



TE MOKO AHUREA A PARETETAITONGA

*Tuhituhia ki te moko tārua te kī mai nei
Ko au rānei tō ito, taupā
Wehewehea i te wehe rua, kakati kia hīpa taku raru e..*

KAUPAPA

Moko Ahurea are wānanga held to conduct group moko tārua (moko kauae and moko kanohi). Other iwi know these wānanga as Moko Papa and have become popular in recent times as people commit to the revival of our culture and to celebrate a kaupapa together.

There will be a series of four Moko Ahurea to celebrate the signing of the Ngāti Rangi Settlement in 2018. The Moko Ahurea can also help us turn the page on past grievances and use a taonga like moko tārua to express our iwi identity as Ngāti Rangi and Whanganui nui tonu. This kaupapa has come out of the idea that through Settlement we place our tāmoko (or signature) on paper as our tūpuna did for the Tiriti o Waitangi and so it is also appropriate to carve ink to skin as we reclaim our identity.

The name of this Moko Ahurea Wānanga is **Te Moko Ahurea a Paretetaitonga** as a reference back to our tribal history related to Tawhirimātea and his role in carving and tāmoko.

TOHUNGA

The Tohunga Tāmoko who will lead our Moko Ahurea is our own whanaunga from Matahiwi, Heemi Te Peeti. Other artists will need to meet with Heemi if they wish to join in and be part of this kaupapa.

If you have a specific artist that you want to do your moko tārua then this has to be confirmed beforehand as they will have to meet with our Tohunga to ensure that the artist is willing to agree to the kaupapa. Last minute decisions will most probably not be allowed and you'll have to wait for the next Moko Ahurea.

PREPARATION

There have been a number of discussions and wānanga held to explain this kaupapa and a final wānanga was held on 11-12 August 2018 at Raketapauma Marae.

This was specifically to help those going through and those interested to ask questions and to ready ourselves for the ahurea in September.

If you are content in your heart and don't have questions, then you don't need to attend, however you do need to register your interest with Elijah Pue at the Ngāti Rangi Trust office.

The previous wānanga were held at Tiorangi (in April 2018) and Maungārongo (in June 2018) and if you have any questions, please contact Elijah Pue on the details below.

MOKO AHUREA – TIORANGI MARAE 15-17 MAY 2020

A basic overview of the weekend will be:

Friday 15th May 2020

4:00pm – Pōwhiri

6:00pm – Kai o te pō

7:00pm – Karakia and wānanga

Saturday 16th May 2020

Dawn karakia

Breakfast

8:00am – tāmoko begins

On completion, all that have received tāmoko will be presented to the people

Hākari on completion of all tāmoko

Sunday 17th May 2020

Tāmoko will continue and presentation to iwi and kai will follow

Timings are only a guideline until we have a clearer idea of how many people will be receiving moko. All that are receiving moko are expected to bring kai for the hākari table so that the people share in your gift back to the iwi.

COSTS AND WHAT TO BRING

Naturally koha should be provided for attendance at any hui. However, for those receiving the moko kauae or mataora, you will be expected to pay for your moko and what form that takes will be explained at the wānanga in August (contact the office for further guidance). Often, tohunga tāmoko will charge for body art but not for traditional moko on the face and therefore koha need to be mindful of the fact that it is:

- A taonga that will be seen daily and therefore of high value;
- Koha can include money and other taonga/gifts; and
- This is between you and the tohunga.

As many want a quantifiable figure and as a guide:

Moko kauae: \$500 as a starting rate; and

Mataora: \$1000 as a starting rate.

As noted above, please bring a koha of kai for the hākari table at the end of the Moko Ahurea so that all present share in the hā (essence) of the gift that is the Moko Ahurea a Paretetaitonga.

CONTACT

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