



KEI PUTA TE WAIRAU



ŌPAOA POU DEPICTS IWI HISTORY IN WAIRAU

The completion of the Ōpaoa River Bridge project on SH1 in Blenheim, was officially marked with the blessing and unveiling of the Pou Whenua, 'Kei Puta Te Wairau', alongside the opening of the new walking and cycling pathway on the historic Opawa Bridge.

Carved by Spring Creek-based master carver Reg Thompsett, the Pou marks the northern entrance to Blenheim and represents the mana whenua of Wairau. The three iwi, Rangitāne o Wairau, Ngāti Toa Rangatira and Ngāti Rārua, agreed that the Ōpaoa River has been a landmark on major travel and trading routes for centuries.

An iwi working group consisting of representatives from the mana whenua iwi held consultation hui to discuss the kōrero and tupuna who would be represented in the Pou and the interpretation panels. After lengthy discussions it was decided the three Rangatira who signed Te Tiriti

o Waitangi in Wairau would represent mana whenua. "We wanted to highlight the timeline from 1840," says Rangitāne trustee Peter Meihana.

Our tupuna, Rangatira Ihaia Kaikōura, faces south towards Kapara Te Hau, Tapuae-o-Uenuku and Waiau Toa (Clarence River). Ihaia Kaikōura signed Te Tiriti o Waitangi at Horahora Kakahu on 17 June 1840 aboard the HMS Herald.

Ngāti Toa Rangatira tupuna, Te Kanae gazes out across Raukawakawamoana (Cook Strait) towards Kapiti and Kāwhia, while Ngāti Rārua tupuna, Te Tana Pukekohatu faces west looking towards Mōtueka.

The Pou Whenua represents the creation of the area by geological and natural forces. It also represents future generations and the collective treaty rights and obligations we have inherited.

Rangitāne extend thanks to Waka Kotahi NZTA and the Marlborough District Council for recognising our history and connection to the area.

Ngā mihi o te Kirihihi me te Tau Hou e te iwi

NICK'S KŌRERO



As another year draws to a close, we look back on all the progress made for Rangitāne and whānau over the past 12 months.

We started the year with the unveiling of the Tauihu in January. This tells the story of how our people whakapapa to the first voyagers. And so it was fitting to end the year with the unveiling of the Ōpaoa Pou Whenua, 'Kei Puta Te Wairau', which in turn tells the story of Wairau, its people and settlement.

Although we had to cancel Te Tapuwaetahi o Rangitāne Festival earlier this year due to COVID-19, we were still able to hold wānanga in Heretaunga, Tamaki-makau-rau and the Wairau Wānanga Ahurea which included a hīkoi to Ōtautahi to view taonga at the Canterbury Museum. Our Mātauranga team led a pilot wānanga for rangatahi in March before the pandemic. The purpose of this wānanga was to instill Rangitānetanga in our rangatahi. Feedback from this wānanga was positive and we'll be looking forward to holding more of these next year. The pandemic this year also meant we had to be a bit more innovative in connecting with our people. This was reflected in the very successful online webinar series, "Tangata Rau Reo Kotahi", and livestreaming the AGM for members who could not travel to attend.

Our focus changed to food, jobs and housing during lockdown and a lot of this mahi is ongoing. We have set up Te Kura Ora fund with our Kurahaupō cousins and partnered with local businesses for job training. Te Tau Ihu Iwi have worked closely together on food distribution and are currently setting up a joint charitable trust to focus on jobs and health issues.

It has been a year of considerable change. We have reviewed the way we provide our social services and welcome several new Kaikōkiri to guide us. Our businesses are stepping up to meet the aspirational goals set by Trustees and ensuring distributions to the Trust while making sure our assets are secure.

Some things have not changed, in particular the resilience, laughter and positive outlook seen at the recent Kirihimete luncheon for Kaumātua. Long may this continue.

Finally, our office will be closing for the holidays on 24 December and reopening on 5 January.

Meri Kirihimete me te Tau Hou,
Nick

MANA TANGATA | OUR PEOPLE



Rangitāne Kaumātua from Te Tau Ihu were invited to lunch at Ūkaipō to celebrate Christmas. They were entertained by the sweet tunes of Carolyn Tipene. It was a wonderful afternoon and great to see some of our kaumātua get up for sing-a-long.



Wairau Kaumātua travelled over to Whakatū (Nelson) in November to watch Te Huinga Whetū Regional Kapa Haka competition. First stop was The Anchor for lunch before heading to the Trafalgar Centre for an afternoon of kapa haka.



Over 50 tamariki came along to celebrate Christmas together with their cousins at the Stadium Pools last weekend. Despite the grey clouds the weather was warm and didn't stop the fun. Ngā mihi to our Trustees who came along to help manaaki this event and a special thanks to Hana Kōkō, aka St Nick for making a special appearance!



Tauira from Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Tuia te Matangi (Whakatū) enjoyed a recent excursion to the Wairau Bar, where Dr Peter Meihana explained the history and significance of the area.

MANA TAHUA | COMMERCIAL OPERATION

PARTNERING WITH KOAU CAPITAL

In July, the RHL/RIL Board partnered with Koau Capital Partners. This will bring additional commercial expertise and competency, along with extensive relationships across iwi, central and local Government, and private sector organisations to our organisation. Since then, Andrew Harrison and his team have been working closely with both Nick and Corey, reviewing the RHL/RIL Strategic Documentation (SIPO, Letter of Expectation, Annual Reports). They have also been obtaining an understanding of our asset base and commercial agreements.

Koau have been supporting us with a review of our Investment Strategy and we expect they'll add significant support and value to the wider Group moving forward.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY REVIEW

The RHL/RIL Board have been working with Koau to review our Investment Strategy and put in place a long term plan that aligns with our vision, values and objectives.

The team have been assessing the various investments that RHL/RIL have made and what changes can be made to ensure that there is secure annual distribution, that we defend and grow putea value over time and that we invest responsibly.

The RHL/RIL Board have agreed the current Investment Strategy and will be discussing this with the Trust to ensure that there is alignment of expectations and set the long term plan to meet the need of Rangitāne.

NEW INVESTMENT: TE PŪIA TĀPAPA

In October, the RHL/RIL Board approved the investment into Te Pūia Tāpapa, a collective Iwi / Māori investment vehicle with \$115.5m available for co-investment alongside major NZ institutional investors looking for a stable, long-term equity partner of scale. This provides TPT the opportunity to access large and hard to source local investments that iwi would not otherwise have.

Currently there are 26 Iwi/Māori entities that have committed to the investment vehicle and access can only be granted with current members selling their stake in the vehicle.

Te Pūia Tāpapa has made two investments in 2020, in TR Group (along side NZ Super) and Avanti Finance. Both opportunities are long term investments and would be difficult to access without the collective scale that Te Pūia Tāpapa offers.



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LIKE THE MULTITUDE OF STARS IN THE SKY, SO GREAT IS RANGITĀNE ON THE EARTH

HOWARD JAMES SADD (REG. NO. NZ 206980 (ARMY) K-FORCE)

4 SEPTEMBER 1930 - 23 NOVEMBER 2020



Uncle Howard Sadd and Jess Dornbusch, ANZAC Day, Blenheim 2017 *Fairfax Media NZ / Marlborough Express*

Born on 4 September 1930 to Arthur 'Todd' and Phoebe 'Pipi' Sadd (nee Hapakuku), Uncle Howard was the fourth child of eight. He had just turned 8 years old when his mother passed away soon after the birth of his youngest sister. Uncle Howard left school at the age of 12 to work with his father in the market garden. His father died when Uncle Howard was 15 years old and for the next 4-5 years he worked in various jobs. At the age of 20, Uncle Howard moved to Levin to work on the railways before moving to Tolaga Bay where he remained for 2 and a half years working in a butter factory and on a farm.

In 1950 Uncle Howard joined the NZ Army and served in the Korean War driving trucks and transporting artillery. He was very proud of his service in the army and wore his medals proudly at ANZAC services.

Uncle Howard was an avid rugby player. He played for Mouhere, Awatere and Tolaga Bay. Rowing was another sport he excelled in. He rowed at the Wairau Rowing Club and continued to support the club later in life as a member, coach and patron.

It was at the Grovetown Tennis Club when Uncle Howard first met Naida Sutherland. She was at Teacher's College in Auckland and funnily enough even though they had both grown up in Grovetown they had never met previously. They dated for 2-3 years before finally marrying on 16 May 1959. After they married, Uncle Howard and Aunty Naida moved to Lower Wairau and he continued to work for A.E Sadd, milking cows twice a day, 7 days a week. He eventually became a farm manager and worked for the company from 1955 until his retirement in 1998 – an outstanding record of 43 years' service. Instead of slowing down he planted a vineyard in honour of their late daughter, Rachel, and named the vineyard after her, Rahera Vines Ltd. Uncle Howard continued to work after he retired. In fact he found nothing more relaxing, and even in the poorest of health was out hoeing the garden just one week before he passed, with support of his whānau.

Uncle Howard was also committed to his community and was a founding and life member of *Te Whānau Hou Grovetown Lagoon Restoration Project*. He loved Grovetown, his home for most of his life. He was once quoted in a newspaper as saying "I think it's the best place in New Zealand".

Uncle Howard passed away only 12 weeks after his beloved Naida. He would not have wanted to live for too long without his best friend and soul mate at his side.

Excerpts from Howard's eulogy written by his niece Lauree Ashworth.

CUSTOMARY PERMITS

Customary fisheries are recognised fishing rights of tangata whenua for traditional and customary practices. Customary fishing rights are guaranteed to tangata whenua under Te Tiriti o Waitangi and these rights are protected by law.

Our rohe commences at the mouth of the Wairau River, extending northwards to Cape Lambert, northwest to d'Urville Island, encompassing Nelson and Waimea. Following the Motupito river to the Nelson Lakes (Rotorua and Rotorua), our southern most boundary follows the Clarence River to its mouth, and then commences a northwards journey through Kekerengu, Cape Campbell, Lake Grassmere, Parinui o Whiti (White Bluffs) and Wairau Lagoons.

If you need a permit for an event please get in touch with one of our Kaitiaki.

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CALENDAR

Horowhenua Whānau Kirihimete

11am-2pm | Sunday | 13 December

Horowhenua Aquatic Centre

Office Closed for Kirihimete

24 December - 5 January

Poroiwi Education Grant

Applications Close 30 December

Kura Reo

21-24 January | Ūkaipō

Registrations Closed

Rangitāne General Scholarship

Applications Close 28 February

Pukatea Whānau Day

13 February | Pukatea (Whites Bay)

Te Pikinga ki Te Hau Hiko

13 March | Te Hau

Taranaki Wānanga Ahurea

26-28 March | Details to come

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