



Powhiri for our GM

Nga mihi nui to everyone who came out on Monday 8 July to welcome our new Kaiwhakahaere, Dave Johnston.

Over 100 whānau came along to the pōwhiri to show their support as Dave began his new role.

Dave brings a wide range of experience to the trust, including leadership in iwi business, governance, banking, and operations management. He has served on several boards, including as Co-Chair of the Kotahitanga mō te Taiao Alliance and the Te Tauihu Iwi Charitable Trust. Most recently, Dave worked in Wellington in a senior public service role as part of the Crown Response office.

Dave shared his enthusiasm for joining the Rūnanga and his commitment to supporting the aspirations of Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō.

“Na te ngutu kura ka pupuke ko te hinengaro. Nana ko te mahara. Ka puta ko whakaaro. Na te whakaaro, te korero. Ma te korero ka tu he tikanga. He taonga nui atu te wareware.” - Kakapaiwaho Kururangi Tibble

“We draw upon the lessons, mind and memories to develop our thoughts, plans and strategies. With collaboration and conversation, we can make a better world”

We look forward to working alongside Dave and thank everyone who came to be part of this important occasion.

Kia hiwa rā

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Protecting Our Rohe

Our response to Siren Gold Ltd's Concession Application



Kia ora e te whānau,

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō has submitted a formal response opposing Concession Application 119752 MIA, lodged by Siren Gold Ltd, for proposed exploration activities across a significant area of our rohe, from Endeavour Inlet to Titirangi Bay.

This area includes Te Anamāhanga (Port Gore), known to us as Te Ope-a-Kupe. It is a place of deep cultural, historical and spiritual significance, where our tīpuna first landed and lived as early as the 14th century. It holds archaeological sites like pā, kāinga, urupā and areas of historical cultivation that still carry meaning and mana for us today.

Even though the application describes the proposed activities as low impact, we know that any disturbance to these taonga landscapes affects the mauri and wairua of our whenua and waters.

As kaitiaki, we take our responsibilities seriously. We cannot support any activity that may lead to future mining or harm the wellbeing of our taiao.

For these reasons, we have strongly opposed the granting of this concession. Protecting our wāhi tapu and culturally significant sites is a priority for us all, and we will continue to speak up for our whenua, our history and our future.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou for standing with us.

Aicāhukohā.

He Toa! Celebrating Whānau Success

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō proudly acknowledges Hoani Ifopo Togia, who was one of just eight rangatahi selected from Aotearoa to attend the Basketball Without Borders Asia camp in Singapore.

The four-day camp brought together 60 of the top young players from the Asia Pacific region to train with NBA players and international coaches. Hoani took part in skills sessions, games, and leadership workshops, and was named one of the camp's All-Star players – an honour awarded to just eight boys.. This recognition reflects the hard work, dedication and talent Hoani brings to everything he does.

Ka mau te wehi, Hoani!



Kai Ngātahi Whanganui 2025



He mihi maioha - Whanganui Kai Ngātahi

Ngā mihi nui to everyone who joined us at our recent Kai Ngātahi in Whanganui, held at Frank Bar and Eatery. It was a lively evening full of laughter, kōrero, and delicious kai – a true celebration of whanaungatanga.

We loved reconnecting with our Whanganui whānau and hearing your whakaaro. Thank you for making the night so special.

We look forward to seeing you again soon!



Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō

Hui a Tau 2025

Whānau • Kōrero • Whakawhanaungatanga

What's On

Friday night: Kai and whakawhanaungatanga

Saturday morning: Outdoor activities (weather permitting)

Saturday 1.00pm: Hui-ā-Tau (AGM) both online or at Outdoor Education Centre followed by hākari (shared meal & entertainment).

A more detailed schedule & online link will be sent to everyone who registers.

FRIDAY - SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 19-21

at the Rotoiti Outdoor Education Centre, Lodge Road, St Arnaud

Registrations now OPEN



Te Anamāhanga Wetland Restoration

Work continues at Te Anamāhanga as part of our wetland restoration kaupapa.

This week, 350 eco-sourced native plants were added to the whenua to support the ongoing regeneration of the wetland. Species included Pukio, Mānuka, Raupō, Koromiko, Kohekohe, Harakeke, and Kahikatea.

It was encouraging to see that the plants placed earlier this year are thriving. The addition of more native species will further enhance the biodiversity and mauri of this important taiao.

“.....
Toitū te whenua, whatungarongaro te tangata.
- The land remains while the people come and go.”
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Voting is now OPEN!

Elections for our Hui-ā-Tau are open from Friday August 8. For further information on candidates

Upcoming events

Paepae Tāngata Wānanga

When: Saturday & Sunday, August 16-17th

Pahi Site Clearing Working Bee

When: Sunday, August 24th

Kai Ngātahi Kawatiri

When: Sunday, August 24th

Tuna Monitoring

When: Saturday September 6th

Hui a Tau 2025

When: Friday - Sunday September 19-21st



Documentary Premiere Postponed

Kia ora e te whānau,

We're postponing the premiere of our documentary while we make a few final tweaks.

New date and venue coming soon – ngā mihi for your support and aroha!

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!