

Principal Investigators' Wānanga 2018

12-14 FEBRUARY 2018, WHAKATŪ MARAE,
WHAKATŪ NELSON, TE WAIPOUNAMU



Tēnā koutou i runga i ngā ahuatanga o te wā Kia hiwa rā kia hiwa rā!

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In February 2018, we hosted our Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (NPM) Principal Investigator (PI) wānanga in the stunningly beautiful Whakatū (Nelson) on the homelands of six mana whenua iwi namely: Ngāti Koata, Ngāti Kuia, Te Runangā o Toarangatira, Ngāti Rarua, Ngāti Tama and Te Ātiawa.

We were honoured to host this wānanga with NPM's partner Cawthron Institute, with considerable support from the Wakatū Incorporation.

For three days, we came together within the arms of the Whakatū marae, sharing our research and intent in the exquisitely adorned whare tupuna Kākāti (yes, the original kowhaiwhai image featured on the NZ\$100 comes from this whare! – the pattern represents the unity and consensus of the six iwi of the marae and was designed by Puhanga Tupaea).

The programme included learning about: the mana whenua of Whakatū, the awesome mahi taking place within the current

NPM research, how tikanga is guiding our research ethics, methods and theories, and the different ways we can collectively help foster the sharing of our research findings.

Significant exchanges occurred within the community. The Governors and Chief Executive of Wakatū Incorporation hosted us on their tribally owned upper Moutere vineyard, Aronui, that is described as one of New Zealand's most exciting boutique wines. The word Aronui derives from ancient Māori mythology about the pursuit of knowledge, including the arts and working with land in beneficial ways.

Cawthron Institute staff lead some of us on a 'walking wānanga' along the river banks of the Mahitahi River to engage with tangata whenua and researchers about freshwater research with Māori communities. Others were hosted at the Cawthron Aquaculture Park, known as a world-class research and technology centre for the NZ aquaculture sector and its stakeholders where we got close with scampi.

“Really liked it being out of Auckland. Integrating with the local iwi and community. Learning local history. Seeing what other centres both private and public are doing regarding research. Making new networks and collaborations. Being with different groups of people. I absolutely loved it, I got so much out of it”

Rachel Brown, Whakauae Research for Māori Health and Development



“The venue was superb and we were hosted by warm and generous hou kainga. The ambiance was most fitting for a hui of this kind. It seems that we all were at ease in a traditional setting. The overview of the whare and the tribal landmarks was superb. If we take the three days out from our setting it will do us more good than harm, he rongoa mo tinana.”

Professor Angus Hikairo Macfarlane, University of Canterbury



“The venue was great, relaxing, supportive. Length of time was exactly right. The opportunity to spend time together and form stronger relationships with other NPM PI researchers. Some new connections made, and some good ideas of different ways that people are working. Received some positive feedback on my project and came away feeling good about progress being made and to keep moving forward.”

Dr Bridgette Masters-Awatere, University of Waikato





“I really loved the visits to Wakatu (what a wonderful experience to see a thriving Māori business) and Cawthorn Institute. Meeting and bonding with a group of positive and encouraging Māori colleagues. I made many new friends that were interested in me and my research, this validated my research work. The manaaki at Whakatu Marae and the kai was excellent. Learning about my Tainui links in Nelson from our Whakatu kaitiaki Shane Graham. Learning about the different research projects NPM is supporting. Meeting the NPM Directors and Deputy Directors. I now have some new research collaborators for future research projects. I now have new Māori communities that I may do research projects with. Many thanks for the wonderful experience.”
Dr Marama Muru-Lanning, James Henare Centre, University of Auckland



“The collegiality, time for hearing about each others’ work in a relaxed and succinct way, the river field trip”
Associate Professor Chellie Spiller, University of Auckland





“I found spending time with other PI’s really rewarding, and in particular finding out what they all doing. I also really enjoyed getting out on the planned excursions – I found them a good balance of learning as well as another opportunity for building collegiality between PI’s.”

Dr Dan Hikuroa, University of Auckland

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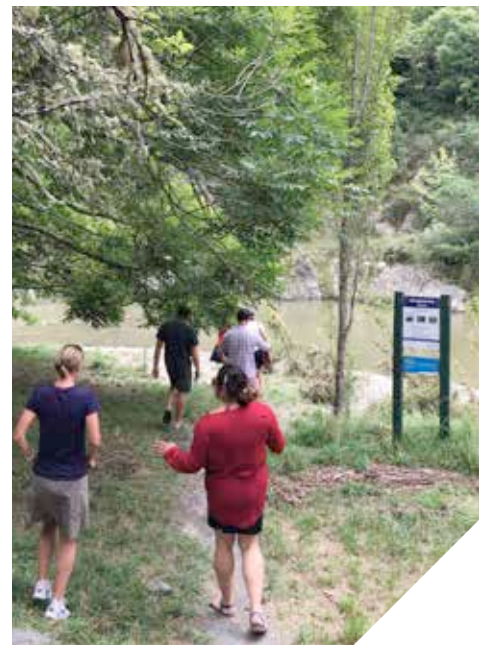
“Personally – it was good for me to reconnect and get an overview on all the themes and the leaders. Great visit to Whakatū. Great to see all those young leaders.”

Professor Poia Rewi, University of Otago



“I got a far clearer sense of belonging to the Ngā Pae whānau, and of where my own work fitted in amongst the work being done by others. It is a powerful feeling having a “place”, so I was very grateful to be able to develop that. I was challenged in my thinking. I felt invigorated and more purposeful as a result of this wānanga. Really enjoyed the interaction with Cawthron and Whakatū too and above all, I was so grateful to be in the house that was so much the expression of the mana of its people, but also of the vision and genius of Auntie Puhanga Tupaea. Man, what a whare. Thank you for the opportunity Jacinta (and NPM whānau). I’m a bit hard to prise out from under my rock, but I was so glad I came! And thank you too to you and Linda for your calm and thoughtful presence and wisdom, and your aroha towards all of us. It meant a bucket-load to me.”

Māmari Stephens, Victoria University of Wellington



Next up: Principal Investigators' Wānanga 2019

With a new organising committee, a new rohe and a new programme of intent, we very much look forward to hosting the next principal investigators' wānanga in 2019. If you are currently a contract NPM Principal Investigator and/or leading an NPM funded foundational, seed, scope or platform research project,

this wānanga is for you. Our next wānanga will be held mid-February 2019 in Whanganui, and co-hosted by NPM partners: Te Atawhai o Te Ao and Whakauae Research for Māori Health and Development. Full planning details will be sent out to NPM Principal Investigators later this year.



Ngā mihi

NPM's Research Leadership Team thanks the organising committee for this wānanga: **Dr Jamie Ataria** (NPM Deputy Director, ecotoxicologist and Māori Business Development Cawthron Institute); **Aneika Young** (Associate Researcher, Māori Business Development Cawthron Institute), **Dr Shaun Ogilvie** (NPM Te Tira Takimano Chair, Māori Business Development Consultant Cawthron Institute), **Dr Roger Young** (NPM Te Tira Takimano representative, Coastal and Freshwater Group Manager Cawthron Institute), **Kerensa Johnston** (CEO Wakatū Incorporation), **Jane Rangiwahia** (NPM Executive and Grants Coordinator), **Marie-Chanel Berghan** (NPM Business and Outreach manager), **Professor Jacinta Ruru** (NPM Co-Director).