



“Nga mata maha o Rongokako”

The many faces of Rongokako – Perspectives
and the changing face of History



New Zealand History Teacher's Association Conference 2026

**8-10 April
2026**

***Te Matau-a-Māui
Hawke's Bay***



Kei ngā maunga whakahī, kei ngā wai tuku kiri, kei ngā mātāwaka o te motu, ka nui te mihi.

On behalf of the 2026 conference committee, we welcome all delegates to Te Mataua-Māui Hawke's Bay, and to Lindisfarne College.

The New Zealand History Teachers' Association is especially honoured to hold their biennial conference on the whenua of Ngāti Kahungunu and Hawke's Bay Whānui.

Our conference theme speaks to the changing nature of history and how history can be viewed through multiple lenses. At a time in history when expressing differing perspectives can be seen as confrontational, rather than the beginning of a shared discussion around expanding worldviews, we encourage you all to hold on to the idea that it is possible to hold contrary points of view about places, people, and events and still be a critical thinker, open to new ideas and beliefs.

As we have in past conferences, we invite you to operate in the spirit of awhiawhi wero, or being challenged whilst simultaneously being supported to take on that challenge. We believe that this conference will add to your professional development, encourage you to make new connections within our community, and send you into the next school term with renewed passion for History as a subject.

Ngā mihi nui,
Rene Hanham,
NZHTA 2026 Conference Convenor.

**The 2026 NZHTA Conference Committee members:
Nick Fitness, Craig Thornhill, Bronwyn Houlston,
Shayla Close, Jane Jarman, Annabel Walsh,
Savannah de Vos, and Rene Hanham.**



TIKANGA / KARAKIA

Pōwhiri

Semi formal appropriate attire to be worn please.
Fabric below the knees for wāhine.

Karakia and Waiata.

Our conference includes tikanga, karakia and waiata.

'Whakataka te Hau' will be used to start our day, and will be recited to close our day.

Karakia kai will be said before each meal.

Kai is to be consumed only in the wharekai space. Which is the Lindisfarne dining room.

A mihi will be given at the end of each keynote/workshop followed by a waiata tautoko.

Attendees will find the lyrics for our waiata in this booklet.

Poroporoaki

Like the Pōwhiri, attendees are expected to attend Poroporoaki on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. This keeps us together to start as one rōpū and finish as one.



Recreation
Aotearoa

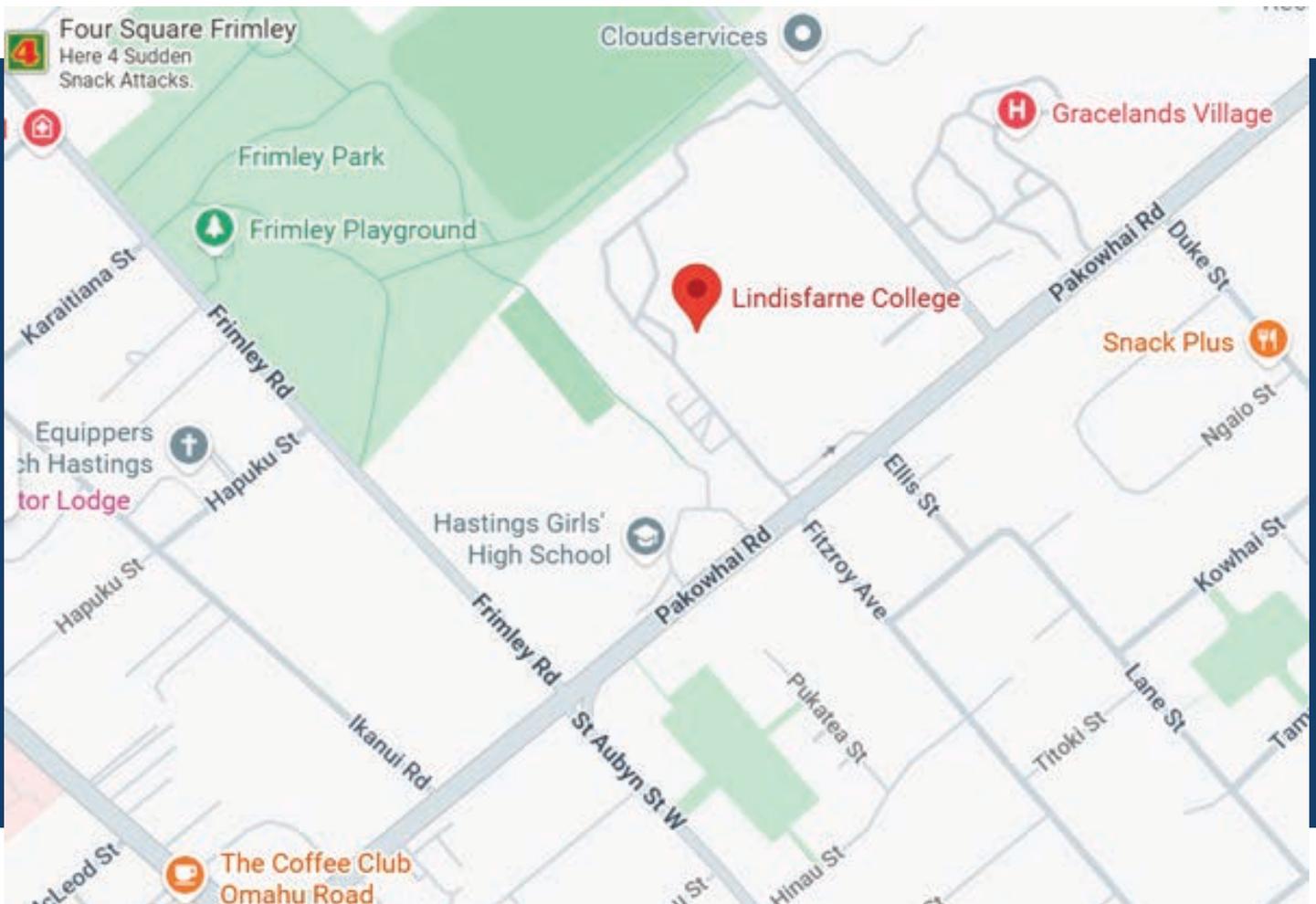
WHAKATAKA TE HAU TRANSLATION

<p>Whakataka te hau ki te uru Whakataka te hau ki te tonga Kia mākinakina ki uta Kia mātaratara ki tai E hī ake ana te atakura He tio, he huka, he hau hū Tihei mauri ora, Tihei mauri ora</p>	<p>Cease the winds from the west Cease the winds from the south Let the breeze blow over the land Let the breeze blow over the ocean Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air, A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day.</p>
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Venue Lindisfarne College

Lindisfarne College is located at 600 Pakowhai Road, Frimley, Hastings 4120. It is a 10 minute drive away from central Hastings. Ample on-site parking is available.





Conference Facilities

Plenary sessions will be held in the Lindisfarne Auditorium and/or the Chapel/Hall space opposite the Auditorium.

Workshops will be run out of the Lindisfarne Mouat Block classrooms.

The staffroom space will be made available as a breakout area. Coffee and tea making facilities are in the adjacent kitchenette immediately beside the staffroom.

The school dining room will be used for morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea – for that authentic boarding school experience! Please do not remove any dishes or cutlery from this space.

Bathrooms are available next to the Auditorium, adjacent to the Lindisfarne Longroom, and are also available next to the staffroom.

Ample free off-street parking can be located opposite the school auditorium. We will be sharing this space with school staff who may still be on site during the Term One break.

The drop-off and pick-up site for conference buses is immediately outside of the main entrance to the school auditorium area.



Accommodation & Transport

Accommodation

Please find below a list of recommended accommodation sites for the conference. All of these sites are located on, or near to, Marine Parade in Napier. Free buses, operated by Maxwell Coachlines, will be available to transport delegates to and from Marine Parade and Lindisfarne College each morning and afternoon. These sites are all very close to the Napier City CBD which offers a wide range of dining options.

- Bella Vista Motel Napier
- Shoreline Motel
- Motel de la Mer
- The Nautilus Napier
- Beachfront Motel
- Pebble Beach Motor Inn
- Scenic Hotel Te Pania

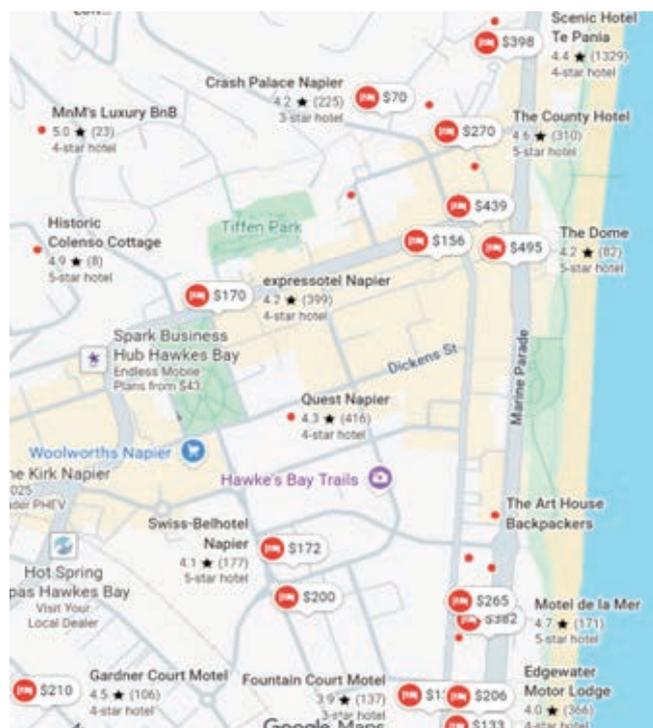
There are also accommodation options closer to Lindisfarne College if you would prefer to be able to walk to the conference venue.

- Cumberland Court Motel
- Frimley Lodge Motel

Transport

Free buses will run to and from the conference venue, Lindisfarne College, and Marine Parade accommodation each day in the morning and evening.

Buses will also be available to transport delegates to Napier Airport at the conclusion of the conference on Friday the 10th of April



Food & Drink Options

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Near Marine Parade Napier

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| ILONA pasta | 80A Emerson Street |
| Kohinoor | 387 Marine Parade |
| The Marine Bistro | 409 Marine Parade |
| Chaona Thai | 205 Emerson Street |
| Lone Star Napier | Corner Marine Parade & Emerson Street |
| Monica Loves | 39 Tennyson Street |
| The Pavilion Sports Bar | 49 Marine Parade |
| ROAM | 189 Marine Parade |
| Clive square pub | 262 Emerson Street |

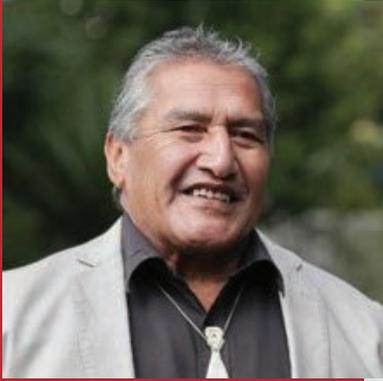
Hastings Central

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| Restaurant Ari | 103 Karamu Road South |
| Craft and Social | 319 Heretaunga Street East |
| Brave Brewing Co | 205 Queen Street East |
| Sazio | 215 Heretaunga Street East |
| Funbuns | 300 Heretaunga Street East |
| Rosie O'Grady's Hastings | 201 Karamu Road North |

Near Lindisfarne College

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| Jarks Restaurant Hastings | 118 Maraekakaho Road |
| Three Wise Birds | |
| Garden Bar | 1412 Pakowhai Road |
| Little Frimley Kitchen | 505 Frimley Road |

Keynote Speakers



Ngahiwi Tomoana

Keynote 1: Ngahiwi Tomoana is a respected Māori leader and former Chair of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (1996–2022). For over two decades, he championed iwi development, indigenous trade, and global advocacy through initiatives such as Te Aratini, connecting culture with commerce and conservation. Ngahiwi has held governance roles on national forums including the NZ Police Commissioner's Māori Focus Forum and Taumata Whakapumau (Wai 262). He is also the author of the Hawke's Bay Today article "The Many Faces of Rongokako," reflecting on history through multiple lenses. Of Ngāti Kahungunu and Samoan descent, Ngahiwi continues to mentor emerging leaders and strengthen Māori economic and cultural independence.

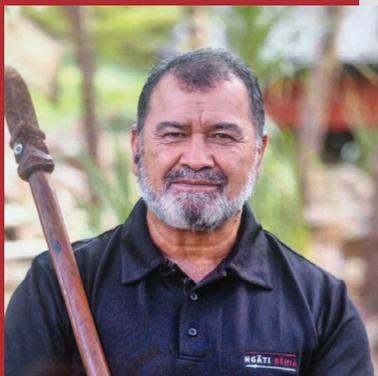
Keynote 2: Emeritus Professor of History at Massey University, Michael Belgrave has previously worked as a historian and research manager for the Waitangi Tribunal, producing research on several of the Tribunal's district inquiries and settlements. He has published numerous historical works including 2017's *Dancing with the King: The Rise and Fall of the King Country, 1864–1885* and 2024's *Becoming Aotearoa: A New History of New Zealand*.



Dr Michael Belgrave

Keynote 3: (Ko Te Pūherenga He Pourewa Hei Huri Ako Ia Au - Connections to the Past Protect our Identity) presented by Kipa Munro, Chair, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia and Jane Jarman

Te Pūherenga (Ko Te Pūherenga He Pourewa Hei Huri Ako Ia Au - Connections to the Past Protect our Identity) is a project, which began in 2023. The aim of the project was to create a repository of resources: unit plans with accompanying resources suitable for students from Year 1-13. The unit plans are being modelled on a set of poutama based on an indigenous framework, from the karakia | Waiata 'Ko te Timatanga o Te Ao.' Part of the repository will be historical summaries of the different pou of Ngāti Rēhia's pepeha. These summaries have been written in conjunction with hapū and have been adapted for different curriculum strands. In order to ensure that everything flows from the hapū's mātauranga, the units of work will flow on from this repository. The origins of this mahi nui lie in an act of mana motuhake by Ngāti Rēhia, in which the hapū took deliberate control of the way in which their pūrakau and taonga tuku iho would potentially be shared within the schools within our kura. Over the past two years, we have worked in a hapū-led space to firstly develop kaupapa, tikanga and kawa for our roopu.



Te Pūherenga

Keynote Speakers



Bex Rose

Keynote 4: AI in History Curriculum: Demystifying the Hype, Mastering the Reality, and Shaping the Future presented by Bex Rose and Sam Gibson

This keynote is your definitive guide to understanding Artificial Intelligence in the educational sphere. We'll demystify the jargon and misconceptions, highlight the powerful AI tools already transforming classrooms and cast a visionary eye towards the future of AI-powered literacy learning. This is an opportunity to gain clarity, confidence, and a strategic roadmap for embracing the incredible potential of AI in education.

Keynote 5: Currently teaching at Te Aratai College, Dr Carpenter has previously been the senior lecturer of Māori Studies at Lincoln University, worked as a Regional Learning and Development Lead and Cultural Educator for Te Whatu Ora, and in 2016 published his book *Rushing for Gold: Life and Commerce on the Goldfields of New Zealand and Australia*. Dr Carpenter has also featured in an extended interview with RNZ entitled *NZ Wars: Stories of Wairau*. Dr Carpenter's iwi are Ngāti Apa ki Rā Tō, Ngāti Toarangatira o Whakatū, Te Ātiawa



Dr Lloyd Carpenter



Sir Joe Williams

Keynote 6: The Honourable Sir Joe Williams KNZM became a partner at Kensington Swan in 1992 and went on to co-found Walters Williams & Co in 1994. In 1999 he became Chief Judge of the Māori Land Court and was appointed Deputy Chairperson of the Waitangi Tribunal shortly after in 2000. He was made Chairperson of the Waitangi Tribunal in 2004. Justice Williams was appointed a judge of the High Court in September 2008, a judge of the Court of Appeal in February 2018, and a judge of the Supreme Court in May 2019. Justice Williams' iwi are Ngati Pūkenga, Waitaha and Tapuika.

Special Guests

Christina Nicolaas - NAA History, workshop on internal standards

Christina is the History National Assessment Advisor, in charge of assessment and moderation for History with regards to the New Zealand Qualifications Authority. Christina is directly involved with upcoming curriculum changes and planning. She will be able to offer invaluable insights into the new directions that History teaching may take moving forward.



Lisette Reymer – Dinner Speaker

Lisette Reymer was Newshub's Europe correspondent, based in London for three years from 2021. She grew up on a dairy farm in the Waikato, and has been a journalist since

2014, having graduated from Christchurch's broadcasting school. She now works at Stuff as Senior Journalist - International and National Affairs. Lisette's work in Ukraine saw her win Reporter of the Year at the NZTV awards for 2024; Best Reporter at the 2023 Voyager Media Awards as well as Best Coverage of a Major News Event.



Conference Programme – Day 0 Tuesday 7th April

REGISTRATION AND PRE-CONFERENCE SOCIAL EVENT

3.00-6.00pm Atrium	Registrations start at the Lindisfarne College Atrium
5:30 – 7pm	Light Nibbles and Drinks at either Jarks Café and Bar or in the Atrium/Chapel

Conference Programme – Day 1 Wednesday 8th April

MIHI WHAKATAU / KEY NOTES / PANEL / AGM / ANZHC WORKSHOP / DRINKS

8:30am Lindisfarne College	Powhiri at Lindisfarne College led by Matua Ren and with representatives from local Iwi and Hapu, LFC Kapa Haka
9:30am Auditorium	Conference Housekeeping and Introductions
10.00am Auditorium	Keynote 1 : Ngahiwi Tomoana
11.00am Dining Room	Kai Timotimo / Morning Tea
11:30am Auditorium	Keynote 2 : Dr Michael Belgrave
12:30pm Dining Room	Kai Poutū o te rangi / Lunchtime Enjoy a buffet lunch in our wharekai.
1:30pm Auditorium	Keynote 3: Te Pūherenga (Ko Te Pūherenga He Pourewa Hei Huri Ako la Au - Connections to the Past Protect our Identity) Matua Kipa Munro and Jane Jarman
2:30pm Dining Room	Kai Timotimo/ Afternoon Tea
2:45pm Auditorium	NZHTA Annual General Meeting
3:30pm Onsite workshops in the Mouat Block and an offsite option offered.	Workshops: Tuatahi Kiwis in Korea Karena, Shayla, and Jane - Māori Battalion Dr Carpenter – Gold Rush (including the Waitangi session offsite)
5:30pm Three Wise Birds	Optional Social Event: Drinks and Nibbles at Three Wise Birds Garden Bar Pakowhai Road

Conference Programme – Day 2 Thursday 9th April

KEYNOTES / WORKSHOPS / GUEST SPEAKERS AND EOTC OPTIONS/ CONFERENCE DINNER

8:45am Auditorium	Karakia and Housekeeping
9.00am Auditorium	Keynote 4: AI Surge Resources (Bex Rose)
10:30am Dining Room	Kai Timotimo / Morning Tea
11am Onsite workshops in the Mouat Block	Workshops: Tuarua Bex Rose – AI Christina Nicolaas - NAA History, workshop on internal standards Kiwis in Korea Karena, Shayla, and Jane - Māori Battalion Dr Carpenter – Gold Rush
12:30pm Dining Room	Kai Poutū o te rangi / Lunchtime Enjoy a buffet lunch in our wharekai.
1:30pm Auditorium	Keynote 5: Dr Lloyd Carpenter
2:30pm Auditorium	Dinner event explainer
3:00pm Dining Room	Kai Timotimo / Afternoon Tea
3:15pm Onsite workshops in the Mouat Block and an offsite option offered.	Workshops: Tuatoru Bex Rose – AI Christina Nicolaas - NAA History, workshop on internal standards (including the Waitangi session offsite)
7.00pm – 10.00pm Mission Estate Winery	Conference Dinner

Conference Programme – Day 3 Friday 10 April

KEY NOTES / WORKSHOP / POROPOROAKI / BUS TO AIRPORT (CHECK OUT AND BRING LUGGAGE)

8:45am Auditorium	Karakia and Housekeeping
9am Auditorium	Keynote 6: Sir Joe Williams
10/10:30am Dining Room	Kai Timotimo / Morning Tea
10:20am Onsite workshops in Mouat Block	Workshop session: Tuawha Kiwis in Korea Karena, Shayla, and Jane - Māori Battalion Dr Carpenter – Gold Rush
11:50pm Auditorium	Karakia and Conference closing. Busses depart for Airport directly from Lindisfarne College

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Workshops

Kiwis in Korea Resource - Craig, Nick, Bronwyn

A review of the recently published 'Kiwis in Korea' textbook and online resource created in partnership with The Korean War Legacy Foundation and the New Zealand History Teacher's Association for use in New Zealand schools.

Using the Korean War in the Level 2 classroom - Dr Bronwyn Houlston

Unpacking the Kiwis in Korea resource and how to use it for the 2.2 and 2.5 achievement standards. This workshop will also provide teachers with draft assessment tasks and a course outline.

Choosing an event for external assessment - Dr Bronwyn Houlston

A 30min session where we discuss what makes a 'good' event for 2.5/3.5. This session will be using NZQA documents to unpack and discuss the Cause and Effect essay external standard with teachers.

Māori Battalion Resource - Karena, Shayla, and Jane

A review of the work and resources being created by the New Zealand History Teacher's Association into the history of the Māori Battalion. A massive variety of student and teacher based lesson materials have been created regarding the history of the Māori Pioneer Battalion and 28th Māori Battalion.

Piripi Smith – Ātea a Rangi Star Compass tour

Take a guided tour of the Ātea a Rangi Star Compass with Piripi Smith. In 2017, Ātea a Rangi was constructed as one of several elements in the Waitangi Estuary enhancement at Waitangi Regional Park. Ātea a Rangi was the idea of Te Matau-a-Māui Voyaging Trust who subsequently partnered with Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC) to deliver the project. It is a training tool used by celestial navigators who sailed traditionally throughout the Pacific. The rising and setting points of the celestial bodies are memorised by using the carved pou (posts) and the horizon. It shows a resource used by the ancestors of the Māori to navigate sailing waka (large double hulled canoe) throughout the Pacific Islands. This area is also rich in local Māori and European history, and marks the first place in Hawke's Bay where Europeans and Māori lived together as a community.

Christina Nicolaas - History National Assessment Advisor

A review and discussion of upcoming changes to the New Zealand History curriculum, assessments and moderation practices.

AI Surge Workshop 1 - Empowering Inquiry with AI: Practical Tools for the New Zealand History Classroom Presenters: Sam Gibson / Bex Rose

Unlock the transformative power of AI to supercharge your teaching of the History curriculum. This hands-on workshop will showcase how AI, embedded within familiar applications like Gemini, Co-Pilot, agents and Gems, can personalise learning and spark creative expression. Discover actionable strategies and practical workflows to seamlessly integrate these innovative tools, empowering your students to become more confident and capable in their historical inquiry. We'll explore how AI can help students analyse primary sources, understand diverse perspectives, and craft compelling narratives about our nation's past.



AI Surge Workshop 2 - Curated AI Tools for Historical Inquiry Presenters: Bex Rose/Sam Gibson
Feeling overwhelmed by the explosion of AI tools in education? In this workshop, we'll cut through the noise to reveal my hand-picked selection of the most impactful AI tools specifically designed to elevate your teaching of the History curriculum. We'll move past the endless lists and focus on practical, powerful applications that genuinely support historical inquiry. In this hands-on session, you will discover how to strategically integrate these top-tier AI solutions to save time, enhance engagement, and achieve demonstrable outcomes for your students' learning.

Karl Goddard – History Scholarship Workshop

Improve your understanding of how to teach a History Scholarship program in your school.

Chris Burns - What is the effect of describing New Zealand history as "difficult"?

This session examines the common use of the adjective "difficult" to describe aspects of New Zealand history, particularly colonisation. We will briefly look at how the term "difficult history" has been defined and how these definitions can encourage teachers and education researchers to prioritise the responses of students from dominant groups and examine deep issues like racism and colonialism in limited ways. Some student voice will be shared to show how students talk about history in ways that resist a framework of "difficult histories". Finally, as a group we can share the language we use to talk about the past to convey the importance and excitement of critical and transformative history education.

Dr Lloyd Carpenter – Gold Rush

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Tutira mai nga iwi

Tūtira mai ngā iwi,
tātou tātou e
Tūtira mai ngā iwi,
tātou tātou e
Whai-a te marama-tanga,
me te aroha - e ngā iwi!
Ki-a tapa tahi,
Ki-a ko-tahi rā
Tātou tātou e
(Repeat)
Tā-tou tā-tou e E!!
Hi aue hei !!!

English Translation

Line up together people
All of us, all of us
Stand in rows people
All of us, all of us
Seek after knowledge
and love of others - everyone
Think as one
Act as one
All of us, all of us
All of us, All of us!!
Hi aue hei !!!
Tātou tātou e (x2)

E tu Kahikatea

E tū kahikatea
Hei whakapae ururoa
Awhi mai awhi atu
Tātou tātou e

E tū kahikatea
Hei whakapae ururoa
Awhi mai awhi atu

English Translation

Stand like the kahikatea (tree)
To brave the storms
Embrace and receive
We are one together

Te Aroha

Te Aroha
Te whakapono
Me te rangimarie
Tātou, tātou e.

English Translation

It is love
It is faith
It is peace
That will bind us all together

He hōnore

He hōnore, he korōria
Maungārongo ki te whenua
Whakāro pai e
Ki ngā tangata katoa
Ake ake, ake ake
Āmine
Te Atua, te piringa,
Toku oranga

English Translation

Honour, glory and
peace to the land
May good thoughts come
to all men
for ever and ever, for ever and ever.
Amen.
The Lord is the refuge
and my life.