

A new 5-part podcast series tells the story of the life and times of Ngāti Toa leader Te Rauparaha, a compelling figure in the history of Aotearoa New Zealand.







In the 1860s a man named Tamihana wrote a biography of his father, Te Rauparaha, so his story would not be forgotten. 130 years later, a young student named Ross Calman found Tamihana's manuscript in a library. He promised himself he would learn te reo Māori, and one day be able to read his ancestor's words.

Te Rauparaha: Kei Wareware is a five-part podcast about the life of Te Rauparaha.

Through interviews with his descendants and tribal historians both ally and enemy, we'll delve into the tikanga of the time, utu, and the effects of early colonisation on Māori warfare, as well as the ways that history can be shaped by personal agendas and misinterpretations.

Ross Calman, historian and translator, is the host of Te Rauparaha: Kei Wareware, made by Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage – available wherever you get your podcasts.

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