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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 Ngāti 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 Confirmed



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 Ngati 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

We look forward to warmly welcoming you to the NZHTA 2026 Conference.

Call for Abstracts

Would you like to hold a workshop at the conference? Our call for abstracts will be out soon!

The 2026 NZHTA Conference Planning Committee: Nick Fitness, Craig Thornhill, Bronwyn Houliston, Kārena Ngata, Shayla Close, Jane Jarman, Annabel Walsh, Savannah de Vos, and Rene Hanham.