

WORLD INDIGENOUS SUICIDE PREVENTION CONFERENCE

SPONSORSHIP AND EXHIBITION PROSPECTUS



WISPC
WAI ORA 2026

4-6 NOVEMBER 2026

TUURANGAWAEWAE MARAE

NGAARUAWAAHIA
AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

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Everyone is fighting the
same battle in isolation.

WISPC is a call to gather

NAU MAI Welcome

He mihi poto tēnei ki ngā Iwi Taketake o Te Ao, ki tēnā whānau, ki tēnā hapū, ki tēnā iwi, otirā ki a tātou katoa. Nei rā te oha ki a koutou. We mihi to you all and warmly acknowledge the collective strength, wisdom, and resilience that Indigenous Peoples bring to this kaupapa.

It is with great pride that Te Rau Ora invites you to the World Indigenous Suicide Prevention Conference (WISPC) 2026, to be held 4–6 November 2026 at Tuurangawaewae Marae, Ngaaruawaahia, Aotearoa New Zealand.



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WAI ORA

Healing waters

As Indigenous Nations, we continue to carry the weight of preventing and healing from the impacts of suicide within our communities. It is our collective hope that this conference will provide a space for us to gather from across the world, to share and strengthen cultural ways of responding to these challenges.

Together, we seek to Indigenise our approaches — moving beyond deficit and struggle, towards pathways grounded in wellbeing, connection, and life. Central to this is the recognition of the healing powers of our waters, which have always nurtured, restored, and carried our peoples.



TUURANGAWAEWAE MARAE

This is no generic conference venue

Tuurangawaewae means a place to stand. Set on the banks of the Waikato River at Ngaaruawaahia, the marae is the heart of the Kiingitanga and one of the most significant gathering places in Aotearoa. Established through the vision of Te Puea Heerangi, it is where Waikato-Tainui gather to grieve, celebrate and decide. Monarchs and heads of state have also been welcomed here. Delegates will be welcomed by tangata whenua onto ground that has carried grief and hope for more than a century, experiencing manaakitanga on the marae ātea and within its whare. There is no more powerful setting in which to gather the Indigenous world around wellbeing, connection and life.



KAUPAPA Purpose

This gathering will bring together Indigenous leaders, practitioners, researchers, rangatahi, whānau champions and communities from around the world, united by a commitment to wellbeing, healing and hope. Te Rau Ora is honoured to create a space where Indigenous solutions, mātauranga,

innovation and lived experience can shine. WISPC 2026 will strengthen global collaboration, elevate Indigenous leadership and ignite new pathways for suicide prevention grounded in culture, identity and community. We invite you to help realise this vision for healing and lasting global impact.

Our youth have to withstand many struggles and overcome some huge hurdles. The challenge and hope is for them to find their inner strength and push through the hard times, to succeed in their endeavours.

Tūramarama ki te Ora Ngāti Pikiao

Te Rau Ora and WISPC 2026 acknowledge Ngāti Pikiao, whose leadership helped bring this kaupapa into being. In response to the loss of rangatahi in their rohe, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Pikiao hosted the national Tūramarama ki te Ora conference in Rotorua in 2015, before welcoming Indigenous Peoples from around the world to the inaugural WISPC the following year. Ten years later, Te Hokinga Mai marks the return of this kaupapa to Aotearoa and honours the courage, manaakitanga and vision of Ngāti Pikiao—the foundations of a global movement for healing, hope and Indigenous leadership.



TE HOKINGA MAI

Returning to Aotearoa

Born in Aotearoa and carried forward by sister Nations across Australia and Canada, WISPC returns home ten years later, enriched by every gathering, relationship and voice. Te Hokinga Mai is both a return and a renewal, honouring where the movement began while opening the next chapter of Indigenous-led healing, connection and hope.



2016

Rotorua

Aotearoa



2018

Boorloo / Perth

Australia



2021

Winnipeg

Canada



2024

Niagara Falls

Seneca Nation



2026

Waikato

Aotearoa · coming home

WAI ORA SPONSOR TIERS

There are five ways to partner, plus an exhibition package for organisations wanting a presence on the floor. Each pathway offers a distinctly different level of presence, from leading the kaupapa to being part of it, and greater investment brings greater visibility, access and connection.

A conference dinner is under consideration for WISPC 2026. Should this be confirmed, our Wai Ora partner will host a full table, with dinner registrations for all other tiers to be confirmed. All packages are in New Zealand dollars and are GST exclusive.

SPONSORSHIP

Wai ora Premier	\$100,000+
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Waimimiha Major	\$50,000
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Waipuke Partner	\$30,000
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Waimārie Activation	\$15,000
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Waiariki Kaupapa	\$5,000 \$2,500 NFP
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EXHIBITION

Waipuna Exhibition booth	\$4,500 \$2,500 NFP
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SPONSORSHIP

Premier Partner

Contribution

\$100,000+
(NZD) ex GST

BENEFITS

Everything in Waimimiha, plus exclusive premier positioning:

- ◆ Verbal mihi as the Wai ora partner at both the opening and closing sessions
- ◆ Naming rights to one keynote session
- ◆ 60-second video played in plenary
- ◆ Dedicated article in a conference EDM
- ◆ Mihi on the conference website homepage as the Wai ora partner
- ◆ Dedicated social media spotlight as the Wai ora partner, plus mihi across all campaign marketing
- ◆ Premium placement in exhibition space (3m x 3m booth)
- ◆ Opportunity to host one conference activity
- ◆ Comprehensive post-conference impact report, plus a debrief hui with the conference team
- ◆ Six delegate registrations

WAI ORA

Healing waters

At the source of all wellbeing, Wai ora represents the pure, life-giving waters that sustain all living things. As our premier partner, you stand at the heart of this movement - the name alongside ours as we welcome the Indigenous world to Aotearoa.



SPONSORSHIP

Major Partner

Contribution

\$50,000
(NZD) ex GST

BENEFITS

Your voice on stage plus full visibility across every conference channel:

- ◆ Speaking opportunity in a plenary panel
- ◆ Verbal mihi as a Waimimiha partner at the opening session
- ◆ Dedicated social media spotlight as a Waimimiha partner, shared across conference channels
- ◆ Mihi in social media leading up to the conference
- ◆ Inclusion of your offer, kaupapa, or link in one conference EDM to registered delegates
- ◆ Logo and link on the partners page of the conference website and app
- ◆ Logo on conference holding slides and onsite signage
- ◆ Priority placement in exhibition space (3m x 3m booth)
- ◆ Post-conference partnership report summarising your brand's exposure and reach
- ◆ Four delegate registrations

WAIMIMIHA

Flowing waters

Waimimiha speaks to the continuous flow of water, always moving and connecting. As a Waimimiha partner, you help knowledge, culture and healing flow between Indigenous Nations, strengthening relationships that continue beyond the conference.



SPONSORSHIP

Partner

Contribution

\$30,000
(NZD) ex GST

BENEFITS

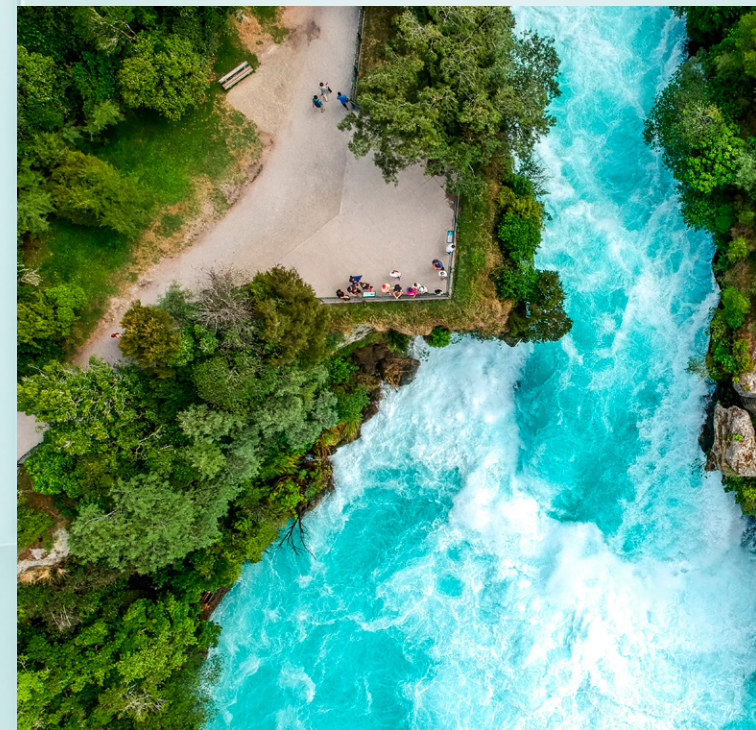
Full brand visibility across every conference channel:

- ◆ Verbal mihi as a Waipuke partner at the opening session
- ◆ Dedicated social media spotlight as a Waipuke partner, shared across conference channels
- ◆ Mihi in social media leading up to the conference
- ◆ Inclusion of your offer, kaupapa, or link in one conference EDM to registered delegates
- ◆ Logo and link on the partners page of the conference website and app
- ◆ Logo on conference holding slides and onsite signage
- ◆ 3m x 3m exhibition booth
- ◆ Post-conference partnership report summarising your brand's exposure and reach
- ◆ Three delegate registrations

WAIPUKE

Surging waters

Waipuke embodies the power of waters that rise and surge, symbolising collective strength and transformation. Sponsors at this level help to amplify Indigenous voices and create ripples of change that extend far beyond the conference.



SPONSORSHIP

Activation Partner

Contribution

\$15,000
(NZD) ex GST

BENEFITS

Your brand on one named conference experience — choose one:

- ◆ Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea on one of the conference days
- ◆ Hot drink partner with branded cups and banner at the drinks station
- ◆ Wellbeing space
- ◆ Toi ora (creative/arts) space
- ◆ Other – please speak with our team to discuss other options

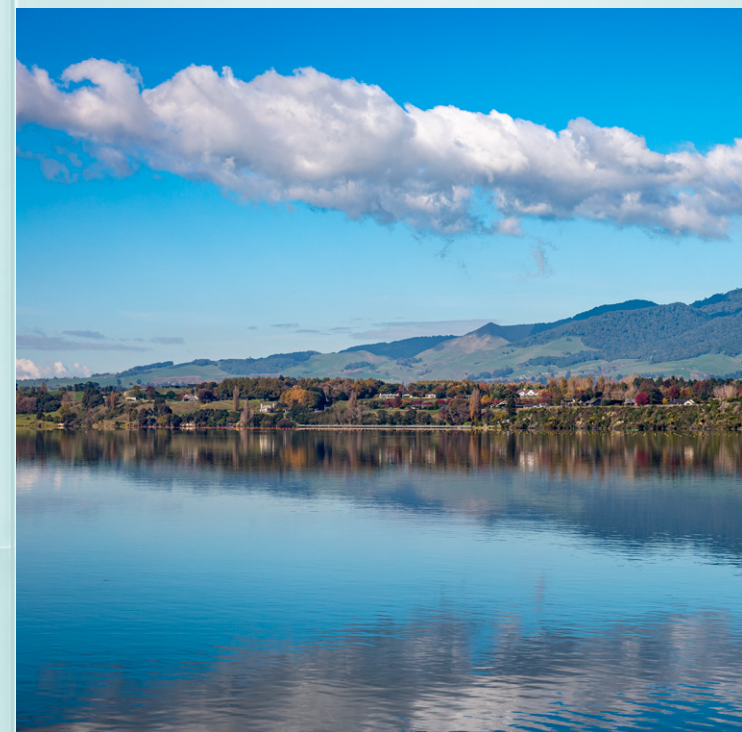
All activation partners also receive:

- ◆ Verbal mihi as the activation partner at your named experience
- ◆ Mihi in social media leading up to the conference
- ◆ Logo and link on the partners page of the conference website and app
- ◆ Two delegate registrations

WAIMĀRIE

Fortunate waters

Waimārie reflects gratitude and abundance, drawing on waters of good fortune and wellbeing. As a Waimārie partner, you bring a meaningful conference experience to life. Through shared kai, wellbeing or creativity, delegates experience your manaakitanga in a way they can feel and remember.



SPONSORSHIP

Kaupapa Partner

BENEFITS

- ◆ Mihi as a Waiariki partner on of the conference website and app
- ◆ Logo on the conference holding slides
- ◆ Verbal mihi to all Waiariki partners at the opening session
- ◆ Mihi to all Waiariki partners in a dedicated social media post
- ◆ Two delegate registrations at the standard rate
- ◆ One delegate registration at the NFP rate

\$5,000
(NZD) ex GST

STANDARD

\$2,500
(NZD) ex GST

KAUPAPA-DRIVEN
Not-for-profit

WAIARIKI

Restorative waters

Waiariki speaks to the springs that rise from deep within the whenua — small sources that feed the awa and sustain its flow. Waiariki partners join a rising current of support for Indigenous wellbeing, and this partnership level welcomes all who wish to stand with the kaupapa and be part of this global gathering.



NGĀ WAI ARIKI

The healing waters



A woman bathes in the healing waters of Rotorua and the Waiariki district, knowing these waters have healed for generations - she looks to the past for inspiration to move confidently into the future.

EXHIBITION Package

BENEFITS

- ♦ 3m x 3m exhibition space with walls (tbc), trestle table, two chairs, and power
- ♦ Name and logo on the exhibitors page of the conference website and app
- ♦ Listing in the conference programme
- ♦ Opportunity to include one item in the delegate pack (supplied by exhibitor)
- ♦ One exhibitor registration, including full conference catering and access to plenary sessions

\$4,500
(NZD) ex GST

STANDARD

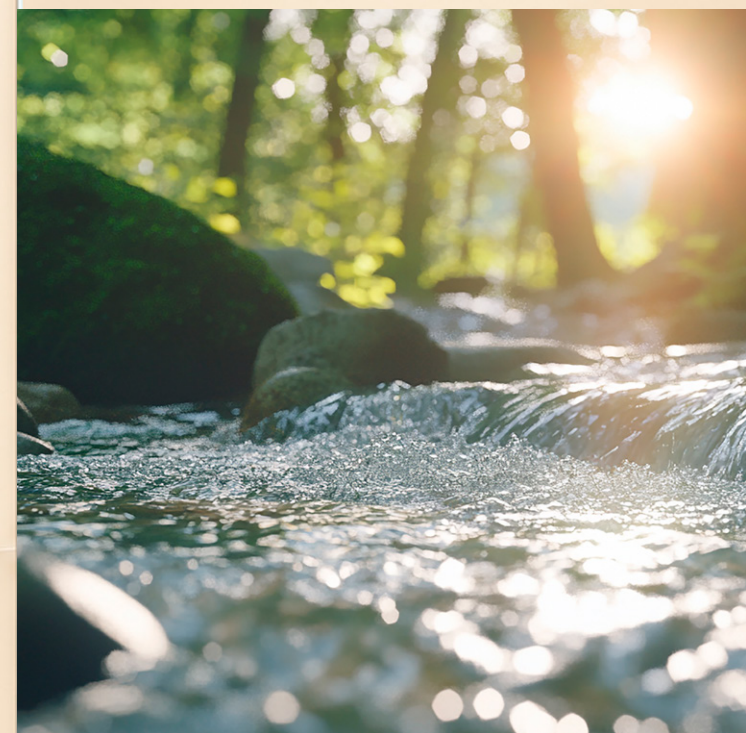
\$2,500
(NZD) ex GST

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Exhibitor registrations are for staff working the stand, not transferable as general delegate passes. Additional exhibitor registrations are available at the standard delegate rate. Exhibitors wishing to grow their presence can upgrade to any partnership tier – contact us to kōrero.

WAIPUNA Bubbling spring

Waipuna are the bubbling springs where people have always gathered – to drink, to talk, to connect. As a Waipuna exhibitor, your stand becomes a gathering place on the conference floor, where delegates from across the Indigenous world meet your people and your kaupapa kanohi ki te kanohi.



TE RAU ORA

Strengthening Māori Health and Well-Being

Te Rau Ora is a national Māori organisation dedicated to strengthening hauora Māori. Its kaimahi work alongside whānau, hapū, iwi, communities and services across Aotearoa, combining Māori leadership, lived experience, research, education and workforce development. This includes the Centre of Māori Suicide Prevention, which supports Māori-led,

community-based prevention, and Huarahi Ora, which connects people affected by suspected suicide with cultural, clinical and community support. This experience sits behind WISPC 2026. The conference grows from relationships, knowledge and care carried every day, and a shared commitment to Indigenous wellbeing, connection and life.



We do not arrive for the conference and disappear afterwards.

CENTRE OF MĀORI SUICIDE PREVENTION

MĀORI-LED PREVENTION

A strengths-based approach that builds local leadership and supports whānau, hapū, iwi and communities to lead prevention and wellbeing.

HUARAHI ORA

CARE AFTER SUSPECTED SUICIDE

A 24-hour national service for anyone impacted by suspected suicide, connecting people with cultural, clinical and community support.



W.I.C.C 2026

The World Indigenous Cancer Conference is proof Te Rau Ora can deliver

In April 2026 Te Rau Ora helped deliver the World Indigenous Cancer Conference in Tāmaki Makaurau as Event Delivery Partner, welcoming Indigenous delegates from across the world. We know how to run a gathering of this scale, and we know how to make our partners visible in it. Sponsors were seen, thanked and woven into the kaupapa, not tucked into a programme margin. WISPC 2026 builds on that. Partnering with Te Rau Ora means your organisation stands alongside Indigenous leaders, practitioners and whānau in a space built for connection. We will work with you to shape a presence that feels genuine to your people and meaningful to ours.

The same capability, network and team that delivered W.I.C.C now sits behind WISPC 2026



KŌRERO MAI

Let's talk

Karina and Zack bring different perspectives and experience from across Te Rau Ora. Together, their work is grounded in Māori suicide prevention and in the realities, relationships and responsibilities held by whānau, hapū and iwi. You may know how you want to contribute, or simply know this kaupapa matters. You do not need to choose a package or arrive with a finished

proposal. Bring your questions, your hopes and the people you carry with you. Begin with a conversation. We welcome your support. Once your partnership is confirmed, our professional conference organiser, Arinex, will be in touch to manage your agreement, invoicing, and delivery of your package.



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**Have a conversation with one of
our trusted team members.**

KOHA KAUPAPA SUPPORTER

Some people simply want to support the kaupapa. You may wish to help bring Indigenous communities together, honour someone affected by suicide, or contribute without asking for a

package of benefits in return. We welcome that support. We can acknowledge your contribution quietly, or not publicly at all, according to your wishes. Talk with us about what feels right.



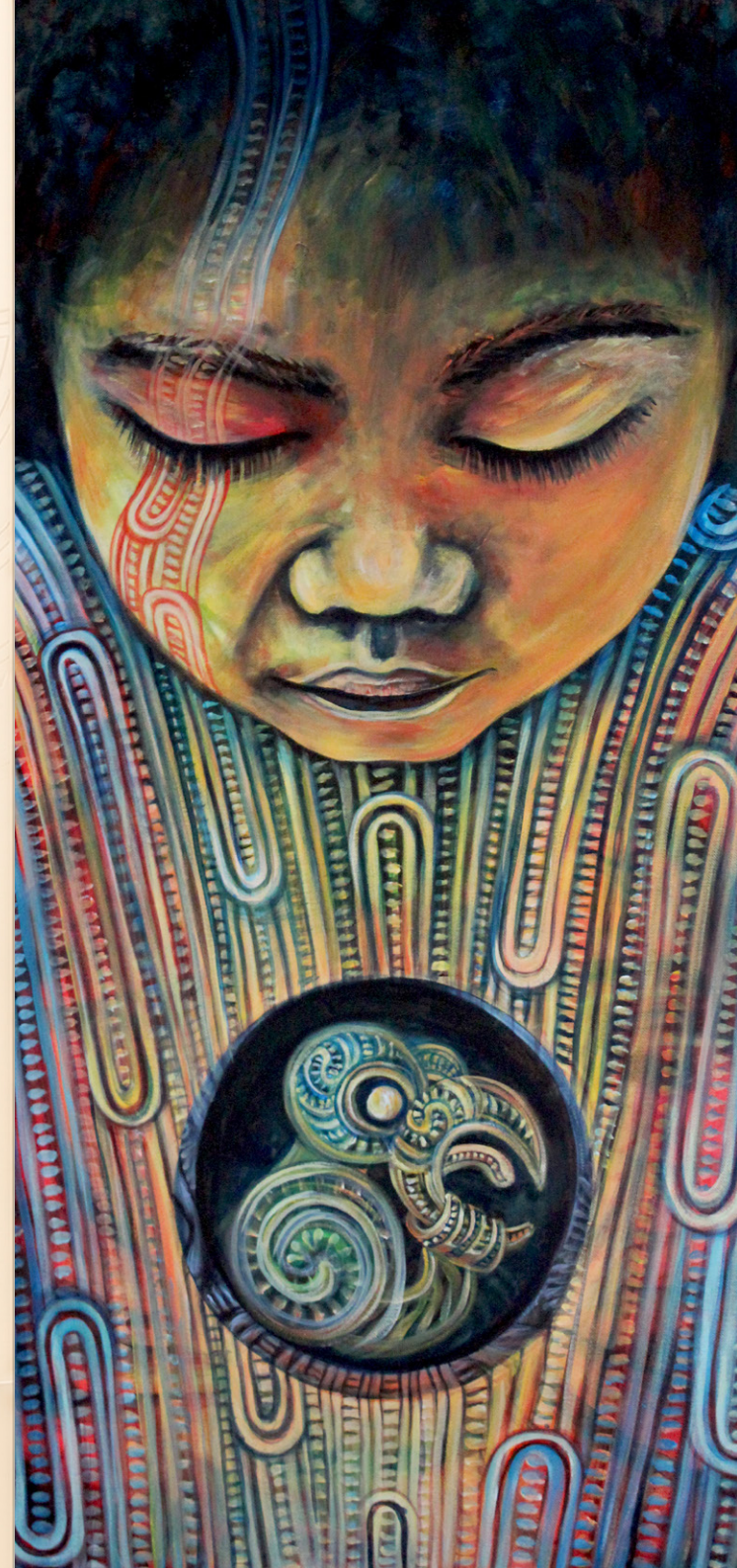
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