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Pānui #3

Tui, tui, tui, tuhia!

E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā iwi kaituhi tātou, tēnā tātou katoa.

**Ngā Kaituhi Māori invite you to their third hui at Poho-o-Rāwiri Marae,
Gisborne, 9-12 October 2025.**

Festivities will continue across the region until October 19.

REGISTRATION PORTAL

Our registration portal is now open for your registration. Please note that for accommodation, catering, transport and conference seating purposes we are offering places at the hui for 50 guests maximum. Upon successful completion of your registration, you will be issued with a receipt. At the hui, your name tag will secure your admission to all sessions and meals (other than the Saturday evening fundraising dinner).

THREE TYPES OF REGISTRATION

There are three types of registration:

Hui Registration: \$70.00 Total includes 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners (excluding fundraiser dinner), 3 lunches, coffee and tea

Hui plus Marae Accommodation: \$130.00 Total inclusive of your Hui Registration plus 3 nights of accommodation at the marae (sheets provided, BYO towels and bedding)

Student (Under 20) Hui Registration only: \$50.00.

As noted, places are limited so please register early to avoid disappointment.

HUI KAITUHI 9-19 OCTOBER 2025

*This is an early programme and some venues and sessions are still to be confirmed.
It is looking amazing!*

CORE PROGRAMME OCT 9-12

Thursday October 9th

9.30–10.30am: HB Williams Memorial Library.

Māori Author-Themed Te Pihinga Session.

NGĀ KAITUHI MĀORI – TUI, TUI, TUI, TUHI

3 Day event - Arrival Day

4pm: Pōwhiri at Poho-o-Rāwiri.

4.30–5.15pm: Welcome from Marae.

5.15pm: Registration, beds down & Whakawhanaungatanga.

6.30pm: DINNER & Information session.

8.30pm: Paula Morris, Tania Roxborough, Renee Iosefa, Shelley Burne-Field, Regina de Wolf-Ngarimu, Te Paea Maurirere, Mairātea Mohi and Nadia Solomon are so far lined up to read from their work and kōrero about the pre-eminent role of women in Māori literature.

Day 1 Friday October 10th

6am: Karakia and walk up Titirangi from marae to see the 6.30 Kaiti Sunrise across beautiful Tūranganui-a-Kiwa.

7–8.30am: Breakfast.

9.am–12pm: Excursion to Rongopai marae, Waituhi, with Witi Ihimaera & Haare Williams (30 places in two vans, everyone else travels by private transport), morning tea with the locals and a spontaneous "Write what you experience, or a reflection on your own marae" exercise while you are in Waituhi.

For those not going to Waituhi, we will be organising three Discussion Groups on Writing Poetry, Children's Literature and Fiction.

12.30–1.30pm: Lunch at Poho-o-Rāwiri Marae.



1.45–2.45pm: Rangatahi Speak - Te Paea Maurirere, Nadia Solomon, Liam Wallace, Mairātea Mohi and others on “What is the world of Rangatahi Writers and what do Rangatahi Writers want?” Wharenuī Poho-o-Rāwiri.

3.30–5pm: Rangatahi & Witi Ihimaera - a 360 degree interview and Teen Writers Session at the HB Williams Memorial Library.

3.30–4pm: Moira Lomas from Toi Iho speaks about artists rights.

4–5pm: Personal Time: Writing & Reflections.

6.30pm: Kai and Kōrero Open Mike Readings from local Gisborne writers.

8pm: Drum roll...

We are lucky to have our star speaker, historian and successful Tairāwhiti novelist, Monty Soutar, arriving back from a busy week on Waitangi Tribunal business, to talk to us about his third and forthcoming novel from his famous Kāwai trilogy and on life & writing. A not-to-be-missed event – Public Event.

Day 2 - Saturday 11 Oct

7–8.30am: Breakfast.

9am: Excursion to Ngātapa Marae, site of a major conflict during the Te Kooti Wars, with Witi Ihimaera & Haare Williams (30 places in two vans, everyone else travels by private transport), morning tea with the locals and a spontaneous “Reflection Writing Exercise” on a significant event in your own tribal history.

For those not going to Ngātapa, a continuation of yesterday’s three Discussion Groups on Writing Poetry, Children’s Literature and Fiction.

12.30pm: Lunch at Poho-o-Rāwiri.

2pm: Interview with Shelley Burne-Field by Regina de Wolf-Ngarimu. They will discuss how you go about building a writing career.

2.40pm: Rangatahi open forum – Shelley asks - what would you like to know?

3.30–4pm: Regina de Wolf-Ngarimu will talk about the funded eBook to be published of work submitted by attendees at the Hui & invite Submissions.

6.30pm: The GET YOUR BEST GEAR ON AND CELEBRATE WHO WE ARE AT THE DRINKS & FUNDRAISER DINNER: ‘East Coast’ Flash Ticketed Event \$70.00.

Waiata & Drinks- Buffet Dinner- Entertainment- Dessert- Tātou tātou.

Special Guest Readers & Singers.

The funds raised will benefit future literary events planned for Tūranga-nui-a-Kiwa.

Day 3 - Sunday October 12 Oct

7.30–8.30am: Breakfast.

8.30am: Pack up beds for those staying on the Marae.

9am: Poho-o-Rāwiri Marae.

Panel discussion between Sir Haare Williams, Witi Ihimaera, Paula Morris, Perena Quinlivan, Renee Iosefa, Tania Roxborough and Mairātea Mohi on writing for the future, for the mokopuna. They will discuss where Māori writing is heading, where it should be going, where the gaps are, how will we build capacity to reach each other.

To be followed by a mediated one-hour open forum on issues raised in the kōrero.

Regina de Wolf-Ngarimu & Cain Kerehoma moderators. In Te Reo and English. Public Event.

11.30am-12.30pm: Workshop Breakout - Planning your own writing – We want you to leave with your own personal plan of what you will accomplish between now and the next hui.

12.30pm: Lunch.

Poroporoaki & Close. Sir Haare will lead the closing karakia.

Note: Everyone is welcome to stay for another week of writing events – book yourself a writer's holiday in Gisborne to feed your creative soul!

HUI KAITUHI - LOCAL EVENTS CONTINUE OCT 13-19

5pm: Play Readings, Humorous Poetry, Nostalgia - and maybe even Shakespeare! - At a venue to be confirmed.

Day 4 - Monday October 13

9am: Morning: Guided Heritage Walk of Turanganui-a-Kiwa. Three-hour heritage walk of important historic and cultural sites of Gisborne City.

10.00am-12.00pm: HB Williams Memorial Library.

Te Runanga O Tūrangānui-a-Kiwa: Horouta Stories Te Reo Māori Version.

2pm: Editing with Shelley Burne-Field – Crafting and laying out your submission.

3pm: Writing for your Marae, Community Anthologies with Regina de Wolf-Ngarimu & Guests.

4pm: Oral story-telling with Te Paea Maurirere & Guests.

5.30pm: Fish 'n chips dinner and writing at Midway Beach: \$12 tickets.

Optional drinks at Tahu Restaurant afterwards.

Day 5 - Tuesday October 14

11am-12pm: Entertaining our Kaumatua in conjunction with sponsor Turanga Health at the Cossie Club. Performance 11 to 11.30am and Group Kōrero 11.30am to 12pm.

1pm: Writing with the TaiTech Writers Group.

2pm: Editing Masterclass with Ngā Kaituhi Māori.

3pm: Literary Taxidermy (write a short story) with Taranga Kent at the HB Williams Memorial Library.

4pm: Poetry and Art Exchange. Venue to be confirmed.

5.30-8pm: Dungeons & Dragons Character Development Workshop with Kelly Blackwell.

6.30pm: Drinks at Siduri Wine Bar & Deli – 10 max. Host Regina de Wolf-Ngarimu.

8-10pm: Research at the HB Williams Memorial Library.

Day 6 - Wednesday October 15

9.30-10.30am: Flash Fiction Frenzy with Karen Morris Denby at Waikanae Beach.

10am-12pm: HB Williams Memorial Library.

Te Rūnanga O Turanganui-a-Kiwa: Horouta Stories English version.

11am: Chopper Taiapa, Writer, on his Research and Inspiration for Graphic Novel Maui-Tikitiki-a-Taranga.

4pm: Introduction to Self-Publishing & Publishing tools with Draft2Digital, Amazon & IngramSpark, Vellum – Local writers Dorothy Fletcher/Christopher McMaster/Regina de Wolf-Ngarimu.

6pm: Lyric Writers Share Inspiration & hacks – Gizzy Local & Sarah Pocock Host.

Day 7 -Thursday October 16

9am–12pm: Scriptwriting Workshop with Tee Hall and Diane Taylor at HB Williams Memorial Library.

1–2pm: Introduction to Journaling Workshop with Gillian Moon.

2–3pm: Ekprastic Art (Gallery tbc): come and write with Regina de Wolf-Ngarimu.

4pm: Poetry film with Taranga Kent.

6.30pm: Fishing Club casual networking dinner – free ticket buy your dinner and drinks.

Day 8 - Friday October 17

10am: Bookshops and Library – what we want in a book. TBC.

12pm: Te Aorangi Harrington – Writing for Social change and enablement Taiki e! – venue TBC.

2pm: AI Pros & Cons for creatives - Time TBC Simeon Alford TaiTech Hub Kaiti.

3.30–5pm: Found Poetry with Aaron Compton & Rangatahi HB Williams Memorial Library.

5.30–7pm: Ginspiration at Taiki E! – Charlie Holland.

Day 9 - Saturday October 18

9am–12pm: Self-Publishing, HB Williams Memorial Library.

2pm: Dorothy Fletcher Interactive Murder Mystery play Workshop – Unity theatre.

3pm: Regina de Wolf-Ngārimu/Shelley Burne-Field /Dorothy Susan Wylie: What you get from an NZSA membership.

Due 3pm - Final submissions for Ebook to Regina de Wolf-Ngarimu & Shelley Burne-Field.

7pm: Open Mic Evening.

Day 10 Sunday October 19

11am: Table kōrero – Preview of our Event ebook.

12pm: Long-lunch at a Restaurant tbc – ticketed event with readings from eBook, visitors, guests, public.

Close/Poroporoaki.

TRAVEL HOME TO CONTINUE YOUR CAREER

TUI, TUI, TUI, TUHIA!



You will notice that Ngā Kaituhi Māori now has a logo. It comprises two components: a feathered quill, representing Māori writers and writing, and the words “Ngā Kaituhi Māori” in a cupped shape embracing the quill. The quill further represents the feathers of ngā manu and the buoyancy that feathers give to flight, the buoyancy of imagination and what writing feels like when we achieve free flight and our words leave the page. The words “Ngā Kaituhi Māori” are a shortened version of our full name, Te Kāhui o Ngā Kaituhi Māori, The Collective of Māori Writers. As a Collective we offer support to the floating quill. A whakataukī that aligns with our mission statement is: Hutia te rito o te harakeke, kei hea te komako e ko?” Ngā Kaituhi Māori hopes to provide, along with others, an atamira from which the feather can lift, dance and inscribe its words in te reo and English for the future.



Witi Ihimaera (Chair), Sir Haare Williams, Perena Quinlivan, Paula Morris, Renee Iosefa, Craig Fransen, Regina de Wolf-Ngarimu & Polly Crawford



Nau mai, haere mai ki Tūranga nui a Kiwa!



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