



Paepae Wānanga

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō held a Paepae Wānanga at Omaka Marae in Blenheim on 28 September. The purpose of this wānanga was to increase our capacity to occupy the paepae, and support whānau on their te reo journey. The kaupapa was led by our Pou Ahurea Aaron Hemi and Kereopa Baker, with support from Peter Meihana.

Whānau from across Wairau and Whakatū attended the one-day wānanga. It was empowering to see everyone – beginners and experienced speakers, rangitahi and adults, all at different stages of their reo journey – gaining confidence to represent their whānau, hapū and iwi on the paepae.

The day began with interactive games and workshops designed to lighten the mood and create an environment where whānau felt safe and confident regardless of where they are in their own reo journey. This was followed by kōrero from Peter Meihana about the origins of Kurahaupō in Wairau and their migration from the north to the south. He focused on tipuna who helped shaped the history in Te Taihū.

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FROM THE CHAIR



In his closing address at the hui ā motu held on Tūrangawaewae Marae in January 2024, Kiingi Tuheitia said “Let the four winds speak”. To this end, various iwi have hosted further hui ā motu to keep these conversations going. Ngāi Tahu will host Te Pūnuiotoka on 22 October 2024, at Tuahiwi Marae. Given the political environment, and the anxiety with regards to housing, health, employment and race relations, it is important that all iwi share concerns and lay a path for the security of iwi, hapū and whānau Māori now and for the future.

It is so disturbing that the progress many activists have fought so bravely for over many years is in serious threat of being overturned. Many years ago Dame Rangimārie Naida Glavish nearly lost her job as a telephonist for answering her call with ‘kia ora’. It is hard to imagine going back to the days of disrespecting Māori culture. Ensuring Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō stands firm with our other tribal leaders and Māori communities is a key sign of solidarity.

If you have been following, this pānui, you will be aware of the various kaupapa that we have been involved in over the past year. I would like to take the time to update you on several projects from the past 12 months.

The updates of the South Island Customary Fishing Regulations, are that all eight iwi have signed. The crown is currently processing their requirements before the agreement is gazetted.

With regards to the Nelson Tenths court case, I understand that the judge will reconvene sometime early in the new year with her decision. In the interim, our representatives Nicole Akuhata and Peter Meihana are part of a working group looking at a process and structure to manage what we hope is a successful claim.

The Base Woodbourne Crown offer was accepted by the three Kurahaupō iwi last month. This was a long negotiation process, and I would like to acknowledge those who have fought hard to close another settlement matter. The Ngāti Apa share of the settlement is just under \$9 million, and is to be used for land purposes.

There are many matters of significance to the iwi being addressed by our team. The Takutai Moana Act (MACA) research which I touched on in the last pānui is progressing and I would like to thank those whānau members who have provided Mark Moses with relevant evidence to support the claim.

Trustees did not have the opportunity to answer all the questions put during general business at the AGM. Therefore, we will answer all remaining questions during the next couple of issues of the pānui. The first responses are included below.

I am reminded that life can be fragile and unpredictable, I do hope you take the opportunity to give someone a call that you may not have heard from in a while. A simple act can be so rewarding.

Ngā mihi
Hinemoa Conner
Chairperson

Responses to questions put at the recent AGM

What is the status of the pūtea to each hapū?

The pūtea is still available.

What is the status of the Whakapapa sub-Committee, as discussed last year?

The Whakapapa sub-Committee with its terms of reference, remains in hibernation for the time being. However, any whakapapa-related responsibilities are now overseen by the Validation and/or the Cultural sub-Committee.

Is the relationship between Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō and Poutini Ngai Tahu improving?

The Ngāti Apa/Ngāti Waewae relationship team are cementing a good working relationship and strengthening the whānau bonds.

Who are the Puaha te Rangī hapori reps?

Hinemoa Conner, Fayne Robinson and Adrian Wilson.

BCL and ITM partnership

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō has recently become a minority shareholder in Building ConneXion Ltd (BCL), a promising investment identified by Ngāti Apa Investment Limited (NAIL) for its significant potential.

BCL operates ITM Nelson, ITM Motueka and ITM Tākaka, along with a frame and truss factory, joinery workshop, and showroom in Richmond. They are a thriving business with a strong history of community involvement.

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō organised a site visit to BCL and ITM work sites. Trustees, NAIL representatives and kaimahi participated in the visit to gain firsthand insight into the operations.

This partnership not only represents an excellent business opportunity for Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō, but also has the potential to create employment opportunities for whānau interested in the industry.



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Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō waiata and karakia were practised before breaking into groups to simulate a pōwhiri and mihi whakatau. Whānau shared responsibilities in running the paepae, taking on roles of both manuhiri and hau kāinga. It was a relaxed environment, with beginners practising karakia and more advanced learners refining their whaikōrero.

A big mihi to all the whānau who took time to attend the wānanga, especially Shanna Robb who ensured everyone was well fed throughout the day.

Our next Paepae Wānanga is scheduled for March 2025. Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō encourages all our Kurahaupō whānau at any stage of their reo journey to attend. For more details, please email comms@ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz.





Isaiah Tamainu-Lagan and whānau



Esan Rota



Theo Hislop



Ihaia and team



Kaliya and team

Te pae o angitū whānau achievements

Sports and Recreation grant

Isaiah Tamainu-Lagan was a recent recipient of our Sports and Recreation Grant. He represented AWA Aotearoa in Rotorua at the Aotearoa Māori Rugby League Tamariki Tournament. His team went undefeated, winning five games in two days. Ka rawe!

Back-to-school grants

Check out Esan and Theo sporting our Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō merch from their back-to-school grants! Contact the office to enquire about the next round of back-to-school grants!

Ihaia and Kaliya Te Hira at 2024 IVF Va'a World Sprint Championships

Congratulations to Ihaia and Kaliya Te Hira on their outstanding achievements at the 2024 International Va'a Federation World Sprint Championships in Hilo, Hawaii.

Kaliya and her team faced a year of intense training to secure an impressive fifth place in the W12 competition.

Ihaia and his team finished fifth in the V12 500-metre event and placed second in the repechage of the V6 race, ultimately leading them to the finals. Though Ihaia's team missed out on a medal, their final overall ranking of team times had them placed as the second fastest team in the world.

They both expressed their appreciation for the support they received through the Sports and Recreation Grant, with Ihaia saying "Support from the iwi allowed me to experience this amazing event and I am very thankful".

We are extremely proud of you.

New scholarship launched

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō is excited to announce the establishment of the June Robinson Kuru Pounamu Memorial Scholarship to our scholarship offerings.

This scholarship honours Whaea June Robinson and her commitment to support registered iwi members studying towards a tertiary qualification in the hauora (health) sector.

Throughout her professional career, Whaea June advocated for the needs of our whānau both locally and nationally. As a dedicated Māori liaison officer,

she served the largest geographical region, Jackson Bay to Karamea. Whaea June was instrumental in the settlement and subsequent privy council hearing for Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō.

This scholarship memorialises her commitment to Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō and a lifetime of service advocating for the wellbeing of Māori communities.

Please keep an eye out for more details when our 2025 Scholarship and Education Grant applications open in December.

Upcoming events

Kaumātua afternoon tea

Thursday 21 November, 2 – 4pm, Vines Café, Wairau

Please register by phoning the Blenheim Office on 03 578 9695 by Friday 15 November.

Kai ngātahi Pōneke

Saturday 23 November, 5.30 – 8pm, Beach Babylon, 232 Oriental Parade, Oriental Bay

Please register via the events page on the Ngāti Apa [website](https://www.ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz) by Sunday 10 November or email events@ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz for more information.

