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Searching high and low

Iwi member Hamuera Manihera spent three days last month searching for mokomoko (geckos and skinks) in Nelson Lakes National Park.

Alongside DOC staff and herpetologists, Hamuera spent long days searching for these taonga species under rocks and within scree habitat. At night, the team used spotlights to search. The purpose of the trip was to follow up on the single known record of the gecko *Woodworthia* sp. – the genetics of this individual strongly suggest it is new to science. The team found one further individual of this species, as well as a number of skinks. It was important to have Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō represented as mana whenua on this trip, and we are grateful to Hamuera for contributing his expertise to this kaupapa.

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All I could say is that it was a great opportunity and experience to walk the whenua and even taste the whenua – drinking water from the stream, and eating tōtara berries and tāwiniwini (mountain snow berries) while searching for the mokomoko.

– Hamuera Manihera

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Kia hiwa rā

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FROM THE CHAIR

It is with sadness that I announce the departure of our General Manager, Simon Karipa. Simon has been at the helm for four years and during his tenure he has reinforced and helped build our profile. He has been a driver for our iwi values and has ensured, through succession planning, that we are well placed to manage all portfolios with professionalism and drive.

Simon has a depth of experience which he willingly shared and our iwi has benefited from his expertise.

On behalf of the Trusts, I'd like to thank Simon for his service to the iwi and wish him and his whānau all the very best for the future. There is more information on Simon's departure later in the pānui.

Rowena Smith, Operations Manager for the Trusts, has been appointed the Interim General Manager upon Simon's departure on 18 May 2022. On behalf of the Trustees, I'd like to congratulate Rowena (Ro) on her appointment.

Francois Tumahai, Chairperson of Te Runanga o Ngāti Waewae, had to postpone a long awaited hui due to COVID. Once a new date is finalised, we plan to discuss the Carters Beach dig site, housing of the taonga, kiwi translocation, joint opportunities, and the continued development of our relationship.

On a recent trip to Kawatiri, I asked iwi members Caleb Robinson, Jo-Anne Gilsenan and Margaret Gilsenan to attend a meeting with Dan Maloney of Coaltown Museum with me. We were shown different options for the housing of the taonga from the Carters Beach dig site. Dan has been a friend to Apa and I have appreciated his endeavours to ensure Apa is consulted at all times.

Caleb, Margaret and I met with Buller District Mayor, Jamie Cleine, and we discussed matters affecting the district plus a potential initiative that our commercial board may like to follow up on. I have passed the information on to our NAIL Chairperson, Gerrard Wilson.

I mentioned some time back that the iwi had some exciting prospects in the pipeline and I'm happy to announce that NAIL have purchased Mountain Valley Honey. This business had previously been a family owned operation and fits with the kaupapa of our iwi. As with any opportunity, the goal is to see where iwi members can be best placed to be part of the business.

Each Sunday at 7pm, the eight iwi of Te Taihū participate in shared karakia via Zoom. Iwi take turns in hosting the evening and I'd like to encourage iwi members take part. The Zoom details are ID: 822 4020 8382, PW: 384088.

Via the kūmara vine we hear that many iwi members have COVID, please take care of yourselves, rest and get well soon.

Ngā mihi nui
Hinemoa Conner



Dan Maloney, Jo-Anne Gilsenan, Margaret Gilsenan, Caleb Robinson and Hinemoa Conner (seated) at the Coaltown Museum in Kawatiri

Survey series continues!

Thanks to all whānau who completed the Hauora survey this month! We will be sending out the prize packs to our lucky spot prize winners: Agnus Morehu, Laura Skipper and Tiriana Kaltanak!

If you want to be one of our lucky prize winners, keep an eye out for the next survey which will be focused on housing! The survey will be sent through email and advertised on Facebook. Send us through your current email address to make sure you don't miss out on your chance to win!

Whakapapa me ōna Kōrero

This year we will be reviewing our membership database to ensure all registered members are connected to someone in our tipuna list, and that we have up-to-date contact details for all of our members.

We will be contacting members whose whakapapa we are unable to connect to the tipuna list. We also ask members to update their contact details if they may have changed.



Hey cuz, where are you? Update your contact details online using MāoriMe!

It's easy, just follow this link maorime.tikios.co.nz and it will take you to their website. Click 'Get Started'.

You will need to fill in your whakapapa, email address, and create a password.
Once you have done this, you will be able to log back in.

Please complete all fields in each tab along the top. Completing your whakapapa will help us to verify that you belong to Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō.

Now you can get connected with your iwi and māori organisations on the 'Iwi' tab. To do this, click on 'New Connection'. Enter Ngāti Apa and click search – click on Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō.

Click on your hapū and your tipuna and save. If you don't know these, check out our Tipuna Guide (www.ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz/assets/Documents/Ngati-Apa-ki-te-Ra-To-Tipuna-Guide.pdf) or email whakapapaenquiries@ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz for help.

>> If you update your membership details this month, you will go in the draw to receive some Apa merch! <<

Covid care packs

This month we have been distributing COVID supplies to whānau who are isolating at home.

Our COVID care packs were sent out to almost 90 whānau members. We have since transitioned into sending out RATs to whānau who have contacted our office. Please email office@ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz or call us on 0800 578 900 with your name, address and the number of people in your household if you would like us to send you some RATs (available to New Zealand residents only).

Thank you to Kahira for sending in a photo of the COVID supplies arriving safely at their destination!



Kahira Shiralee Rau with the COVID care pack we sent to her whānau



Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō bids farewell to General Manager, Simon Karipa

Hinemoa Conner, Chairperson of Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō Charitable Trust, has announced that the Trust's General Manager, Simon Karipa, will leave his role with the iwi on 18 May 2022. He will be returning to Whanganui after spending four years in his role in Te Taihū. Commuting and living away from whānau has been instrumental in his decision to leave. Upon finishing his role with Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō, Simon will take up a new role with Te Pūkenga which allows him to largely work from home in Whanganui.

Simon exemplifies and genuinely leads the Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō values, his Te Ohu Kaimoana background has been helpful to both Apa and other Te Taihū iwi. He straddles the divide between cultural and commercial very well, and he champions succession within our iwi, evidenced by the shape in which he leaves us.

"I am grateful for what Simon has contributed during his time with us, setting us in the right direction.

We have built a strong foundation for future ventures and growth within the iwi, including strengthening our team, implementing best practice policy and process, refocusing our brands, evolving our cultural potential and our iwi benefits, improving our operations, and being more prudent with our expenditure. I am proud of the progress the whole team has made and I am committed to ensuring its uninterrupted execution," said Conner.

"It has been an absolute privilege to work with the iwi over the past four years, through some very challenging times. I am very proud of the team that I leave behind who I am confident will be able to deliver still more gains for the iwi into the future," said Karipa. "Working with the other General Managers and Chairs of Te Taihū iwi has been a highlight and I look forward to seeing what fruit this collective approach will bear in years to come," he noted.

Upcoming events



Delaware Bay © Naomi Aporo-Manihera

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō are hosting a heritage bus tour around locations of significance to our iwi history in the Nelson area.

Locations visited include Delaware Bay, Cable Bay, and Colder Reserve. This tour is part of the Tuku22 Whakatū Heritage Month and is open to members of the public, but we will be hosting a similar tour for whānau only later in the year.

Where? Meet at Tāhunanui Beach

When? A Sunday in June, TBC

Who? All welcome. Tickets available soon!



Tā Timoti Kāretu speaking at Te Kaiaotanga o Te Reo last year © Erica Sinclair

Tickets are now available for Te Kaiaotanga o Te Reo 2022!

Come along to this Te Reo Symposium to listen to kaikorero including Tā Timoti Kāretu, Stacey Morrison and Hinurewa Poutu.

This year, Te Kaiaotanga o Te Reo is being held at the Trafalgar Centre in Whakatū on the 17th and 18th of May. For more information and to buy tickets, head to the event's website – tekaiaotangaotere.co.nz