



The team attending to the sperm whale at Motoroa © Jen Skilton

Sperm whale stranded on Motoroa

Kei ngā pae maunga e tū mai nei
Ngā rau awa e rere nei.
Kei ngā whetū e korowaitia te korowai tapu o
Hinenui te Pō.
Haere, haere, haere atu rā.
Kei ngā kāwai whakapapa me ngā wawata a
Tarakaipa, a Puaha te Rangi
Tēnā tātou katoa

On the 10th of August 2022, Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō received word that a sperm whale had washed up on Moturoa and passed away. A small tira of members from local iwi and DoC attended a Karakia for the creature. Over the following two days, we were fortunate enough to be part of the extraction of the jaw bone and its placement under the port of Nelson. It will remain there for the next few months while nature takes its course. After a few months it will be taken out to start the next phase in its processing.

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FROM THE CHAIR

Over time, we as a board have refined and built upon our strategic plans where we set about defining and prioritising our mission and purpose.

A key factor to carrying out our mission has been to ensure that the priority areas stay closely intertwined and woven with history, whakapapa, culture, and our values.

We moved past the days of making assumptions and embraced a *kanohi ki te kanohi* approach. As part of a research plan, iwi members were asked a series of questions to determine what they wanted – we heard what you have said and we have been working towards the realisation of many of those aspirational requirements over the past few years. More recently, we are working on more research to determine and refine the further needs of our members.

Whilst the Trust has put in place many initiatives to enable cultural identity and competency of whānau, realising many of the cultural aspirational needs has not been an easy task given part of the cultural revitalisation phase had few expert cultural exponents. Therefore, the key for Ngāti Apa in this field is to build capacity, hence the Mana Rangatahi initiative and the Kath Hemi Huia Kaimanawa Scholarship. This scholarship aims to actively increase the number of te reo Māori speakers amongst our iwi. COVID halted the second of a series of waiata wānanga, the aim of this initiative is to give members an opportunity to learn apa waiata. As soon as our waiata tutor is available again, we will recommence the programme.

Our pahi project is still a matter of consideration for the Trust. Having someplace to stand, less formal than a marae, is a good interim step until we as an iwi become more proficient with our te reo Māori, cultural competency, and have a greater pool of proficient exponents to enable us to fulfil our dream and build our own marae.

Providing a foundation for iwi members to link to one another has evolved with the completed Tipuna list. Many whānau members have taken up the initiative provided through Kai Tahī, you asked for more opportunities to meet with each other and this



initiative is one of many that provides opportunities to do just that. Shortly, the Trust will be calling for registration of interest for the Kaumātua sub-Committee. Many of you wanted to be engaged in iwi matters, this sub-Committee may be one of the opportunities you have asked for.

Our environmental responsibilities have been another key Apa initiative and we are participating in it with vigour. This is an exciting phase with many joint research ventures and opportunities. Whilst maintaining and enhancing our connections to the environment and its resources, I believe we are showing some real leadership in this space.

Education provides opportunities to realise one's potential. A second tranche of education grants has been introduced this year. The tertiary grants, trades training grants, and scholarships have allowed many whānau to continue with education, thereby ensuring a succession plan and a well-educated pool of iwi members.

Our core vision for Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō has not changed, and that is for a strong, vibrant, and proud iwi that exercises and realises its rangatiratanga, and for the Trust to be an effective and responsive organisation that utilises its resources efficiently to meet the needs and aspirations of members, while also providing for future generations.

There is still some way to go in achieving our vision, we have made one mighty start and in my view, we are progressing with exceptional grace and speed.

My fellow trustee Kushla Okano left me with these words last week, and I think they are apt given the tone of this update:

"We have heard the karanga of our people to gather together to practice whanaungatanga and be Apa."

Until next time whānau, take care.

Ngā mihi
Hinemoa Conner

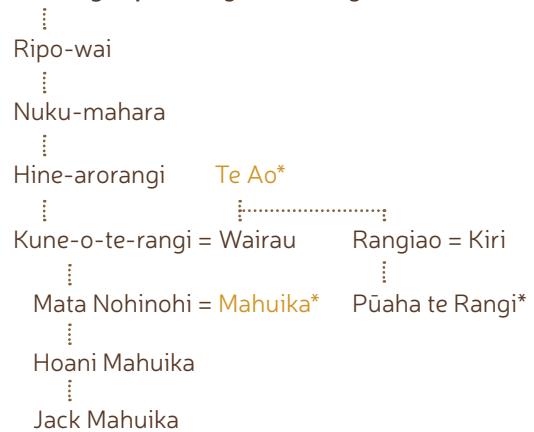
Whakapapa Whenua – Mahuika Whānau of Kawatiri

Our Ngāti Apa ancestors married into many of their neighbouring hapū and Iwi. This gave us layers of interests through this whakapapa. The Mahuika whānau are local to the West Coast – their ancestors lived at Tai Poutini, Kawatiri, and Te Tai Tapu. Their ancestors traditionally moved seasonally through these lands. The Mahuika whānau are the surviving line of Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō for the Kawatiri area.

The Mahuika whānau, like many of our whānau, descend from Ngāti Wairangi, an old iwi who migrated from Whanganui to Te Tai Poutini. Ngāti Wairangi were workers of pounamu or greenstone. Jack Mahuika stated in his evidence in the Māori Land Court that his ancestor Te Rangitapu was from Ngāti Wairangi and lived at Kawatiri and Mawheranui (Greymouth). Te Rangi-apiti had fought in a battle at Paparoa which defeated a Ngāi Tahu incursion into the area. Jack Mahuika stated his tupuna from Te Rangi-apiti to Kune-o-te-rangi all lived at Kawatiri. Kune-o-te-rangi married Wairau from Ngāti Apa. This formed an alliance between these whakapapa groupings. Kune-o-te-rangi is buried at Paparoa. Wairau and Kune-o-te-rangi's daughter, Mata Nohinohi, married Mahuika who came in the last Ngāti Apa migration to the West Coast in the 1820s. In the 1840s, Mahuika and other members of Ngāti Apa built a Pā at Kawatiri. They were still in occupation there when Pūaha te Rangi of Ngāti Apa was a signatory of the 1860 Arahura Deed of Sale which sold the West Coast to the Crown. Pūaha te Rangi and Mata Nohinohi sought land which had the Paroa Urupā, which contained their whānau and ancestors, to be

set aside as part of an occupation reserves from the 1860 Arahura Deed of Sale. This was initially done and Section 49 square 141 on the south bank of the Kawtiri River was set aside. This is where Mahuika had his house. At one stage, Ngāti Apa had interest in several reserves at Kawatiri, including nine tenths of the Westport Endowment Reserves – these were town sections in Westport.

Te Rangi-apiti of Ngāti Wairangi



**Te Ao of Ngāti Apa who came in the Apa ki te Rā Tō migration.*

**Mahuika who came with Te Tira-a-Kotuku in the Koura Ma whitiwhiti migration.*

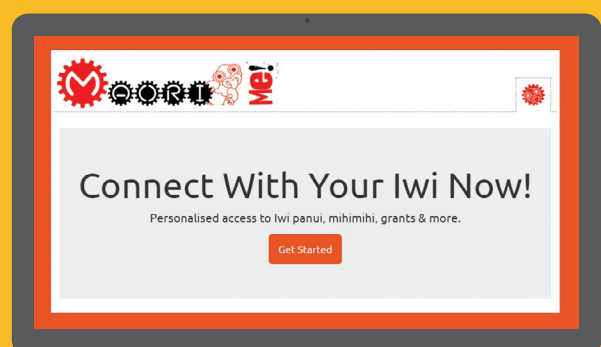
**Pūaha te Rangi the Ngāti Apa rangatira who signed the 1860 Arahura Deed of Sale.*

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Te Wai Māori Freshwater Fisheries Conference

At the end of August, I was fortunate to attend the Te Wai Māori Freshwater Fisheries Conference in Tāupo with Kereopa Baker. After a three-year hiatus due to COVID, this year's conference was a sell out and had over 250 attendees.

The conference provided an opportunity to kōrero and share expertise, knowledge and understanding of our indigenous fisheries and their habitat as well as identify opportunities and pathways to better protect our wai and taonga.

The talks were excellent and covered both forefront issues, eg. RMA reforms and developing environment plans, as well as detailing environmental projects being done around the motu to protect and enhance our freshwater fish populations.

I felt humbled to be invited to present the mahi we have been doing with the tuna at Nelson Lakes around providing information on the tuna population in Rotoroa to inform the sustainability of tuna harvests of Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō. This kaupapa was partly funded by Te Wai Māori. I spoke about the way we have incorporated rangatahi into this kaupapa and the mātauranga and cultural revitalisation aspects that are important to our iwi.

Overall, the conference provided a great opportunity to connect with other iwi representatives and for us to share our kōrero, learn from, and connect with each other. And of course, the kai was amazing.

Jen Skilton

Taiao Manager



Kawepūrongo/News

Administration Coordinator

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō are hiring an Admin Coordinator to join our team. If you are the admin-wiz we are looking for, please apply! More information can be found on our website: www.ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz/jobs

Sports Grant

Ngāti Apa have just introduced the Sports and Recreation Grant to provide financial assistance to registered iwi members, to support participation, confidence, achievement, and success within their sports and recreation activities.

Head to our website for more information and to apply: www.ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz/grants-and-scholarships

Ōtautahi Kai Tahī

The Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō Trusts are holding a Kai Tahī for our Ōtautahi-based whānau. This will be hosted by one of our Trustees and a kaimahi. The aim is to connect, catch-up, share some kai and good kōrero. We would love to see you there!

When: Sunday 16th October from 12pm – 2pm

Venue: To be confirmed

Registrations are open through our **website** and close on Monday 3rd October at 12 noon.

Buller Gorge Marathon

Ngāti Apa are going to attend the Buller Gorge Marathon on Saturday 11th February 2023 and would like to support iwi members to participate on the day, whether it is in the 10km, half or full marathon. Get in touch if you are looking to participate in the Buller Gorge Marathon and would like the support of Team Apa behind you!

Regional Skills Leadership Groups

Iwi of Te Taihū have been invited to nominate members for both the Nelson Tasman and the Marlborough Regional Skills Leadership Groups (RSLGs). Call the office or email office@ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz if you are interested in representing Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō on these groups. More information can be found on our **website**!