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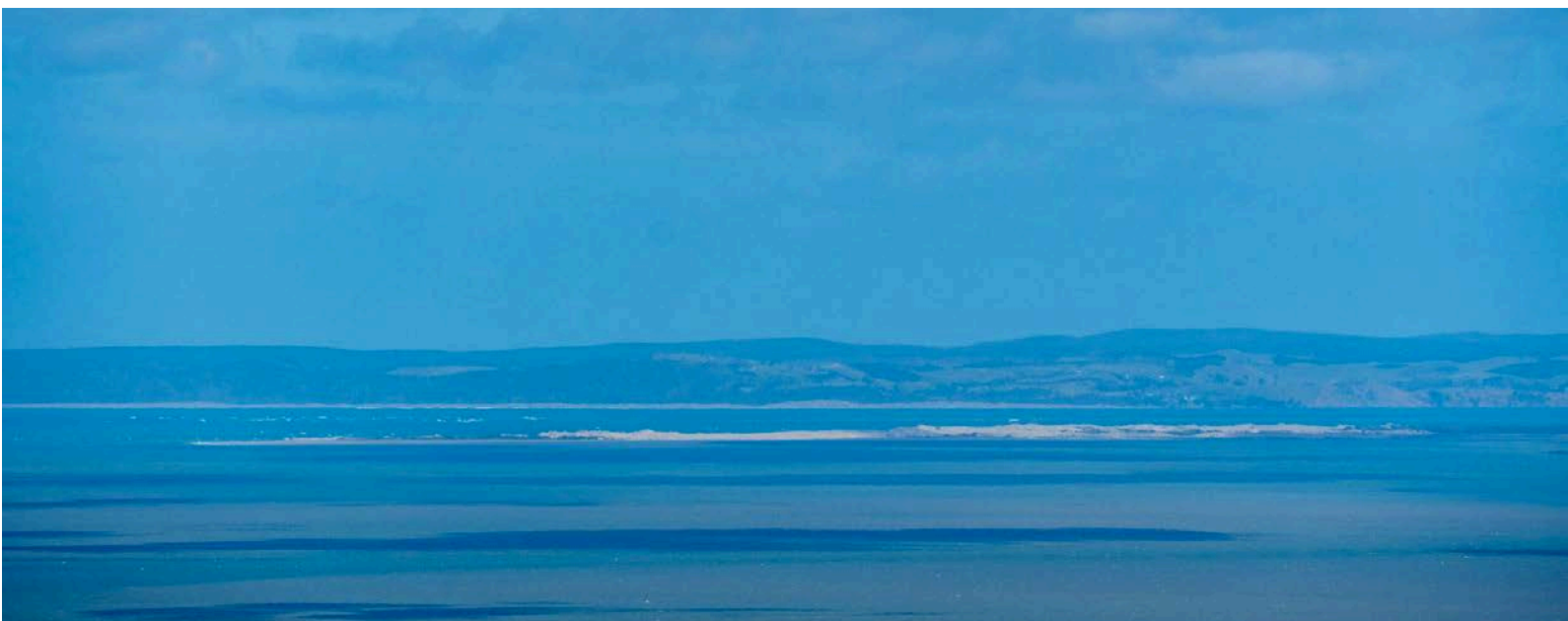
KAIPARA WĀNANGA PROGRAMME | 2026 'Connection'



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Introduction

Our 2026 annual Mountains to Sea wānanga, organised in partnership with Te Kia Ora Marae will be run in the rohe of Ngāti Rango, of the Ngāti Whātua iwi. Due to extreme weather events the programme has been rescheduled to June and will be hosted by Te Aroha Pā Marae, in the Kaipara. The wānanga will be held from the 4th-7th of June.

The theme for our 2026 wānanga is “Connection”, reflecting the kaupapa of the Wai Connection Project and our relationships with people, place, and te taiao. The aim of this event is to showcase and celebrate what is happening locally and nationally, while fostering meaningful connections.

Registrations are essential. The link to register for the wānanga can be found [here](#).

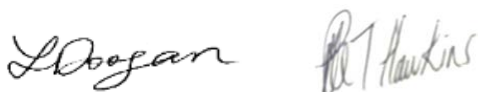
Your registration will include all meals, accommodation during the event, local field trips, a social evening and a facilitated workshop.

Thanks to the Ministry of Environment for funding this event through our Wai Connection project. Additional funding support has been provided by Foundation North.

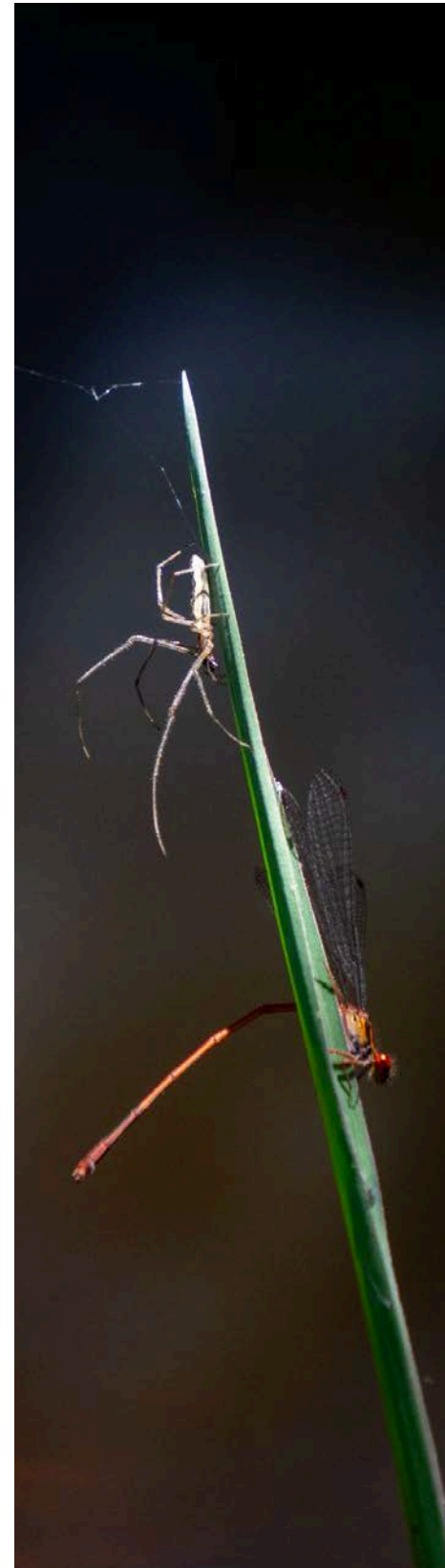
This is an evolving document and we will share new versions of the programme as our planning progresses.

Please feel free to contact Patricia on patricia@mountainstosea.org.nz if you have any questions.

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Timeline

Day 1 - Thursday | Connection to Tāngata

Time	Activity	Location
1500-1600	Arrive at Te Aroha Pā Marae	Te Aroha Pā Marae
1600-1700	Pōwhiri & Haukāinga Introduction	
1700-1730	Whakawhanaungatanga	
1730-1830	<i>Karakia Whakanoa Dinner</i>	
1830-1930	Introducing Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust	
1930-1945	Mountains to Sea in the South Kaipara - Hana Aickin	
1945-2000	Local Showcase Presentation - Teā (Puatahi Tamariki Wānanga)	
2000-2030	Set up mattresses and travel to CUE Haven	



Day 2 – Friday | Connection to te taiao – Field Trips and Social Evening

Time	Activity	Location
0730-0830	<i>Karakia Breakfast</i>	Te Aroha Pā Marae
0830-1000	Keynote Presentations Kim Jones + Nic Naysmith (Whakapapa of a Movement: The National Īnanga Spawning Programme) Mel Nahi (Looking Back to Inform te Awa Hōteō Futures)	
1000-1030	Paramanawa - Morning Tea	
1030-1045	Local Showcase Presentation - Angela (The Forest Bridge Trust KMR Technical Workshops)	
1045-1130	Poster presentations	
1130-1230	<i>Lunch</i>	
1230-1530	Local Field Trip - Arapārerā Community Catchment Group Showcase	Cue Haven and Surrounds
1530-1630	Travel Back to Marae & Prepare for Social Evening	
1700-1730	Drinks on the Deck	Mangakura Boat Club
1730-1800	Introduction to the Hōteō by Hemi Tapurau	
1800-2100	Social Evening at Mangakura Boat Club - note bar is cash only	
2100-2115	Travel back to Te Aroha Pā Marae	Te Aroha Pā Marae



Day 3 - Saturday | Building and Maintaining Connections - Workshops and Activities

Time	Activity	Location
0800-0900	<i>Karakia Breakfast</i>	Te Aroha Pā Marae
0900-1000	Marine Keynote Presentations Whangateau Catchment Collective - Connecting catchment groups & monitoring sedimentation - Alicia Bullock Maitai Bay Rāhui - Monitoring, engagement and partnership - Jahrelle Thomas & Pippa Benton	
1000-1015	Paramanawa - Morning Tea	
1015-1215	Facilitated Workshop led by Tāmati Patuwai Whanaungatanga – Deepening Connection A relational process designed to strengthen the bonds between participants and the kaupapa. Through small group kōrero and guided prompts, we will connect, share lived experiences, and build the trust necessary for lasting relationships that extend beyond this wānanga.	
1215-1300	<i>Lunch</i>	
1300-1430	Facilitated Workshop led by Tāmati Patuwai continued Moving beyond traditional planning, this session uses creative reflection and embodied kōrero to explore emerging possibilities. By focusing on where collective energy and care currently reside, we will identify what can naturally grow and flourish from here.	
1430-1440	Thank you from Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust	
1440-1510	Wānanga Whakamutunga Closing from Haukāinga	



Day 3 - Saturday cont. | Start of Mountains to Sea Crew Training

Saturday afternoon marks the official end of the Te Aroha Pā based wānanga and the start of our Mountains to Sea Crew Community Based Freshwater Monitoring (CBFM) workshop and coordinator endorsement days.

Time	Activity	Location
1530-1600	Pōwhiri for Training Day Attendees Kaputī	Te Aroha Pā Marae
1530-1600	Clean up for Those Staying Free Time	
1600-1800	CBFM Training - Part 1 (2hrs)	
	Facilitated Train the Trainer Education Workshop - Recorded	
1800-1900	Dinner for Those Staying	
1900-2100	Free Time CBFM Training - Part 2 (1hr)	



Day 4 - Sunday | Marine Monitoring Showcase & Crew Training

There is the option for members of the community and full wānanga attendees to join us on Sunday for snorkels at Te Kohuroa - Matheson Bay and the Whangateau Harbour in the afternoon. Wānanga and open day attendees will be provided with a link to register for the snorkel activities.

Time	Activity	Location
0700-0800	<i>Karakia Breakfast Clean up</i>	Te Aroha Pā Marae
0800-0830	<i>Whakamutunga</i>	
0830-0930	Travel to Te Kohuroa - Matheson Bay	
0930-1000	Welcome to Te Kohuroa - Introduction from Te Kohuroa Rewilding Initiative	Te Kohuroa Matheson Bay
1000-1200	Marine Monitoring Showcase via Snorkel	
	CBFM Training - Part 3 (1.5hrs)	
1200-1230	<i>Karakia Packed Lunch</i>	
1230-1500	CBFM Training - Part 4 (4.5hrs)	Leigh Hall
	Whangateau Catchment Collective Showcase - Including snorkelling the sandstone reef and a kōrero	Whangateau Harbour





Tikanga – Protocols

Koha

Please bring some cash to add to the koha for the marae.

What to Wear for the Pōwhiri

- Tāne please wear long pants
- Wāhine please wear a skirt below the knees if possible or long pants (black preferable)

Waiata to Practice

[Purea nei](#) - pōwhiri (1st waiata)

[E hara i te mea](#) - pōwhiri (2nd waiata if needed)

[Tūtira Mai Ngā Iwi](#) - to thank the ringawera

Wharenui

- Do not wear shoes inside
- Do not bring in food and drink (water in a drink bottle is ok)
- Do not bring in any kitchen utensils
- Do not sit on pillows
- Do not hang clothes & towels up in the whare

Wharekai

- Don't sit on tables
- Don't put hats on tables
- Karakia will be done before kai (we promote everyone to take the opportunity to lead this - can be in other languages other than te reo)
- Help out in the kitchen and with clean up where possible

Wharepaku – Toilets

- Only use mops assigned for wharepaku cleaning
- Clean up after yourself
- Help out with cleaning where possible

Getting There

Please ensure you are at the pōwhiri on time on Thursday afternoon. If you do not make it to pōwhiri you will not be able to attend any marae based activities for the wānanga. We will have a second pōwhiri on Saturday afternoon for those just attending the training.

Driving

We will be in contact if you have indicated that you have space and ability to carpool if required.

Locations

- 📍 Te Aroha Pā Marae
- 📍 CUE Haven
- 📍 Mangakura Boat Club
- 📍 Te Kohuroa / Mathesons Bay
- 📍 Whangateau Reserve
- 📍 Leigh Community Hall

Parking

There is car parking available on the marae grounds - car pooling is advised for the field trips.

What to Bring

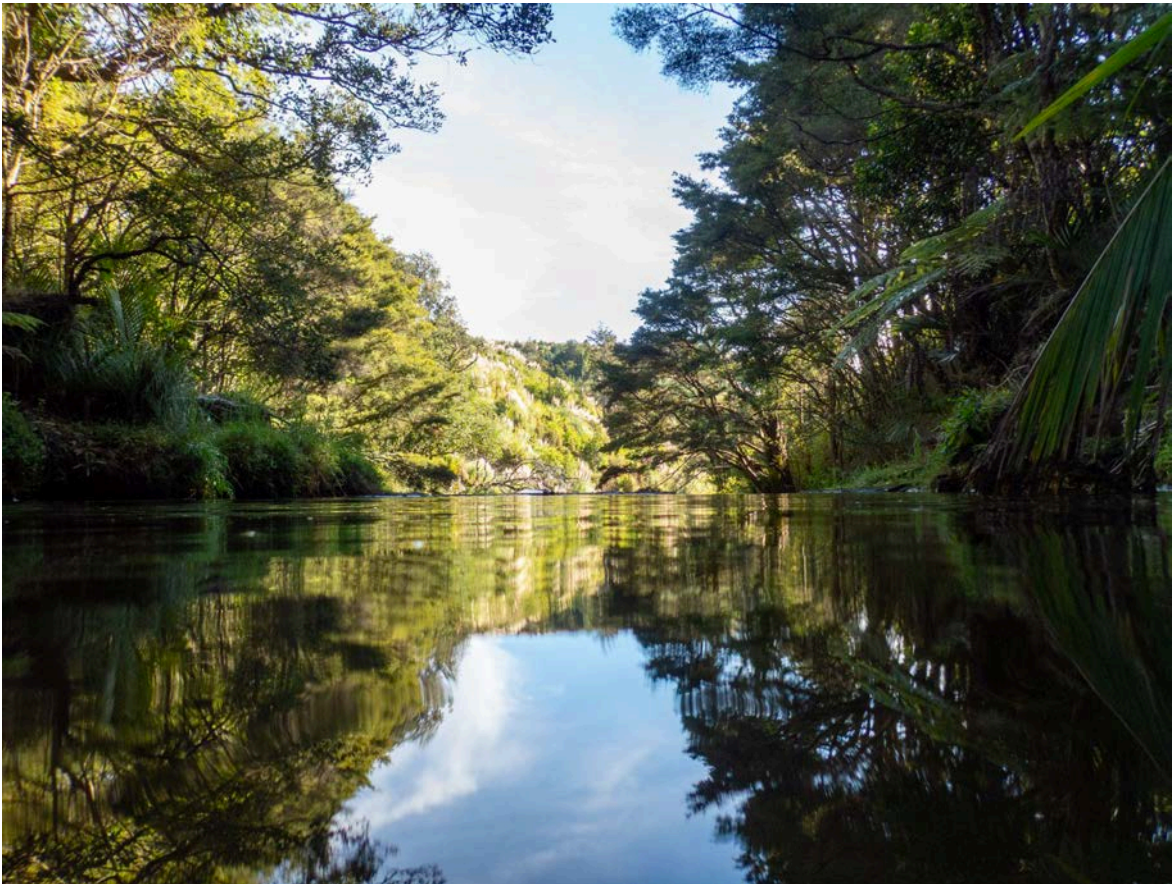
- Cash to add to koha for marae
- Cash for the bar at the social evening
- Sleeping bag/duvet, pillow
- Towel
- Torch or head torch (if spotlighting)
- Gumboots or shoes you don't mind getting wet
- Plenty of warm clothes
- Rain jacket
- Swimwear (if snorkelling or if you wish to swim)
- Drink bottle, keep cup and lunch box - Snacks (if you think you will require extra kai outside of standard meals) - please ensure to not bring into wharenuī)
- Glad rags for Friday night

- If snorkelling on Sunday - bring togs and towel. If you want to bring your own snorkel gear you can - or it is provided.

Refunds and Cancellation Policy

If you have a paid registration - for a full refund we need 2 weeks notice. Any other refunds will be on a case by case basis and may incur an administration fee.

If you have a sponsored spot and can no longer attend - please give us as much notice as possible so that we are able to offer the spot to someone else. We reserve the right to charge a non attendance fee.





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