



HŌTAKA | Programme

18 MĀEHE | March 2026

8.30 am

Rēhita mai | Registrations open

9.00 am

Whakatau: Huakirangi | Welcome: Hui Hihiri commences

9.45 am

Melanie Mark-Shadbolt

Uira #1: Pūtaiao | Keynote Science Speaker

'Accelerating Kaitiakitanga:

Māori Leadership Across Changing Environmental Systems'

10.20 am

Dr Mahonri Owen

Uira #2: Auaha | Keynote Innovation Speaker

'High-Tech Innovation: Culture-Centred Design Principles'

10.55 am

Mahea te rangi | Short break

11.25 am

**Professor Kura Paul-Burke, James Whetū
and Professor Te Taka Keegan**

Hikohiko | Panel Discussion

'Kia Hora Te Marino: Navigating Change as Māori Leaders in RSIT'

12.30 pm

Mahea te rangi | Lunch

1.10 pm

Whatitiri Pā Rua | Workshops

2.00 pm

Whatitiri papā | Workshop feedback

2.20 pm

Hine-Kaunuku (Morgana) Watson

Uira #3: Hangarau | Keynote Technology Speaker

'Māori Futurism and Interactive Media:

Our Indigenous Advantage in Tech Spaces'

2.55 pm

Hihiri te kupu | Feedback and closing comments

3.20 pm

Rukutia | Closing karakia