

## **Te Arataki Manu Koorero o Tainui:**

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The programme was instigated and led by senior Kaumaatua and scholar, Dr Tui Adams, QSO Adjunct Prof (1932- 2009), and is specifically targeted at Tainui Kaumaatua, not only eager to enhance and extend their knowledge base and deepen their understanding, but also be prepared to bring their own individual knowledge and experiences to bear on the broad programme of Tainui tikanga (customs and traditions).

The result to date is over 1000 Kaumaatua graduates within the Tainui rohe, an array of supporting materials, and numerous hours of waananga recordings.

In this programme we examine the collaboration of Kaumaatua expertise as partners in the process of knowledge exchange, growth and the development of a repository of traditional teachings unique to the people of Tainui. We then consider the task and ethics of formulating this repository into resources for future generations. The course is offered as a model for other indigenous communities working within a climate of cultural recovery.