



# ta apirana ngata memorial lectures

## Ta Apirana Ngata Memorial Lectures *Tribal histories & Scholarship: learning about ourselves*

Oketopa 10 2011: Ngata Memorial College, Ruatoria

On 4 April 1944 at his opening address to the Porourangi Maori Cultural School at the Pavilion Whakarua Park, Ruatoria Ta Apirana said:

“What is the use of knowledge of Maori culture, history and traditions? It is the realisation, that such knowledge is necessary to the education of our youth, that it is growingly being acknowledged as an asset by the people of New Zealand and of the world outside and that we Maori are expected to have and maintain the knowledge, which has caused me to welcome the respite from public duties.”

It was Ta Apirana's intention that upon his retirement from public life in 1943 to return to Ruatoria and spend more “time to pursue his scholarly interests in Maori history, traditions and whaka-papa.”

This years theme is *Tribal histories and Scholarship: learning about ourselves*. Ngati Porou is currently in a time of transition. Before heading into an unknown yet optimistic future, this is a good opportunity to look back at where we have come from and reflect upon our own korero tuku iho and its role in our future. Come and learn more about ourselves from some of our many tribal scholars and historians.

With the permission of Ta Henare Ngata the Rauru nui a Toi Lectures written by his father in 1944 will be available for sale at this years Lectures for \$30.00.

**DATE CHANGE: DUE TO NGATI POROU EAST COAST IN MEADS CUP FINAL IN WANGANUI ON SAT. 8 OCTOBER**

**MANE 10 Oketopa (ONE DAY ONLY, NEW START TIME)**

**1—2pm**

**Session 1: Meet and greet newly elected Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou trustees**

What are their aspirations for Ngati Porou?

**2 - 4.30pm Session 2: Ta Apirana's legacy: the role of Scholarship**

MC: Dr Monty Soutar

**Ta Tamati Reedy** - Ngati Porou's pre-eminent Scholar on Ta Apirana Ngata and Scholarship today

**Dr Oliver Sutherland** - Ta Apirana Ngata and Paikea, Ivan L.G. Sutherland: The Legacy of a Twenty Five Year Friendship between the Māori Leader and the Pākehā Academic.

4.30pm Dinner at TKKM o Te Wai U o Ngati Porou

**6pm Session 3: Tribal histories & Scholarship today**

**Keita Ngata, Erana Brewerton & Campbell Ngata:** Whanau historical research

**Hirini Kaa:** Te Whare Miraka ki te Whare Karakia: Ta Apirana Ngata and the cultural economy of Ngati Porou

**Tiwana Tibble:** Nga korero mo Maraehara

**Nepia Mahuika:** The future of the past: Ngati Porou histories post- 2011.



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