



**TAONGA TUKU IHO SURVIVAL 2050
CONFERENCE
TE KAUHANGANUI DEBATING CHAMBERS
HOPUHOPU**

On the **1 – 3 August 2008** the Waikato Raupatu Lands Trust will be holding their conference on Taonga Tuku Iho Survival 2050.

VISION:

Our conference vision is the tongi or prophetic saying of Kiingi Taawhiao which speaks of determination, survival of a people and, traditional cultural practices and values.

Maaku anoo e hanga tookuu nei whare
Ko ngaa pou he mahoe, he patate
Ko te taahuuhuu he hiinau
Me whakatupu ki te hua o te rengarenga
Me whakapakari ki te hua o te kawariki
*'I shall fashion my own house
The support posts will be of mahoe and patate
The ridgepole of hinau
Those who inhabit the house will be raised on rengarenga
and nurtured on kawariki'*

SUMMARY

Taonga Tuku Iho refers to those possessions that iwi; hapuu and whaanau consider to be the most precious and valued, and are handed on to succeeding generations to ensure iwi, hapuu and whaanau identity and whakapapa remain intact.

Taonga Tuku Iho is underpinned by the principle of whakapapa. This guiding principle provides the framework that determines how one engages with, protects, preserves, maintains, stores and disseminates taonga tuku iho.

Today and in light of the increased interest by iwi and hapuu to have their taonga tuku iho digitized or captured on some electronic format, are tikanga, kaupapa and kawa perpetuated or, are tikanga, kaupapa and kawa being compromised so that iwi, hapuu and whaanau engage confidently with the technology and, therefore disseminate quickly traditional knowledge out to their people?

Therefore in 2050 what might the technologies look like and will tikanga, kawa and kaupapa play a significant role in the protection, preservation, maintenance, storage and dissemination of taonga tuku iho.

This conference provides the platform for iwi, hapuu, whaanau and those who have an interest in taonga tuku iho to debate, to discuss the issues, provide possible solutions, and perhaps create new theories for the future of taonga tuku iho.

Come listen to: Dr Tui Adams; recognised nationally for his expertise in the knowledge systems of Waikato, Maniapoto, Hauraki and Raukawa; Moana Jackson on Intellectual Property and Taonga Tuku Iho, Leo Watson on the progress of the WAI262 Flora and Fauna Claim; Dr Te Taka Keegan on Indigenous Language Usage in a Digital Library; Vicki Heikell and Rangi Te Kanawa on preservation of taonga tuku iho; Rovina Maniapoto-Anderson on Whakapapa and Taonga Tuku Iho and our own Michelle Hippolite, Kaihautuu at Te Papa Tongarewa and many more incredible speakers.

The programme and registration forms will be available from our website on Friday 6 June; please go to www.tainui.co.nz .

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