



Rangatahi freedivers Tāne Norton, Paige Andrell, Jah'bree MacDonald, Kieran Andrews, Mack Andrell, Jake Andrell and Jevania Andrews proudly show off the kina they caught for the Pukatea Rangitāne Whānau Day.

THE NEXT GENERATION FREEDIVERS

A freediving course aimed at building confidence and water skills in our rangatahi also provided them with an opportunity to meet each other kanohi ki te kanohi and learn a bit more of their whakapapa.

Bryan Bailey, a dive instructor from the Blenheim Dive Centre, trained our rangatahi on the correct use of masks, snorkels and fins, water safety, fitness, and the importance of always diving with a buddy.

A group of rangatahi were selected from the course to experience open water diving in Tōtaranui (Queen Charlotte Sound) with the Blenheim Dive Centre. First, they headed out to Tory Channel where they buddied up and went in search for kaimoana. They managed to gather enough kina for the Whānau Day at Pukatea

the following day before the weather started to turn. Our divers then cruised over to Double Bay Marine Reserve so they could enjoy the calmer waters and practice their water safety skills. This also provided them with the opportunity to observe and identify many of the marine species thriving in this protected area.

Following on from the success of the first freediving course, we are excited to announce we will be offering this course again on Sunday 21 March. If you are Yr7-Yr13 and would like to attend this course please contact our office on (03) 578 6180 for more details and to register. We welcome all our rangatahi and strongly encourage our divers from the previous course to come along and advance their skills further.

Poipoia te kakano kia puawai
Nurture the seed and it will blossom

LOCAL LEGEND SAYS 'TO BE MĀORI IS TO VOLUNTEER'

Te Pātaka o Wairau presented their annual 'Local Legend Award' at the recent Māori night market to well-known weaver, Margaret Bond who has been influential across social, cultural, arts, iwi, marae development and education fields.

Chairperson Dr Lorr Eade says, "The award celebrates and recognises the significant achievements of those working in the community with and for Māori and is aptly presented at the event in front of a huge crowd from all over the rohe".

Known affectionately to many as 'Aunty Marg' or 'Nanny Marg', Bond's influence on the Māori community has been profound and far reaching over the past 40 plus years. "To be Māori is to volunteer", says Margaret.



Aunty Marg Bond, pictured here with some of her mokopuna after receiving the Te Pātaka o Wairau Local Legend award for her service and contribution to the Marlborough Māori community.

Margaret has been a member of the Omaka Marae Māori Women's Welfare League since she was a teenager and is the current Chair for the Oranga Tamariki Wairau Iwi Advisory Board. Her heart lies at Omaka Marae as a founding member of Omaka Marae Incorporated Society and she has been the Chairperson since the passing of her mother, Aunty Kath Hemi.

Aunty Marg has been instrumental in the development of marae junior and intermediate kapa haka groups her work has been invaluable in keeping cultural activities alive in Marlborough. She played a part in setting up Omaka Kohanga Reo and cherishes those moments as whānau started to value te reo Māori and being at the marae.

She is also one of a handful of the original intake of local weavers who continues to contribute to the art of raranga. Her work has been showcased both nationally and internationally. She has tutored for over 25 years and has tutored with Te Wānanga o Aotearoa for the past 12 years teaching the certificate and diploma in Māori and Indigenous Arts and she has a close connection with the Department of Conservation.

Dr Lorr Eade says "Under the korowai of Rangitāne o Wairau, Ngāti Toa Rangatira and Ngāti Rārua, Te Pātaka o Wairau Incorporated Society present this award as a way to celebrate our own 'Local Legends' who work tirelessly to make a difference for Māori in our community".

Margaret joins fellow legend recipients Uncle Howard Sadd, Aunty Gemma McKinney, Whaea Rita Powick and Nan Kahu Chadwick.

TOIKURANUI FUNDING TO SUPPORT RANGATAHI WĀNANGA

We have some great opportunities coming up for our rangatahi this year thanks to our successful Toikuranui funding application.

Our focus is on building and strengthening relationships with our rangatahi and providing opportunities for learning in a kaupapa Rangitāne environment.

Trustee Dr Peter Meihana has contributed his time forming this idea into a programme based on rangatahi wānanga that will be held throughout the year.

Sue Parish has been appointed as our Rangatahi Kaikōkiri and will be supporting these wānanga along with our Kaikōkiri Kaupapa Ahurea, Kereana Norton.

Kanuka Wānanga | 23-25 April

Rangatahi will stay at the Meihana whānau marae, Te Wahiwhakatupuranga in Wairangi Bay, Croisilles Harbour. Parents are welcome to come but will need to bring a tent or share a bunk in the forestry hut. This wānanga includes harvesting kanuka and processing it into tea and oil. Limited to 25 rangatahi.

Tuamātene Wānanga | 12-13 June

Rangatahi will stay at Tuamātene and visit a number of significant sites in the Wairau. The purpose of this wānanga is to provide rangatahi with an opportunity to gain knowledge of some of the oral traditions of the Wairau. Rangatahi will all participate in preparing and cooking their kai and learning waiata and their mihi.

Matariki Wānanga | 3-4 July

We will be taking 12 rangatahi from Te Taihu and 12 rangatahi from Te Whanganui-a-Tara to Te Papa museum and the Carter Observatory to learn more about Matariki.

Please note spaces are limited and only Yr10-Yr13 rangatahi can apply for this wānanga. We are planning to hold this hiko as an annual event so if you do miss out this year there will be another opportunity to apply again next year.

For more information or to register your interest for these wānanga please contact our office on (03) 578 6180 or email events@rangitane.org.nz.



KAUMĀTUA VISIT KAIKŌURA

Our kaumātua had a fabulous trip down the coast to visit the Kaikōura Museum. Curator Te Awhina Arahanga greeted our rōpū and gave them a brief introduction to the museum and the taonga that is held there. The whakapapa room was of great interest to our kaumātua as they browsed the many photos and reunion books in the museums collection.

After the museum we went to the Pier Hotel for lunch, followed by a trip up to the lookout before returning home.

MANA AHUREA | OUR CULTURE



TE KURA REO O RANGITĀNE

Tauira from Te Taihū and around the motu attended the second Te Kura Reo o Rangitāne o Wairau during the January school holidays.

Kura Reo consists of two levels, Te Tūāpapa, facilitated by Te Ataarangi ki Te Taihū and Te Kura Whakapakari, for our more proficient reo speakers. We were honoured to once again have Te Korou Whangataua and Junea Amohia Silbery facilitating our Te Kura Whakapakari classes.

Te Tūāpapa consists of four classes, from beginners to intermediate levels. Te Ataarangi's ethos is humility, and we were very fortunate to have the tutors that epitomised this principle. Te Ataarangi is renowned for providing a very supportive and conducive learning environment. In the Kura Whakapakari, students focussed on idioms, informal language and contemporary idioms.

Kura Reo was an initiative started by language guru, Tā Timoti Kāretu at Waimārama Marae, Hawkes Bay in 1989. Since then, Kura Reo has grown exponentially. There are Kura Reo held across the nation in Ngāti Kahungunu, Te Whakatōhea, Ngāti Hauā, Te Taitokerau, Rotorua, Ōtaki, Tokoroa and Ōtautahi.



Kaumātua Uncle Lawrence MacDonald and Aunty Tina Joseph learning te reo Māori using rākau in their Te Ataarangi lesson.

Rangitāne o Wairau is thrilled to announce the next Kura Reo will be held from Sunday 18 – Thursday 22 July. Registrations will open closer to the date. Keep an eye on our Facebook page in the coming months.

We wish to thank those who attended in January, and look forward to our next Kura Reo in July.

Tangata Rau, Reo Kotahi, kia mau!

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

MANA TAHUA | COMMERCIAL OPERATION

The Rangitāne Holdings and Rangitāne Investments team have hit the ground running this year. Management and the directors have been focussed on pulling together the annual plan and budgets for the next financial year and confirm how we can continue to deliver against our agreed strategic objectives. We hope to have this signed off and approved at our next board meeting.

Part of our investment strategy is a move towards direct investment opportunities, via collective iwi investment vehicles. As reported in the last pānui, the RHL/RIL board approved an 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. Te Pūia Tāpapa made two investments in 2020, in TR Group (alongside NZ Super) and Avanti Finance, and we are pleased to report that Te Pūia Tāpapa has now made a third investment in the Asia Pacific Healthcare Group. APHG is the largest pathology services provider in Aotearoa.

In the commercial property space, Corey has been working away behind the scenes with two strong opportunities for development on our land in Horton Street and we hope to have a clear pathway forward for these sites in the coming year. Rangitāne House continues to perform well and remains 100% occupied, a great result based on some of the challenging times we have faced.

To support our strategy towards more direct investments, the RHL/RIL board resolved to sell down its shareholdings in Meridian Energy and Mercury, due to ongoing market volatility and planned future investment opportunities.

TEAM RANGITĀNE NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

We are calling on whānau in the Wairau rohe to help support Team Rangitāne in this year's Marlborough Relay for Life at A&P Park on Friday 19 March. The relay starts at 6pm with the first lap dedicated to cancer survivors and goes through the night finishing at 6am Saturday morning. Cancer doesn't sleep so neither do we!

We need more walkers! The sooner you register on our team, the sooner you can start collecting sponsors and raising pūtea. You can walk one lap or as many as you like. This is not a race, we just need to keep our baton moving. The more whānau we have registered for our team the more fun it will be! We will have a Rangitāne supporters tent on the sideline and want to encourage as many Rangitāne whānau as we can to come along and support us - Our team colour is red!

To help raise even more pūtea for Cancer Society New Zealand we will be selling hangi parcels at the event. If you would like to help out on the hangi stall or join the walking team please contact Donna at the office on (03) 578 6180 or email events@rangitane.org.nz.

Those participating in the relay will receive a free Relay for Life t-shirt plus there will be spot prizes, the Kete Kai Market and live entertainment throughout the night.

Bring a deck chair, comfortable walking shoes, a water bottle, a blanket, some warm clothes and as many of your whānau as you can.



If you are unable to make the event you can support Team Rangitāne by making a donation on our team page:

marlborough.relayforlife.org.nz/rangitaneowairau

All proceeds go to Cancer Society New Zealand

TE TAUHU IWI APPOINT OPERATIONS MANAGER

Ngā iwi Māori in Te Taihū have taken a major step along the recovery path with the appointment of a new operations manager for Covid-19 response.

Te Kotahi o Te Taihū Charitable Trust, was formed in February by the eight iwi of Te Taihū. Trust Co-chair Jaqui Ngawaka said the trust was formed to cement partnerships formed in ongoing response to Covid-19 and its variants across Te Taihū.

"Our strategic plan, "Kia Kotahi te Hoe", is a collaborative effort firmly focussed on creating the best conditions for our whānau to thrive," she said.

"The trust is delighted to announce Dr Lorraine Eade as Operations Manager. She brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the role, and we are fortunate to be able to appoint a talented wahine from within Te Taihū."

Lorraine starts in her role in March and will be based in Wairau.

CALENDAR DATES

Rangitāne General Scholarship
Applications Closed 28 February

Te Pikinga ki Te Hau Hikoi
8am Saturday | 13 March | Wairau

Relay for Life Marlborough
6pm-6am | 19 March | A&P Park

Taranaki Wānanga Ahurea
26-27 March | New Plymouth

Rangatahi Kanuka Wānanga
23-25 April 2021 | Wairangi Bay

Rangatahi Tuamātene Wānanga
12-13 June | Wairau

Rangatahi Matariki Wānanga
3-4 July | Te Whanganui-a-Tara

Kura Reo
18-22 July | Wairau

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