



NGĀTI APAKURA

Kia ora e te whānau,

September has been a huge month for Ngāti Apakura, featuring both the Koroneihana Celebrations and Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 2026. Whānau who were able to get along to some of the Koroneihana events at Tūrangawaewae are warmly acknowledged - it's a taonga to have that time each year to reflect, reconnect, and celebrate together as an iwi.

Te Arikinui's address this year has stayed with many who heard it. Her theme of moving "from raupatu to rauora" - from the pain of dispossession toward wellbeing and revival - was a powerful call. Rather than dwelling on what's been done in the past, she challenged listeners to ask "What will we do now?", encouraging whānau to look to the future rather than carrying the weight of history alone. She also spoke of 'unity' not meaning 'agreement on everything', but the ability to hold differences with respect while still standing together.

As we continue our Hohou i te Rongo journey, we are reminded that reconciliation is not only about acknowledging the past - it is also about what we protect, strengthen and carry forward for our uri whakatupu.

“Āe he wā e haere mai ana mā te Hohou i te Rongo, ka whakatutuki tēnei moemoeā o tātou, kia mau mō ake tonu ake, hei taonga mō ngā uri whakatupu o te tūpuna Apakura.”

“Yes, a time is coming - through Hohou i te Rongo - when this dream of ours will be fulfilled, to be held forever as a treasure for the descendants of the ancestor Apakura.”

Ngāti Apakura Runanga Trustee Takuta Kahu McClintock.

And what better time to reflect on the taonga we carry forward than Te Wiki o te Reo Māori.



Ngāti Apakura Celebrates Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 2026

As part of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, new Ngāti Apakura kōrero and waiata were shared on the Ngāti Apakura YouTube Channel.

He wā pai Tē Wiki o te Reo Māori ki te whakanui, ki te ako, ā, ki te kōrero i tō tātou reo rangatira.

As Ngāti Apakura, we celebrate not only te reo Māori, but also the voices, stories and mātauranga of Ngāti Apakura that our reo carries from one generation to the next.

Takuta Kahu McClintock | He mihi ki tō tātou reo

A video of Dr Kahu McClintock singing our Ngāti Apakura pepehā can now be viewed.

Voices like Whaea Kahu's remind us why it matters to hold fast to our reo, our whakapapa and our kōrero - so these taonga continue to live on through our uri whakatupu.

Watch Takuta Kahu McClintock's kōrero on the Ngāti Apakura YouTube channel:

https://youtube.com/shorts/mD_ze369LjM?si=kuDt4YAeYNdS7QA_



Te Mamae | He kōrero e kore e warewaretia

In acknowledgement of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, we also shared a waiata that carries one of the deepest and most important stories of our people.

Wikitoria Te Mamae Pahi Whakamau Te Wirihana was a young girl at Rangiaowhia when Cameron's Imperial troops entered the village on a Sunday morning in February 1864. She had first been named Wikitoria, after Queen Victoria, as many Māori girls were at the time. After the attack on Rangiaowhia, her whānau renamed her Te Mamae (the pain) so future generations would never forget what happened there.

As a teenager, Te Mamae led tamariki to safety, hiding them in a puna (spring) as the soldiers arrived, before guiding them to safety. Her story, her own trail of tears, lives on through He Waiata Mō Te Mamae, shared here by Ngāti Apakura kaumātua Hazel Coromandel Wander, a descendant of Te Mamae.

Watch He Waiata Mō Te Mamae on the Ngāti Apakura YouTube channel: https://youtu.be/e2K9fgfO_7o



Stay Connected | Ngāti Apakura on YouTube

Wherever you are in Aotearoa or around the world, you can listen to kōrero from our whānau and stay connected as uri of Ngāti Apakura via the Ngāti Apakura YouTube channel.

Subscribe here: <https://youtube.com/@ngatiapakura?si=9eOrCn3-ZyDwDjEL>



Hohou i te Rongo

Hohou i te Rongo is not a Treaty settlement. It is a reconciliation kaupapa developed specifically for Ngāti Apakura, centred on addressing the harm caused by the Pāhuatanga at Rangiaowhia and rebuilding the relationship between Ngāti Apakura and the Crown.

The kaupapa is built around three pou:

- ♦ **Restitution** - Acknowledgement of wrongdoing and the harm caused.
- ♦ **Restoration** - Recognising and addressing the intergenerational impacts on our whenua, taonga, culture and mana motuhake.
- ♦ **Reconciliation** - Rebuilding relationships and creating a pathway forward for Ngāti Apakura.

Where Are We Now?

Negotiations on the Hohou i te Rongo process are progressing, and the next stages will see the Rūnanga consider the Crown's offer before the package moves to whānau endorsement.

This is an important part of the process because registered members will have the opportunity to hear the details of the package, ask pātai, and decide whether to endorse it.

Once we have a clear picture of dates, we will ensure that whānau know how they can have their say through the next part of the process.

Rēhita Mai | Your Registration is Your Voice

To participate in the endorsement process, you need to be a registered member of Apakura Rūnanga Trust.

If you haven't registered, or you're unsure whether your contact details are current, now is the time to check.

Encourage your whānau too - particularly uri who have recently turned 18 or those who have never registered.

Register here: <https://ngatiapakura.co.nz/rehitatanga-i-registration>



Upcoming Hui and Wānanga

He Pōwhiri Whakahirahira | Welcoming Te Ariki o Tūwharetoa

Kei ngaku nui, kei ngaku rahi, kia ikapahi nei tātou ki runga ki te whenua taurikura o ngō tātou mātua tīpuna, ki Kahotea marae!

We're excited to share that we will welcome Te Ariki o Tūwharetoa, Te Rangimaheu te Heuheu Tūkino IX and Tumuaki o te Kiingitanga, Hone Tamihana, to Kahotea Marae on:

Date: Friday 9 October 2026

Time: Pōwhiri 9am. Event finishes approx. 12:30pm

Venue: Kahotea Marae, 50 Kahotea Road, Otorohanga 3973

The event will bring together whānau, dignitaries and our iwi huanga to provide an update on Hohou i te Rongo, presented by our Reconciliation Negotiators, Hon Nanaia Mahuta and Tipene Wilson.

All are welcome to attend.

Nā reira, e te whānau, kia whakarite tahi tātou mō tēnei rā whakahirahira.

Apakura Rūnanga Trust AGM

Notice is hereby given that the 2026 Annual General Meeting of the beneficiaries of Apakura Rūnanga Trust (ART), being the members of Ngāti Apakura iwi, will be held on:

For catering purposes, please RSVP to admin@ngatiapakura.co.nz

We look forward to seeing you there!





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Apakura Rūnanga Trust Hui-ā-Tau 2026

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DATE ▶ Saturday, 10th October 2026

**LOCATION ▶ Kahotea Marae, 50 Kahotea Road
Otorohanga 3973**

TIME ▶ 9.00am – 12.30pm

For catering purposes, please RSVP to:
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Unveiling | Te Pou o Te Rua o Tawhiwhi

Te Rua o Tawhiwhi: He Tawhiwhi, he tohu rangatira.

Te Rua o Tawhiwhi: The native jasmine, a symbol of Chiefs.

We're pleased to share that Te Pou o Te Rua o Tawhiwhi will be unveiled on:

Date: Sunday, 29 November 2026

Time: 7am

Venue: Te Whare o Rangiaowhia, 61 Rangiaowhia Rd, Te Awamutu, 3875

Te Rua o Tawhiwhi holds an important place in the history of Rangiaowhia and our tūpuna.

The first water-powered flour mill in Aotearoa, Te Rua o Tawhiwhi, was built on a stream behind the village of Rangiaowhia by Ngāti Apakura and Ngāti Hinetu.

The mill took its name from Tawhiwhi, a native jasmine that grows along the waterways of the area. Historically, its flowers were dried and hung in the homes of Chiefs, with some Chiefs wearing dried Tawhiwhi around their necks and being recognised by its distinctive scent.

By 1849, the Waipā valley was home to flourishing flour mills and extensive crops of fruit and grain, with Māori communities exporting produce to Auckland and further afield.

Among those leading this enterprise were Te Waru of Ngāti Apakura and Kahawai Pahi of Ngāti Hinetu, who operated successful mills at Rangiaowhia and Ngahuruhuru.

Their story is part of a remarkable period of Māori innovation, enterprise and prosperity.

We extend our mihi and thanks to Mātauranga Māori Facilitator Te Ao o te Rangi Apaapa (Taiea te Taiao mā Mangapiko mai i Maungatautari ki Pirongia te aroaro o Kahu ahu ake), for helping bring the kaupapa to life and for partnering with Ngāti Apakura to make this possible.

Further information will be shared with whānau closer to the time.



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Stay in the Loop

Kōrero with us on Facebook

Our Facebook page is where we're posting the day-to-day of this journey, the history behind Hohou i te Rongo, explainers on the package, and updates as they land. Following, sharing and commenting doesn't just keep you informed, it helps this information reach whānau who might not know about Hohou i te Rongo, including cousins who've drifted from the marae or only just found out they're Apakura.

Follow the Ngāti Apakura Facebook page and share posts with your whānau:

<https://www.facebook.com/ApakuraRunangaTrust/>

Subscribe to the Pānui

There's a lot to get through over the coming months, and not every whānau member is on social media. If there's anyone in your family who isn't already getting the pānui (e.g. parents, cousins or kaumātua), encourage them to subscribe so they don't miss the detail that matters over the next few months.

Ask whānau to subscribe: admin@ngatiapakura.co.nz

This is a big chapter for Ngāti Apakura, and it only carries the weight it should if whānau are a part of it -informed, registered, and ready when the time comes to have your say.

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