



Kiwi relocation update

The Department of Conservation, alongside the Friends of Rotoiti, have been monitoring the eight kiwi that were translocated to Nelson Lakes in May 2023.

All the birds have now settled into their new home ranges and appear to be in the pairs we suspected early on. The main priority is to minimise any disturbance to the birds. So, following best practice, cameras will be set up outside the suspected burrows, in the hopes of capturing some images that confirm this. We have a strong indication that Weka Kura and Okoroiti are nesting.

All other recently translocated birds indicate healthy activity levels, and reports are still coming from visitors staying at Lakehead Hut that they can hear pairs duetting.

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FROM THE CHAIR

I would like to acknowledge and welcome Adrian Wilson back onto the Trusts. Many of you will be familiar with Adrian as he was a trustee and a director of NAIL many years ago. Adrian's governance experience will be invaluable moving through the following year and I'm sure he'll want to update you on what he's been up to in a future pānui.

It was amazing to see whānau travel such long distances for the Hui-ā-tau and thank you to everyone who participated. Presenting an Annual Report is always a challenge because we, as trustees, want to show that the business is in capable hands and that the report validates that support. The hākari was amazing, with wonderful food and entertainment, along with great whānau company.

The whānau day following the AGM was such fun and I still have a sore thumb from the ten-pin bowling. Thanks to everyone who made the two days such a success.

In late September, I along with another iwi chair and some iwi general managers met with Judge Sarah Reeves from the Māori Land Court. Judge Reeves was interested in hearing whether there were opinions on alternative places to meet other than District Courts when dealing with Māori Land Court issues.

Her rationale was sound when mooting her thoughts on alternatives and the discussion was thoughtful. Judge Reeves has offered to stay in touch and keep the korero going with regards to this take.

She also advised that the South Island Landless Natives Act (known more commonly as SILNA land) has four blocks that are yet to be transferred. They include Hāwea-Wanaka, Whakapoai, Port Adventure and Toitoti. Whilst Hāwea-Wanaka is almost completed, next up will be the Whapapoai block which many of our Apa whānau will have an interest in.

It is fair to say we have had some wins and some backward steps this month. We are working hard on relationship management with other iwi and government agencies. We are steadfast in ensuring our iwi are not left out of any discussions and decisions we should be involved in. To those iwi members mandated to speak on our iwi behalf, your tireless efforts do not go unnoticed.

Our Ngāti Apa legal council will have our closing submissions in the Nelson Tenths case in early October. Many whānau have been following the case and indeed many have been to Wellington to the High Court in support too. I extend our humble appreciation to you all.

Ngā mihi
Hinemoa Conner
Chairperson



Ngā mihi Kushla Okano

This year the board said farewell to Kushla Okano as she saw out the end of her final term as a Trustee for Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō.

Kushla served passionately during her tenure, chairing the Taiao and Education sub-Committees and working on several different kaupapa. We would like to thank her again for her passionate service, your contributions to your iwi will never be forgotten.

Kushla would like to share this message with whānau:



Kia ora e te whānau!

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who voted for me and gave me an opportunity to serve you as a trustee. It has been a true privilege to have a seat at the board table and build a vibrant future for our iwi.

To serve well requires having genuine love for our iwi and our people and I have witnessed this passion around the board table in my fellow trustees and in the tireless efforts of our kaimahi.

I came with a desire to expand our member benefits. I believe this has been achieved through:

- Increasing the value and availability of grants and scholarship funds.
- Providing sports and culture grants so more of our tamariki get the opportunity to participate and thrive.
- Establishing a mana-enhancing process for our awahina grants so whānau can get help when they need it.

I really encourage whānau to get involved with the iwi. It has been a life changing experience and I feel so proud of who we are as Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō, and where we are heading to in the future. We have so much to celebrate as a people.

“Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini.”
– Success is not the work of an individual, but the work of many.



Join us for a Kaumātua Lunch in Blenheim

When? Friday 3 November 2023, 1.00pm – 2.30pm

Where? Vines Cafe, 193 Rapaura Road, Blenheim

To register: Please call the Blenheim Office on 03 578 9695 by Monday 30 October 2023



Kaumātua Christmas grants

Earlier in the year the Trust Board voted to change the age of kaumātua from 65 to 60.

The trust will be offering a Christmas koha for all our kaumātua.

If you haven't already, please send us your bank details. You can screenshot the top of your bank statement

showing your name and full bank account number on the same page.

If you are unsure if we have your details, please call or email the office to check.

You can forward your bank details to lynne.owen@ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz.

Hui-ā-tau

We held our Hui-ā-tau last month in Whakatū at the Headingly Centre in Richmond. There was a great turnout from whānau. A big mihi to all who attended, especially those who travelled from outside the motu.

The day started with a hapū hui for both Tarakipa and Pūaha te Rangī. After the hapu discussion we moved into the Annual General Meeting. There was some great discussion and questions asked during

the meeting and we would like to thank all whānau for their engagement and participation. Once the meeting was concluded we finished off the day with a hākari along with some live music from Willie George.

It was a fantastic day, and we hope that whānau were able to take a lot away from the event. For further details on the previous financial year, please read our Annual Report. It can be found in the pānui section on our **website**.

