



Te Anamāhanga site visit

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō (NAktRT) recently conducted a site visit of our land block at Te Anamāhanga (Port Gore) in the Marlborough Sounds.

The Trusts are embarking on a project to restore the wetland at Te Anamāhanga. This will involve preparing the wetland area for planting, collecting and propagating locally sourced seeds, and getting the first round of plants in the ground later this year.

The wetland is classed as a remnant coastal wetland, one of a few remaining in the Sounds. Department of Conservation (DoC) staff visited the site in 2021 and reported it to be in relatively poor condition with vegetation dominated by exotic grasses and weeds. There has been unrestricted grazing (farming) across Te Anamāhanga but this will stop as soon as the site is fenced.

The wetland restoration project supports NAktRT's long-term objectives and obligations to safeguard iwi heritage, history and identity at Anamāhanga.

Stay tuned for updates and opportunities for whānau involvement as this kaupapa progresses.

A big mihi to DoC for joining us on this site visit and transporting us out there for the day.

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The Arahura purchase by Mark Moses

In 1860, a group of surveyors led by James Mackay visited Te Tauihu to map an area they intended to purchase on behalf of the Crown.

Mackay aimed to identify the local iwi villages, cultivations, urupā, places of occupation, and other resources that iwi might want to reserve. Mackay was accompanied by Puaha Te Rangi (NAktRT) who acted as their guide through Nelson and onto the West Coast. These surveys added to the surveys made by Charles Heaphy and Thomas Brunner a decade earlier with the help of our tipuna Kehu.

After two months of surveying the district and negotiating with Ngāi Tahu, an agreement was reached between Mackay and the chiefs of Tai Poutini (West Coast). This agreement resulted in the Arahura Deed, which was signed on 21 May 1860. Puaha Te Rangi was recognised as NAKtRT and signed the deed on our behalf.

Nearly 3 million hectares were sold to the Crown for £300. The Crown agreed to set aside 10,224 acres as reserves; 3,500 acres were classified as endowment reserves for religious, social and cultural purposes, while the other 6,724 acres were to be occupied reserves for iwi members.

Over the next 150 years, the Crown continually breached this agreement, along with the Treaty of Waitangi. Reserves were mismanaged and iwi land reserves were sold without our consent. NAKtRT lost control over the whenua and endowment reserves they were given in 1860, leaving them with very little land.

NAktRT made claims to the Crown, which were eventually heard by the Waitangi Tribunal in 2003. They reported their findings in 2008. The findings upheld NAKtRT grievances from the Arahura Deed of Sale, which included lands in the Ngāi Tahu statutory Takiwā.

NAktRT joined the Kurahaupō ki te Waipounamu large natural grouping to negotiate with the government between 2005 – 2010. Grievances from the Arahura purchase were included in the NAKtRT settlement and specific references to it may be found in the acknowledgements and the apology from the Crown in 2010. On 29 October 2010, NAKtRT representatives at Omaka Marae in Blenheim signed a Deed of Settlement with the Crown, which became legislation in 2014.



Kaumātua afternoon tea – Nelson

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō recently held a kaumātua afternoon tea at River Kitchen in Whakatū.

Kaumātua afternoon teas are held twice a year in Whakatū and Wairau. These events provide kaumātua the chance to catch up with one another and share a kai.



Minister Potaka visits Rotoiti

Representatives from Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō and Rangitāne o Wairau hosted a mihi whakatau at the Rotoiti Alpine Lodge for Tama Potaka, the Minister of Conservation and Minister for Māori Development in mid-May.

Minister Potaka was on the last day of his trip to Te Tauihu, culminating in the visit to Rotoiti.

The meeting with the Minister and Department of Conservation officials affirmed our unique interests in the Mangatāwhai (Nelson Lakes) and highlighted the importance of relationships in meeting our obligations as kaitiaki in this area.

Whatungarongaro te tangata, toitū te whenua.



Kaupapa Māori hui

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō recently hosted a hui at the Tides Hotel in Nelson titled 'Kaupapa Māori: Creating an Indigenous Model for System Change in Aotearoa'.

This hui explored the development and impact of Kaupapa Māori initiatives over the past 40 years and offered reflections on how we continue to grow this movement in the face of the barriers and attempted co-option by the Crown and non-Māori agencies of Kaupapa Māori.

Speakers included Professor Graham Hingangaroa Smith, Dr Margie Hohepa, and Te Ahu Rei.

A big mihi to the research team for sharing their mātauranga with our community.

Annual Report cover photo competition

Kia hiwa rā, kia hiwa rā!

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō invites whānau to submit photographs to be considered for the cover of our 2024 Annual Report.

This is a new initiative that offers whānau the opportunity to have their photography published and shared. Details and conditions about the competition can be found on our social media pages and website.

Education and Trades Grants now open

Our mid-year Education Grants and Trades Training Grants are now open to whānau.

If you plan to pursue tertiary education or trades training in 2024, we encourage you to apply. All applications need to be in by 5pm on Tuesday 4 June 2024.

Head to our website for further information and to apply! Visit www.ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz and select Grants and Scholarships.

Grant profile – Massie Harvey

Massie Harvey recently received an Education Grant from Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō.

Massie graduated from Massey University, majoring in Accounting and minoring in Finance, and is extremely grateful for the support he received from Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō. "Having financial support from my iwi allowed me to put all my time and energy into my studies, which led to me achieving academic excellence," he says.

Massie was recognised as one of Massey University's top-achieving students. He made the Massey Business School Dean's List in 2021 and, in 2022, received the Chartered Accountants' Australia and New Zealand Accounting Prize for the Manawatū campus. This is awarded to the top-performing accounting student.

Massie has now started his journey to becoming a chartered accountant. He is also a Māori student advisor at Massey University, helping Māori accounting students succeed in their first year of studies.

Congratulations on what you have achieved so far Massie. Nui rawa aku mihi!



Rangatahi Corner

Sophie Mason recently won the junior Māori section of the Manu Korero competition at Marlborough Girls College. Sophie is the daughter of Lee and Sarah Mason.

Sophie is in her first year of college and is heavily involved in waka ama and kapa haka.

Her win at Marlborough Girls propels her to the regional competition where she will be competing for a spot at the national final in Auckland.

Congratulations Sophie and best of luck with the regional final.



Scholarship recipients

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō is pleased to announce the following 2024 scholarship recipients:

- **Viliani Pale**
Mangatāwhai Pakihi Scholarship
- **Wilson Pearse**
Kath Hemi Huia Kaimanawa Scholarship
- **Te Ata Tuhimata**
Rotomairewhenua Taiao Scholarship

Viliani Pale

Kia ora koutou, my name is Vili Pale. I am the son of Jazmine MacDonald and Sione Pale. I am currently studying towards a Bachelor of Commerce, completing a double major in Finance and Data Science at Victoria University in Wellington.

I believe data is of strategic value to Māori and I would like to use my knowledge to ensure this taonga is used appropriately. In the future, I hope to use my skills in finance and data to create better outcomes for our whānau, hapū and iwi.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō for this opportunity. I am grateful and humbled to receive this scholarship which will support me in my educational aspirations and future.

Wilson Pearse

Kō Wilson Pearse tōku ingoa. He uri o Meihana Kereopa mai Rina Puhipuhi ahau.

I am a second-year student of Heke Poutuarongo Reo at Te Wānanga o Raukawa.

I grew up in Heretaunga ki Te Mātau-a-Māui, hearing stories of how the whenua used to be, taking up hobbies that sparked my passion for te taiao. I pursued and completed a Bachelor of Environmental Science and a Postgraduate Diploma of Environmental Management.

After my studies were completed, I began work in the public sector, engaging with marae and hapū across the Hastings district, supporting them with resource management requirements. I was inspired to improve my te reo capabilities after entering the workforce, knowing it would improve my work and ability to communicate.

Te Ata Tuhimata

Nōku te whenua o ōku tupuna.

This is a whakataukī that reminds us about the responsibility and obligation we have to te taiao.

This year, I have returned to Te Wānanga o Raukawa to continue building my kete mātauranga. I am learning about the systematic change required to address the impact that human activities have on the whenua as well as pepeha that are handed down to us by our ancestors.

I would recommend this tohu to anyone passionate about designing, implementing and monitoring environmental planning and management.