



## Scholarship winners

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō are pleased to announce the following 2023 scholarship winners:

- Mia Robinson, Rotomairewhenua Taiao Scholarship
- Te Ao Marama Nepia, Mangatāwhai Pakihi Scholarship

Congratulations on your achievements. Please read on to learn more about what our young pakeke are studying.

### **Mia Robinson – Rotomairewhenua Taiao Scholarship**

Kia ora, my name is Mia Ripeka Robinson.

I am currently studying towards a Bachelor of Social and Environmental Sustainability with a major in Indigenous Knowledge and Sustainable Partnership at the University of Canterbury. I have been passionate about the environment my entire life, and I now feel blessed to combine that passion with Te Ao Māori.

My biggest aspiration when it comes to my degree is to gain the tools needed to assist in creating not only a sustainable environment but a sustainable people. I want to ensure that we, as Māori, have an environment that can meet the needs of today without compromising the needs of the future.

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# *Kia hiwa rā*

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## Scholarship winners (continued)

### Te Ao Marama Nepia – Mangatāwhai Pakihi Scholarship

Tamairangi o te mana nui  
Tamairangi o te mana roa  
Hinepoupou o te āwha, o te mumu  
Mihi mai ki ōku mana a Tamairangi,  
a Hinepoupou!

It is my honour to receive the Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō Mangatāwhai Pakihi Scholarship. From the moment I was born, I was taught that you are to serve your people. For me, this started from an early age, giving a helping hand around my marae, Omaka. Following in the footsteps of my late great-grandmother (Kath Hemi), grandmother (Marg Bond), my pāpā (Kiley Nepia) and my māmā (Donna Nepia).

From the age of 12, I have been a part of Mana Rangatahi. It gave me a really strong sense of identity, and after five years I gained a very strong understanding of my Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō whakapapa and history.



I will be studying to receive a Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Marketing and minoring in Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

I am passionate about making Te Ao Māori cool and relevant to the next generation of leaders. Being Māori is unique and that can help you stand out on the international stage, we are born storytellers and entrepreneurs, which are skills I plan to use as I begin my journey into tertiary education.

## Meet Jess Hardley

Ko Jess Hardley ahau. No Ōtautahi ahau. Kei Wairau ahau e noho ana. E kī ana te whakatauki: Whāia te mātauranga hei oranga mō koutou.

I am new to the region of Marlborough and am currently enjoying access to this beautiful landscape, spending most of my weekends being active in the outdoors.

After working all my professional life in the tertiary education sector in a variety of well-being support roles, I have recently decided to return to study to become qualified as a secondary school teacher.

I am delighted to be given the opportunity to take on the role of Kurahaupō Professional Learning Development (PLD) Administrator. I am looking forward to supporting the mahi of Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō together with Ngāti Kuia and Rangitāne o Wairau in their pursuit to support the local teachers who are teaching our tamariki, to expand and grow their cultural capability.

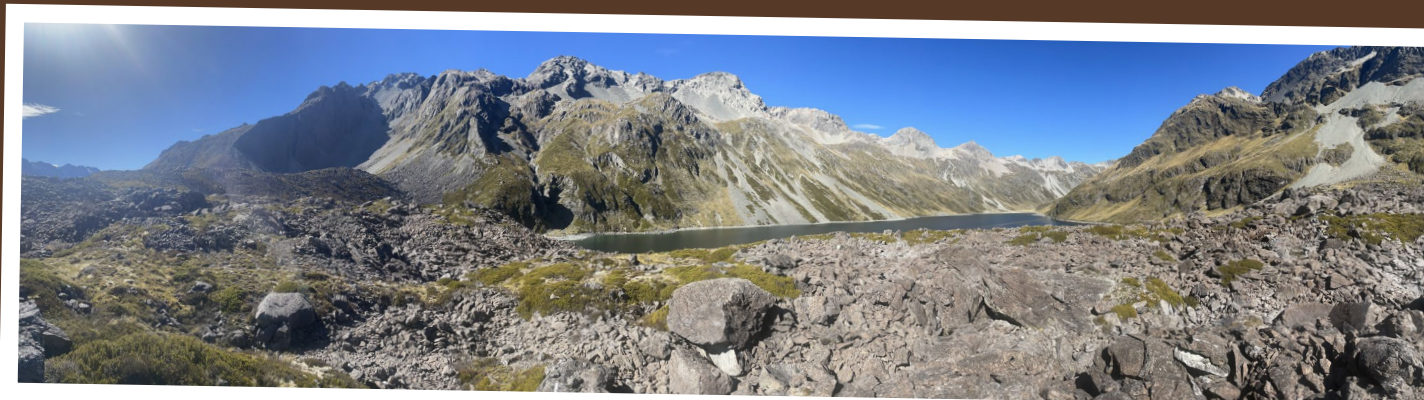
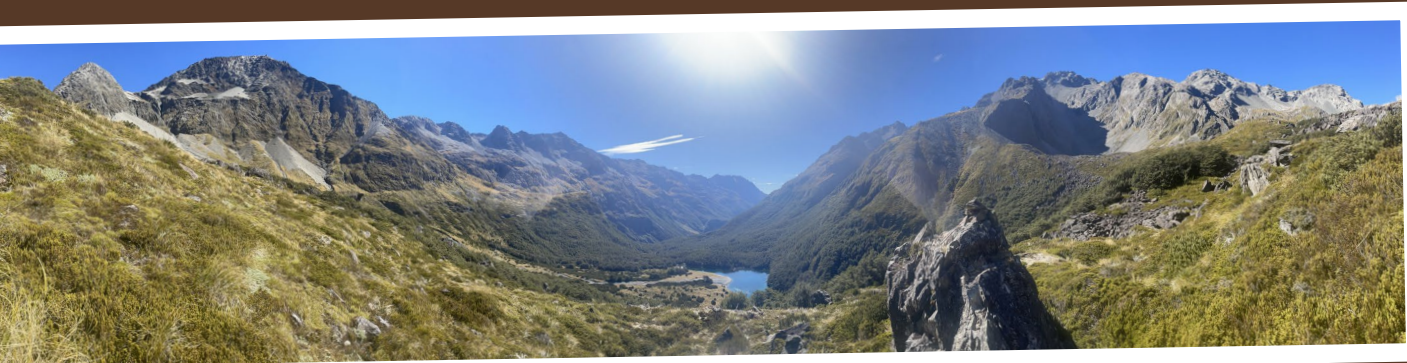
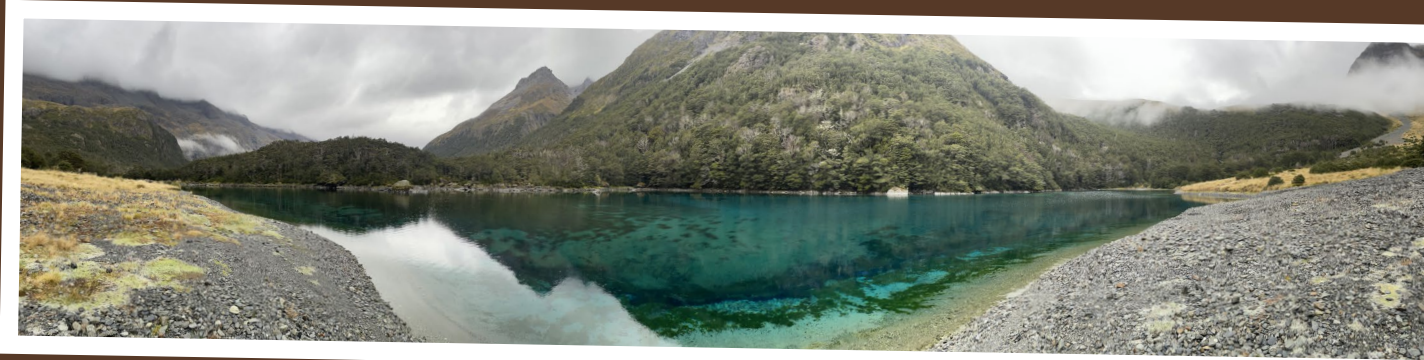
Ngā mihi nui,  
Jess





# Our rohe

One of our Taiao team members recently spent a week at Blue Lake Hut. Check out some of the amazing photos they took while on assignment.





# Kawepūrongo/News

## Kaumātua sub-Committee update

We are delighted to announce that the following whānau have been appointed to the Kaumātua sub-Comitee. Ka rawe!

- Brendon Wilson
- Denis Gapper
- Erina MacDonald
- Laurence MacDonald

## Kaumātua age change

The age the Trust considers iwi members to be kaumātua has changed from 65 years to 60 years of age. This decision was made at the last Trustee hui in Blenheim following robust discussions about whether 65 years was a fair grant eligibility age and the financial implications of reducing the grant eligibility age to 60 years.

## Kaumātua afternoon tea

**When:** Friday 12th of May at 2pm

**Where:** Melrose House Nelson

**RSVP:** [office@ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz](mailto:office@ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz)



# Back to school

Check out these pictures from these back to school packs we gave away to whānau recently! Ka rawe!



## Apply now – Education Advisor

This role is responsible for delivering on the educational priorities and aspirations of Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō whānau as outlined in the Trusts Realising Potential Strategy. The role is part time, and can be based in either the Blenheim or Nelson office. Applications close 9 May 2023. To find out more, including how to apply, visit [www.ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz/whanau-opportunities/jobs/education-advisor](http://www.ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz/whanau-opportunities/jobs/education-advisor)

## Education and Trades Training Grants are open!

Did you know that Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō offer financial support to whānau on their education and trades training journeys. We have grants available for whānau who are studying in both tertiary institutions and trades training programmes.

# Whānau Q&A

**Q:** “Is our deed strong enough for today’s environment? Does Audit and Risk have a process to check the relativity of the deed?”

**A:** Yes. The Settlement Deed is a full and final settlement with the Crown. However, if the question is referencing the Trust Deed, then the first part of the question is still yes and the role of Audit and Risk is to monitor and advise on legal compliance.

**Q:** “Should the number of board members living outside of the locality be reviewed and reflected in our deed, and discussed with whānau?”

**A:** Whānau always have the opportunity to bring concerns to the board table whether that be via a hapū representative or directly to a board trustee.

**Q:** “How do board members connect with the members (outside of AGM) and be active?”

**A:** There are a number of ways trustees connect with whānau, this may be through Kaitahi and Kaumātua teas, through sub-Committees, and through actively being involved in hapū functions and whānau led initiatives.