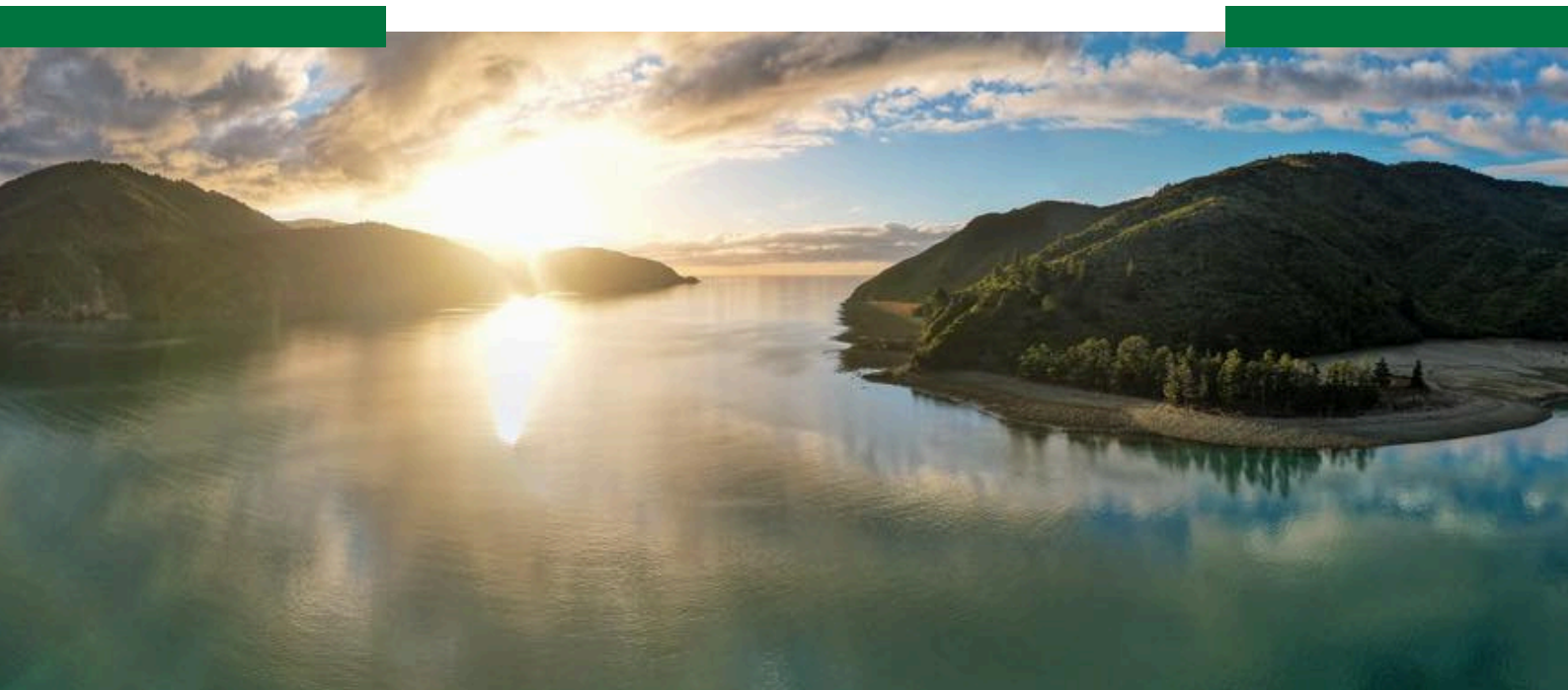


# E-PĀNUI NGĀTI KUIA



He Iwi Pakohe, He Iwi Karakia



## TE PŪ - THE PAST

### WĀNANGA TUKUTUKU

We began with the first tukutuku wānanga, led by Shanell Kelly at Mangarākau, harvesting pīngao. Diana Kohu said, "I feel it's a real privilege to have been selected for this round of the tukutuku wānanga, alongside two of my daughters and a moko. I have truly enjoyed learning from Shanell who has a wealth of knowledge and experience. I look forward to learning more and then creating. Ngā mihi nui for the opportunity, I really appreciate it." Our second wānanga was at Matapihi, harvesting kiekie. Check out the beautiful video on social media created by our whanaunga Keelan Walker to see what they got up to.



### TATAKA TE PUA

Our whānau and their babies aged 0-5 years continue to meet twice a week on Monday and Wednesday for Tataka te Pua as they learn and develop their Te Reo and Ngāti Kuitanga together.

This term the focus has been on Matariki. To join please contact: [tiana@ngatikuia.iwi.nz](mailto:tiana@ngatikuia.iwi.nz)



# PUNI WĀHINE

He puna roimata, he puni wāhine a Ngāti Kuia, led by Angie Stretch, provides a space for wāhine to gather and learn together. Our group has met twice this year. The first wānanga focused on real-life scenarios and learning a haka pōhiri for the marae. The second wānanga centered on tangihanga, sharing experiences, and exploring Atua Wāhine, which led to composing lines for karanga. The most significant outcome has been the conversations and connections formed, strengthening our support for one another.



## NGĀTI KUIA WĀNANGA TAIAHA

Led by Raniera Petersen, was held at Whakatū Marae earlier this year. Roimata Sam said, "My whānau and I have loved participating in the Ngāti Kuia Wānanga Taiaha at Whakatū Marae. It has allowed us to gain mātauranga o te ao Māori, personal hauora, and stay regularly connected to our marae through the weekly mau taiaha sessions." The second wānanga will be held from 2-4 August at Whakatū Marae, followed by the final wānanga on 5-7 September. Spaces are available for whānau. Please contact [vanya@ngatikuia.iwi.nz](mailto:vanya@ngatikuia.iwi.nz) to secure a place.

## KURAHAPŌ WAIATA

Some of our Ngāti Kuia waiata composers got together in the Wairau to begin writing and researching waiata which could be sung across kaupapa, wānanga and events that relate to all 3 Kurahaupō iwi. We will have more to share on this kaupapa as we progress through the year.

## TE REO KIA REWA

Ko te reo kia rere, ko te reo kia rewa! Kua ea, kua tutuki. E mihi ana ki tēnā, ki tēnā i tae mai ki te tutungi i te hatete o te reo, ki te whakarauora i ngā tāonga a toro mā, a toro pā. Kei te hāpai ō, me kore ake koutou! Our annual Te Reo Kia Rewa was held back in April. The focus this year was on our tipuna, Kupe. There was an amazing play created by our tamariki about Kupe, alongside mau rākau, games, laughter, and waiata shared by all. Te Reo Kia Rewa is a whānau kaupapa for people aged 0 - 100, celebrating the revitalisation and enjoyment of te reo Māori within Ngāti Kuia.





# EVENTS

## KAI TAHI

7 July

Te Hora Marae

## NURSERY OPENING

13 July

Tītiraukawa

## ROADSHOW

26 - 28 July

Te Ika-a-Maui

## ROADSHOW

2 August

Ōtautahi

## MAU RĀKAU #2

2 - 4 August

Whakatū Marae

## TUKUTUKU #3

17 - 18 August

Te Hora Marae

## KURA REO

19 - 22 October

Whakatū Marae

## TE HUINGA WHETŪ

The national secondary schools kapa haka competitions were held last week in Te Taihū. Our manaakitanga was on display, and manuhiri had an amazing time. He mihi nui to everyone who represented Ngāti Kuia. Special mention to Te Kaokaoroa o Pātetere, our manuhiri who stayed at Te Hora Pā. They were selected to the Top 9 Finalist List, winning certificates and taonga at the prizegiving ceremony. Acknowledgments to all rangatahi. They displayed confidently that te ao āori, ngā tikanga Māori and Te Ahurea Māori are in capable hands.

If you missed the performances, visit the Whakaata Māori website to catch up, especially on these kapa with our Ngāti Kuia rangatahi: Te Tauranga o Ngā Waka, Ngā Puna o Waiōrea, Tū Ki Uta, Te Piringa, Te Ngākau o te Awa, Manukura, Te Kura Whakapūmau, Te Kura ā-iwi o Whakatūpuranga Ruamano, and Ngā Aho Rau.

## TE MORE - THE PRESENT

### TE TUHI O TE WHENUA: PAKOHE UNEARTHED

**Nelson Provincial Museum 22 June - 13 October**

This marks the region's first public celebration of pakohe, a precious and culturally significant resource, in Te Taihū o te Waka-a-Māui. Curated by Ngāti Kuia, Pupuri Taonga o Te Taiao, and Nelson Provincial Museum, and presented in collaboration with ngā iwi of Te Taihū, the exhibition celebrates the strength, versatility, and resilience of pakohe and its carvers over centuries.

Pakohe (metasomatised argillite) has been used by iwi Māori for centuries to create tools such as toki (adzes), whao (chisels), and māripi (knives), valued for their strength and sharpness. Toki Pakohe were prized not only as tools but also as symbols of mana. Found in Te Rohe Pakohe (the Nelson Mineral Belt), pakohe from Te Taihū was highly sought after and key to an early trade economy, found in archaeological sites across Aotearoa.

For the descendants of early stone workers and traders, the exhibition opening was an emotional event. Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kuia Kaitiaki, Hina-i-te-Māra Moses-Te Kani, emphasised the importance of this long-awaited celebration, stating, "Pakohe is an intrinsic part of our identity as Ngāti Kuia in Te Taihū... It is overwhelming that after so many years, we are able to stand here and finally celebrate and acknowledge a taonga that is so important to us."

Moses-Te Kani highlighted Ngāti Kuia's continuous association with Te Rohe Pakohe, noting that the modern revitalisation of pakohe is thanks to contemporary pakohe workers and artists upholding the associated mātauranga and tikanga. She acknowledged Master Carvers Toro Frank Wells, Ruihana Smith, Fayne Robinson, and artist Natalie Kere, quoting Toro Frank: "Because we are te Iwi Pakohe, it is us."

TE WEU - THE FUTURE

KUIA TĀWHAI WHENUA - NGĀTI KUIA ROADSHOW

Ngāti Kuia is hitting the road and we want you to kōrero with us. Join us at our upcoming Roadshow where we'll be sharing the details of Ngā Rautaki ā Kuia, celebrating our key achievements, and exploring the aspirations of Ngāti Kuia. It is also an opportunity for you to provide feedback, share your thoughts, and let us know what is most valuable to you and your whānau.

Date	Day	What	Location	Venue	Time - PM
26 July	Friday	Drop-in session	Tāmaki Makaurau	Naumi Auckland Airport	2:00 – 4:00
		Hui	Tāmaki Makaurau	Naumi Auckland Airport	5:30 – 9:30
27 July	Saturday	Drop-in session	Te Whanganui-a-Tara	To be confirmed	1:00 – 3:00
28 July	Sunday	Drop-in session	Horowhenua	Kererū Marae	1:00 – 3:00
		Hui	Horowhenua	Kererū Marae	5:30 – 9:30
2 Aug	Friday	Drop-in session	Ōtautahi	Forfar Courts Community Hall	1:00 – 3:00
		Hui	Ōtautahi	Forfar Courts Community Hall	5:30 – 9:30

KING SALMON APOLOGY

We wish to share an important milestone that took place at Te Hora Marae on Wednesday, 22 May 2024. The King Salmon executive team met with us kanohi ki te kanohi, led by our whanaunga Graeme Aldridge, to address a past hara. The purpose was for King Salmon Aotea to apologise for the historic hara where our Kaitiaki Kaikaiāwaro was held in disrespect. Raymond Smith highlighted that Ngāti Kuia holds Kaikaiāwaro in the highest esteem. Many Ngāti Kuia descendants have kirimoko depicting Kaikaiāwaro.

Mark Dewdney, Chairman of King Salmon, acknowledged the harm, saying: "This is not something we are proud of. We unreservedly apologise for our deeply offensive public comments. They were belittling to your tipuna Kaikaiāwaro and your fundamental beliefs. We regret not acting sooner to condemn these comments." CEO Carl Carrington added: "The transgression of the past was wrong. I think its genesis was arrogance, ignorance, and a lack of cultural awareness regarding the history of Te Taihū and the whakapapa of Ngāti Kuia. I hope you feel the genuine intent of our words today, and our actions will be the proof. Ka mua, ka muri". We move forward learning from the past.

Tania Alesana accepted the apology on behalf of Ngāti Kuia. While these words and photos do not capture all the moments of the day, the feeling was positive and constructive, paving the way for future collaboration and partnership.



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