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Mana Rangatahi Raumati 2023

This summer's Mana Rangatahi wānanga took place at Te Hora Marae in Canvastown. It was a truly special week, our tamariki got the chance to connect with the rohe and walk in the footsteps of their Tupuna. They also had the opportunity to paddle Te Haeata through Te Hoiere visiting Tarakaipa, one of our earliest strong holds.

We had a great turn out for the wānanga. It was fantastic to see our rangatahi engage with the kaupapa with such passion! It was a really big week and we were so proud of all of the rangatahi in attendance.

A big thank you to Ruihana Hamuera, Kereama Payn, Ngāhaka Williams, Samantha Richardson and Pene Webber for volunteering to help out throughout the week. It was thanks to them that we were able to deliver such a high level wānanga.

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Keeping you informed of news, announcements and opportunities, from around our rohe and the motu.

FROM THE CHAIR

I have been reflecting on our Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō journey. In particular, since our pou kuia Kath Hemi presented to the Waitangi Tribunal our claim in May 2003. In a 2008 report, the Tribunal upheld all of Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō claims, culminating on October 29 2010 with the then Minister Chris Finlayson and Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō signing our Deed of Settlement.

It is to this Deed of Settlement that I'd encourage all our members to reflect on. Here is an excerpt from the deed itself.

“The Crown apologises to Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō for past dealings that breached the Crown’s obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi. These were the failure of the Crown to adequately recognise the customary rights of Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō in its resolution of New Zealand Company transactions and its pre-1865 purchases of land, the exclusion of Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō from the Nelson and Motueka tenths reserves and the Crown’s failure to set aside adequate reserves and to ensure that Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō retained sufficient lands for its future needs.”

We are faced with a constant barrage from other iwi who purport to know our history, they try to rewrite it, while questioning our place in Whakatū. I envision every Apa member being able to confidently say that we belong in Whakatū.

Questions and answers from the AGM

Q: “If we ask a question for something to be discussed at Board level, how do we know the board have had a discussion and how do the Board action what has been asked and how do we get to know the result?”

A: The board are regularly asked questions. Questions often come via email or a phone call to staff. Depending on the query, there may be a quick response by support staff. In other instances, it may be more appropriate for the chair, deputy chair or chair of a sub-Committee to respond. If a question requires more consideration where a vote may be most appropriate, then the take is put on an agenda for full board consideration. The outcome of the full board consideration is then relayed to the member asking the question. Some questions and answers may also appear via the pānui particularly where the impact may be significant to all iwi members. The ‘Chair Update’ in the pānui is also another avenue by which we convey information that needs to reach our wider membership and the website also has updates that are brought to the wider iwi attention.

Q: “Does each sub-Committee have a ‘Terms of Reference’ (ToR)?”

A: Yes

Q: “Why are we asked to complete so many surveys?”

A: The information gathered allows the Board to make informed decisions. Surveys are but one tool used to help the Board shape our ‘Strategic Plans’. They are valuable in the sense that a response comes directly from our iwi members. I have mentioned many times the value of evidence-based data as opposed to making assumptions. Extrapolating information/data is only useful if the questions asked are appropriate, therefore, quality is important. The current initiatives the board are looking to implement have required substantial member input and I’m happy to advise that the member participation has enabled us to collect valuable data.

Q: “Is there an Apa story?”

A: There is a Ngāti Apa narrative, treasured as taonga by many whānau. Furthermore, Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō commissioned historian David Armstrong to collate accounts and information on behalf of the iwi and this research formed the basis of information put to the Waitangi Tribunal in our claims. More information was gathered during our negotiations. We continue to research and provide our Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō stories in pānui and wānanga.

Q: “Are there programmes to train people for General Manager (GM) roles?”

A: Yes, there are business courses and university degrees that provide a prospective GM the necessary skills to perform all the duties required in this modern work environment. However, experience in an industry and rising through the ranks is still not unheard of.

Until next time
whānau, take care.

Hinemoa Conner
Chairperson





Falcon release

On the 10th of January, Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō participated in the release of two juvenile female kārearea at a Lake Chalice vineyard in Tyntesfield.

This important kaupapa organised by the Kārearea Falcon Trust was also attended by Ngāti Kuia and the Department of Conservation.

The kārearea chicks were put in a nest box before they could fly, so when they came out of the box during the release, we got to see their first flight! They were naturals. One took off immediately, while the other perched on the ledge for about half an hour (pictured above) before flying to a nearby tree. We have had an update on their progress and they are both still doing well. Ka mau te wehi!

We need your help

In order to protect Te Anāmahanga wetlands we are looking for fencing contractors to help us to build a fence around our land.

If you know of any skilled whānau who would be able to help us with fencing, please email taiao@ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz.

Once the fence is complete, we will be holding some planting wānanga, so keep an eye out to sign up if you want to come out to Te Anamāhanga and get your hands dirty with us!



Call for sub-Committee expressions of interest

Kia ora e te whānau,

As you may be aware, following the Hui ā Tau each year, the Board meets to review the Trusts sub-Committees. Considerations are given to whether each sub-Committee is fit-for-purpose, as well as the term of office of each current member. In 2022, the Board chose to delay this process until after the Annual Strategic Planning hui in November, so that a fulsome assessment would be undertaken to ensure the composition of each sub-Committee was supporting the strategic direction of the Trust. This in turn determines the advisory skill sets that are required on the relevant sub-Committees.

Following this review, a decision was made to request expressions of interest from our registered

members in the sub-Committees listed here. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the office via email at office@ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz, with a short cover letter outlining the skills and experience you would bring to the sub-Committee you are interested in.

The Board is also pleased to announce the creation of a rangatahi seat and a Kaumātua seat on some of the sub-Committees. This is in addition to the newly created Kaumātua sub-Committee.

Please spread the word amongst your whānau e te iwi, we would appreciate the input and ideas from the breadth of our membership.

Ngā mihi
Hinemoa Conner (Chair) and Clinton Gapper (Deputy Chair)

Cultural sub-Committee

Chair – Fayne Robinson

Deputy Chair – Clinton Gapper

Kaumātua seat – open

Rangatahi seat – open

Education sub-Committee

Chair – Kushla Okano

Deputy Chair – Nicole Akuhata

Kaumātua seat – open

Rangatahi seat – open

General members seats – open

Taiao sub-Committee

Chair – Kushla Okano

Deputy Chair – Fayne Robinson

Kaumātua seat – open

Rangatahi seat – open

General members seats – open

Kaumātua sub-Committee

Chair – Hinemoa Conner

Deputy Chair – Nicole Akuhata

Kaumātua seats – open

Whakapapa sub-Committee

Chair – Clinton Gapper

Deputy Chair – Fayne Robinson

Kaumātua seat – open

Rangatahi seat – open

General members seats – open

Kawepūrongo/News

Te Ipukarea 2022

Te Ipukarea 2022 was a huge success for Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō. Despite the road closures between Nelson and Blenheim, whānau travelled across the rohe to take part in the weekend. Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō competed with mana in all their events! We even took home the prize for speaking the most te reo out of any iwi! Ka rawe!

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.



Nau mai!

New kaimahi

Kia ora e te whānau.
Ko Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō, Ngāti Kuia, Rangitāne, Ngāti Koata ngā iwi.
No Whakatū ahau.
Ko Sam tōku ingoa.

I have recently started a role within Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō as a Communications and Marketing Advisor. My background is in film and television, where I worked for several years in Australia. Having returned home in 2020 I transitioned into the iwi space and I am extremely passionate about working for my Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō whānau. I want to help educate our people about our history and our place in Te Taihū, which I myself am only just learning about.



Upcoming event

Tuna wānanga

Fishing for tuna (eel) is an incredibly significant part of the Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō cultural identity. This wānanga will facilitate the transfer of intergenerational cultural knowledge, as well as combining mātauranga Māori with western science. We will be focusing on the close relationship and history our people share with the Nelson Lakes and tuna. This truly unique wānanga is a key part of our cultural revitalisation strategy and we are so excited to share this kaupapa with you! Please let us know if you would like to attend by signing up via our website.

When? 7pm Friday 3rd – 4pm Saturday 4th March 2023

Where? Lake Rotoiti

Who? Open to all iwi members and whānau