



*Rangitāne Trustees: (Back row) Jeremy MacLeod, Leigh MacDonald, Wendy Hynes, Calvin Hart. (Front row) Janis de Thierry, Haysley MacDonald.*

Te Rūnanga a Rangitāne o Wairau • March 2017

**"Ngahuru kura kai,  
kura tangata**

**tēnā tātou i roto i ngā tini  
āhuatanga o tēnei wāhanga  
o te tau"**

*Harvest time, wealth of food,  
the wealth of people."*

KEI PUTA TE WAIRAU

## Tēnā tātou e te iwi o Rangitāne

### Trustee elections

For those of you who didn't attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in February, the trustee election results were announced and confirmed later that week. Janis de Thierry, Calvin Hart and Leigh MacDonald were elected to join Haysley MacDonald, Jeremy MacLeod and Wendy Hynes at the Trust table.

It was obvious at the meeting that all of the candidates who stood in the election did so because of their deep desire to progress our iwi. We hope that desire is not diminished and that in time we can all work together toward our common goal of enhancing the mana of Rangitāne o Wairau.

### From your trustees

It's a privilege to have been selected to serve our people, represent our iwi and secure our future. We thank you for your support and confidence and assure you that our commitment to progressing Rangitāne o Wairau is unwavering.

We acknowledge the blood, sweat and tears of all those who have gone before us and hope to build on their solid foundations.

It's been an arduous journey so far but we're confident that if we can harness the collective passion we all hold for Rangitāne o Wairau, we can achieve amazing results.

We've already had one meeting and one audio conference. Wendy Hynes has been elected the Chairperson and Calvin Hart the Deputy Chairperson. Calvin, Janis and Leigh have shown their value straight away in their respective areas of expertise but more importantly we've been able to have robust discussions which have resulted in an alignment of thinking reflected in our decision-making.

After discussing the feedback we have observed over the last few months, we believe there are 6 key areas we need to focus on:

- Our People
- Our Language and Culture
- Our Environment
- Organisational Management
- Financial Operation
- Commercial Operation

Over the next few months, we'll be checking in with you to make sure we're heading in the right direction, that we understand the aspirations of our people and the objectives that are important to you.

We have much to do and it is critical that the board and management are working together as one team. The board and members of the management team are working through a process to better understand how we best work together to meet your needs now and in the future. This may result in changes and we are committed to keeping you informed as we work through this process.

As the financial year for 2016-2017 draws to a close over the next few weeks, our focus will be on the financial aspects of our group. We will look back on our result and performance for 2016-2017 as well as ensure that financial policies, procedures and controls are in place for 2017-2018. We are working closely with our advisors to achieve this.

We're also looking at how we deliver cultural and social benefits to our people. We'll have an update on this in the next panui.

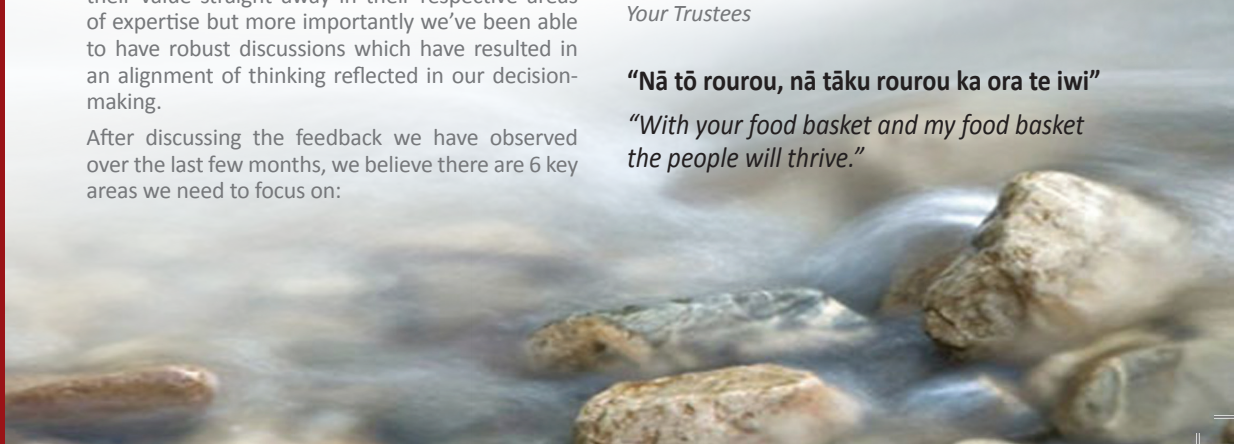
If you'd like to touch base with us, feel free to email [trustees@rangitane.org.nz](mailto:trustees@rangitane.org.nz). We'll consider all the feedback at our next hui.

Enjoy the beginning of autumn, time to harvest!

*Your Trustees*

**"Nā tō rourou, nā tāku rourou ka ora te iwi"**

*"With your food basket and my food basket  
the people will thrive."*





## Tōtaranui adventure for our Kaumātua

On Wednesday 1st March, our kaumātua of Rangitāne o Wairau travelled from Picton to Meretoto (Ships Cove) and Endeavour Inlet. Meeting at the Picton Cougar Line depot at the Picton wharf, by 10am we were all aboard the waka and heading out to Meretoto. The weather was stunning and the view was amazing as our waka travelled through the calm waters of Tōtaranui (the Queen Charlotte Sound) to our destination.

After arriving at the Meretoto wharf, our kaumātua disembarked for some leisure time ashore wandering around the grassy areas of the bay and enjoying the fresh air and the ngahere. We gathered for a group photograph around the tall pouwhenua which tells the story of Kupe and Te Wheke a Muturangi and how Tōtaranui

was created. From there our kaumātua crossed the footbridge, which to the right of is the pouwhenua laid by Rangitāne o Wairau, leading them to the monuments highlighting the history of Meretoto.

After a while everyone headed back for a lovely BBQ lunch before the waka left for the next part of our journey, cruising around Endeavour Inlet. During the boat ride, kaumātua spoke about where their whanau land was situated, and some shared history from past days.

Feedback from our kaumātua was awesome, they had a wonderful day out and one which they all enjoyed immensely. A big thank you to Cougar Lines, Quest Catering and to Aunty Kuia for her delicious fruit cake.



Maia Hokianga



Tom Alesana



Kowhai de Thierry

## TE MATATINI 2017 – Te Kahu o Te Amorangi

Te Matatini is the national kapa haka festival which is held bi-annually at different venues around Aotearoa. Last month the festival was hosted by Ngāti Kahungunu in Hawke's Bay. The event attracted a massive 47 teams which included almost 2000 performers.

Congratulations to all our whanaunga who proudly stood at Te Matatini. We look forward to the hosting of Te Matatini in Te Tau Ihu in 2025.

**"Nga mihi ki ō tatou whanaunga i tū ki runga i te papa whakataetae o Te Matatini**

**Mīharo katoa te iwi i ā koutou mahi"**

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