

DoC releasing Ngā Ararau, the male roroa/great spotted kiwi at Lake Rotoiti. Photos © Naomi Aporo-Manihera.



A new home

As part of a series of kiwi translocations, Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō welcomed a male roroa (great spotted kiwi) from Gunner Downs to Lake Rotoiti on the 4th of May 2022. This successful translocation has been a result of the hard work of the Department of Conservation and the Friends of Rotoiti.

We held a pōwhiri at Kerr Bay for the arrival of the kiwi into our rohe. Te Rua Mason, a representative from Ngāti Waewae, accompanied the kiwi and formally handed him over to Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō. After the pōwhiri, DoC transported the kiwi to the release site with Te Rua, our Taiao Advisor Jen Skilton, Hamuera Manihera, Naomi Aporo-Manihera, and rangatahi Juahna Herewini Houpapapa-Hura.

The kiwi has been given the name Ngā Ararau, meaning the many paths of Kehu. A female kiwi was caught and translocated the following day. This kiwi has been named Mahara, as a tribute to Mahara Gilsenan, a former Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō employee and iwi member.

Ngā Ararau and Mahara have been fitted with ankle transmitters so that DoC can keep track of their location and activity. Hopefully we will be able to keep you all updated on what Ngā Ararau and Mahara are getting up to in their new home at Lake Rotoiti!

Kia hiwa rā

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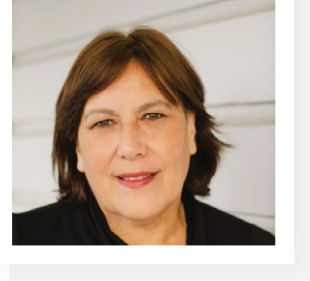
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FROM THE CHAIR

The Te Taihū iwi chairs continue to cement their commitment to build on and strengthen relationships with government and non-government agencies and ensure the best interests of iwi are advanced. This willingness to co-operate not only benefits iwi, but also lightens the capacity issues that continue to be a burden on us all.

This segways nicely into my next topic which is the Te Kotahi o Te Taihū Charitable Trust. This combined iwi initiative was set up in February 2021 by the eight iwi of Te Taihū o Te Waka-a-Māui (top of the South Island) to advance health and wellbeing, alleviate poverty, ensure adequate food and housing are available, and promote education and skills within the communities of Te Taihū and in particular our Māori communities. It is a vehicle that advocates and connects, supporting whānau who might need help.

The Nelson City Council have, for some time now, asked the combined iwi to submit names of suitable iwi members who have the expertise to sit on various council sub-Committees. Te Waka-a-Māui iwi Chairs have a process by which we disseminate the information, receive and process registrations of interest, evaluate applicants, and then make recommendations. Working out ways to work together to address such matters has been enlightening and proves that one can work as a collective whilst still retaining iwi autonomy.

Tasman District Council Mayor, Tim King, recently met with Te Taihū iwi Chairs – it is envisaged that some kind of relationship agreement is brokered enabling a more structured and beneficial relationship be forged. In my view, any initiative which enables Māori to be at a decision-making table is beneficial for all.

I am planning another meeting with DoC staff to discuss the reclassification of stewardship land and ensure Ngāti Apa's interests are heard, particularly, but not limited to, the lands where we have interests in Kawatiri.

Another meeting is also planned with the Iwi/Maori Three Waters Team to discuss Ngāti Apa interests in Kawatiri.

I would like, on behalf of the iwi, to acknowledge Helen Leahy, Pouārahi of Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu. Helen has had a remarkable time steering her team around the constant demands that life throws at whānau. She has unfathomable energy and an absolute commitment to whānau and their needs.

Helen will be moving to Whanganui and taking up new challenges. We thank her for her contribution to this important kaupapa and wish her every success in her new ventures.

Changes from the COVID levels system to the traffic lights system have afforded us all a little more freedom. This is particularly evident with tangihanga. To whānau who have lost loved ones during these trying times, our sincere condolences. It is trying enough coping with loss but not being able to honour a person in our traditional way has required super strength.

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō is the host iwi for Karakia on Sunday 26 June at 7pm. Please feel free to join in these sessions and take the opportunity to offer up a prayer (you can contact me through the office for details).

We have had a busy month with the Kiwi Translocation project, the naming of the kiwi was something very special and you will find more on this project in the body of the pānui. The Te Reo Symposium is another collaboration with our Rangitāne cousins which follows on from a very successful one held the previous year. There is a meeting to be held with Ngāti Waewae to progress a number of matters including the Kawatiri dig site land settlement, the housing of taonga, and other initiatives. Directors, Trustees and staff will be attending a mihi whakatau for Mountain Valley Honey and a formal dinner to say farewell to our outgoing General Manager Simon Karipa.

Until next time whānau, be the best you can be and look after each other.

Ngā mihi
Hinemoa Conner



RATs available

We have RATs to send out to those whānau that need them!

Email office@ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz with your name, address, and the number of people in your household if you would like us to send you some RATs (available to NZ residents only).

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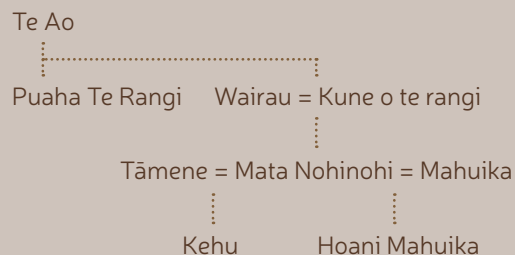
In 1853, the Crown Purchased what they thought was a large part of Te Waipounamu (the South Island) from Ngāti Toa-Rangatira, unbeknown to the resident iwi occupants. The Government soon discovered that the local iwi did not accept that their land had been sold without their consent, negotiation, payment, or reserve of a place to continue their occupation. This resulted in the Te Waipounamu Purchase, where the Crown coerced sales from the local iwi.

In 1860, James MacKay, an agent to the Crown, sent out surveyors with the intention of mapping the area they intended to purchase. This was in addition to the surveys Heaphy and Brunner had made a decade before with the help of Kehu. The aim was to identify the local iwi villages, cultivations, urupā, places of occupation, and other resources which they might want to reserve. He left Golden Bay with his guide, Puaha Te Rangi of Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō, and journeyed to Nelson and on to the West Coast. During this time, Puaha Te Rangi relayed the history of Te Tai Poutini to Mackay, who would later share the information with his cousin, Alexander Mackay. Alexander would become the Commissioner for Māori Lands and later publish this history in his Compendium of Native Affairs in 1873.

After two months of surveying the district and negotiations with the local iwi, the Arahura Deed was signed on 21 May 1860 by the leading chiefs of Tai Poutini – West Coast of the South Island. MacKay noted that the local chiefs recognised the right of Puaha Te Rangi of Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō to sign the Deed.



Kath Hemi signing the Deed of Settlement in Wairau Hospital.



They sold nearly 3 million hectares in return for £300 and 10,224 acres (4,138 hectares) in reserves. Of that, 3,500 acres were reserved as an endowment “for religious, social and moral purposes” while the other 6,724 acres were for the use of the iwi of the area.

The Crown almost immediately began to breach the agreements of the Deed of Sale and the Treaty of Waitangi, a behaviour which they would continue for over 150 years.

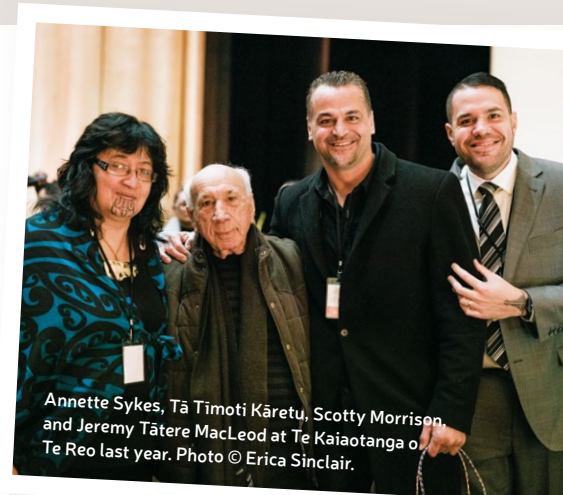
Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō made claims to the Crown and eventually these were heard by the Waitangi Tribunal in 2003. They reported their findings in 2008. We engaged in Treaty Settlement Negotiations between 2005 and 2010.

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō grievances from the Arahura Purchase were acknowledged with an apology from the Crown in 2010. On October 29, 2010, Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō representatives at Omaka Marae in Blenheim signed a Deed of Settlement with the Government, which would become legislation in 2014.

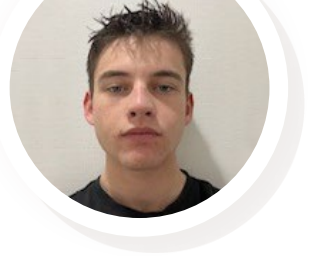
Tickets are still available for Te Kaiaotanga o Te Reo 2022!

Come along to this Te Reo Symposium to listen to kaikōrero including Tā Timoti Kāretu, Stacey Morrison, and Safari Hynes.

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.



Annette Sykes, Tā Timoti Kāretu, Scotty Morrison, and Jeremy Tātere MacLeod at Te Kaiaotanga o Te Reo last year. Photo © Erica Sinclair.



Inaugural Mangatāwhai Pakihi scholarship recipient – Walter Sandbrook

Kia ora! Ko Walter tōku ingoa. Hailing from Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua, I am the grandson of Susan Yates (nee Gapper), and the son of John and Maria Sandbrook. I was born and raised in Dannevirke surrounded by my whānau, who have played a huge role in getting me to where I am today. My home has kept me grounded throughout my upbringing, and has provided me with many opportunities to succeed in my youth. Although I come from a small community, I have always dreamed big, and thus, am currently striking out on my own in Tāmaki Makaurau, doing a double degree in law and commerce.

I am extremely grateful to Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō for seeing me as a worthy candidate for the Mangatāwhai Pakihi Scholarship, which will help me immensely in achieving my goals of working in commercial law. It is a privilege to have such an opportunity, and I endeavour to give back to my people with the skills and knowledge that I aim to gain throughout my course of study. Ngā mihi.

What made you interested in studying law and commerce? From a young age I had always aspired to be a lawyer, I have always stood up for what I believe in and wanted to turn this passion into a career.

I have also always been inspired by entrepreneurs and the idea of owning my own business which is why I decided to study both law and commerce.

How will a degree in law/commerce help you to contribute to your whānau and hāpori (community)?

It will give me the opportunity to give back to my whānau and hāpori as I will have the ability to help inspire others and will potentially be able to help the community through community law if that is the field of law I decide to pursue.

How will this scholarship help you to achieve these goals?

It will allow me to spend more time focusing on my degree rather than working to cover the cost of university.

What advice would you give to younger iwi members to help them to achieve their goals?

Prepare yourself as well as you can for your future by taking the necessary steps that are needed for you to end up where you want to be, such as talking to people who have the career that you want for yourself to gain insight into that career.



Keep an eye on social media for our next round of grants and scholarships!

Upcoming events

Heritage bus tour

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō is 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? Sunday 12 June, 9am
Who? All invited, tickets available through Eventbrite

Join us for kai in Whanganui and Westport

The Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō Trusts are holding two Kai Tahī, one for our Whanganui-based and one for our Westport-based whānau. Each Kai Tahī will be hosted by one of our Trustees, Shanell Kelly, Vanya George, and Aaron Hemi (for Whanganui only). The aim is to simply connect, catch-up, share some kai and good kōrero. We would love to see you there!

▶ WHANGANUI

When? Saturday 28th May, 12 – 2pm
Where? Kingsgate Hotel (379 Victoria Ave, Whanganui)
Register? Through our website ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz/our-events/calendar-events.
 Registrations close 22nd May 2022.

▶ WESTPORT

When? Thursday 9th June, 12 – 2pm
Where? Te Taha o te Awa (2 Greenwood Place, Westport)
Register? Through our website ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz/our-events/calendar-events.
 Registrations close 2nd June 2022.

