

MARANGA MAI NGĀTI KUIIA



He maunga pakohe, he wai pounamu



Wānanga Tiaki Moana ki Titirangi 2026

TE PŪ - THE PAST

KAITIAKI MOANA

Last month, our hunga tiaki stayed in Titirangi for a three-day wānanga tiaki led by Raymond Smith. Over the course of the wānanga we spent time surveying, fishing, diving, and learning about this wāhi tipuna.

In the lead-up to our public meeting, this was also a valuable opportunity for our kaitiaki to deepen their understanding of the proposed mātaimai reserve at this location and to explore ways we can protect these significant sites.

Following the wānanga, we held three submission sessions: two in Whakatū and one in Wairau. These sessions were for those who wanted assistance to complete their own submission in support of the mātaimai application. Then, on April 21, a public meeting was held at Te Hora to inform whānau and the wider community about our process and next steps, as well as to open the floor for discussion.

You can find more information in the taiao section of our website.





WĀNANGA TUKUTUKU

We recently came together for a one-day wānanga tukutuku led by Shanell Kelly, held at Rotoroa and Rotoiti.

During the wānanga, Shanell Kelly guided our second cohort through the process of collecting, harvesting, and preparing raupō and toetoe. A strong focus of Shanell's mahi continues to be reconnecting whānau with the whenua, an intention that was woven throughout the day. This marked the final wānanga in the series for this cohort.

Registrations for next year's cohort will be opening soon.

TE TAUHU KAPAHAKA REGIONALS

E mihi nui ana ki ngā kapa katoa i tū ki Kia Hūkere te Hoe 2026! Congratulations to every kapa who performed at Kia Hūkere te Hoe 2026. Your dedication, discipline, and aroha for kapa haka shone through on the stage.

Congratulations to our kapa who will proudly represent our rohe on the national stage: Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Tuia Te Matangi, Te Rōpū Whakamanamana, and Te Kōhao o Te Ngira at Mana Kuratahi.

Alongside Te Kuru Marutea and Kia Ngāwari who will represent us at Te Matatini.

Kua ora ngā mahi haka i Te Tauihu nei i a koutou kei ngā uri a Tāne-Rore, a Hine-Rēhia!



SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

The results of the 2026 Special General Meeting are now confirmed following the close of voting on 28 March 2026. A total of 362 valid votes were received from 3,988 members, representing a 9.08% voter return. The special resolution to adopt the proposed amendments to the Trust Deed has been carried, with 340 votes in favour and 21 against, equating to 93.92% support from those who cast a valid vote.

This exceeds the 75% threshold required for a special resolution, meaning the amendments will now take effect. Voting was completed across online, postal, and in-person channels, with the majority of whānau participating online. These changes were approved by voting members to guide the Trust moving forward and strengthen its governance framework for future generations.

The Trustees acknowledge and thank all members who participated in the voting process and contributed to this important decision for the ongoing direction and wellbeing of the Trust.

A notified agenda item of the remuneration of the Deputy Chair role was also discussed. The resolution was passed to approve the new Deputy Chair's remuneration. This agenda item was separate from the electoral process.

TE MORE - THE PRESENT

TAKU RAU TĪKUMU

A new exhibition exploring traditional weaving techniques that utilise tīkumu, an alpine flora, in Te Waipounamu has opened at the Nelson Provincial Museum.

It highlights the deep cultural and practical significance of a mountain treasure that once sheltered and clothed our people. Taku Rau Tikumu explores the enduring relationship between people and alpine landscapes through the story of tīkumu, a resilient mountain plant connected to generations of knowledge.

Led by Ngāti Kuia artist Hamuera Manihera, the exhibition brings together a collection of tīkumu taonga alongside mātauranga Māori, science, history, and photographs of the species.

This exhibition will be open at Nelson Provincial Museum until July 19 2026, and is free for Nelson Tasman residents.



TE WEU - THE FUTURE

NGĀ KAI KIA HAUORA

Ngā Kai Kia Hauora is a winter cooking series open to uri o Ngāti Kuia, bringing whānau together to prepare and share nourishing, delicious kai alongside our nutritionist and professional chef.

Running monthly across winter evenings in Wairau and Whakatū, this three-part series focuses on creating satisfying, affordable meals that support wellbeing while building confidence in everyday food choices to help sustain energy through the colder months.

Those who attended last year are also welcome to return, with new recipes and ideas featured for 2026. All skill levels are welcome, and if registrations exceed capacity, priority may be given to whānau who have not attended before.

Register your interest early by emailing nicole@ngatikuia.iwi.nz



CITYCARE PARTNERSHIP

Ngāti Kuia have partnered with CityCare properties who successfully won the New Zealand Defence Force maintenance contract which includes Woodbourne Camp.

The partnership involves the supply of services from our team based in Titiraukawa, as well as other employment and apprenticeship pathways for whānau. The services and pathways will operate from October 2026 leaving just a few months for Ngāti Kuia to grow the work force and identify whānau members interested in employment or apprenticeship pathways.

Expressions of interest will be launched soon, encouraging whānau that maybe interested in open space maintenance roles, consent monitoring, water testing, electrical and mechanical apprenticeships and some middle management roles.

TE REO KIA REWA

Join us for the 6th year of Te Reo Kia Rewa, a special kaupapa now taking place during Matariki at Whakatū Marae. This welcoming wānanga is designed for the whole whānau to learn, grow and build confidence in te reo Māori together whether you are just beginning your reo journey or already have some experience.

Te Reo Kia Rewa is open to registered uri o Ngāti Kuia and their whānau. The wānanga begins with a pōhiri at 4.00pm on Thursday 9 July and concludes Sunday morning after hākari. Accommodation is available onsite at the marae, with full participation in all akoranga encouraged.

Please register online or scan the QR code below. Confirmations will be sent out by 1 June.

For more information contact: matawai@ngatikuia.iwi.nz

