

MARANGA MAI NGĀTI KUIA

He maunga pakohe, he wai pounamu



Te Kura Reo o Ngāti Kūia 2026

TE PŪ - THE PAST

NGĀ KAI KIA HAUORA

Ngā Kai Kia Hauora has returned bigger and better over hōtoke, with whānau coming together in Whakatū and Wairau to cook, learn and share some seriously good kai. We've also loved seeing our tamariki and rangatahi getting amongst the cooking and learning alongside the whānau.

The World Health Organisation estimates that every \$1 invested in reducing anaemia can return around \$12 in value to society, showing just how powerful prevention and healthier whānau can be.

That's why iron is one of our key focuses, alongside fibre, gut health, blood sugars and cholesterol. And the kai has been amazing! We've quickly learned that our whānau are already great cooks, they don't need cooking lessons. Our role is simply to add to their nutritional knowledge kete, helping everyone get even more goodness from the kai they already know and love.



PĀTAKA KAI OPEN FOR WHĀNAU

Our Pātaka Kai in Whakatū and Wairau have opened and are now available to support whānau with access to kai when needed.

Grounded in manaakitanga, whanaungatanga and collective care, we encourage whānau to take what you need, leave some for others, contribute when you can, and treat the pātaka with care and respect.

The Whakatū Pātaka Kai is open during rūnanga office hours when the back gate is open, and the Wairau Pātaka Kai is open every Friday.



TE KURA REO O NGĀTI KUIA

From 11 to 13 September, we proudly hosted the third Te Kura Reo o Ngāti Kuia at Whakatū Marae, bringing together 60 participants across all levels of reo proficiency, from those beginning their language journey through to fluent and advanced speakers.

Ngāti Kuia whānau travelled from across the motu, with some journeying from as far as Tāmaki Makaurau to be part of the kaupapa. We were also privileged to welcome whanaunga from other iwi in Te Taihū and tauīwi, creating valuable opportunities for our whānau to strengthen reo networks, share experiences, and connect with others on the same journey.

We were incredibly fortunate to have a dedicated team of kaiako travel from around the motu to support and inspire our learners. A heartfelt mihi nui to Devon Wikaira, Tamati Waaka, Ben McGee, and Ngapera Aperahama for generously sharing their mātauranga with our whānau throughout the weekend. E rere tonu ana ngā mihi nui ki Te Mātāwai. Their ongoing support play a vital role in making this kaupapa possible.

We look forward to seeing more of our whānau join in next year and continue reinforcing our collective commitment to the revitalisation of our reo for future uri.



TE MORE - THE PRESENT

VACANCIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kuia builds relationships across Te Taihū to create and connect whānau with a range of opportunities. We regularly share internal and external vacancies, grants, internships, funding and other opportunities for iwi members through our social media, email pānui and the Opportunities page on our website.

Whether you're looking for mahi, funding or a new opportunity, keep an eye on our website for the latest updates.

Scan the QR code to see what's currently available.



WAIRAU OFFICE

Need support, information or just a kōrero? Lea Hemi is available at our Wairau office every Friday from 9:30am to 3pm for whānau drop-ins and appointments.

Lea can help connect whānau with information, opportunities and support, including grants and funding, housing and Ka Uruora pathways, employment and internships, registrations and member services, and connections to community services.

Whether you're exploring housing options, looking for mahi or funding, need support navigating iwi services, or simply have a pātai, drop in and have a kōrero.

TE WEU - THE FUTURE

HE PUNA ROIMATA HE PUNI WĀHINE & TE PAE KŌRERO

He Puna Roimata, He Puni Wāhine is back with another cohort, bringing Ngāti Kuia wāhine together to strengthen their knowledge and confidence in karanga, pao, mōteatea, karakia, waiata, kawa and tikanga.

This year, for the first time, He Puni Wāhine will be held alongside a new kaupapa, Te Pae Kōrero. This is for Ngāti Kuia tāne to come together and wānanga on whaikōrero, reo, tikanga, kawa and leadership.

Together, these year-long kaupapa will create space for our wāhine and tāne to wānanga, learn and grow, strengthening the voices and mātauranga that will carry Ngāti Kuia into the future.

Register online or please contact: vanya@ngatikuia.iwi.nz

TE ARA RUKU

Join us for a two-day wānanga combining freediving, water safety and mātauranga Māori. Learn breathing techniques, safe diving practices, customary fisheries knowledge and kaitiakitanga values while connecting with whānau and the moana. Suitable for Ngāti Kuia whānau aged 15 years and over.

Across 17 and 18 October, from 9am–5pm each day, you will learn about water safety and risk management, basic freediving and breath-control techniques, and ways to build confidence in the moana. The wānanga will also strengthen connection to te taiao and kaitiakitanga values, while building the skills and knowledge needed to participate in future moana-based wānanga.

Register online or contact Casey: casey@ngatikuia.iwi.nz

TE HORA SEC 32A NO.4

Earlier this year, a pānui was shared regarding Te Hora Sec 32a No.4. This is a follow-up message to invite landowners to come together and kōrero. We want to be clear that no decisions have been made, and no current actions are in place. We are holding a hui on the 7 November as an opportunity to share information, listen, and hear the whakaaro of whānau as landowners. 10-3 pm with lunch provided.

Aunty Elaine encourages all landowners of Te Hora Sec 32a No.4 to attend and be part of the kōrero. For any pātai or to get in touch, please contact Aunty Elaine: elaine@ngatikuia.iwi.nz

AGM 2026 | SAVE THE DATE

This year's Annual General Meeting and Hui-ā-iwi will be hosted at Te Hora Marae on Saturday the 12th of December starting from 10am. Save the date and keep an eye out for more information coming in the coming weeks. We look forward to seeing you there!

RAUMATI INTERNSHIPS

Our 2026 Internships are now open! We have four exciting internship opportunities available for rangatahi looking to gain meaningful, paid work experience, build their skills and explore future career pathways while contributing to kaupapa that supports our whānau.

We have opportunities across business, community development, and recreation all within a supportive kaupapa Māori environment.

These internships provide practical workplace experience within a supportive kaupapa Māori environment and are an opportunity to grow your confidence, develop valuable skills, strengthen your connection to Ngāti Kuia and contribute to meaningful mahi for our people.

Applications are open now.

Scan the QR code to learn more about each internship and apply.



Meihana Kereopa

(C.1800-1914)

Meihana Kereopa was a respected rangatira of Ngāti Kuia, Ngāti Apa and Rangitāne, born at Whakapuaka between 1800 and 1810. The son of Kereopa Ngarangi and Kerenapu, he lived throughout the Ngāti Kuia takiwā, including Ruapaka, Te Taitapu, Whakatū, Rangitoto and Otarawao. His life spanned a period of immense change, from the Musket Wars and the arrival of European settlers to the beginning of the First World War.

Known for his deep knowledge of whakapapa and tribal history, Meihana was among the first Ngāti Kuia people to become literate. This skill saw him entrusted with recording the whakapapa and kōrero tuku iho of the iwi. During the 1870s, as Ngāti Kuia joined Rangitāne, Ngāti Māmoë and Ngāi Tahu in seeking redress through Te Kēreme, Meihana played a vital role in documenting whakapapa evidence. His work later became known as the Meihana Manuscript, a treasured record compiled with his son Tahuaraki and containing knowledge shared by many Ngāti Kuia tīpuna.

His expertise led to his involvement in the Native Land Court during the 1880s and 1890s, where he spoke on behalf of Ngāti Kuia. He was a passionate advocate for iwi rights, consistently asserting that Ngāti Kuia had an enduring connection to their lands and the right to be recognised and treated fairly.

Meihana married Hana Whiro, and together they had four children: Rinapuhipuhi, Tahuariki, Harena and Amiria. His commitment to preserving whakapapa continued through future generations, including his grandson Peter MacDonald, who also contributed significantly to the recording of Ngāti Kuia history and involvement in Te Kēreme.

Meihana passed away in 1914 and is buried at Ruapaka urupā. His legacy lives on through the knowledge he preserved, the rights he defended, and the generations of uri who continue to uphold the mana of Ngāti Kuia.

His famous declaration, inscribed on his memorial, remains a powerful statement of mana:

“My father was never captured and made a slave nor I.”

We have revitalised our historical information section of the Maranga Mai pānui, which many of you have told us you have missed. Each pānui we will revisit an important chapter of our history, sharing stories and insights that help us better understand the journeys of our tīpuna and the issues that continue to shape Te Taihū.