Revitalising Indigenous Languages







Te Ipukarea - The National Māori Language Institute

Te Whare o Rongomaurikura - The International Centre for Language Revitalisation

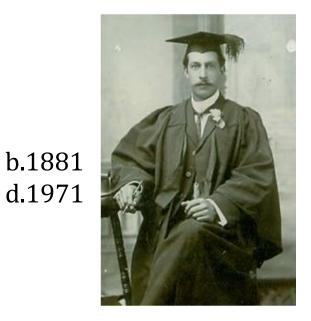


Overview

- the creation of digital resources,
- collaboration with Indigenous communities,
- educating and up-skilling future language revitalisation strategists,
- supporting the right to language.

Language shift

'Languages die because they are no longer spoken. This happens because their speakers die out without passing them on to the next generation. Only rarely is this because of the extinction of an entire society or race. Usually it happens because from generation to generation (it takes only three or four) the speakers shift to another language. Languages do not die natural deaths. They do not fade away without outside influence. Languages are killed by other languages' (Bell 1991: 67).





b.1889 d.1959











'Ko te reo te mauri o te mana Māori'

- Sir James Hēnare

The language is the lifeforce of mana Māori

The right to language

- **UNDRIP Article 8** the right not to be subjected to forced assimilation
- UNDRIP Article 13 the right to revitalise, use, develop and transmit to future generations our languages
- **UNDRIP Article 14** the right to provide education in our own languages, and to have access to education in our own languages
- UNDRIP Article 16 the right to establish our own media in our own languages

Language Revitalisation in the 21st Century





Re-purposing the tools of language domination

From this....



Te reo Māori was banned in schools for many years and children were punished for speaking their mother tongue.

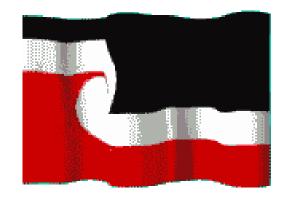
to this!



Immersion Māori language schooling was established to reverse language shift.

Personal Introduction Tania M. Ka'ai

- Te K\u00f6hanga Reo and The K\u00f6hanga Reo National Trust
- Kura Kaupapa Māori (Māori immersion primary/elementary schools) & Wharekura (Māori immersion secondary/high schools);
- Indigenising the university academy







Language Decline

- 1900 = 90%
- 1960 = 25%
- 1979 = language death possible
- 1984 = <2%
- New Zealand is among the most monolingual countries in the world. It is estimated that 90 to 95 per cent of New Zealanders can not speak any other language apart from English

Te Ipukarea

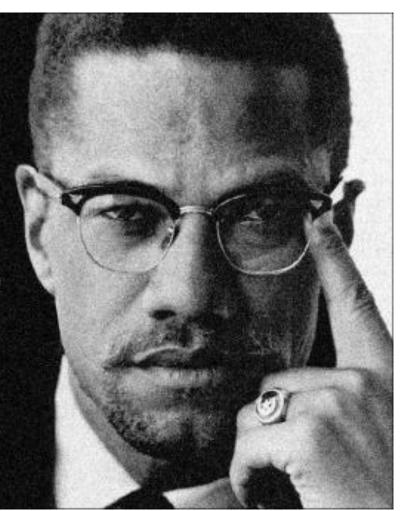
The National Māori Language Institute

- Established in July 2008
- Biggest collaboration of community and tertiary Māori language providers
- Te Ipukarea promotes excellence in scholarship, teaching and research in the Māori language
- Emphasis on the use of technology for the revitalisation of te reo Māori



"The future belongs to those who prepare for it today."

-Malcolm X



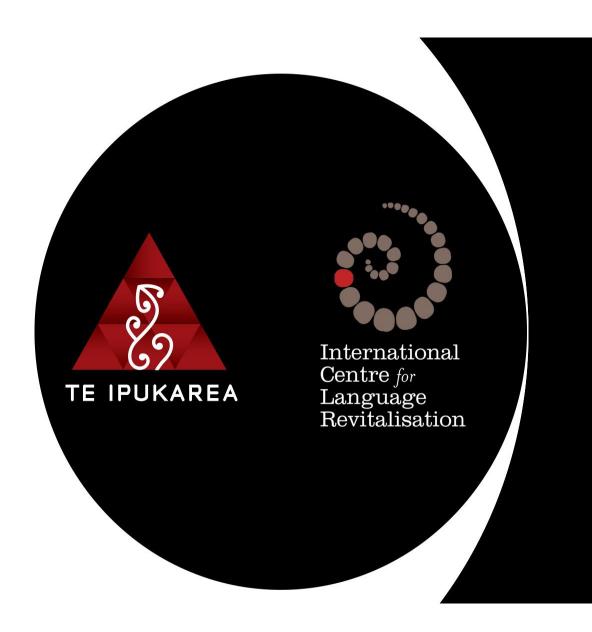
Te Whare o Rongomaurikura The International Centre for Language Revitalisation

- Established in December 2010
- The Centre is the global arm of Te Ipukarea
- The Centre was etablished in response to international enquiries about the work being done in Te Ipukarea



http://languagerevive.org









Creating Digital Resources for Te Reo Māori

Creating Digital Resources for Pacific Languages

Building Capacity – MA Te Reo Māori Building Capacity – MA Language Revitalisation (MALR)

Publishing in Te Reo Māori

Publishing in the Field of Language Revitalisation

Advocating for Te Reo Māori

Advocating for the Right to Language

He Pātaka Mātauranga

www.teipukarea.maori.nz/he-paataka-maatauranga



Te 17 o Whiringa-ā-rangi, 2009

Te Rangatira – Wāhanga 2/Te Ao Hangarau – Wāhanga 2/Ngā Wawata.

Ka wānangatia ngā āhuatanga o te rangatira, o te hangarau, tae atu hoki ki ngā wawata o te hunga kaumātua.



Te 17 o Whiringa-ā-rangi, 2009

Te Whanaketanga – Wāhanga 2/Te Ao Hangarau/Ngā mahi nanakia

He tuaruatanga tēnei o ētehi o ngā kaupapa nō te kōnae



Te 17 o Whiringa-ä-rangi, 2009



Te 17 o Whiringa-ä-rangi, 2009

He kõrero tuku iho/Te Pakanga Tuarua

Ko ngā kõrero kua tuku iho ki õ tātou kaumātua e õ rātou pākeke me ētehi kõrero e pā ana ki te pakanga tuarua o te



Te 17 o Whiringa-ä-rangi, 2009

Te Whanaketanga/Taku reo rangatira e/He Mana tangata.

Ko ngā kaupapa kõrero, ko ngā tikanga i kitea, i ākona e õ tātou kaumātua i a rātou e



Te 17 o Whiringa-ā-rangi, 2009



Te 17 o Whiringa-ā-rangi, 2009

Ngā mahi mīharo/Ngā tikanga/Te Tangihanga

Ka ngā kaupapa, ko ngā mea miharo, ngā tikanga tuku iho me ngā tikanga e pā ana ki te tangihanga.



Te 17 o Whiringa-ā-rangi, 2009

Ka tipu, ka rea – Wāhanga 2 Ko te tuaruatanga tēnei o ngā kōrero mō ngā tau tamariki a ō tātou hui kaumātua.



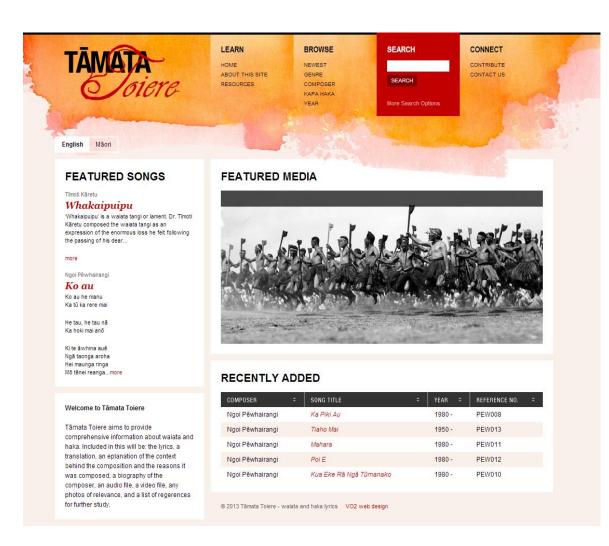
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 He Pātaka Mātauranga brought together key repositories of Māori knowledge and language who were interviewed in the Māori langauge and recorded. Their interviews are streamed online and are free-to-access.

Tāmata Toiere

www.waiata.maori.nz

- Comprehensive information about waiata and haka (Māori song and dance).
- Created as a celebration of Māori oral history.
- Free to access increasing access to
 waiata and haka.



Te Whanake - Print Resources

Includes:

- Text books for Te
 Kākano, Te Pihinga,
 Te Māhuri & Te
 Kōhure
- Study Guides
- Teachers Manuals
- Audio CDs
- Dictionary Te Aka (also online)



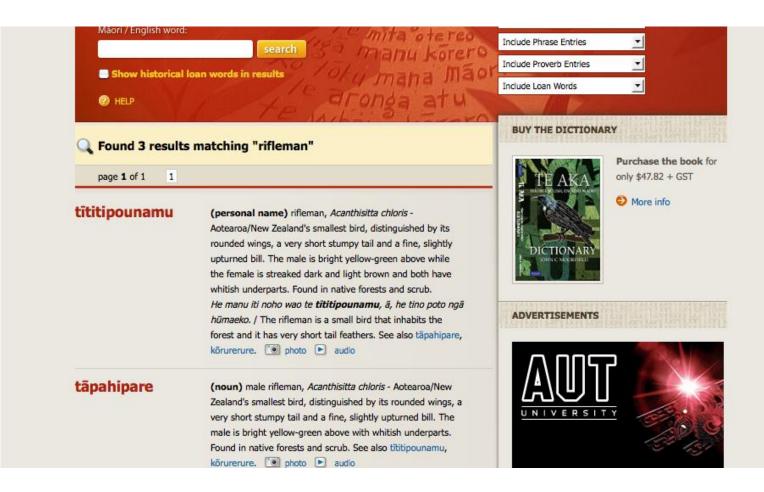
Te Whanake Online

www.tewhanake.maori.nz

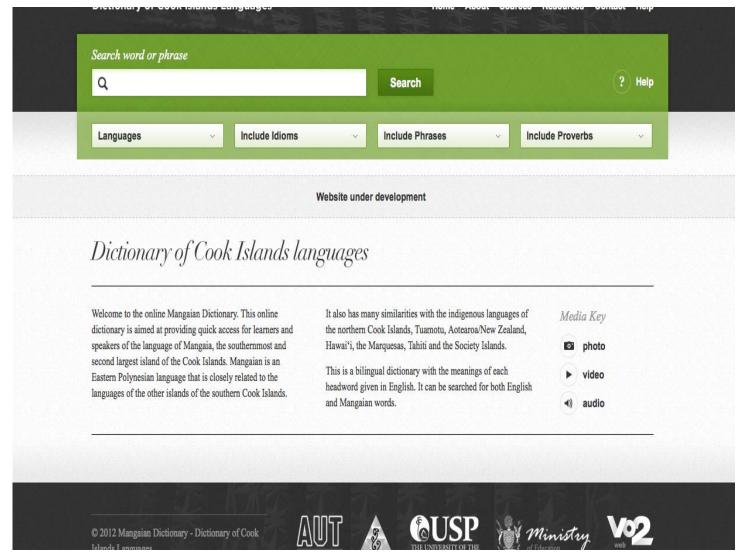


Māori Dictionary Online





Dictionary of Cook Island Languages Online



*REO*Online Language Systems





REO

Online Language Systems

- REO is the Māori term for 'language' and 'voice'.
- REO provides a 'voice' for endangered languages
- Based on two central concepts
 - Endangered language learning is a social, community based activity
 - The language learning experience should be customisable for each language







Building Capacity

- MA in Te Reo Māori offered through videoconferencing
- MA in Te Reo Māori is delivered entirely in the Māori language and assignments and thesis OR exegesis must be written in the Māori language.
- MA in Language Revitalisation online
- MA in Language Revitalisation is delivered in English

Master of Arts in Language Revitalisation

- To be offered from July 2014
- Will enable community leaders, language activists, teachers, families & researchers to participate ~ all coursework will be conducted via online technologies
- Coursework includes Ecology of Language Revitalisation, Language Planning and Policy, Educational Agency, Endangered Languages and Language Revitalisation, Research Methods



MA in Language Revitalisation Online

- This Masters degree is one significant way we can help endangered language communities by building the human resource
- Educating future language revitalisation strategists who can then help their own communities

Ngugi Wa Thiong'o said...



Language is a communication system and carrier of culture by virtue of being simultaneously the means and carrier of memory...Language is the clarifying medium of memory or rather the two are intertwined. To starve or kill a language is to starve and kill a people's memory bank (2009, p.20).





Q & A





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