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Ngā Kaituhi Māori

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## Pānui 1# Tui, tui, tui, tuhia!

Ngā Kaituhi Māori are thrilled to formally announce that our next writer's hui will be held in Gisborne, Turanganui a Kiwa, 9 to 12 October 2025.

Supported by the NZSA and Manatū Taonga, the hui follows from two previous highly successful gatherings held at Ōrongomai Marae and Motueka in 2024. We invite you to join with us in our third collective effort to uplift Māori writers.

We will be posting future Pānui with details of the programme as it develops, advising when registrations open, offering interviews with invited writer participants and histories of the various marae and venues involved in the hui - so be sure to watch for updates.

Sir Haare Williams is our Amorangi for the hui. Local organisers Regina de Wolf-Ngarimu and Polly Crawford, plan to offer an exciting expanded programme of solo meet the stars events, dinners, workshops, panels and pop-up activities that carry on from 13 to 19 October. Their efforts will keep Gizzy buzzing with literary luminosity and fun.



Nau mai, haere mai ki Tūranga nui a Kiwa!



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**Toi Iho Copyright IP  
Workshop - March 25  
6.30-8.00pm  
FREE**



Join our online workshop to learn  
about your intellectual property rights,  
Wai 262 and collective ownership...

IP Workshop Te Mana Whakamahi Mō  
Ngā Toi Māori: Copyright and IP  
beyond Legal Frameworks

*Lynell Tuffery Huria* Ngāti Ruanui, Ngāruahinerangi, Ngaa Rauru Kiiitahi **Dr Karaitiana Taiuru** Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Rārua, Ngāti Kahungunu **Moirā Lomas** Ngāi Tahu, Kāti Mamoe, Waitaha.

The protection of Māori cultural knowledge intersects intellectual property (IP) law and tikanga. Legal frameworks, such as copyright and trademark law, are fundamentally limited in addressing the collective and intergenerational nature of Māori. Come along and hear more about these issues, and find out what steps you could take to protect yourself. A Te Kaituhi Māori event.

NZSA & Ngā Kaituhi Māori members **FREE**;  
[Sign up now and register HERE](#)

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## Ngā Kaituhi Māori Kupu Kaitiaki & Kaituhi Mentor Programmes

Now Open For 2025 Applications

These two programmes aim to support the amplification of Māori voices, Māori stories, and ultimately see greater publication and performance of these works. They are modelled on NZSA's 30-year successful and impactful mentorship and assessment support programmes for writers.

### **Kaituhi Māori Mentor Programme:**

Designed for emerging writers who whakapapa Māori to have the opportunity to work closely with an acclaimed writer as their mentor to hone their tuhituhi ability and, in the process, evolve and refine a work toward a publishable state. We welcome kaituhi who write in te reo Māori and/or te reo Pākehā, in the genres of fiction including short fiction, on any topic(s). We welcome kaituhi of all ages – from rangatahi to kaumātua.

Over a period of up to six months, it provides opportunities to discuss ideas and issues – practical and editorial – and benefit from the experience, mōhio and mana of experienced kaituhi Māori to help aspiring kaituhi Māori develop further skills to sustain and strengthen their future career. Modelled on a tuakana-teina relationship, this kaupapa aims to offer a safe and supportive space for emerging kaituhi to develop their craft; gain encouragement

and accountability, along with substantive feedback. As well as mentorship, part of this programme is to provide constructive suggestions for the refinement of a work in progress. There are four (4) mentorships for kaituhi Māori available in 2025.

### **Kupu Kaitiaki:**

This kaupapa is an assessment programme and aims to provide new and emerging kaituhi with valuable feedback from a skilled Kupu Kaitiaki, for the refinement of a part of a manuscript written in te reo Māori. The proposed work can be in the genres of poetry, fiction (excluding plays), short fiction or non-fiction (excluding screenplays and picture books), on any topic(s), of up to 30,000 words. The two selected successful manuscripts will then be read by an experienced te reo Māori pūkenga and literary advisor – a Kupu Kaitiaki – who will compile feedback in a brief report. It offers kaituhi an opportunity to further develop style and direction, and receive reo support for a project in the early stages of development.

The desired outcome is to champion Māori writers and Māori writing and in particular, works by kaituhi Māori in te reo Māori. To apply, kaituhi can send in a piece a 1-2 page synopsis along with a sample (max 5,000 words) of the manuscript they are seeking feedback on. There are two opportunities available in 2025. Assessments of the recipients' works will begin shortly thereafter, and will be completed on/by 30 June 2025.

**Applications for these programmes are open until 10 April 2025.**

**Applicants will be notified within 4-6 weeks of the result.**

### ***Want to Apply?***

Read all the details for the [Kaituhi Mentor programme](#)

Complete the application form

Read all the details for the [Kupu Kaitaki programme](#)

Complete the application form



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## **Craft Development for Kaituhi Māori**

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More information here about **Ngā Kaituhi Māori**

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