

# HE PUKENGA WAI

Whanganui River Symposium 2025

**Tuesday, 21 October 2025 | Dedicated to whānau, hapū and iwi**

Whakataua: Mōrero Marae, Taumarunui

Symposium: Taumarunui Memorial Hall





# PROGRAMME

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9.30AM	<b>WHAKATAU   MŌRERO MARAE</b> <i>Move over to Taumarunui Memorial Hall</i>
10.00AM	Morning Tea
10.30AM	Te Ara Pikinga ki te Pae Tāwhiti   Jenny Allen
11.20AM	Whātau Kōura Project   Te Morehu Whenua
12.00PM	<b>LUNCH</b>
1.00PM	Building Catchment Resilience   Aimee Kopeke
1.50PM	Guest Speaker Toiora Hawira TBC
2.30PM	<b>KŌRERO WHAKAMUTUNGA</b>





# TE ARA PIKINGA KI TE PAE TĀWHITI

## Ngāti Hāua Education Strategy



JENNY ALLEN

*Ngāti Hāua, Ngāti Tū, Te Roroa*

30 years of teaching experiences, including classroom teacher, Assistant Principal and Deputy principal positions. Taught all levels from year 0 through to year 13, with a love and passion for new entrance. Have taught both in Kura Auraki and Kura a Iwi and Secondary schools. I was trained at in the Te Rangakura Bilingual Teacher training program in Whanganui, after 30 years of teaching I have recently taken on the responsibility of leading out the Education Strategy for Ngāti Hāua. Te Ara Pikinga ki te Pae Tāwhiti. The development of The Education strategy was completed by 2023. The implementation began in 2024 with much of the groundwork being completed. 2025 has seen initiation of some positive well received kaupapa by whanau, hapu, iwi and local schools. Te Ara Pikinga ki te Pae Tāwhiti is beginning to flourish, objectives of the strategy and desires of our people are beginning to be met.

**Mahia te mahi**  
**Mo tatou, mā tatou e ai ki a tatou.**



# WHĀTAU KŌURA PROJECT



TE MOREHU WHENUA

Te Morehu Whenua is a tamariki and rangatahi-led environmentalist group based at Rānana, Whanganui River. The rōpū have been involved in various research projects since its establishment in 2019, and lead environmental work on behalf of Ngāti Ruaka hapū. At this year's He Pukenga Wai Symposium, representatives will speak about the Whātau Kōura project, supported by Te Mātāpuna o Te Wai and Te Atawhai o Te Ao. The project involved: holding wānanga in conjunction with optimal (seasonal) times for monitoring and gathering kōura; accessing waterways to do this mahi and performing various water testing methods; learning from kuia and koroheke about their experiences of kōura; collecting data about our waterways using old maps, recorded interviews, photos and satellite imagery; and planning for future fencing and riparian planting, with the aim of restoring and enhancing habitat, and increasing kōura populations.





**AIMEE KOPEKE**

*Ngāti Rangī, Ngāti Uenuku, Ngāti Hāua. Ngāti Maru.  
Whanganui, Taranaki.*

# BUILDING CATCHMENT RESILIENCE

Emerging technologies like LiDAR and the Building Catchment Resilience (BCR) tool offer us powerful insights into the shape, flow, and state of the landscapes and waters that make up the Whanganui Catchment, and where opportunities lie to improve the health of our natural environment.

When underpinned by our kawa, woven together with ancestral wisdom, and integrated into our practices on the ground, we can wield them as instruments of Kaitiakitanga. Helping us make evidence-backed decisions that honour first our Awa, our people and communities, and ensure that every choice we make with resources belonging to our mokopuna is wise, future-proof, and delivers lasting value.

To me, the importance of this mahi is in carrying forward the legacy of generations' past. With our sights clearly set on harnessing the tools at hand, to continue amplifying the voice of our Awa at every decision-making table.