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Speaker: Te Taka Keegan

**Title: Indigenous Language Newspapers as
a Digital Library Collection:
The Niupepa Example**

Date: Monday, October 20th

Time: 2:00 – 2:50 pm Room: C610

Abstract:

The Niupepa Collection is a collection of historic legacy newspapers published between 1842 and 1933. Written primarily in the indigenous language of New Zealand, Māori, the 18,000 pages are invaluable as Māori struggle to retain their language.

Originally captured on microfilm, this talk will explain the processes that were undertaken to transform the newspapers into a form suitable for a Digital Library. An important facility, that of full text search, was incorporated into the collection allowing users fast and powerful access to specific information. Preliminary findings from usage statistics will be discussed to provide insight as to how users are beginning to use collection.

About the speaker:

Te Taka Keegan (Waikato-Maniapoto, Ngati Porou) is a Lecturer at the Department of Computer Science at the University of Waikato. He holds a Diploma in Computer Engineering, a Master degree in Māori and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Computer Science looking at Mori language on the Internet.

He has an active involvement in Māori language in education working with immersion entities at the preschool, primary school and secondary school level. He is a representative of his marae, Purekireki, on the Kauhanganui, the Tainui tribal governing body.

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