



## Tuna wānanga

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō will carry out the annual tuna monitoring at Lake Rotoroa on Saturday 31 August.

Join us to count, measure and weigh tuna, as well as share mātauranga, to increase our understanding of this taonga species and fulfil our responsibility as kaitiaki.

We will start the day with karakia at 8.30am at the lakefront but you're welcome to join in at any point during the day.

Whānau will have the opportunity to help bring in the tuna nets, enjoy a lakeside BBQ lunch and assist with other mahi to support the kaupapa.

**When:** Saturday 31 August, 8.30am – 3.00pm  
**Where:** Lake Rotoroa, Nelson Lakes National Park  
**Who:** Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō registered members and whānau

Registrations open Monday 29 July, via our website.

Whatungarongaro te tangata, toitū te whenua.

Mauri ora.

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# FROM THE CHAIR

## South Island Customary Fishing Regulations

In a previous update, I outlined what the South Island Customary Fishing Regulations (SICFR) entailed. To refresh your memory and update you, I will briefly go over events from 2007 to the present.

From 2007 to 2020, numerous attempts to engage and negotiate a successful outcome failed. All eight iwi of Te Taihū had an appetite to avoid arbitration as a means of resolving disputes, so they agreed to enter mediation. In 2021, mediation was disrupted by Covid and other unavoidable delays.

In 2023, the mediation process was reinitiated by a ministerially appointed mediator, Tā John Clarke. The objective was to resolve outstanding issues and disputes.

Mediation focused first on how best to promote a Māori way of dispute resolution. The answer was simple: to promote and support tikanga. A second goal was to negotiate an outcome that saw all iwi retain their mana. The final aim was to ensure that negotiations did not impact on the common marine and coastal area (MACA) in other areas.

The initial outcome was that arbitration was avoided. All iwi believed that a tikanga-led kaitiaki framework formalised through a customary fishing charter or kawenata would ensure key elements and commitments were made by all iwi, and guide future actions and decisions.

Some of you may have participated in the Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō online consultation hui on 23 April 2024 to determine the iwi appetite for a kawenata as a way forward in the SICFR. Thank you to all who contributed.

In principle, all iwi have agreed to enter the SICFR on the basis that we all agree to the kawenata. Currently, iwi chairs are in the process of confirming each others' comfort with the updated kawenata before any further decisions are made.



## Base Woodbourne

Whānau members will soon be receiving communication from Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō on the status of the Base Woodbourne offer from the Crown. A joint communication from the three kurahaupō iwi will also be released to whānau once all details are finalised. I appreciate that many of you will have heard various whispers via the kumara vine, but Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō trustees hope to have information to you very soon so that everyone is kept informed.

## Kai ngātahi

Many whānau have supported and attended the kai ngātahi events throughout the country. A huge whānau turnout in Auckland on Friday 21 June made for a very successful occasion. Registrations for the kai ngātahi in Whanganui on Saturday 27 July have been amazing. I note too that attendances at the kaumātua gatherings have also been impressive. These initiatives are driven by what you, as whānau, have asked the trusts to do for you. It is so pleasing to see that these gatherings are indeed giving us all opportunities to meet, share stories, get to know our connections to each other and provide a vehicle for us to be Ngāti Apa centric.

## Secondary school kapa haka

From 24 to 28 June, Te Taihū hosted Te Kapa Haka Kura Tuarua competitions in Whakatū, Nelson. This was an amazing and inspirational competition. The rangatahi were unbelievably talented, aspirational and endearing. Their grace and excellent conduct were noted by locals and certainly enhanced many reputations.

Until next time whānau, stay warm and safe.

Ngā mihi  
**Hinemoa Conner**  
Chairperson

# How did Ngāti Apa ki te Rā To get its reserve lands?

## Te Anamāhanga and Ōtaki reserves

Between 1850 and 1860, the Crown made several purchases from the iwi of Te Waipounamu and set aside land reserves for them. Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō were not included in these transactions. However, on 4 January 1855, government surveyor Thomas Brunner and interpreter William Jenkins visited the Māori communities of Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō and Ngāti Hinetuhi at Ana Hau (Cannibal Cove). The next day, they crossed the hill and took their boat over the harbour to Te Makawhiu Bay where they stayed with John Smith and his wife Kararaina Waipora. They laid aside reserves at Te Anamāhanga (Port Gore) for Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō and Ngāti Hinetuhi. During the visit, they recorded the presence of eight Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō adults and three children.

In 1889, Kereopa Pura claimed Te Anamāhanga and Ōtaki reserves through the Native Land Court. His claim was based on his tipuna, Te Kapa and Kaitangata, and because he had lived on the reserves. In his evidence, he stated that Ngāti Apa had lived at Te Anamāhanga, Ana Hau and Tōtaranui (Queen Charlotte Sound). At the time, there were only two surviving Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō whānau in the area – the Te Mete/Smith whānau and the Kere/Kelly whānau. The Ōtaki reserve of 50 acres was set aside for both whānau. It was sold in 1929 but the other reserve, called Te Anamāhanga Block 3 and comprising five acres, remains in Kere whānau ownership.



## West Coast reserves

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō whānau were awarded several hundred acres of Occupation Reserves in the vicinity of the Kawatiri River, Karamea and Whakapōai in the wake of their participation in the 1860 Arahura purchase. The location of these reserves indicates that the Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō members sought to retain some of their most important mahinga kai areas, such as the estuarine mudflats at the mouth of the Orowaiti River.

Later, in the 20th century, the Native Land Court awarded Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō a nine-tenths share of the nearby Westport Endowment Reserves. During these deliberations, Hoani Mahuika (born circa 1834) noted that Ngāti Apa people at Kawatiri had held, used and occupied the lands for generations as sites to secure food supplies such as birds and eels and to fell trees for the making of canoes.

The Occupation Reserves (Schedule A reserves) and Endowment Reserves (Schedule B reserves for religious, social and moral purposes) were administered by the Government for the “benefit” of the owners. However, ineffective management meant there was no significant economic benefit from them.

In 1977 almost all the remaining West Coast reserves, including the Westport town sections, were transferred to the Mawhera Incorporation. A commission of enquiry had earlier put forward options for the future management of the Westport sections, including owner representatives working with the Māori trustee to determine the future of the sections. The Crown did not consult separately with Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō owners and did not offer them the option of working with the Māori trustee. Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō reserve owners became shareholders in the Mawhera Incorporation but no longer controlled the land and could not utilise it for tribal or community purposes.

## Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō at the Olympics

A big mihi to our whanaunga, Risaleeana Pouri-Lane who will be representing Aotearoa at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. Risaleeana is a part of the Black Ferns, the New Zealand women’s sevens team. We wish you and the rest of the team the best of luck in Paris.



# Grant profile

He haurongo.  
 Ngā mihi ki Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō.  
 Ko wai au?  
 Ko Rose Kupa tōku ingoa.  
 Nō Ōmahu ahau.  
 Kei Paharakeke ahau e noho ana.  
 Kotahi tāku tama. Ko Ariki tōna ingoa.  
 He tino pai au, ki te whakapai.  
 He ngākaunui au ki te pūrei karī-Euchre.  
 Ko tāku mahi, he kaiwhina hauora hinengro  
 mō te rangatahi.  
 Ko Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō te iwi o tōku kuia.  
 Ko Nui Mac Donald tōna ingoa.

I am 35 years old and in 2016 I decided to move to Hawke’s Bay to raise my son. Since being in Te Matau-a-Māui, I knew that I needed to be in a space of healing as there is a lot of maemae throughout the community. I decided to retrain, moving from truck driving to support work. I also decided to study te reo Māori and have achieved kaupae 2 and 3 at Te Aho a Māui.

My original intention was to incorporate karakia into my work. However, my studies have led me on a path of self-discovery. I have fallen in love with te reo and found myself through my studies. I plan to continue studying te reo and never stop as there are so many elements to unravel.

*“Mai te kōpae ki te urupa, tātou ako tonu ai.”  
 From the cradle to the grave, we are forever learning.*



## Kai ngātahi Auckland

We recently held a kai ngātahi in Auckland and had a great turnout from whānau. We received the following feedback from whānau.

“We would like to extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude to everyone involved in making this an amazing event! We were delighted and impressed with the delivery, A big mihi to whaea Lynne who encouraged our rangatahi to get involved with future development wānanga.”



## AGM notice

We are excited to announce that this year’s Hui ā Tau will be held at Omaka Marae on Saturday 14 September 2024 at 1.00pm.

All whānau are warmly invited. You can register now via our website. Travel assistance is available for kaumātua. Travel assistance is also available from Wellington for members who live in the North Island but spots are limited. If you have any questions, please email [events@ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz](mailto:events@ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz). Registrations close on Wednesday 28 August.

## Other upcoming events

### Kai ngātahi Westport

**Where:** Portside Bar & Bistro, 13 Cobden Street, Westport  
**When:** Saturday 17 August, 6.00pm.

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