

Overview Information: Tangihanga

Location

Wāhi: Tapuaekura Marae, 110 Curtis Road, Tikitere, Rotoiti, Rotorua 3074

E ngā reo, e ngā mana, e ngā kārangakaranga.

For those who wish to pay their respects please make contact with Piki Thomas and Dennis Curtis (their details are below) to help manage the flow of manuhiri. We encourage you to choose a time and day, as every attempt will be made to run to the schedule, however please have patience and flexibility.

Nehu is expected to be announced tomorrow.

Te Hunga Pāpāhō - Media

If you haven't made contact already and are wanting to attend, please contact Heeni Brown and Jacky James (their details are below).

You will need a Media Pass to gain drive-thru access to the Marae.

Weather permitting, we do urge you carpool to the Marae, as this will help to keep the congestion of vehicles down.

Can I record at the tangihanga?

No recording is permitted.

The tangihanga will be livestreamed – and will begin from 9:50am āpōpō to the end of the last ope every day via [Te Arawa Lakes Trust](#), [Te Arawa FM](#) and [Aukaha News](#) Facebook pages.

Meeting Point and Access to Marae

There is only one access/egress point to Tapuaekura-a-Hatupatu Marae (Tapuaekura). This is via Curtis Road, Rotoiti, Rotorua. Curtis Road will be closed for the duration of the Tangihanga. Shuttle buses will transport manuhiri to and from the carparks to the marae. Please find a map attached. Tentative plans have been put in place for key dignitaries (Party Leaders, Ministers) will be chaperoned from the Road Closure in their vehicles to the Marae. However key dignitaries are encouraged to come together in shuttles to ease space limitations.

COVID-19

If you are unwell, please stay home: the proceedings will be broadcast. For those attending kanohi kītea, please consider adopting COVID precautions such as wearing a facemask and using hand sanitiser. Hand sanitiser stations will also be available.

Protocol

Te Kawa Whaikōrero

Only men are permitted to whaikōrero during formal proceedings.

Tāutuutu will be the kawa whaikōrero. This means the hau kainga will open the speeches, followed by manuhiri, then alternating between hau kainga and manuhiri with the final speaker being from the hau kainga. Please note the paepae tapu o Ngāti Rongomai may choose to alter the kawa depending on the number of speakers, to ensure we expediently move through ope and give time for manuhiri to express their aroha for Taa Toby Curtis.

Te Paepae Tapu will expect that, on behalf of your delegation, you will be represented by the highest calibre of whaikōrero for the Rangatira, Taa Toby Curtis.

No Pākehā (English) is to be spoken during formal proceedings. **There will be no exceptions.**

All ope manuhiri (visiting delegation) will be briefed on the kawa by a haukainga representative before being called on to the marae with a karanga.

No ope will be called on to the marae before sunrise or after sunset.

General Process

- Shuttle bus to Marae
- Manuhiri will wait in a marquee outside the marae atea until the hau kainga are ready
- Ope manuhiri (visiting delegation) briefed on the kawa by a haukainga representative
- Ope manuhiri called on to the marae with karanga
- Seated
- Whaikōrero
- Hariru/Hongi *Will be determined by Pae on the day*
- Hakari *To be confirmed*
- Shuttle bus return

Te reo Pākehā Speakers (English speaking dignitaries)

There will be a space made available for dignitaries, who are non-reo Māori speakers, to share their whakaaro to camera. While this may be used for broadcast purposes it is to ensure the

spectrum of dignitaries who have worked with Taa Toby Curtis an opportunity to share their whakaaro, memories and reflections of the Rangatira.

Communicating with whānau, hapū and iwi

Dignitaries and media are respectfully asked not to contact the whanau Curtis directly, rather to liaise with the key contacts listed below. All pānui pāpāho and pānui will be available on the [Te Arawa Lakes Trust website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

Whānau Curtis contact

Dennis Curtis 0212 816 016

or

Piki Thomas 027 244 8784

Key Contacts

Media: Heeni Brown 021 839 611

Media: Jacky James 021 577 871 (no availability Saturday afternoon)

Dignitary Liaison Officer 1: Holly Bennett 021 843 454

Dignitary Liaison Officer 2: Jesse Thompson 021 414 201

Please note: there is limited cell phone coverage. If you need to make urgent contact with key contacts please use iMessage or WhatsApp.

Other Information

Tapuaekura-a-Hatupatu marae is on the southern shores of Lake Rotoiti east of Lake Rotorua. It belongs to the iwi Ngāti Rongomai and Ngāti Pikiao. The whare tupuna is named Rākeiao, the whare Tapiri (wharekai) is named Maruahangaroa. Tapuaekura-a-Hatupatu marae connects ancestrally to Te Arawa waka and the maunga Matawhaura.

