



Westport Kai Tahi 9th June 2022

On the 9th of June 2022, Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō held a Kai Tahi in Westport for our whānau on the West Coast.

Our Office Manager, Lynne Owen, hosted the lunch along with Trustee Fayne Robinson. The whānau gathered at our house in Westport – Te Taha o te Awa – and enjoyed the opportunity to catch up over some good kai and a cup of tea.

Despite some particularly exciting weather, including lightning and thunder storms, several members from the area attended. From rangatahi to kaumātua, all enjoyed the chance to catch-up, with some of the whānau re-connecting after a number of years.

Trustee Fayne Robinson was happy to re-live some fun and antics with his cousins in the years gone by, with McLaren, Wilson, Wells and Gilsenan whānau all contributing to the kōrero. Thank you to those whānau who attended, it was great to see all of your smiling faces.

We look forward to seeing you all again at the Hui ā Tau (AGM) in Westport on September 24th 2022!

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FROM THE CHAIR



I would like to acknowledge the passing this month of iwi member Richard Bradley. To his whānau, Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō extends our deepest sympathy. Richard played a significant role, alongside our current Trustee Peter Mason and our Whakapapa Advisor Mark Moses, in Apa's Settlement Negotiations. Richard had a legendary breadth of knowledge that covered whakapapa, fishing, and all things in between. Alongside his knowledge, his cheeky wit and sense of fun will be sorely missed.

Iwi business is currently at breakneck speed. There have been audit requirements to meet, AGM arrangements to finalise, registrations of interest for the two Tarakaipa positions on the Trusts to manage, as well as the endless requests for iwi participation in a plethora of events, business meetings or hui, on top of our business as usual activities.

With reference to the work above, staff, trustees and directors have all supported each other to get the mahi done in spite of testing positive for COVID, coming down with the flu, and coping with whānau with all these symptoms as well. Our respect and gratitude to you all.

For you at home, reading your pānui over a cup of tea or coffee, the impact of COVID is still amongst us, please stay vigilant and stay safe. Whether you are a believer in wearing masks or not, the evidence and statistics do not lie, wearing masks is a precaution worth persevering with or adopting. Many of you will have experienced similar situations as our staff, trustees and directors, and I hope you have had the support you needed during this time.

The news from NAIL, in short, is that we are still tracking along well given the national and international scene. The impact of COVID, the war in Ukraine, and supply issues are but a few of the elements having an effect in this space. If you are able, please come to the AGM in September so that you can be briefed more fully on any Apa commercial matters that may interest you.

This year, the Trusts introduced a second education grant disbursement. To the successful applicants, congratulations. You may not be aware that education, whether it be through the tertiary route or through trades training, is a key focus for the iwi in ensuring better opportunities for our iwi members. The National Iwi Leaders Forum have a pou which covers statistics from various government agencies including Statistics New Zealand. At a recent Pou Tangata presentation in Whakatū, hosted by Dame Naida Glavish and Rahui Papa, I glimpsed some statistics that showed Apa were sitting in the well-educated end of the spectrum. Whilst education is but one tool to a healthy and vibrant iwi, if we can get this right for the future we can then turn our focus to the next challenge.

I trust you all had an enjoyable and successful first Matariki celebration. I would be interested to hear from you how you think we as an iwi could celebrate our new year together. Your ideas would be appreciated and could be the basis for further thought and discussion by the Board.

Until next month whānau, stay warm and dry.

Ngā mihi

Hinemoa Conner

He Tangi Apakura

Hotuhotu ana te manawa
Inā te karanga o Pōhutukawa
Koutou kua huri ki tua.
Ko te tōnga o te rā ki a koutou
Moe tonu, moe tonu, e oki.

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō are sad to have said farewell to iwi members Toromata Martha (Jackie) Andrews (Hemi), Richard Anthony Bradley, Hope Louise Batt, Frances Ruhia Te Waihiatia Andrell, Andre Nepia and Wade Cooper this year. On behalf of Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō, we offer our sincerest sympathies to their whānau, our thoughts and prayers are with them.



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If anyone in your whānau passes away and you would like to write something to honour them for the pānui, please email comms@ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz.



Delaware Bay Inlet. Photo © Naomi Aporo-Manihera

BE IN TO
WIN!

Whakapapa me ōna kōrero

We have been working on a new resource that encapsulates the stories of our Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō ancestors. We will be launching this new publication “Apa Ki Te Rā Tō” later this year. This will be available on our website as a flip book and a downloadable PDF resource which you can print. It shares stories from our iwi history and whakapapa on the origins of Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō down to our tipuna list ancestors.

Registration compliance

To assist with registration applications, and to better validate connections to Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō, we have created the “*Tipuna List*” and the new publication “*Apa Ki Te Rā Tō*”.

We have reviewed our membership database to ensure that those who are registered descend from at least one tipuna on our Tipuna List. We have discovered that some members do not appear to whakapapa to one of our tipuna, and we will soon be contacting these people to clarify their connection.

Registration and contact details competition

We need you!

Are your contact details up to date?

Did you receive voting papers last year?

Have you changed address since you registered? Do you have whānau who have changed address and not updated their contact details?

You can update your contact details **online via our website – Ngāti Apa ki Te Rā Tō**, or **MāoriMe**, by emailing the office at **office@ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz**, or by phoning 0800 578 900.

Those who update their details will go into our monthly competition to win some Ngāti Apa ki Te Rā Tō merchandise!

Education profile

Meet Jamie Wharepapa-Gray, she was awarded one of our Education Grants this year. Have a read below to learn about her exciting studies!

Kia ora, I'm Jamie Wharepapa-Gray. I am currently studying and completing my last year of school doing a Bachelor in Health Science (Acupuncture). I decided on pursuing a career in this field during high school, I played a lot of sports and would also get injured a lot. During that time I had gone to get acupuncture treatment to treat my injuries and found that it was super effective and I would bounce back quickly which led to me wanting to pursue this as a career path. I was originally born and raised in Hawke's Bay and moved to Auckland in 2019 to start my course. Most of my whānau are still located in Hawke's Bay and upon graduation I hope to move back to Hawke's Bay and open a practice in my hometown. After nearly four years of learning about traditional chinese medicine, after graduation I would also like to pursue further study going back to my roots and possibly learning more in terms of Mirimiri and Rongoā."



Jamie Wharepapa-Gray



Willow Hislop

Heading to school!

Congratulations to Willow Hislop who started school recently! Here she is with her Apa Education Pack to get her started on her journey. We love the bling she has attached to her backpack! We wish you luck with your time at Rakaia School, Willow! Tau kē!

If any of your tamariki are close to starting school, please check that they are registered with Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō so that they too will receive an Education Pack!



Upcoming events calendar

July

- Mana Rangatahi – Whakatū

August

- Waiata Wānanga – Whanganui
- Waka Wānanga – Lake Rotoiti

September

- Hui ā Tau – Westport
- Whānau Fun Day – Westport
- Future Iwi Leaders Forum – Westport

October

- Ōtautahi Kai Tahi – Christchurch
- Education Symposium – Whakatū
- Bingo Night – Whakatū

