



HE AU TŌNA



"Ko au te taiao, ko te taiao, ko au"



Whānau attending the wānanga Toheroa ki uta, ki tai, 2026

KO MĀTOU TĒNEI KO NGĀITAKOTO

>>> *Our People. Our Potential*

Whānau gathered at Waimanoni Marae for a wānanga marking a significant milestone in the Ngāitakoto Toheroa ki uta, ki tai project.

The team shared findings from a year and a half of dedicated research into the decline of toheroa along Te Oneroa-ā-Tohe.

The wānanga brought together mātauranga Māori and western science, reflecting the project's kaupapa of understanding the environmental factors affecting our toheroa in partnership with Cawthron Institute in Nelson. It was an opportunity to showcase the mahi undertaken over the life of the

project, and to share what has been learned about the pressures facing this treasured taonga species.

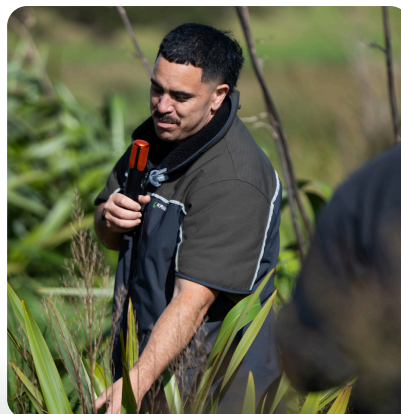
Beyond the findings, the day was one of whakawhanaungatanga, bringing whānau together to reconnect and share in the kaupapa.

Site visits were also on the agenda for the weekend, visiting where the project has been carried out along Te Oneroa-ā-Tohe, giving whānau a firsthand look at the mahi in action.

Special guests included Betsy Young & Kaio Hooper who shared their profound knowledge of the taiao and their continuous mahi within Te Hiku. Rangitane Marsden also shared the history of the Ngāitakoto settlement - acknowledging how far the Iwi have come.



Betsy Young, Wānanga 2026



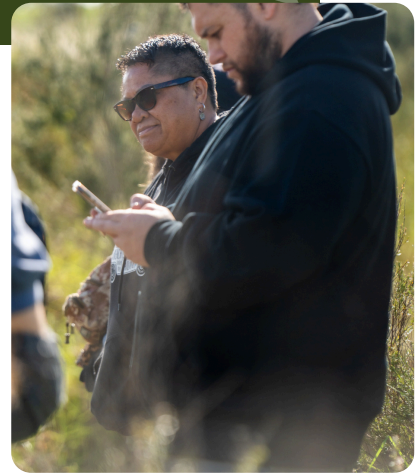
Wiremu Marsden, Wānanga 2026

The wānanga provided space to reflect on past projects delivered by the NgāiTakoto Taiao team, highlighting the breadth of mahi that continues to support Te Rūnanga o NgāiTakoto's environmental plan.

From past kaupapa to this current project, the thread remains the same - protecting our taiao and strengthening our connection to it for generations to come.



Wānanga Toheroa ki uta, ki tai, 2026



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Whāia te mātauranga hei oranga mō koutou

A NEW WHARE FOR SPECIALISED EDUCATION IN AWANUI - BLOMFIELD SATELLITE SCHOOL

After nearly a year of construction, the finish line is now in sight with the new Blomfield School building in Awanui.

Blomfield Special School currently operates satellite classes in the Kaitia area, providing specialised education and support for students with high needs. The new purpose-built facility, being developed next to Awanui Primary School, will become a dedicated home for the Blomfield satellite school and create a purpose-designed environment for its students.

It is now almost a year since the ground was broken, and a tremendous amount of work has gone into bringing the new facility to life. Internal services are now well underway, with the building progressing towards full completion in September and an opening planned for early October.

The satellite school provides personalised learning programmes tailored to each student's individual strengths, needs and goals. Students have access to specialist teachers, teacher aides and on-site specialist input, along with programmes that support important transitions from one level of learning to the next and, ultimately, into the wider community.

Being located alongside Awanui Primary School will also provide opportunities to build whanaungatanga while allowing Blomfield's satellite students to learn in a dedicated environment designed around their specific needs.

For students, whānau and staff, the new building will represent much more than a new facility. It is an investment in specialised education and in creating a place where every student can feel supported, valued and able to reach their potential.



Blomfield Satellite School Construction



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Whānau attending the 139 Celebration, St Joseph's Anglican Māori Church.

A BEAUTIFUL CELEBRATION OF FAITH, HISTORY, WHĀNAU AND COMMUNITY

What a beautiful morning it was celebrating 139 years since the opening of St Josephs Anglican Māori Church.

A special service was held, led by Bishop Kito Pikaahu, bringing together whānau to mark this incredible milestone. Plenty of familiar faces, stories shared and memories brought back to life as we reflected on the generations who have walked through the gates of Matarau Urupā.

For many of us, this place reflects more than just a church. It is a place connected to our whānau, our histories and important life moments, a place where people have gathered to celebrate, grieve, worship and simply be together.

It was special to hear the stories, share a few laughs and remember those who have helped shape the church over the years, there was a real sense of gratitude for the past, present and for the future ahead. A beautiful celebration of faith, history, whānau and community.

SNAPPER BONANZA BRINGS BOOM TIMES TO AWANUI

The 2026 Snapper Bonanza has again shown why it's one of the Far North's most anticipated events.

Five days of fishing brought hundreds of competitors and whānau to Te Oneroa-ā-Tohe, with more than \$200,000 in prizes on offer. Harley Ra (Kaitaia) took out the overall title with his 7.6kg snapper!

The Bonanza is much more than a competition for Awanui, it brings visitors who need somewhere to stay, eat and prepare for days on the beach with Ngāpae Holiday Park being the perfect spot to do so. As a natural base for fishing whānau, the park offers all the essential amenities, from fully equipped cabins to powered and non-powered camp sites it's the perfect spot to relax and share stories after a day chasing the big one. Guests rave about the proximity and convenience to the week long competition & having access to the beach at your door-step - no better way to start that early morning cast.

Demand keeps growing with the 2027 Bonanza (2-6 March) having already sold out and a waiting list now running. Head over to Ngāpae website to secure your accomodation for next year!

www.ngapaeholidaypark.co.nz



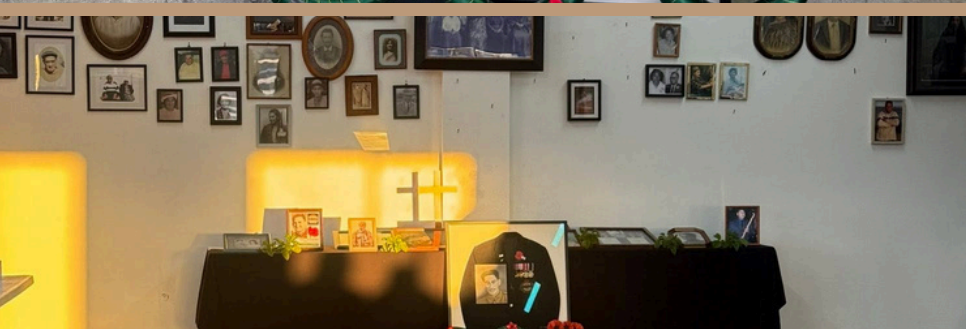
Ngāpae Holiday Park, 2026



Ngāpae Merch, 2026



Ngāpae Holiday Park guests, 2026



WHAKANUIA TŌ TĀTOU IWI

KA MAUMAHARA TŌNU TĀTOU KI A RĀTOU

Waimanoni again hosted a special ANZAC service, bringing together our whānau and community for a meaningful occasion of remembrance and reflection.

It was a privilege to be part of a gathering that acknowledged the many whānau who served in A Company and other areas during both WWI and WWII. Their service and sacrifice remain an important part of our history and whakapapa, and occasions such as this ensure these stories continue to be remembered and passed on throughout our whānau.

There was a strong sense of whanaungatanga throughout the service, with many whānau coming together to pay their respects and recognise not only those who served but also the families who supported them and carried their stories home.

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*They shall grow not old, as we
that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor
the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.*

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Acknowledgements and thanks to everyone who came together to make the service possible. The care and aroha shown throughout the occasion created a fitting space for our community and Iwi to connect, remember and reflect.

A special day that reminds us of where we come from, the strength of those who came before us, and the importance of carrying their stories forward as a whānau and community.

HE AU TŌNA...



"Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini"

Te tau hou māori celebrates a reflection of the past, the present and the future, as Te Rūnanga o NgāiTakoto moves into a new chapter of governance, we pause to acknowledge and thank the trustees who have guided our Iwi with dedication, integrity and aroha.

A huge thank you goes to our Co-chairs **Wallace Rivers** and **Kaio Karipa**, whose leadership has steered the Rūnanga through significant change throughout the years, Their strategic direction and steady hand have helped position our Iwi for the future.

We also acknowledge Marae Trustees **Trudy Brown (Waimanoni)** **Jasmine Marino (Mahimarua)** and **Craig Hobson (Te Paa a Parore)**, who have each brought the voice and connection of their Marae to the governance table, ensuring the aspirations of whānau remained at the heart of every decision.

Together, these trustees have carried the weight of guiding NgāiTakoto through important milestones, supporting the betterment of our Iwi, strengthening our governance foundations, and championing the aspirations of our whānau at every turn.

As new trustees step forward to carry this mahi into the future, we do so standing on the strong foundation laid by those who served before them.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa, a continuous part of our NgāiTakoto journey and we're grateful for everything you've given.



Malcolm Karipa



Wallace Rivers



Jasmine Marino



Trudy Patuwairua Brown



Craig Hobson

2026 TRUSTEE ELECTION ELECTION UPDATE

Marae seats confirmed - General Trustee seats head to a vote.

MARAE SEATS CONFIRMED

Each marae seat received one valid nomination, under Schedule 3 of the Trust Deed these candidates are deemed elected - no vote is required.

Waimanoni - Wiremu Smith
Wharemaru - Warren Cook
Mahimaru - Carol Berghan
Te Pā a Parore - Tamara Brockbank

Congratulations to each of our Marae elected trustee representatives and their willingness to represent our marae and Iwi.

GENERAL SEATS - VOTE TO BE HELD

Eight candidates are standing for the three General Trustee positions, open to all Adult Registered Members regardless of marae:

Ururaiaha Awarau
Moeke Brown
Raymond Jones
Hugh Karena
Mark Marino
Benjamin Marsden
Rangitane Marsden
Te Reinga Patu

Full candidate profiles and information are published on our website:
www.ngaitakotoiwi.co.nz

BEFORE VOTING OPENS

Every Adult Registered Member gets one vote for the General Trustee seats.

Voting will be electronic through Vero as the primary method with postal voting available to those who opt-in, and in-person voting at the AGM.

Make sure your details on the NgāiTakoto Members Register are current - especially your email address and your physical address if opting in for postal voting.

The 2026 AGM later this year will be an important milestone for our Iwi. Trustee elections are taking place ahead of the 2026 AGM, creating a significant opportunity for whānau to participate, have their say, and help shape the future direction of our Iwi.

To make sure you receive all important updates, pānui, voting information, and AGM details, it is essential that your contact information is current and correct.

By keeping your details up to date, you will:

- Receive timely pānui and important announcements
- Be informed about trustee nominations and election processes
- Get AGM information and participation details
- Stay connected with iwi developments and opportunities

If your contact details have changed - including your email address, phone number, or home address, please take a few moments to update them with us. Even if you think your details are correct, we encourage you to double-check.

This is a key moment for engagement and participation. Make sure you are connected and ready to be part of the kōrero. Stay informed. Stay connected. **Update your details today.**

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