



KEI PUTA TE WAIRAU



FROM CONCEPT TO CREATION

After months of planning, Te Taihu o te Waka-a-Māui finally came to light in January. Onlookers watched in awe as the sculpture was unveiled in a dawn ceremony.

Situated on Rangitāne owned property Grove Road at the northern end of the Blenheim Railway Station, the bronze and corten steel Taihu stands prominently as the newest landmark in the Wairau.

The bi-lingual interpretation panel tells the kōrero of the Taihu and how, through our tūpuna, we connect to the rohe:

This sculpture represents the prow of the waka of Māui and the people of the Wairau. At the front of the Taihu stands Māui, the Polynesian explorer. At the back stands Tūkauāe, a central figure in the southern

migration of Rangitāne peoples from Wairarapa and Te Whanganui-a-Tara. Also represented are the wives of Tūkauāe: Hinepango, Ruamate, and Hinerewha. Marriages to tangata whenua women ensured that Tūkauāe's descendants would have "all ten toes embedded in the soil".

Around 800 years ago Polynesian ancestors settled at Te Pokohiwi-o-Kupe. Since then tangata whenua have utilised the resources of the area. Pākohe (argillite) was procured from Ngā Paepae Tangata and traded throughout the country. The food resources of the area were sustained by the labyrinth of waterways known as 'Ngā Wairau o Ruatere'.

Visit our website for the full bi-lingual interpretation rangitane.org.nz/taihu

TANGATA RAU, REO KOTAHĪ

Ka nui te mihi ki a Jeremy MacLeod kua kopoua nei hei Pouarataki Ahurea mō Te Rūnanga a Rangitāne o Wairau. I āta heke mai a ia i te Poari kia pai ai tana whakapau i ōna kaha ki te whakatinana i tā tātau rautaki whakarauora reo, ahurea anō hoki, *Tangata Rau, Reo Kotahi*. Kua roa a Jeremy e kōkiri ana i te rautaki i a ia i noho ki te Poari, ā, nō tātau te waimarie mōna kua āta makere mai nei kia aro pū ai a ia ki te kawē i te rautaki nei ki taumata kē.

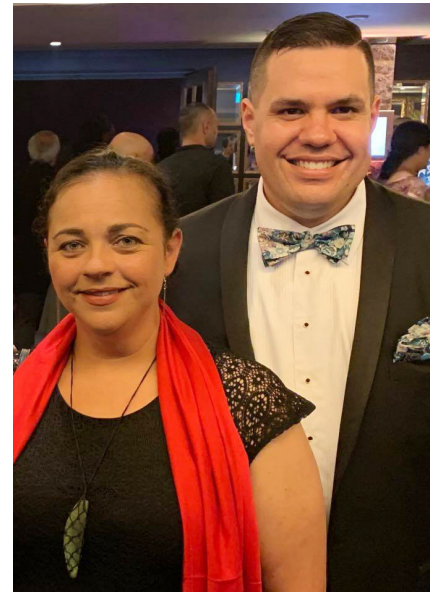
Kua tino waimarie anō tātau i a Kereana Norton kua hono mai nei hai Kaikōkiri Kaupapa Ahurea. Ka noho ko ia hai hoa mō Jeremy i roto i ngā mahi whakatinana i te rautaki. Ka riro māna e kōkiri ngā kaupapa maha i tēnei tau, ā, ko tā Jeremy he tautoko, he āwhina i a ia ki te whakatutuki. Ka nui tō mātau hari i te taenga mai o Kereana ki te rūnanga mahi ai, inā rā hoki nōna tētahi kanohi kitea i ngā kaupapa a te iwi huhua, huri atu, huri mai. Ko tana ngākau kei tōna iwi o Rangitāne, ā, e mōhio rawa atu ana mātau ka tino eke rawa atu te rautaki i a ia kua hono mai nei, otirā rāua tahi ko Jeremy.

We would like to acknowledge the appointment of Jeremy MacLeod as Pouarataki Ahurea for Te Rūnanga a Rangitāne o Wairau. He has recently resigned from the Board of Trustees to allow him to focus and invest his energy into the implementation of our cultural & language revitalisation strategy, *Tangata Rau, Reo Kotahi*.

Jeremy has spear-headed the strategy since its inception and we are very fortunate that his departure from the governance board enables us to take our strategy to another level.

We are also very fortunate with the recent appointment of Kereana Norton as our Kaikōkiri Kaupapa Ahurea. She and Jeremy will work closely together to implement our strategy. Her role will be to execute the several initiatives planned for this year, supported and guided closely by Jeremy.

We are thrilled with Kereana's appointment, especially given that she is a regular face at many of our iwi kaupapa. Her heart is with her Rangitāne iwi, and we know



Kereana Norton and Jeremy MacLeod at the Ngā Tohu Reo Māori 2019 - Māori Language Awards in Auckland.

that through both hers and Jeremy's appointment, there will be considerable development and implementation of the strategy over the next 12 months.

We are grateful to our funders for supporting these roles.

Some of the language and culture initiatives for 2020 include:

Te Tapuwaetahi o Rangitāne | 10-13 April

Te Tapuwaetahi o Rangitāne is coming to Wairau! This festival brings together the four branches of Rangitāne. It will be held at Wairau this Easter. There is a lot of comms being distributed by the Rūnanga. We will also be providing travel assistance for members coming home for this. This 4 day festival is a fantastic opportunity to come together as Rangitāne, and represent our Wairau branch. Please write these dates in your calendars.

Wānanga Ahurea

There will be four wānanga ahurea held this year. This is an initiative that was established last year. This year, these wānanga will be held in three of our provinces, Hawke's Bay (Waimārama), Horowhenua and Auckland. The final wānanga will be held at Wairau. At these wānanga, attendees will learn – *mōteatea, waiata, tikanga, kawa, whakapapa, history and other things pertaining to Rangitāne*. Waimārama, Horowhenua and Tāmaki-makaurau were chosen due to the high numbers of attendees at wānanga held in those districts last year. The four wānanga will be held:

- **14-15 March**, Waimārama Marae, Te Matau-a-Māui
- **16-17 May**, Kererū Marae, Horowhenua
- **8-9 August**, Bethells Beach, Tāmaki-makaurau
- **16-18 October**, Wairau, including a trip to Ōtautahi museum



Te Kura Reo o Rangitāne o Wairau | 5-9 July

This year's kura reo will be held again at Ūkaipō. This initiative was started last year. Please save the first week of the July school holidays.

Te kaupapa whakahoki i te reo ki te kāinga

We will release the details about this new initiative soon. We are looking for four homes in Wairau to be a part of this new initiative aimed at returning te reo Māori to Rangitāne homes in Wairau. Once we have finalised the details we will be in touch.

There are also other initiatives that will be held this year, we will keep you up to date with details.

TANGATA RAU REO KOTAHĪ

He rautaki whakarauora i te reo Māori me te ahurea o Rangitāne o Wairau | 2018-2050



Pūtea Tautoko recipients, sisters, Lucia (top left), Ariana (bottom left) and Xanthe Banks competing at Te Mana Kuratahi 2019. Photos supplied

2020 CALENDAR

Wānanga Ahurea

14-15 March | Waimārama Marae
Heretaunga

Te Tapuwaetahi o Rangitāne

Easter Weekend | 10-13 April
Wairau

Wānanga Ahurea

16-17 May | Kererū Marae
Horowhenua

Kura Reo

5-9 July | Ūkaipō | Wairau

Wānanga Ahurea

8-9 August | Bethells Beach
Tāmaki-makaurau

Rangitāne o Wairau AGM

10 October | Ūkaipō | Wairau

Wānanga Ahurea

16-18 October | Wairau

MANA TAHUA | COMMERCIAL OPERATION

PROPERTIES & INVESTMENTS

Rangitāne Holdings and Rangitāne Investments are continuing to develop and enhance the Group's commercial assets. Good progress is being made on our objectives for the year as summarised in the table below.

OBJECTIVE	TARGET 31/12/19	RESULT 31/12/19
To achieve a full year pre-tax profit of \$2.293m	\$1.721m	\$1.705m
To contribute \$1.113m to the operations of the Trust via dividend	\$0.835m	\$0.835m
To complete the Horton Street Development by Sept 2019	COMPLETE	COMPLETE
To achieve 90% occupancy of Rangitāne House	90%	95%
To complete the Milford Investment by Sept 2019	COMPLETE	COMPLETE

Flaxmill Vineyard at Rārangī continues to be well managed with the support of our vineyard management contractor, Hortus. Early fruit growth indications and confirmation of the per tonne sale rate for the 2020 vintage are positive and look set to exceed the projections laid out in the business case for the vineyard's acquisition.

We're excited to announce that as of February 2020, **Rangitāne House** has reached its highest level of occupancy since Rangitāne took ownership of the building a decade ago. Current occupancy now sits

at 98% and is due to the active work we're pursuing to improve the building and our relationship with tenants. Improved occupancy at Rangitāne House serves to improve the value of the asset and its returns to Rangitāne.

Our **Managed Funds** and **Share Market** investments have delivered another quarter of satisfactory results. The \$5m investment in Milford Asset Management has yielded \$116k in capital growth since the initial investment was made in August. The value of our direct Share Market investments in

Mercury, Meridian and Foley Family Wines fell this quarter, however YTD gains total some \$619k, excluding the dividends received, which total some \$187k.

The Rangitāne **aquaculture** assets have continued to record solid results with the recently completed October ACE round bringing YTD aquaculture income to \$362k, an increase from \$351k last year. We have also brought the management of our quota stocks in house which is providing significant savings.

The Board and management of the commercial entities are continuing to progress opportunities that develop the Group's commercial assets. The acquisition of the next tranche of property at Woodbourne is proving to be challenging due to PFAS contamination of the water supply, however negotiations with the Crown are continuing.

The Board are cognisant of the impact that coronavirus may have on our investments. We continue to monitor the impact of coronavirus, and the risk management put in place by our managed fund provider, Milford. Our investments are of a long term nature and it is important that we monitor performance over a long period of time.



Suz Tawaka (left) paddling for Pōwaiwai at TOWA Waka Ama Sprint Nationals in January.

‘EPIC’ EXPERIENCE ABOARD FA’AFAITE

Waka Ama enthusiast Suz Tawaka shares her experience aboard the Tahitian va’a ‘Fa’afaite.

My grandparents are Teoti Hou (Joe) and Shirley MacDonald (nee Wilson). My parents are Edna and Geoff Jefford. I have six children and work for Wakatū Incorporation in Nelson as Property Assistant in the Whenua Department.

The learning and life lessons I have gained through Waka Ama have been numerous and enriching. I knew that the opportunity to sail onboard Waka Hourua, representing my people in this significant event, would be invaluable. Through the legacies of our tūpuna it's a 'no-brainer' how proficient and wise they are. Innovative masters of navigation and voyaging (amongst other things), their efforts and sacrifices on-water and on-land were pivotal as

they journeyed to settle and sustain our people.

For me, participating in Tuia 250 was a positive initiative. As a nation, I see there is a way to go when it comes to addressing and redressing the intergenerational impacts colonisation and subsequent events had, and still have on our people. This very real and prevalent struggle will take time to heal. The hope I have is grounded in the smarts of our people and the steps we have made in restoring our culture over some time now. Finding strength and confidence in the legacies of our Tūpuna, reassured that we stem from intelligent, strategical, intuitive leaders that placed importance in the wellbeing of the whānau. I feel honoured to descend from such lineage.

There were many highlights during the voyage for me. The entire experience was epic! If I had to pick one, I think it would be the time spent with

the Fa’afaite whānau. It was a privilege to live with, linger alongside and learn things about sailing from experts of the art – our Tahitian cousins.

Not having sailed before set the scene for the main challenge ahead. Adjusting mind and body to life on the va’a and learning to sail 'from scratch'. I learnt quickly that this was very different to Waka Ama. Learning on the job with instructions in Tahitian and French during working shifts was difficult at times. Once you realise that focus is key and you're only entrusted with tasks because you're seen to be capable, you quickly adjust and find confidence in that. Do what's asked and get the job done.

“I am very grateful for the learning and relationships I gained during this experience.”

During the storms on the West Coast, I definitely had a 'moment' that compelled me to weigh up the magnitude of the journey I had embarked on. However, that moment was short lived with the bellying of the next order from the Watch Captain to 'lashe - tacke' (release and lock) and the security this instruction gave in the instance, reminded me that I'm in the company of experts. Sailing into Tōtaranui (Marlborough Sounds) was a stunning and surreal time that gave space to process, especially the awesome feats of our tūpuna.

The voyage strengthened my respect for what our tūpuna underwent, that directly influenced and solidified the generations that followed. I look forward to sailing again aboard Waka Hourua o Aotearoa someday, to support and develop the learning I experienced aboard Fa'afaite, aligned more with our own whakapapa and pakiwaitara.



Suz (pictured here second from right) with some of the Fa’afaite whānau at the Waikawa Marae Tuia 250 pōwhiri.

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