



# Te Tumu Seminar Series

## “The Ngāruawāhia Tūrangawaewae Regatta: Today’s Reflections on the Past”

### Tangiwai Rewi (Te Tumu/Maori, Pacific & Indigenous Studies)

First held on the 17th March 1896, it is the second oldest regatta in New Zealand behind the Auckland Regatta of the 1870s. Renowned for the majestic fleet of ornately carved waka taua ‘war canoes’ on parade, crowds still flock to Ngāruawāhia today to watch the waka taua make their annual salute to King Tuheitia, the 7th monarch of the Māori King Movement, and his dignitaries.

This seminar details some of the narrative recently published by the JPS from my journal observations of the 118<sup>th</sup> celebration on March 2013 from the Waikato River banks, delving into historical information detailing the advent of the Regatta, the Māori King Movement’s historical capital base and relocation, and the significance of these to Regatta.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2015**

**2.30pm – 3.30pm**

**R3S10 , Level 3, Te Tumu**

