

Rotoroa shot by Pene Webber

## Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō recently created a series of videos from Mana Rangatahi. The content came from our own whānau specifically for Te Wiki o te Reo Māori.

Unfortunately, we can't share the videos in our pānui but if you want to see them performed by our Rangatahi then visit our [Facebook page](#).

**Tē mōhio.**

You don't know anything.

**Kaua e mate wheke.**

Don't die like the octopus.

**Mo te hemo tonu atu.**

Until death.

**Tāua tāua.**

You and me both.

**E poko.**

Bugger.



**KIA KAHA  
TE REO MĀORI**

## *Kia hiwa rā* NEWS AND EVENTS

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# FROM THE CHAIR

Kia ora koutou e te whānau o Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō.

Melanie Wilson and Jennifer Wilson have joined me in the 'Fishing Space' as part of the Ngāti Apa advisory team. We are covering all things fishing except the Māori Marine and Coastal Act space.

All eight iwi recently participated in the preliminary stage of a mediation process related to the South Island Customary Fishing Regulations 1999.

The mediation hui of iwi representatives (Chair and two reps) was held recently in Nelson. The main objective of the mediation hui was to assist each of the eight iwi in meeting the requirements of the South Island Customary Fishing Regulations, specifically; the areas of authority of Tangata Whenua and Kaitiaki nominations.

Te Atiawa o te Waka a Māui made an exceptional announcement (with a caveat) that allowed the process to progress thereby avoiding arbitration. Te Atiawa and Ngāti Toa are drafting a document for the eight iwi to consider. In my view, this is an example of how leadership and working within a Māori framework has allowed us (iwi) to get results beneficial for all, despite the Crown's roadblocks.

Currently Peter Mason has taken the lead, and Mark Moses is assisting in the Māori Marine and Coastal Act (MACA) space. Some time ago the government released its strategy for initial engagement and support for iwi, hapū and whānau applicant groups seeking recognition of their interests under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 (the MACA). Takutai Moana refers to the area from the Mean High-Water Springs (MHWS) to the outer limits of the 12-nautical mile Territorial Sea.

The MACA replaces Crown ownership of the foreshore and seabed with the 'Common Marine and Coastal Area' (CMCA), this cannot be owned under a freehold title, except those areas already in private ownership. This is in line with legislation that regulates physical resources the government does not own, such as fish stocks and the continental shelf.

The MACA ensures public access for all to the CMCA and protection of navigation and fishing rights, except in wāhi tapu areas (defined areas of significance, such as burial grounds).

Like the 2004 Act, the MACA includes tests to apply to claims for protected customary rights (PCR). A PCR must have been exercised since 1840 in accordance with

tikanga. A PCR does not include, amongst other things, an activity regulated under the Fisheries Act 1996.

The MACA also includes tests for recognition and protection of customary marine title (CMT). A CMT may exist in a specified area if exclusively held and occupied since 1840 without substantial interruption, or subsequently received through a legitimate customary transfer, in accordance with tikanga.

Peter will feature an article in a future pānui to ensure all whānau are kept abreast of developments and progress in this space.

I attended our annual Tuna Monitoring and Harvest at Lake Rotoroa on Saturday 9 September. It was so heartening to see so many whānau participate. This wānanga forms part of our cultural revitalisation strategy. We, the Trust, are trying to provide opportunities for whānau to relearn traditional harvesting practices. It is also an opportunity to ensure we have a succession plan in place, the many tamariki present will become our holders of harvest knowledge and future leaders.

The initiative also provides whānau with an opportunity to see our commitment to the taiao space. Monitoring the tuna helps inform us about their health and welfare which also gives us insight into the health of the roto.

The wānanga also forms part of the connectivity initiative, bringing whānau together to interact with one another. Whānau travelled from near and far to be part of the monitoring and harvest, this is an amazing commitment to the iwi and I am most grateful for your support.

Until next month, ngā mihi

**Hinemoa Conner**  
Chairperson







All photos by Pene Webber

## Annual Tuna Monitoring and Harvest

We recently held the Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō Annual Tuna Monitoring and Harvest at Rotoroa. This involved monitoring the tuna population and harvesting a small number for our Hui a Tau 2023.

More than 40 whānau attended, with some even travelling down from the North Island to take part in this kaupapa. A big mihi to our whānau who attended and contributed to the day's success.

Hinaki (nets) were set on Friday night in preparation for Saturday's mahi – these were placed in 10 different spots around the lake and left overnight. Saturday morning began with karakia at the lakefront before collecting the nets, counting, weighing and measuring our catch.

Over 100 tuna were collected from the 10 nets – the biggest tuna was 13.7kg and 1.6m long! Eight tuna were harvested for the Hui a Tau and the rest were released unharmed back to the lake. Our previous monitoring data has informed the size of the tuna we harvest – so that now we make sure to release anything larger than 2kg back into the lake.

It was great listening to whānau sharing their mātauranga around eeling. Whānau experience and knowledge guide us in this ongoing kaupapa.

A big mihi to all the whānau who took time out of their schedules to attend. In particular, Lee Mason and Harry Tipene, who are helping prepare the harvested tuna for our Hui a Tau on the 23rd of September. Your continued contributions to this kaupapa are greatly appreciated by both kaimahi and whānau. The knowledge you have is vital to this kaupapa.

## Save the dates whānau

We have two upcoming events in November. Registrations will open soon, so keep an eye on our social media channels.



**What?** Kaumātua Afternoon Tea  
**When?** Friday 3 November, time TBC  
**Where?** Vines Café, Vines Village, Blenheim

**What?** Kai Ngatahi Whanganui  
**When?** Sunday 19 November, time TBC  
**Where?** Venue TBC

# Whānau profiles

## Tiffany Matthews

Ko Tiffany Mathews tōku ingoa.  
No Whakatū ahau.  
I tipu ai au ki Tāmaki Makaurau.  
E noho ana e au ki Pāpāmoa.

E ki ana te kōrero “Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi,  
engari he toa takitini”.

For most of my professional life I have worked in education, but after having children I transitioned into the wellness industry. This year, I enrolled in the Master of Counselling degree at Waikato University.

I feel very grateful to have this opportunity to grow my skills and I am truly honoured to be awarded an education grant from Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō.

With the invaluable support of my whānau and community, I plan to achieve my academic aspirations and make a positive impact on the wellbeing of rangatahi and whānau within my community.



Tiffany (left) with her whānau



Manahi (left) playing rugby for Kutztown University

## Manahi Chicoine

Ko Tararua te maunga  
Ko Kurahaupō te waka  
Ko Punahau te Moana  
Ko Kawiu, Ko Kohuturoa ngā marae  
Ko Ngai Te Ao te hapū  
Ko Muaupoko te iwi  
Muaupoko noho ngahere  
Muaupoko noho moana  
Muaupoko haererere wai.

Ko Manahi Chicoine tōku ingoa.

I graduated from Hato Paora College in 2021.  
I completed my last year as both a prefect and the vice-captain of the 1st XV rugby team.

I recently relocated to Pennsylvania in 2022 to start my tertiary studies at Kutztown University. I've been busy juggling school and playing college rugby. I was selected to play the number 8 position. They didn't want to miss the opportunity to have a Māori boy on their team.

I will be based at Kutztown University campus for three more years. I enjoy representing my Maoritanga on the field and showing my teammates the different rugby tactics and tricks I was taught at Hato Paora College.

In May 2023, I travelled home for my summer break to visit my 84-year-old koro Atutahi Henare in Levin. It was a privilege to spend five weeks looking after him. I made him breakfast every morning, administered his insulin twice a day, and managed his blood sugar test and medication. Most importantly, I got to spend quality time with koro.

Just recently on Friday 18 August my Koroua passed away peacefully in his sleep. His passing is something that motivates me even more to promote Māori hauora, because whānau health is our whānau wealth.

Thank you for investing in me, thank you for investing in my future.

Tena koutou katoa.

Manahi Te Waiata O Te Kopere Chicoine.