



Tuna Monitoring

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō whānau gathered at Lake Rotorua on Saturday 6 September 2025 for our annual tuna monitoring.

Hinaki were set the evening before, and the following day our whānau worked together to check the nets, measure and weigh the tuna, and release them safely back into the roto. In total, 84 tuna were caught and monitored, providing valuable information to help us understand and protect this important taonga species.

Although the day began with a patch of rough weather, the skies soon cleared and we were blessed with a beautiful day on the lake. Tamariki were especially hands-on, helping with the mahi and learning about the significance of tuna to Ngāti Apa. The day was full of laughter which reflected the strong sense of whanaungatanga and kaitiakitanga in action.

We received lots of positive feedback from whānau who appreciated the opportunity to connect, learn, and contribute to this kaupapa.

Ngā mihi nui to everyone who came along to support the mahi, and to those who shared their mātauranga and time to make the day such a success. We look forward to continuing this kaupapa alongside whānau into the future.

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Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō and Te Taihu at Koroneihana

This year's Koroneihana marked the first anniversary of Te Arikinui Kuini Ngā Wai Hono i te Pō taking the throne.

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō joined with Te Taihu iwi to carry Te Ara Maurei, the sacred whale jawbone, onto Tūrangawaewae. This was an important moment of connection with the Kingitanga and with each other.

Koroneihana included kawē mate to remember loved ones, the first royal address from Kuini Ngā Wai Hono i te Pō, kapa haka performances and a strong Pacific presence with visitors from across Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa.

For Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō, it was a chance to stand with our Te Taihu whānau, contribute to the kaupapa and be part of a significant occasion.



Sports & Rec Grants

As the rugby season comes to a close, we want to celebrate some of our Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō whānau who have been out on the field this year. Rugby brings our people together and it is always special to see our tamariki, rangatahi and pakeke giving their best.

All of these players are proud Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō members and have received sports grants at different times. These grants support our whānau to follow their sporting goals and represent the iwi with pride.

Well done to everyone for your efforts this season. We look forward to seeing what you achieve next year.





AGM itinerary

He wā whakawhanaunga, he wā whakarongo,
he wā noho tahi

Join us at Lake Rotoiti for our Hui-ā-Tau (Annual General Meeting). It's a chance to come together as whānau, catch up, hear what's happening across the iwi, and enjoy some good kai and kōrero.

Location: Rotoiti Outdoor Education Centre, St Arnaud
Dates: Friday 19 to Sunday 21 September

Friday 19 September – Evening

5:30pm – 7:15pm – Check-in at Rotoiti Outdoor Education Centre

7:30pm – Whakatau at Rotoiti Community Hall

7:45pm – Kai and whakawhanaungatanga

Saturday 20 September

7:30 – 8:30am – Breakfast at Rotoiti Outdoor Education Centre

9:30am – 11:30am – Outdoor activities, tamariki face painting & games

12:00pm – Karakia + Kai o te rā

1:00pm – Hui-ā-Tau (AGM) – online or at Rotoiti Outdoor Education Centre

5:30pm – Hākari (shared meal & entertainment) at Rotoiti Community Hall

Sunday 21 September – Morning

6:00am – Mauri Stone Ceremony at Pahi Site, Massey Street, Rotoiti. Car Parking is limited.

7:00am – Breakfast at Rotoiti Community Hall

9:15am – Poroaki at Rotoiti Outdoor Education Centre

9:30am – Final departure for whānau

Upcoming events

Hui a Tau 2025

When: Friday 19th-Sunday 21st September

Kaumatua Kai

When: Thursday 13th November

Mana Rangatahi

When: Sunday 14th-Thursdays 18th December



Do you have any whānau achievements or panui that you would like to share?

If you do, please email comms@ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz so we can highlight the amazing mahi of our Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō whānau.

Kōrero Mai!