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NEW ZEALAND HISTORY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION



“Nga mata maha o Rongokako”

The many faces of Rongokako – Perspectives and the changing face of History

New Zealand History Teacher's Association Conference 8-10 April 2026

Te Matau-a-Māui Hawke's Bay 2026



Motutapu Kāreti / Lindisfarne College

600 Pakowhai Road, Frimley, Hastings 4120

On behalf of the 2026 NZHTA Conference Planning Committee, I am proud to announce that our upcoming biennial conference will be held at Lindisfarne College, Hawke's Bay from Wednesday the 8th to Friday the 10th of April, 2026.

The New Zealand History Teachers' Association is especially honoured to hold their conference on the whenua of Ngati Kahungunu and Heretaunga Tamatea iwi.

Our conference theme speaks to the changing nature of history and how history can be viewed through multiple lenses.

Ngā mihi nui,

Rene Hanham,

NZHTA 2026 Conference Convenor.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Ngahiwi Tomoana

Ngahiwi Tomoana is a respected Māori leader and former Chair of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (1996–2022). For over two decades, he championed iwi development, indigenous trade, and global advocacy through initiatives such as Te Aratini, connecting culture with commerce and conservation. Ngahiwi has held governance roles on national forums including the NZ Police Commissioner’s Māori Focus Forum and Taumata Whakapumau (Wai 262). He is also the author of the Hawke’s Bay Today article “The Many Faces of Rongokako,” reflecting on history through multiple lenses. Of Ngāti Kahungunu and Samoan descent, Ngahiwi continues to mentor emerging leaders and strengthen Māori economic and cultural independence.



Sir Joe Williams

The Honourable Sir Joe Williams KNZM became a partner at Kensington Swan in 1992 and went on to co-found Walters Williams & Co in 1994. In 1999 he became Chief Judge of the Māori Land Court and was appointed Deputy Chairperson of the Waitangi Tribunal shortly after in 2000. He was made Chairperson of the Waitangi Tribunal in 2004. Justice Williams was appointed a judge of the High Court in September 2008, a judge of the Court of Appeal in February 2018, and a judge of the Supreme Court in May 2019. Justice Williams’ iwi are Ngāti Pūkenga, Waitaha and Tapuika.



Professor Michael Belgrave

Emeritus Professor of History at Massey University, Michael Belgrave has previously worked as a historian and research manager for the Waitangi Tribunal, producing research on several of the Tribunal’s district inquiries and settlements. He has published numerous historical works including 2017’s *Dancing with the King: The Rise and Fall of the King Country, 1864–1885* and 2024’s *Becoming Aotearoa: A New History of New Zealand*.



Dr Lloyd Carpenter

Currently teaching at Te Aratai College, Dr Carpenter has previously been the senior lecturer of Māori Studies at Lincoln University, worked as a Regional Learning and Development Lead and Cultural Educator for Te Whatu Ora, and in 2016 published his book *Rushing for Gold: Life and Commerce on the Goldfields of New Zealand and Australia*. Dr Carpenter has also featured in an extended interview with RNZ entitled NZ Wars: Stories of Wairau. Dr Carpenter’s iwi are Ngāti Apa ki Rā Tō, Ngāti Toarangatira o Whakatū, Te Ātiawa



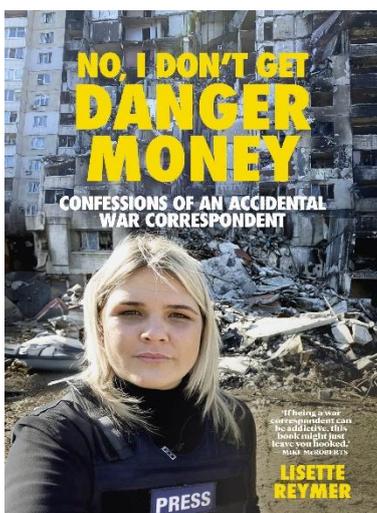
AI in History Curriculum: Demystifying the Hype, Mastering the Reality, and Shaping the Future presented by Bex Rose and Sam Gibson

This keynote is your definitive guide to understanding Artificial Intelligence in the educational sphere. We'll demystify the jargon and misconceptions, highlight the powerful AI tools already transforming classrooms and cast a visionary eye towards the future of AI-powered literacy learning. This is an opportunity to gain clarity, confidence, and a strategic roadmap for embracing the incredible potential of AI in education.



Te Pūherenga (Ko Te Pūherenga He Pourewa Hei Huri Ako Ia Au - Connections to the Past Protect our Identity) presented by Kipa Munro, Chair, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia and Jane Jarman

Te Pūherenga (Ko Te Pūherenga He Pourewa Hei Huri Ako Ia Au - Connections to the Past Protect our Identity) is a project, which began in 2023. The aim of the project was to create a repository of resources: unit plans with accompanying resources suitable for students from Year 1-13. The unit plans are being modelled on a set of poutama based on an indigenous framework, from the karakia | Waiata 'Ko te Timatanga o Te Ao.' Part of the repository will be historical summaries of the different pou of Ngāti Rēhia's pepeha. These summaries have been written in conjunction with hapū and have been adapted for different curriculum strands. In order to ensure that everything flows from the hapū's mātauranga, the units of work will flow on from this repository. The origins of this mahi nui lie in an act of mana motuhake by Ngāti Rēhia, in which the hapū took deliberate control of the way in which their pūrakau and taonga tuku iho would potentially be shared within the schools within our kura. Over the past two years, we have worked in a hapū-led space to firstly develop kaupapa, tikanga and kawa for our roopu.



Lisette Reymer – Dinner Speaker

Lisette Reymer was Newshub's Europe correspondent, based in London for three years from 2021. She grew up on a dairy farm in the Waikato, and has been a journalist since 2014, having graduated from Christchurch's broadcasting school. She now works at Stuff as Senior Journalist - International and National Affairs. Lisette's work in Ukraine saw her win Reporter of the Year at the NZTV awards for 2024; Best Reporter at the 2023 Voyager Media Awards as well as Best Coverage of a Major News Event.