

## He Kai Kei Aku Ringa Wānanga Rangatahi

**Project Location:** Whakatū

**Cost:** Fully funded

### **Project Description**

This will be the second He Kai Kei Aku Ringa Wānanga Rangatahi in Te Taihū. Our wānanga are dedicated to developing rangatahi Māori to gather and prepare kai from the whenua, awa and moana.

The purpose of our wānanga are to bring together rangatahi who whakapapa to one or more of the 8 iwi of Te Taihū to foster self-determination, build their capabilities, cultural identity, and self-development.

This He Kai Kei Aku Ringa Wānanga Rangatahi is specifically aimed at putting our rangatahi through their PADI Open Water Diver Qualification which is the first scuba certification level. A highly-trained PADI Instructor will teach participants how to scuba dive in a relaxed, supportive learning environment.

This will be the first step for this rōpu in building their skills around gathering kai for their whānau, marae, and wider communities. The qualification they will gain is internationally recognised and opens them up to a wide range of potential career paths. Rangatahi will be guided through this qualification as a rōpu with consistent mentoring and support.

This unique 3-part wānanga will give rangatahi between the ages of 13-24:

- An internationally recognised qualification which will allow them to dive to a depth of up to 18metres.
- Mentorship and guidance through the online theory package.
- An understanding of the effects and the relationship between climatic conditions and Tangaroa.
- An exposure to pre, during and post small craft boat checks for diving.
- Exposure to launching and retrieving a boat.
- Karakia to Hinemoana, Tangaroa and Hine-te-iwaiwa.
- Education on kai moana and sustainability.
- Our Tikanga and Kawa of kai gathering from Tangaroa.
- Health and safety measures when operating around Tangaroa.

The wānanga will be led and guided by whānau facilitators who are experts in their fields of gathering kai from Tangaroa, they are also qualified dive instructors recognised in PADI and ADAS international dive courses.

We will be asking rangatahi who are interested in joining us to submit a short video about why they would like to be selected for this opportunity and how they intend to use their new skills.

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As we can only accept four rangatahi we are looking for passion and commitment!

Our long-term vision is to build the capability within our Te Taihū whānau to be able and ready to prepare and gather kai for their whānau and wider communities when needed. That they have a strong connection and commitment to Te Taiao and operate safe, tikanga led kai gathering practices.

***Mā te huruhuru, ka rere te manu***

***Adorn the bird with feathers so it may fly***