



Hōtaka | Programme
Wenerei 18 o Maehe 2026

Te Kōpūroa (The Pā)
University of Waikato

8:30 AM Rēhita mai | Registrations open

9:00 AM Whakatau: Huakirangi | Welcome: Hui Hihiri begins

9:45 AM **Melanie Mark-Shadbolt**
Accelerating Kaitiakitanga: Māori Leadership
Across Changing Environmental Systems

Uira 1: Pūtaiao
Keynote Speaker: Science

10:20 AM **Dr. Mahonri Owen**
High-Tech Innovation: Culture-Centred
Design Principles

Uira 2: Auaha
Keynote Speaker: Innovation

10:55 AM Mahea te rangi | Short break

11:25 AM **Prof. Kura Paul-Burke, James Whetū and
Prof. Te Taka Keegan**
Kia Hora Te Marino: Navigating Change as
Māori Leaders in RSIT

Hikohiko | Panel Discussion

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**
Māori Futurism and Interactive Media: Our
Indigenous Advantage in Tech Spaces

Uira 3: Hangarau
Keynote Speaker: Technology

2:55 PM Hihiri te kupu | Feedback and closing comments

3:20 PM Rukutia | Closing karakia