

Waitangi Treaty Grounds Nga Takunetanga o Hereturikōkā August Events.

Tiaki Mauri Bioblitz: talk and summary findings

Join members of the Natural Sciences department of Tāmaki Paenga Hira Auckland War Memorial Museum as they present the summary findings of the Tiaki Mauri BioBlitz held at Wairoa Bay in November 2019. The scientists involved in the BioBlitz event will share the summary report due for publication in August and present a snapshot of the biodiversity found in the areas surveyed.

Background to the project:

Tāmaki Paenga Hira Auckland War Memorial Museum delivered two BioBlitz events at Wairoa Bay, Bay of Islands and Cooks Beach, Whitianga. These were part of Tuia – Encounters 250 (Tuia 250), Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage's national commemoration of Lieutenant James Cook's arrival in Aotearoa New Zealand

in 1769, highlighting the botanical collection of Joseph Banks and Daniel Solander.

Tiaki Mauri BioBlitz was held at a small reserve at Wairoa Bay and included education sessions with local schools and a community open day. The biological surveys took place over three days to search for, collect and identify flora and fauna within our current natural environment. Around 250 people attended, including over 100 children from four local primary schools.

The BioBlitz events were named Tiaki Mauri BioBlitz by Ngāti Kawa Taituha, of Ngāti Kawa hapū, to highlight the importance of the inherent connection between people and the natural environment, and the integral need to reconnect and care for it.



When: 6pm Monday, 2 August

Where: Learning Centre, Te Kōngahu Museum of Waitangi

Price: Free

Bookings are preferred but not required. If you would like to RSVP please email rsvp@waitangi.org.nz.

Talk by Courtney Johnston and Arapata Hakiwai of Te Papa



Join Courtney Johnston (Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive) and Arapata Hakiwai (Kaihautū | Māori Co-Leader) as they talk about their experiences running our national museum, the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa.

Courtney Johnston has been Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive of Te Papa since December 2019. She brings her experience in museums, digital development and governance to the position. Prior to her role as Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive, Courtney was the Director Audience and Insight at Te Papa, Director of the Dowse Art Museum and Petone Settlers Museum Te Whare Whaakaro o Pito-one, as well as the immediate past chair of Museums Aotearoa.

Arapata Hakiwai (Ngāti Kahungunu, Rongowhakaata, Ngāti Porou, Ngāi Tahu) shares the strategic leadership of Te Papa through his role as Kaihautū | Māori Co-Leader.



Arapata has more than 20 years of experience in the museum sector, and his previous roles at Te Papa include Director Mātauranga Māori and Acting Kaihautū; during this period he guided the research policies and practices surrounding taonga Māori. Arapata has worked with many international museums on the repatriation of Māori and Moriori kōiwi tangata and is currently leading a research project to identify and create a database of taonga Māori and Moriori in museum collections worldwide.

When: 6.30pm, Thursday 19 August

Where: Tahuaroa Function Centre, Waitangi Treaty Grounds

Price: Free

Bookings are essential, maximum numbers apply. Please email rsvp@waitangi.org.nz to book and for any further information.