

Rangiaowhia 21 Huitanguru 2024

160th Whakamaumaharatanga

Ko te Pūrongo



IMAGE: Ko Ihaka McClintock te Kaituhi o tēnei pikitia Ko tona tirohanga o te Paetapu i Rangiaowhia 21 Huitanguru 2024
Ko Ngungu – Ko Ngāti Hinetū - rāua ko Whati - Ko Ngāti Apakura Ko Ngāti Maniapoto ona tūpuna.
Kei Te Wharekura o Ngā Purapura o Te Aroha e ako ana ia e iwi ona tau.



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MIHI

*He honore, he korōria, he maungārongo ki te whenua
He whakaaro pai ki ngā tangata katoa*

*Ko te Atua taku piri ngā, ka puta ka ora
He rongopai ki te iwi ki roto i te tūmanako, te whakapono me te aroha
Me huri whakaaro ki tō tātou Kīngi Tūhetia Pōtatau Te Wherowhero VII
Tae noa ki te whare kāhui ariiki, Pai marire.
Me huri anō ki ngā mate kua hinga mai nei
Haere, haere, haere atu ki tua o paerau okioki ai
Rātou ki a rātou, tātou ki a tātou
Tēna tātou katoa*



It is my honour and privilege to be part of a team that brought together these wonderful events where Ngāti Apakura could come together to celebrate and, commemorate together, and reclaim our cultural spaces. On reflection, I think it is best summarized by Kīngi Taawhiao "Ki te kotahi te kākaho ka whati, ki te Kaapuia e kore e whati", and on that note I would like to acknowledge our Apakura Marae, Waipa District Council, Te Wānanga o Aotearoa Apakura Campus, Te Rūnanga o Kirikiriroa, Te Nehenehenui, Waikato Tainui, Downers, Te Puni Kōkiri, Te Hāhi Mihingare, Oceans Before Me, and our Kura that came along on the day. I would also like to thank and acknowledge those who gave of their time to help set up, clean, mow lawns, and pack down, those who brought kai to feed those who were working and those who prayed that our day would be successful. I would finally like to thank those in the Community for all coming together peacefully because we are unbreakable by standing together.



Orrin Kapua
Tiamana – Chairman
Ngaati Apakura Runanga Trust

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BACKGROUND

In the 1850s, Rangiaowhia, *whenua* (lands) of Ngāti Apakura Iwi, now known as the part of the Waipa District, was an area of rich farmlands, boasting an abundance of fruit and vegetables, utilising new technology, with acres of introduced maize and wheat. Ngāti Apakura supplied *whānau* (families) in the area, and their fresh fruit and produce were also sought after by the Auckland and Australian food markets.

At Rangiaowhia wheat fields covered some 450 acres (180 ha). Other crops were barley, oats, potatoes, peach, apple, pear, plum, quince, gooseberry and almond. Cows were also milked and pigs sold in Auckland¹.

However on the 21st of February 1864 the Colonial troops, commanded by General Duncan Cameron, and the Forest Rangers, by Colonel Marmaduke Nixon, attacked the peaceful community of Rangiaowhia. It was deemed a critical prize for colonial forces seized for its abundance.

<p><i>E pā too hau he wini raro, He hoomai aroha Kia tangi atu au i konei; He aroha ki te iwi Ka momotu ki tawhiti ki Paerau</i></p>	<p>Your breath touches me, o north wind bringing sorrowful memories so that I mourn again in sorrow for my kin lost to me in the world of spirits.</p>
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<p><i>Ko wai e kite atu? Kei whea aku hoa i mua raa, I te toonuitanga Ka haramai teenei ka tauwehe, Ka raungaiti au, e.</i></p>	<p>Where are they now? Where are those friends of former days who once lived in prosperity? The time of separation has come, Leaving me desolate.²</p>
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The village was also the centre of the Waikato Catholic Mission and had a solid Anglican presence. A Sunday meant Māori Christians, were at Church and unsuspecting of an attack. Cameron reported that Māori were killed and a similar number wounded, including women and children, and others captured. Many of the dead were found in a burned *whare karakia* (church)³. The men of Rangiaowhia were at Pāterangi, where they anticipated the Colonial soldier's attack.

¹ Cowan, J. (1922) Chapter III — Plough and Flour-Mill. | NZETC (victoria.ac.nz)

² "E P? T? Hau Rangimoa o Ngati Apakura 1860s". New Zealand Folk Song. https://www.folksong.org.nz/e_pa_to_hou/index.html

³ Maitland, Te Ahua. "When the war came to Rangiaowhia." Stuff. December 9, 2017. <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/99417959/when-the-war-came-to-rangiaowhia>

1995 - An Apology

In 1995, 131 years after the attack of Rangiaowhia, the British Crown apology by the then-sovereign Queen Elizabeth II was given for the invasion of the Waikato, the thief of millions of acres, including Rangiaowhia – the lands of Ngāti Apakura. This apology was secured alongside the Deed of Settlement for the Waikato-Tainui Iwi⁴.

Apakura Rūnanga Trust Board Established

Over the past 160 years, Ngāti Apakura has not forgotten and tried to work within the Crown/Court system to regain Whenua, Cultural Identity, Justice, and Restitution. The Apakura Rūnanga Trust Board was registered as a Charity Trust in 2015 as a vehicle to drive Ngāti Apakura Te Tiriti o Waitangi claims. The Crown was not prepared to recognise Ngāti Apakura as an Iwi, and these Wai claims remain unsettled. In 2018, Ngāti Apakura began the journey of 'Reconciliation'. Te Waha a Tuara was a Ngāti Apakura victory battle cry, and this was the name used by a group of Ngāti Apakura Kaumatua who led the charge at the start of a Reconciliation process. In 2022, Te Waha a Tuara and Apakura Rūnanga Trust Board started working together in the Entity Development Phase. In 2023, Apakura Rūnanga Trust Board's deed was restructured, mandated by the Iwi as the Entity to drive the Entity Development Phase. The next phase of negotiations is scheduled to begin in mid-2024. Negotiators will work with the Crown to secure a Reconciliation package for the theft of whenua and the near annihilation of a Ngāti Apakura Iwi identity and reo. [Ngāti Apakura Ko Pirongia te Maunga, Ko Waipa te Awa, Ko Ngāti Apakura te Iwi \(ngatiapakura.co.nz\)](https://www.ngatiapakura.co.nz)

Apakura Rūnanga Trust Board aims to

- advance and promote Ngāti Apakura knowledge, history, and tikanga.
- work to relieve the damage caused by the Pāhuatanga (Invasion of a non-combative settlement) committed by the Crown against non-combatants at Rangiaowhia and the consequent diaspora, dispossession, poverty and displacement of Ngāti Apakura that followed.
- advance and promote the health and well-being of Ngāti Apakura.
- advance and promote Ngāti Apakura kaitiakitanga in respect of te taiao, including te takutai moana.
- promote the preserved places of Ngāti Apakura cultural and historical interest.
- promote the development of the Ngāti Apakura Register, and
- advance and promote the charitable needs of Ngāti Apakura.

Ngāti Apakura: 61 Rangiaowhia Road

The transfer of the land title of 61 Rangiaowhia Road, Te Awamutu, from *Te Hāahi Mihingare* (The Anglican Church) to the Ngāti Apakura Rūnanga Trust Board by Tā Pihopa Atirau Rawiri Moxon occurred on the 4th of September, 2023.

I runga i te ingoa o te Matua, Te Tama, me te Wairua Tapu.

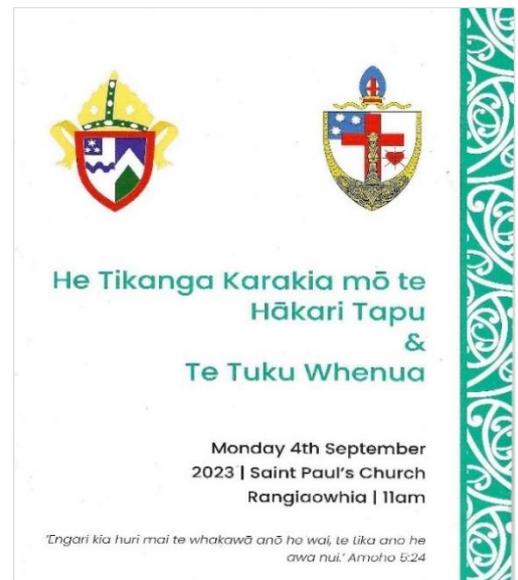
Ki te Whare Tapu e tū nei, Ko Paora Tapu, e tū, e tū, e tū.

Ki ngā mana whenua, Ngāti Apakura Iwi, me Ngāti Hinetū Hapū, kua tae mai nei i tēnei ata rongonui, tēna koutou, tēna koutou, tēna koutou katoa.

Tēna koutou, mō tō koutou manawanui, to moemoeā, me to kaha.

On the fourth of September, members of Te Haahi Mihingare and Ngāti Apakura gathered in historic Saint Paul's Church, Rangiaowhia, to acknowledge their original association in the mid-nineteenth century and the tragic inability of Anglican Bishop George Augustus Selwyn to guarantee the protection of Ngāti Apakura non-combatants in the attack of 21 February 1864 (*Personal Communication Tā Pihopa Atirau Rawiri Moxon 04/09/2023*).

As a tangible expression of this acknowledgement, Te Hui Amorangi ki te Manawa o te Wheke and the Anglican Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki, as transitional owners of the land adjacent to Saint Paul's, conveyed the formalities of a Title Deed transfer of 4.7 hectares at 61 Rangiaowhia Road to the Ngāti Apakura Rūnanga Trust Board. This process is seen as a matter of restorative justice and partnership, thus supporting the long-held vision of the tribe to develop again upon their ancestral lands of Rangiaowhia in their capacity (*Personal Communication Tā Pihopa Atirau Rawiri Moxon 04/09/2023*).



Ko te Kotahitanga o te Whakaaro nui



Whakahokia mai Whakahokia mai i te Whenua ki a Ngāti Apakura



**RECORD OF TITLE
UNDER LAND TRANSFER ACT 2017
FREEHOLD**

Search Copy




R. W. Muir
Registrar-General
of Land

Identifier SA47B/163
Land Registration District South Auckland
Date Issued 31 October 1990
Prior References
SA26A/588

Estate Fee Simple
Area 4.0795 hectares more or less
Legal Description Lot 1 Deposited Plan South Auckland
57223

Registered Owners
Apakura Runanga Trust Board

Interests

61 Rangiaowhia Road: 2 Kohitatea, 2024

A public celebration and acknowledgement of gifting the whenua of 61 Rangiaowhia Road occurred on 2 January 2024.

*Māku anō e hanga i tōku nei whare
Ko ngā pou o roto, he mahoe, he patate, ko te tāhūhū, he hinau
Me whakatupu ki te hua o te rengarenga
Me whakapakari ki te hua o te kawariki
Tongi aa Kingi Tāwhao Pōtatau Te Wherowhero Te Tuarua*

Let me build my own house.
Let me fashion it from what is available to me as determined by me.
Kingi Tawhiao Pōtatau Te Wherowhero Te Tuarua

Programme

- Raise the *Hohou o te rongō* (peace) flag at 11 am Powhiri.
- A canvas where Apakura descendants are invited to put their thumbprint on
- Acknowledgement and celebration of the gifting of the whenua.
- Kaitahi

Images Courtesy Apakura Rūnanga



160th WHAKAMAUMAHARATANGA RANGIAOWHIA 21 HUITANGURU 2024

Apakura Rūnanga Trust Board commemorated the 160th year of the Pāhutatanga o Rangiaowhia for the **21 February 2024**. It was an opportunity to reconcile our history, create awareness, strengthen our resilience, grow understanding and develop stronger, healthier relationships in the future.



Nau mai haere mai

Ko te reo maioha teenei o Ngaati Apakura
Ruunanga ki te iti me te rahi kia tae a tinana mai
hei te 21 o Huitangaru ki te
Whakamaumaharatanga 160 o ngaa tau ki muri
o te pahuatanga o Apakura ki Rangiaowhia.

Ngaati Apakura Ruunanga Trust welcome you
21 February to the whakamaumahara 160 years
commemoration of the Paahuatanga o Apakura
ki Rangiaowhia memorial service at the Kohatu,
cnr of Puahue & Rangiaowhia Road.



*Whakamaumahara
Commemoration Day
21 February 2024*

5.30am Assemble	5.30am Hui tahi
5.45am Karakia led by Ngaati Apakura Kaumaatua and Haahi Hilmene Whakawhiti koorero	Parakuihi ki Hairini Poowhiri ki te whenua 61 Rangiaowhia
Whakamaumahara remembering those who were hurt and killed	
Hohou i te rongo moving forward in peace	
Reconciliation Tom Roa Himene	
Karakia	
7am Breakfast Rangiaowhia Hall	
8am Poowhiri ki te whenua Kai tahi Kura and Marae	

We would like to acknowledge our sponsors for their continued support

Te Puni Kokiri
Hiiona Marae
Taarewaanga Marae



Kōwhatu – Karakia

*Kōrihi te manu
Takiri mai i te Ata
Ka Ao, ka Ao
ka Awatea
Tihei Mauri Ora*



Under a star-light sky on a crisp dawn February morning, young and old gathered in their hundreds to share in the prayers conducted by Ngāti Apakura kaumātua, the Hāhi Mihingare, and Ngā Tohunga Paimarire. All remembered what happened at Rangiaowhia 160 years ago. The assembled also acknowledged the Ngaati Apakura ancestors, who continue to inspire as hardworking, knowledgeable, quick to learn and adapt to new ways, and who welcomed and cared for others who came to live and share Ngāti Apakura lands.

Rire Rire Hau Paimarire

*He Honore
He Kororia
He Maungarongo ki te whenua
He Whakaaro pai ki Ngā tangata katoa*



Images Courtesy Wiakato Tainui & Apakura Rūnanga

Parakuihi (Breakfast)

Aligned to our *tikanga* (protocols) of *manaakitanga* (care) and *aroha* (love) *kai* (food) was prepared by Kahotea marae (Ngāti Apakura) at Hairini Hall to the hundreds who came for Karakia at 5.30 am. It was also an informal time for *whakawhanaungatanga* (to make old and new connections) and *whakawhitiwhiti kōrero* (sharing thoughts and aspirations) of the day and being Ngāti Apakura into the future.



Hairini Hall

Some of our whānau departed to begin their work day; others joined the hundreds who stayed for the Pōwhiri on to our newly returned whenua 61 Rangiaowhia Rd.

Pōwhiri

The Pōwhiri continued the opportunity to reconnect with Ngāti Apakura tikanga, whenua, and kōrero, increasing awareness and understanding of the conflicts and trauma of land alienation experienced by Ngāti Apakura. I anga tātou ki 61 Rangioawhia

*Ko wai e kite atu?
Kei whea aku hoa i mua raa,
i te toonuitanga*

It was also a time and space for Ngāti Apakura to acknowledge the aroha, their close kin from Waikato, Maniapoto, Tūwharetoa, Te Arawa, and Tauranga Moana had shown destitute and landless Ngāti Apakura tūpuna over 160 years ago - and then to confirm our hononga (bonds).

*Whakatau mai Whakatau mai Whakatau mai rā
I raro i te maru o ō`tātou Maunga hīhī nei
Ko Pirongia, Ko Kakepuku, Ko Maunagatautari*



The Haahi Mihingare Representatives, Emeritus Bishop David Moxon & Te Pariha (Anglican) o Rangioawhia, Susan O'Regan Mayor Waipa District Council & Waipa Community, the Community further afield, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Māori Development – Te Puni Kokiri, and our Kura, Te Kuiti Kohanga Reo, Te Kura Rautauau, Te Wharekura o Maniapoto, Te Kuiti High School, Te Kuiti Kohanga Reo, Te Roto o Rangī, Pekapekarau, Te Wharekura o Ngāa Purapura o te Aroha and Kihikihi Primary shared our day.

United in our collective vision
*E kore tēnei whakaoranga e huri ki tua o aku mokopuna
My mokopuna will inherit a better place than I inherited.
Kīngi Tāwhiao Pōtatau Te Wherowhero te Tuarua*

Ngāti Apakura Whenua

Whānau, Rangatahi, Kaumātua, and the Community were integral as spectators and participants. It was a time to reflect to stand in unity and purpose for a positive future as Ngāti Apakura Iwi.



Nā Nanaia te kōrero i horahia ki runga i ta tātou



He tino Māori mai i tēnei rangi, i konei ngā tūpuna – Māmā



He reka ngā waiata o ngā tamariki - Kuia



Today is just like how it was in the old days. - Kaumatua.

Ngā Hua i Puta Atu

Kei te aha koe e moko? Kuia

Kei te titiro ahau ki taku whenua Moko

You have arrived at your destination - Kaumatua.

*On behalf of Pekapekarau School, I would like to thank you all for including us in the memorial service at Rangiaowhia earlier this week. Our taura thoroughly enjoyed being part of this kaupapa. There is nothing like standing on the whenua and feeling the Mauri. Ngaa mihi nui ki a koutou. **Israel Maxwell, Assistant Principal***

*Kia ora koutou for allowing ngā tamariki o te Kura o Roto-o-Rangi to attend so that we can remember the past so it won't happen again but also celebrate a forward step for Ngaati Apakura me Ngaati Hinetuu in reclaiming some of what was taken from them in 1864. We will continue to make sure our tamariki know and understand what has happened so close to the school they enjoy learning at. Our presence was "E iti noa ana, naa te aroha". **Wayne Donnellon Principal/Tūmuaki***

*Kia ora katoa Kei te nui te tautoko. He rangi mokopuna, i rangatira ai i te hunga mokopuna! This little note of support. For the schools to note - we have an idiom that says that a beautiful day is termed a 'rangi mokopuna'. Our day was such because of the schools and the 'mokopuna' presence. Kei te nui te mihi! **Kaumatua***

*We are grateful and humbled by the opportunity our children can learn from these historical experiences. Thank you for giving us this platform and providing putea so we could have a large representation present. It was wonderful to have Maniapoto (Te Kuiti High School, Te Wharekura o Maniapoto, and Te Kura Rautau) on stage in front of kaumatua / kuia and whaanau katoa **Tuumuaki Kevin Ikin Te Kura Rautau Te Kuiti.***

*On behalf of Te Rūnanga o Kirikiriroa, please extend our congratulations to all those involved, around a very successful kaupapa. Thank you for allowing us to be part of this momentous occasion. **CE Andrea Elliott-Hohepa Te Rūnanga o Kirikiriroa***

Kai practical and yummy Kaumātua

*I will make sure our Kōrako piititi returns to Rangiaowhia **Whaea Jo Rama.***

*Aihikeremi! Aihikeremi! Aihikeremi! Aihikeremi! **Tamariki Kaumātua Katoa***



Ngā Whakaaro Rangatira – Ka Tika Rā Ka Mihi



Whaea Hazel Nau te aroha nui ki Ngāti Apakura So many asked *Can I get copies of the papa kōrero?*



Na Kahotea koutou ko Taarewaanga ko Pūrekireki ko Hiona Marae *ngā tikanga i arahi*



Te Tūmuaki Hone Thompson me tona whānau *He honore nui i tautoko mai koutou*



**WAIPA
HOME OF CHAMPIONS**



Waipa District Council Nau i te kaha manaaki I te kaupapa nei anō te mihi

Haere mai ia te tau ia te tau
Haere mai ia te tau ia te tau
Haere mai ia te tau ia te tau



Te Puni Kōkiri Nau te tākoha i homai hei painga mō Ngāti Apakura Iwi ka tika raa



Oceans Before Me I rongu te Ao i ngā reo reka i taua rangi nā o koutou taputapu miharo rawa atu

**Tātou Tātou
Together We Grow
Apakura Campus**



Te Wānanga o Aotearoa Nei anō te mihi nunui mo ngā whakaaro aroha katoa nā koutou i tuku

Te Rūnanga o Kirikiriroa *Nau i whakamarumaru i a tātou katoa*



Kōkiri Trust – Hauora *Nā koutou i te kaha i te tiaki whānau, i te tiaki wairua, i te tiaki tinana*



Te Wharekura o Ngā Purapura o te Aroha *Ka mau tonu koutou i te mana me te mauri o rātou mā*



I haere mai te tini me te mano, te iti me te rahi o koutou. I haria mai e koutou ngā rauemi papai me ngā ringaringa hapai i ngā tikanga o rātou mā hei painga mo tātou.

Downer *I tae mai ngā rama e muramura ana hei karu mo te Atapō*



Downer
Relationships creating success

Te Nehenehenui te rohe i manaaki i a tātou katoa

*Haere mai ki ahau ki Maniapoto e
He whenua i manaaki i ngā tūpuna
o Ngāti Apakura i aua wā
tae noa ki ēnei o tātou
Whanake Ake Whanake Ake*



**KO TE AROHA
NŌ NGĀ TŪPUNA
TUKU IHO
TUKU IHO**



A Perfect Day **Whānau**

