

# Hitting the World Stage

Nā Mikayla Lewin

Recently I travelled to Clearwater, Florida with the Junior White Sox (NZ National U19 Softball Team) to compete in the WBSC Junior Women's Softball World Championship. It had been a two year buildup of training and trialling before the final team was announced in January of this year. I was thrilled to hear I had made the team along with many other girls from Hutt Valley who I had grown up playing with.

We started our tour in Orlando, where we had one week of warm up games against local teams which gave us time to acclimatise. It was hard coming from our winter

to the peak of Florida's summer (a humid 30+ degrees daily). Luckily, we also had time to go out and explore. We were stoked to be able to go to a Pro baseball game and a pro softball game. It was so awesome to recognise people we see play on TV - it made the big leagues seem within reach.

Going into this competition we knew we had a young team and that our pitching staff were not as experienced as the international competition. When we arrived, the level of play was much higher than we ever see at home, it was impressive. Our first few games were quite good battles, we were leading but with lack of experience we were unable to finish off with a win. It was tough, our first loss was to Puerto Rico who ended up placing third. However, we were able to find our rhythm against both Argentina and India.

Although we may not have got the results we had hoped to, I learned so much from this experience. The intensity and skill was higher than what I'm used to, even at premier level, especially watching the finals - USA v Japan, the two most elite teams in the world. It was easy to forget those girls were my age, but it was inspirational at the same time and I aspire to compete in the next World Championships in 2019. I aim to continue to develop my play and my goal is to gain a scholarship to play and study at a college in the USA next year.

I'm so thankful to Rangitāne for their financial support. I wouldn't be able to do what I love without the endless aroha and awahi.



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## Tuiti Makitanara

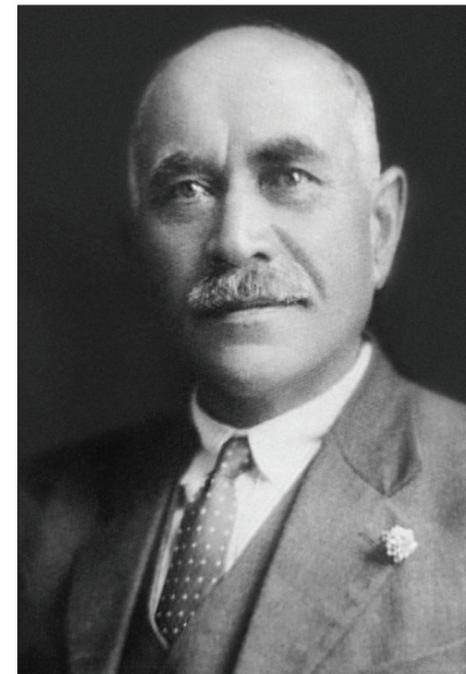
(Sweet MacDonald)

8/8/1874 – 24/6/1932

As we head into the 2017 General Election, we thought it was timely to look back at our own Member of Parliament – Tuiti Makitanara or Sweet MacDonald as he was known. Born at Havelock, Marlborough, on 8th August 1874 Tuiti was the second child and eldest son of Teoti (George) MacDonald and Rina Puhipuhi Meihana. He is number 2 on the Rangitāne o Wairau tūpuna list.

Tuiti spent many years in the Wairau as a Native Land Agent, travelling between there and Koputaroa, in Levin. He and his wife Karaitiana, daughter of Te One McGregor had 18 children, of which only 8 survived to bear issue. They were Tutepourangi (Adam), Karaitiana Kuao (Harai), Alfred Tuiti Hapareta (Chappy) Tauia, Toki Hori (George), Rina Puhipuhi (Lena), Te Aramakau Norua (Dave), Ruanui Hamahona (Rua). He also had two other sons Hetaraka Anaru, and Puhit Te Rangiwhitikia o Te Ra MacDonald.

Tuiti first stood for Parliament at the 1925 General Election as an independent candidate for Southern Maori, finishing second, 16 votes behind the incumbent, Henare Uru. At the 1928 General Election, Tuiti once again stood for the Southern Maori seat, this time as the candidate for the United Party. He was tied in the voting with the Rātana candidate, Eruera Tirikatene, but was elected on the casting vote of the returning officer. He was re-elected in the 1931 General Election, defeating Eruera Tirikatene with a majority of 20 votes. Tragically, Tuiti died suddenly seven months later on 24th June 1932 at Hokio Beach, Levin aged only 57 years. This forced a by-election in the Southern Māori seat which Eruera Tirikatene



won and so began the Tirikatene family dynasty on the Southern Maori/Te Tai Tonga seat.

Tuiti's funeral was well documented in the media of the time. He laid in state at the whānau homestead he shared with Karaitiana at Hokio Beach, Levin. It is recorded that his 5 day tangihanga hosted politicians and rangatira from across the nation, including his South Island kin who had a strong representation. The plan was for Tuiti to be buried at Koputaroa, however, his brother Hohua (Peter) announced on the day of the funeral that he would be buried at Hokio Beach and so he was. Three months later in September 1932, Tuiti's remains were exhumed and moved into a newly constructed hill top plot at Hokio Beach which was made using soil from Koputaroa. He was laid to rest in a concrete vault, to be joined seven years later by his wife Karaitiana.

*Moe mai rā e te uri whakaheke  
o Tānenuiarangi, i te moenga tē  
whakaarahia*

## VOTING IN THE 2017 GENERAL ELECTION - BLENHEIM

### Advanced Voting

Rangitāne House, Lobby, 2 Main Street, Blenheim  
Monday 11th - Friday 15th September; 10am - 5pm  
Saturday 16th September; 10am - 2pm  
Monday 18th - Wednesday 20th September; 10am - 5pm  
Thursday 21st September; 10am - 8pm  
Friday 22nd September; 10am - 6pm

### Election Day

Rangitāne House, Lobby, 2 Main Street, Blenheim  
Saturday 23rd September; 9am - 7pm  
**and**  
As shown in your EasyVote pack,  
or online at [elections.org.nz](http://elections.org.nz)  
or Freephone 0800 36 76 56



## Our People

### Richard Bradley

As you are all aware, Rangitāne o Wairau is in the midst of significant change at governance, management and staff level. Of most significance, Richard Bradley is no longer working for us as part of the management of the Trust.

Rarely is there a mention of Rangitāne o Wairau without the name Richard Bradley, such is the extent of his involvement in our iwi over the past 30 years. One of his earliest interactions in iwi affairs was in the early 80s when Uncle Frank MacDonald called a meeting of whanau to discuss the Rangitāne sections at Waikawa and Grovetown, the latter of which now hosts Ūkaipō.

Alongside his late brother John, they played a key role amongst others in the establishment of our rūnanga. Decades of work paid off in 2010 with the signing of the Deed of Settlement in which Richard was the lead negotiator with the Crown on our behalf.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank Richard and his family for the decades of dedication and commitment to the Rangitāne o Wairau cause, and wish him well.

### Jodie Palatchie

Congratulations to Jodie Palatchie who has been appointed to the position of Communication Advisor. Jodie has a strong background in graphic design, print media and communication.

We look forward to utilising her skill and experience in this area.



## Dedication leads to World Championships

Congratulations to 21 year old Hayden Lee for taking out fourth place in the 120kg Junior Class at the World Powerlifting Championships in Orlando, Florida. Hayden also came away with 2 individual medals, bronze in the squat lifting 340kg and silver with a deadlift of 310kg. Hayden Lee descends from tupuna #4 Hohua (Peter) MacDonald.

As a young teenager, Hayden spent most of his time playing video games and eating a diet laden with pies and fizzy drinks. After a warning from his mum, Kiani about the path to diabetes, Hayden knew it was time to take action. His Uncle Lance Preddy stepped up and introduced Hayden to the gym.

He began losing weight and started to look after himself. Once he became

fitter and stronger, he started lifting. He was only 13 at the time and had to make a few choices about what sports he needed to focus on. At the time, he played softball, baseball and basketball but powerlifting became his passion.

Hayden's hard work is paying off not only in terms of his success but also in his ability to remain focused and grounded in challenging times. Kiani says "he often thanks me, but at the end of the day he has done all the work and if he wasn't so passionate, things could have been different".

Hayden is ranked 33 in the world, one of the youngest in the junior section and is in the 120kg class. He has lifted in the Oceania competition in Christchurch and Australia.



## 28th Māori Battalion D Company book

As the Chair of the Te Tau Ihu 28th Māori Battalion D Company, Uncle Lawrence MacDonald is in the process of gathering stories from whānau about their tūpuna who were in the 28th Māori Battalion D Company. "We are going through the necessary 28th Māori Battalion processes to complete this mahi" says Uncle Lawrence. "These stories will then be collated with the other areas of D

Company and form a book similar to that of C Company." "We have almost completed this kaupapa after many meetings here and in Wellington. Ultimately, we would like to see waharoa in Blenheim, Picton and Motueka similar to that already in place in Anzac Park, Nelson." If you have information you wish to share, please phone the office for contact details.

## Our Commercial Operation

We are pleased to announce the appointment of our three independent directors on Rangitāne Holdings Limited and Rangitāne Investments Limited.

Andrew West (Chairperson), Megan McKenna and Brett Ellison will join Judith MacDonald, Haysley MacDonald,

Calvin Hart and Leigh MacDonald on the board that leads our commercial operation. We look forward to this leadership team strengthening our investment portfolio so that we may enhance the benefits of our settlement for our people.



### Andrew West (Chair)

Previously an ecological scientist Dr Andrew West, is now an investor in and governor of scientifically-based, high-technology start ups as well as Chairman of two Māori investment fund companies. Amongst others, he is Chairman of Te Arawa Group Holdings Ltd and Chairman of Maungaharuru Tangitū Ltd. Andrew is also an investor in and/or Chairman or director of environmental start ups Lanaco Ltd, Ligar Polymers, Aquafortus Technologies Ltd and Synthase Biotech Ltd, and Chairman of leading environmental professional services company, BPO Ltd.

Dr West has led two Crown Research Institutes (AgResearch and GNS Science) and a University (Lincoln). He has also led the NZ Qualifications Authority and founded and led the Tertiary Education Commission, spending 17 years as Chief Executive of entities important to the economic, social and cultural heart of Aotearoa. Andrew is a Celt by ancestry, largely Irish, Scottish and Welsh although born in England. He emigrated to Aotearoa in 1982, married seventh-generation Kiwi Janine in 1987 and has three university-age children aged 23 to 18 years. Andrew and Janine live in Cambridge, Waikato.



### Brett Ellison

Ko Brett Ellison aha, no Ōtākou, no te hapū Ngāi Te Pahi, no te iwi Ngāi Tahu. I grew up on the family farm at Ōtākou on the Otago Peninsula, a short walk from our marae (Tamatea) and studied at the University of Otago. Following 4 years in England on a working holiday, I returned to New Zealand to complete a Master of Arts at the University of Otago.

I joined the Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Group in 2007 and was a Business Analyst for the Ngāi Tahu Holdings Group, before joining Ngāi Tahu Seafood as a Resource Manager. I have also supported Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu in the Strategy and Influence team, which incorporates direct engagement with the Crown, and the development of a tribal economic development strategy. I am now the General Manager for Business Development at Ngāi Tahu Property, leading new business growth and development, and partnership opportunities. I am very excited to be joining the Board of Rangitāne Holdings/Investments. This is an opportunity to support the commercial growth and wealth creation aspirations of Te Rūnanga a Rangitāne o Wairau, and have a very direct and positive impact for iwi members and their whānau.



### Megan McKenna

Success has many parts but is really aimed at creating the best 'present' and 'future' options and outcomes for all members of the iwi, your community and environment. As a director, I will both contribute to your commercial success and learn a lot about your aspirations, history and people - and I am quite excited about that.

I have a PhD in regional economic development from the University of Ottawa in Canada. My professional background has had three parts to it - as a research scientist, as a corporate executive and as a small business owner. I am a director of another asset holding company and also a charitable organisation here in New Zealand.

I have worked in high-change, demanding environments for the past 15 years (in global agribusiness, in electricity infrastructure, and in organisational merger environments). For 6 years I specialised in leading commercial recovery and organisational transformation initiatives through my own company that focused on businesses with revenue from \$5m-\$400m. This range of experience has given me commercial strategy and investment skills that I can use as a director for Rangitāne.

I am a dual New Zealand-Canadian citizen and speak and read French as a second language. I have been in New Zealand since 1996.



Calvin Hart



Haysley MacDonald



Judith MacDonald



Leigh MacDonald