



# 27th PPTA Te Wehengarua National Māori Teachers' Conference 2022

Sunday 10 - Monday 11 July 2022

Te Papa Tongarewa, Te Whānganui ā Tara Wellington

*Kua tawhiti kē to haerenga mai, Kia kore e haere tonu*  
*You've come too far, not to go further*

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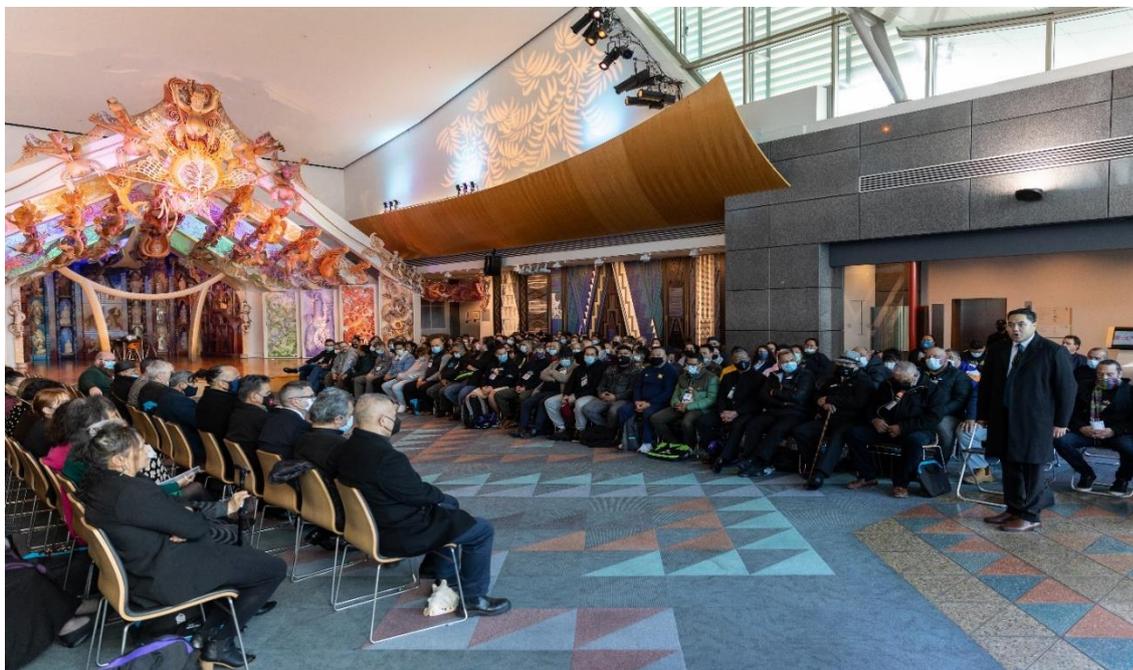
Hosted by Te Huarahi Māori Motuhake

Te Huarahi Māori Motuhake have been determined to provide opportunities for members to celebrate, debate and critique alongside top Māori leaders from across the political, public and academic sectors. This conference provided that.

Significant kaupapa this year included changes to NCEA, NZQA requirements, personalised learning programmes, health and wellbeing and addressing racism in mainstream schools. The final count of **220** attendees registered for this year's conference, but **179** delegates attended.

#### Venue:

Te Papa Tongarewa was powerful and impressive as a venue. The pōwhiri held at the prestigious marae Te Rongomaraeroa, with Aotea College Kapa Haka group performing on behalf of mana whenua, was well received and amazing. As an extra bonus, the Kapa Haka group entertained while delegates were having a meal. Thank you to Matua Anthony, Aotea College Kapa Haka, mana whenua speakers for allowing the rangatahi to be a part of our pōwhiri.



#### Keynote Speakers:

Overall, speakers were excellent and gave attendees classroom tips, games, inspiration, different and new ideas to take back to their schools. Striving to do more within their mahi to keep moving forward in the pursuit of excellence for our rangatahi was a key theme.

Phyllis Callaghan on the topic of her world-building video game, Katuku Isand, and Māori Assistant Children's Commissioner Glenis Phillip-Barbara with her daughter Karlie were stand-outs, particularly as they were last-minute substitutes.



Dr Phyllis Callaghan



Karlie Phillip-Barbra playing the pūtorino

### **Workshops:**

Workshops were practical, interactive, engaging, and had useful ideas for the classroom and to take back to other kaiako in their kura. Some of the workshops went over time because attendees wanted more time with the presenters.

Popular with the members were Lynne Te Aika on Aotearoa NZ Histories, and Irene Pewhairangi & Nic' Fonotoe's workshop about the NCEA review, iwi and kura partnership for mana orite mo te Mātauranga Māori.

### **Theme:**

We have come too far not to do more, and we have worked too hard not to do that extra bit more. Attendees found the theme to be true for teachers who continue to give, to do more even when they are exhausted, sick or facing other challenges in their lives.

### **Highlights:**

There were many highlights that delegates commended and commented on. Te Papa provided a beautiful backdrop for the pōwhiri and various entertainments. The venue also provided stage technicians, who were not only very competent but were willing to go the extra mile to help speakers with their powerpoints and technical issues.

An added bonus was having a photographer who was fluent in Te Reo Māori as well as being able to capture the best of delegates, special moments, and the setting.

Attendees were pleased with the quality and quantity of food and the presentation on the gala night. The gifts for delegates, speakers and workshop presenters were also well received.

Some delegates commented that having a two-day conference was more manageable for them than the three-day conferences of previous years.

Having the PLD funding meant we could have more choice in terms of venue, catering and entertainment to suit kaiako Māori, keynote speakers, and workshop presenters.

#### **Recommendations moving forward:**

While some delegates struggled to attend the conference with Covid, other illnesses, tangi and flights being cancelled, a suggestion was made from several attendees that it was time that Māori Teachers' Conference look at returning to Rotorua where many would be able to drive themselves to attend. As a recommendation from attendees, the Sudima Hotel, Rotorua will be explored as a possible venue for the 2023 Māori Teachers' Conference.

Lastly I would like to acknowledge Ali and her team who were very helpful and well-organised at Te Papa Tongarewa conference venue.

The overall evaluations from attendees were very positive. Keynote speakers, workshop sessions, registration processes, catering and food, and the opportunity to network all scored highly. While there were suggestions for improvements, overall 95.52% of attendees said they will attend the Māori Teachers' Conference again in 2023.

Ki ngā mātāwaka i ngā tōpito o te motu, nei rā te aumihi ki a koutou katoa i tae-ā-tinana mai ki te whakanuia te hui-ā-tau mō ngā kaiako Māori.

I te pērā ai te whakataukī ō Tā Hīmi Hēnare, "**Kua tawhiti tō haerenga mai kia kore e haere tonu. He nui rawa ō mahi kia kore e mahi tonu**" You have come too far not to go further; you have done too much not to do more.

