

 Rangitāne

Kei Puta te Wairau

Hōngongoi (July) 2026

Iwi pānui, events & information



Te Kaiaotanga o Te Reo 2026

More than 400 people gathered in Whakatū recently for Te Kaiaotanga o Te Reo 2026 - a vibrant celebration of te reo Māori, connection and collective learning.

This year marked the fourth time we have partnered with Ngāti Apa ki Te Rā Tō to deliver the symposium. The event brought together whānau, educators, reo champions, rangatahi and communities from across Te Taihū and beyond to share, celebrate and strengthen te reo Māori.

Te Kaiaotanga o Te Reo featured an outstanding line-up of kaikōrero, who shared their experiences and journeys across Te Ao Māori, mātauranga, toi Māori, business and the creative industries.

Attendees heard from Kings, Tawaroa Kawana, Peter-Lucas Jones, Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Tuia Te Matangi, Te Āwhina Marae Papakāinga, Te Whānau Alesana and Mr G, Graham Hoete. Each brought their own whakaaro and perspective on language revitalisation, identity, creativity and leadership.





Te Kaiaotanga o Te Reo 2026 (continued)

Returning for the fourth symposium were translators Hēmi Kelly and Hana Mereraiha, whose expertise once again helped make the kaupapa accessible, inclusive and engaging for all attendees.

The event also showcased a strong Māori business presence, alongside kura, tamariki and rangatahi. Their participation reflected the growing energy and momentum of te reo Māori across our communities.

A special performance by local artist NAIA added to the atmosphere, highlighting the important role of creativity and the arts in celebrating and carrying forward our reo and culture.

Te Kaiaotanga o Te Reo continues to provide a platform for meaningful kōrero, connection and inspiration, while recognising the many people who work tirelessly to ensure te reo Māori continues to thrive for future generations.

He mihi nui to all our kaikōrero, translators, exhibitors, performers, attendees and hapori who contributed to another successful and memorable event.



Ruakanakana Waharoa

In July, whānau gathered at Ruakanakana for the unveiling of a new waharoa recognising the history, whakapapa and enduring connection of Rangitāne to this place.

The waharoa reflects the waterways, wetlands, pā, kāinga and generations of people who have shaped and cared for the wider Wairau landscape. It also honours the many tūpuna, whānau and communities whose stories remain woven into this whenua.



Following the unveiling, whānau returned to Ūkaipō to share a hāngi, reconnect and reflect together.

A huge mihi to Keelan Walker for the vision and design, and to Shanara Thwaites of Gregory Engineering for bringing it to life. We also acknowledge Luckie MacDonald, Judith MacDonald, Dr Peter Meihana and Keelan for sharing the kōrero and history of Ruakanakana.

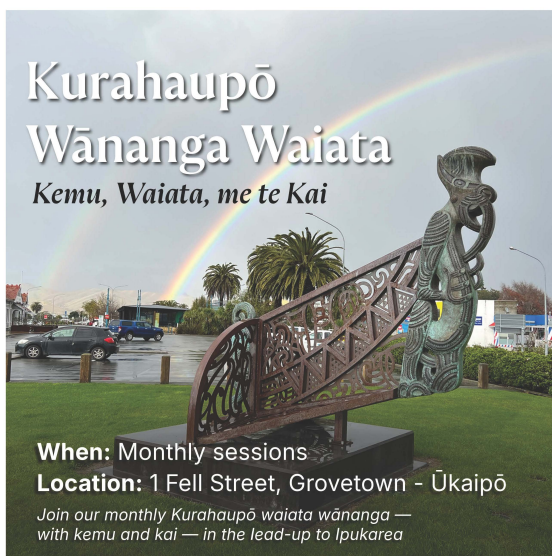
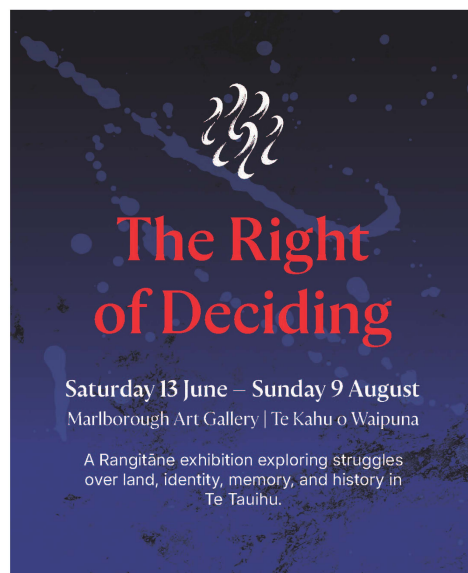
Ngā mihi nui to our kaikarakia, Kiley Nepia and Te Matahiapo (Safari) Hynes – and to Wiri and Reg Thompsett for preparing the hāngi.

Thank you to everyone who attended, contributed and supported this kaupapa.



"The Right of Deciding"

Be sure to get along to this powerful Rangitāne photographic exhibition - on now at Te Kahu o Waipuna. The exhibition speaks to identity, memory, justice, and the ongoing importance of our right to decide. We encourage you to go through, spend time with the images, and engage with the kōrero they carry.



Kurahaupō Waiata Wānanga

He wānanga whakapakari tēnei i a tātou o Kurahaupō e pai ai te tū ngātahi ki Te Ipukarea. Come along and join us for a relaxed and fun Kurahaupō waiata wānanga as we prepare for Te Ipukarea. Bring your voice, enjoy some friendly kemu, and share in some delicious kai while we learn and sing together. It's a great chance to connect, have a laugh, and build our waiata as a whānau — we'd love to see you there! These sessions are a time for Kurahaupō iwi to come together and sing our waiata. This is not just for Rangitāne uri, but for all uri of Kurahaupō.

Sessions will be held monthly at Ūkaipō:

- * Sunday 30 August, 10:00AM - 2:00PM
- * Sunday 20 September, 10:00AM - 2:00PM
- * Sunday 25 October, 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Please bring a plate/kai to share.

Get in touch if you want to request a copy of the kupu.

Wainuiaono

Are you proficient in te reo Māori and ready to take your reo to the next level?

Wainuiaono is a kaupapa designed to strengthen and develop the reo of our people through a two-year programme of approximately 15 wānanga, all held in Te Taihū. The second intake of taura will begin in January 2027. The first year will focus on strengthening all aspects of participants' reo, while the second year will centre on whakapapa, whaikōrero, karanga, karakia, waiata, mōteatea, haka, kōrero tuku iho and more. To express your interest, or to recommend someone who may be keen, please email tematahiapo@rangitane.org.nz.



Calling all Mumu Reo

Are you ready to champion te reo Māori?

Do you want to:

- grow your confidence and capability in te reo Māori?
- strengthen the reo within your whānau?
- contribute to kaupapa reo and cultural responsibilities across whānau, hapū, marae, and Rangitāne?

Rawe! Then you could be one of our Mumu Reo - our language champions.

We're looking for iwi members who are ready to step forward, grow their reo, and help strengthen its use across our communities.

To express your interest, email tematahiapo@rangitane.org.nz

Update to grants and scholarships

We're changing the timing of our education grants and scholarships so whānau receive their pūtea earlier, before costs such as stationery, fees, and course expenses begin.

This applies to the Poroiwi Education Grant (for tamariki aged 5–18 enrolled in school); and the Rangitāne General Scholarship, and Contact Energy Taiao Scholarship (formerly the Manawa Energy Taiao Scholarship) for tertiary tauria.

Poroiwi Education Grant

Opens: 1 October | Closes: 10 December | Payments: 20 January

Tertiary Scholarships

Rangitāne General Scholarship and Contact Energy Taiao Scholarship

Opens: 1 November | Closes: 20 January | Payments: 1 February

Keep an eye out for updates. Previous applicants will also be contacted directly.

Rangitāne NMIT Scholarship Recipient



Talia Macdonald with her Rangitāne Iwi Award - pictured here with her tamariki.

We are proud to announce that Talía Macdonald has been awarded the Rangitāne NMIT Scholarship.

Talia is currently in her second year at NMIT, studying towards a degree in Viticulture and Winemaking.

Talia's a powerful example of our wāhine Māori – balancing mahi, study, and whānau. She is an inspiration for our māmā who are working hard to build better futures, and a beautiful role model for her tamariki.

The Rangitāne NMIT Scholarship, proudly sponsored by NMIT, supports our ākonga of Rangitāne whakapapa to achieve their goals and give back to their whānau, hapū and iwi.

We wish you all the very best in your continued success. Ka mau te wehi, Talia!

#4 Hohua > Joshua > Nalder > Waru > Talia

#6 Hoani > Rea > Katherine (Coggie) > Nalder > Waru > Talia



Calendar dates

The Right of Deciding Exhibition

13 June – 9 August | Te Kahu o
Waipuna

Book Launch – John Hoani MacDonald

21 August 4.00–7.00pm | Ūkaipō

Te Ipukarea

20 – 21 November

Tuna Wānanga

13 – 15 November

Whānau Initiatives Fund

Open 10 – 31 July

Poroiwi Education Grant

Applications open from 1 October –
10 December

Tertiary Scholarships

Applications open from 1 November
– 20 January

General Election

Get ready to have your say

* Last day to switch from the General

Roll to Māori Roll – 6 August

* Last day to enrol to vote – 25
October

How to check your enrolment details
– visit www.vote.nz/enrol

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