



Mihi whakatau ki te hui o WasteMINZ 2023

Waikato-Tainui kaumātua, including those of Ngāti Wairere, the hapū of the land (known as Te Papanui) on which Claudelands is built, will welcome delegates to the conference on Tuesday 23 May as follows.

Delegates need to assemble in the foyer in front of Heaphy 1, 2 and 3 by 8.25am (at the latest). The mihi whakatau will proceed as follows:

- Manuwhiri (conference delegates) will be welcomed into the room with a karanga by Ratau Turner
- Manuwhiri (led by Dee Isaacs) will enter the room
- Once everyone is seated, there will be a karakia (prayer) and then a whaikōrero (speech) by Waikato-Tainui kaumātua Taki Turner
- A whakautu (response) will be given by Dee Isaacs on behalf of the manuwhiri
- All delegates will then be asked to stand and join in the waiata *Ehara i te mea* to support the words of our kaikōrero
- Kaumātua Taki Turner will officially conclude the mihi whakatau and introduce WasteMINZ Chair Wayne Plummer

The words for *Ehara i te mea* are below the information about Ngāti Wairere. You can hear more about Ngāti Wairere on this Taringa podcast. Click [here](#) to listen.

Ko Ngāti Wairere te hāpu o Papanui

Nau mai, piki mai, kake mai ki a Te Papanui, te mana-whenua o Ngāti Wairere, hapū o Waikato-Tainui.

Mai ngā tau nuku atu i te 1600s i mua o te taenga mai o tauwi mā, tino ātapai te noho a ngā iwi o Ngāti Wairere i Kirikiriroa.

I tētehi wāhi i noho ngākaunuitia e ngā iwi nei ko Te Papanui, he whenua i murua i te ngahere rākoutaketake me ōna Kahikatea mai tōna ara ki te raki ahu iho ki tōna ara ki te tonga whiti atu ki te rāwhiti ara mai ki te tahatika o te Tupuna Awa a Waikato.

I roto i ngā rarurau i waenganui i a Waikato me te karauna, ka wehe atu a Ngāti Wairere i Kirikiriroa ki tetahi atu wāhi, ara ko Hukanui tērā e nohotia nei e rātou i tenei wā tonu.

Heoi, i roto i ngā hiahia a tauwi ki te hanga whare me te whakapai i o rātou poti ka turakinahia te nuinga o te ngahere nei, ka mahue iho he tino paku noa iho i te kokona o te raki/rāwhiti o Te Papanui.

Ngāti Wairere is the sub-tribe of the Claudelands area

Welcome, welcome to Te Papanui (Claudelands) this, the sacred land of Ngāti Wairere, a sub-tribe of Waikato-Tainui.

Prior to the early 1600s and before the arrival of the early pioneers Ngāti Wairere was very comfortable living in Kirikiriroa, now known as Hamilton.

And one of the most prominent property that Ngāti Wairere also lived on was Te Papanui (Claudelands) a land area of about 5 hectares covered in lush kahikatea and many other native trees spanning its boundaries from the north, east, and south and right down to and along the banks of the sacred Waikato river.

And when the early pioneers did arrive, circumstances caused Ngāti Wairere to leave Kirikiriroa and live at Hukanui, now known as Gordonton, a 16-minute drive north of Hamilton.

And as time went by the new pioneering arrivals required timber to build homes and mend their ships clearing out the vast area of timber leaving only about

I tēnei wā kei te tautohetohe tonu a Waikato-Tainui ki te kāwana e pāna ki ngā kerēme kia whakahokia mai te mana-whenua o Ngāti Wairere me ōna karangamaha.

1% of trees at the north-eastern end of Claudelands park.

And as of now the tribal claims team are in negotiations with our treaty partners and hope for a promising outcome for Ngāti Wairere and other hapū.

Ehara i te mea

E hara i te mea
No ināiane te aroha
No ngā tūpuna
E tuku iho, tuku iho

It is not a new thing

It is not a new thing
now that is love
comes from the ancestors
handed down through the passages of time

If you are coming to the WasteMINZ conference with colleagues, please try and practise this waiata before you arrive so we have some confident singers on the day. The version of ***Ehara I te mea*** we will be singing can be viewed [here](#). We will be singing the first verse (as above) three times.