



## Hui-ā-tau 2024

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō recently held their Hui-ā-tau (Annual General Meeting) at Omaka Marae in Blenheim. This hui allowed the trust and whānau an opportunity to review and reflect on the 2023/2024 financial year.

Whānau had the chance to interact directly with trustees, share their mātauranga and provide feedback on the various kaupapa that took place during the previous financial year. Kōrero shared by whānau is highly valued and actively encouraged, as it provides essential guidance for the Trust in planning for the upcoming financial year.

A big thank you to all the whānau who took time out of their weekend to attend the hui, particularly those who travelled from the North Island and stayed overnight at Omaka Marae. The Trust is grateful for your commitment and engagement.



## *Kia hiwa rā*

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# Tuna monitoring

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō conducted the annual tuna monitoring programme at Rotoroa on Saturday 31 August 2024.

Ten hinaki nets were set throughout Rotoroa on Friday to prepare for the following day. 108 tuna were caught, weighed and measured. 10 were harvested for our hakari at the AGM, and the rest were released back into the roto.

To ensure we minimise the impact on this taonga species, the largest females (1.5 – 2 kg) were released back into the roto so they can continue to breed.

A big mihi to all the whānau who attended, especially matua Sam and his whānau who travelled from the North Island to share their mātauranga.



# *Kaumātua corner*

## **A message from Lawrence MacDonald (Kaumātua sub-Committee member)**

I want to outline my reasons for putting my name forward as a representative on the Kaumātua sub-Committee. For many years I was not aware that I could be a member of Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō. I was at a Rangitāne AGM when I discovered that we, as Rangitāne, could also enrol as members of Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō.

I duly enrolled and subsequently received my membership status after my application was validated, and I happily became a recipient of all the newsletters and other items of interest.

This sparked a curious question as to who my ancestor Tarakaipa was, and how could I find out more about my Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō iwi. Therefore, having taken the first step in becoming a registered iwi member, the next step I took was to join the Kaumātua sub-Committee in the hope that I could not only learn more about the iwi, but also share that learned knowledge with other whānau.

The sub-Committee has helped me understand that we need to set a pathway for the future for our kaumātua. For some of us, we need to re-learn and understand our history, and be part of the rebuild for cultural revitalisation. I urge others to get involved with all that the iwi has to offer.

I am in a position where I can help our kaumātua understand the privileges and help that the iwi has to offer. There are different grants and information available to the members. Grant information is available on our iwi website, but for those of you who do not have internet access, I hope to be able to provide a list of grants and assistance available in future pānui.

There are regular wānanga that help us all understand our Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō history, which enables us to re-learn many cultural aspects we had previously lost. Everyone has memories, and often those memories are in danger of being lost. Share your stories, here through our pānui, so future generations have a record of how we grew up and the sorts of things we had to live through.

My contact details are available from the office, and if you have a query, please do not hesitate to make contact with myself or any of the other members of the Kaumātua sub-Committee.

It is important that we stay connected, learn more about each other and our whakapapa and history, share our stories and help each other plan for our iwi future. Together we will be able to do so much.

Pai marie  
Lawrence MacDonald

## **Trustee election**

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō Trusts had two trustee positions up for election – one for Pūaha te Rangī (Fayne Robinson) and one for Tarakaipa (Peter Mason).

Following weeks of voting the results were shared with the whānau at our AGM.

Fayne Robinson was reappointed to represent Pūaha te Rangī, and Lee Mason was appointed to the trust on behalf of the Tarakaipa hapū.

Congratulations are extended to both for their appointments.

## **Kaumātua payments**

A Christmas koha will be provided to all our kaumātua (60+) this year.

To ensure that Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō Trust can process this for you, please make sure we have your current bank details. If you're unsure whether we already have your information, please contact the office by phone or email to verify. Otherwise, if you haven't already submitted your details, please send us a screenshot of the top of your bank statement, showing your name and full account number.

You can forward your queries and information to the Office Manager [lynne.owen@ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz](mailto:lynne.owen@ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz)

# Get financially fit and digitally smart

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō is partnering with Aspire2 to deliver a 10-week skills programme for whānau members in Te Taihū, covering personal finance, communication, and digital and tech skills.

The programme will be held in person, either in the Wairau or Whakatū office, depending on the level of interest, and will run for one evening per week for 10 weeks.

Graduates will receive a FREE tablet on completion of the programme.

For more information or to register your interest please email [office@ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz](mailto:office@ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz).

Eligibility criteria apply.



# Annual Report now available

Our 2023/2024 Annual Report is ready to view on our website.

Click [here](#) to read or visit [www.ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz](http://www.ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz).



# Congratulations Manaia Huntley

Manaia Huntley is a Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō whānau member who represented Marlborough at the national Ngā Manu Kōrero speech competition.

Manaia won the 'E Tipu, E Rea' taonga, awarded to the highest single points scorer who spoke in both English and Te Reo Māori at the national finals.

Well done Manaia, you should be very proud of your achievements. Ka rawe!

# From the chair

After the recent announcement at the AGM, I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate Lee Mason and welcome him onto the board of trustees as the Tarakaipa representative. I would also like to welcome back Fayne Robinson onto the board as the Pūaha te Rangi representative. To the unsuccessful whānau members, I'd also like to extend my thanks for registering an interest in governance. I hope you will continue to participate in iwi matters and try for a position again some time in the future.

Many pertinent matters were raised at our recent AGM and Trustees have noted the ideas, suggestions and comments. Discussing these matters will be on the agenda for our next trust hui.

I hope to answer the remaining questions put to the board during general business in upcoming monthly pānui.

This edition of the pānui is full of information and articles so I have kept the update very brief. Until the next pānui, please stay connected. There are a lot of things happening in the coming months so keep browsing our Apa website and check the pānui for information.

Ngā mihi  
**Hinemoa Conner**  
Chairperson

