukarea is back this year, hosted by Ngāti Toa, and held right here in Wairau! Sports this year include golf, basketball, touch, netball, ki-o-rahi, and euchre! There is something for all ages! Come along and support Team Apa this year!

When: Friday 25th and Saturday 26th November 2022

Where: Stadium 2000 and Lansdowne Park in Blenheim

Mana Rangatahi Raumati 2023

Save the date whānau! Mana Rangatahi is on again in January next year, so lock these dates in your calendar for the school holidays!

When: Tuesday 17th – Saturday 21st January 2023

Where: Golden Bay

Who: Rangatahi 13–18 years old. Younger will be considered at the discretion of the Trusts.

Keep an eye out for registrations opening and get in quick so that you don't miss out. Looking forward to seeing some familiar faces and hopefully some new ones too!

Summer 2023 Tuna Wānanga

Our taiao and cultural teams are planning a wānanga to share cultural knowledge around tuna and their significance to Ngāti Apa. This will incorporate the sharing of mātauranga, tikanga and upskilling opportunities for harvesting and processing tuna. If you are keen to be involved, either as a facilitator, kaiako, or participant, please get in touch with us via email – taiao@ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz