

IWI PĀNUI, EVENTS & INFORMATION

PAENGA-WHĀWHĀ (APRIL) 2023





# KEI WAREWARE TĀTOU | LEST WE FORGET

ANZAC Day services were held in Waitohi (Picton) and Blenheim to remember and honour the servicemen and women who fought and sacrificed their lives for our country. It was a solemn and poignant occasion as the community came together to commemorate the bravery and selflessness of those who served.

In Waitohi, the service took place at the 28th Māori Battalion Pou Whenua on the foreshore, where a wreath was laid on behalf of Rangitāne whānui. Uncle Lawrence MacDonald gave a heartfelt speech on behalf of the Māori Battalion committee, which touched on the bonds of brotherhood that were formed on the battlefield. Will Macdonald recited the names of the servicemen on the memorial plaque, which was a moving tribute to those who gave their lives for their country. It was a reminder of the significance of the day, and why it is important

to continue to honour and remember our fallen heroes.

In Blenheim, a wreath was laid at the Seymour Square War Memorial. The Last Post was played, followed by a minute's silence, as attendees reflected on the contributions made by those who served in the armed forces.

We would like to express our thanks to those who organised and participated in the ANZAC Day services. The 28th Māori Battalion, in particular, played a significant role in the defence of our country, and we will always be more than grateful for their courage and dedication. We will never forget their sacrifices and the sacrifices made by all who served for the protection of our country.

Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou.

### MANA TANGATA | OUR PEOPLE



He uri nō te tini whetū ki te rangi, ko Rangitāne ki te whenua! Our kaumātua came together over kai and whakawhanaungatanga at the Jolly Roger in Waikawa recently, enjoying good weather and even better company.

## NAU MAI KI TE TARI O RANGITĀNE...





We are pleased to welcome Erina Macdonald and Skai Ingram to the team in the office.

Erina is our new Whānau Ora Navigator and will be working with whānau and supporting them in their time of need, to help them get to a point where they are thriving in their home. Erina brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role and we are thrilled to have another one of our own Rangitāne whānau members join our team.

We look forward to working with Erina on enabling whānau to build on their strengths and achieve their aspirations. Erina is here to help with anything as small as getting you to an appointment or identifying services and opportunities that are available.

If you or a member of your whānau would like to discuss a pathway, you can contact Erina at navigator@rangitane.org.nz or call our office on (03) 578 6180.

 ${\sf Skai\ has\ been\ appointed\ the\ role\ of\ Kaik\"{o}kiri\ R\"{a}tonga\ Mema,\ Member\ Services\ Co-ordinator.}$ 

Skai will be working alongside our Kaikōkiri delivering services and events for our iwi. Skai has proven to be an asset to the team already and we are pleased to have another Rangitāne whānau member involved at a practical organisational level.

#6 Hoani Makatinara > Galloway > Erina #4 Hohua Makitanara > Joshua > Josephine > Michael > Skai



With mixed emotions, we said farewell to two amazing wāhine who are set to start their new journeys into motherhood. Both Taylah and Monique have become much loved and respected colleagues and friends. They both share an incredible work ethic, a passion for our people and a positive, can do approach in all that they do. We are so excited and beyond thrilled for them both, as they embark on their new and exciting journeys.

To Taylah and to Monique: thank you for the work that you both do on behalf of our whānau. We are so grateful for you both and we wish you both all the best with your impending arrivals as you begin your maternity leave.



Congratulations Manny MacDonald!
Manny has completed his Freedive
Certificate with ease, showing great skills
and knowledge in and out of the water.
Thank you to Bryan, from The Blenheim
Dive Centre, for snapping this awesome
shot of Manny calm and relaxed at 10
meters deep.

### MANA AHUREA | OUR CULTURE

# **NEW VIDEO SERIES HIGHLIGHTS CONNECTIONS TO WHAKATŪ**

Rangitāne o Wairau has launched a video series highlighting their deep connection to Te Tauihu. The series is entitled *Ngā Tapuae o Rangitāne* with the first six-episodes focusing on the Whakatū (Nelson) region.

This exciting initiative aims to fill a gap in the history books, as Rangitāne were wrongfully left out of the Nelson and Motueka tenths (agreements between Māori and colonial officials that divided land for settlement). These tenths had a profound impact on the region and its development, yet they completely ignored the presence and rights of Rangitāne.

The video series is an attempt to redress this imbalance and to showcase how Rangitāne have survived and thrived in the region for generations.

While the Crown's apology is a positive step forward, it is initiatives like *Ngā Tapuae o Rangitāne* that truly help to bridge the understanding and foster a sense of shared history and identity to the region.

"Cultural revitalization involves a deep understanding of our cultural values, traditions and history. With this video resource, we hope to

inspire our people and the wider community to learn, connect, and continue to strengthen our cultural identity," says Project Lead Jodie Palatchie.

The project received support from a grant issued as part of Pouhere Taonga's (Heritage NZ) Te Awe Kōtuku programme aimed at preserving and revitalising vulnerable mātauranga Māori.

To celebrate the launch of the video series, Rangitāne held a special screening at the Suter Art Gallery in Whakatu. The event was well attended and received, with members of the iwi and wider community coming together to hear stories and learn more about how Rangitāne history is intricately woven into the Whakatū rohe.

For those who missed the screening at The Suter, the videos will be available to watch online via the Rangitāne website or Facebook page.

We encourage everyone to take the time to engage with this important initiative and to learn more about the rich history of Rangitāne in Whakatū.



## STRENGTHENING OUR PEOPLE

The Paepae Development Wānanga held at Tuamātene Marae brought Rangitāne whānau together to learn about roles and responsibilities on the paepae as well as Rangitāne history, pepeha, karakia and whakapapa.

The wānanga provides an opportunity for whānau to deepen their understanding of our history, language and traditions and its success is a testament to the importance of cultural education and the desire of many whānau to connect with their iwi.

The next wānanga will be held in June, and it is sure to be another valuable opportunity for whānau to learn more about our culture and identity.

## MĀTAURANGA STRATEGY HUI





We are grateful for the rich and heartfelt körero from our Pöneke and Tamaki Makaurau whānau who joined us for our Education Strategy hui recently. We heard so many important insights, themes and opportunities for us to consider as we start to shape up our approach for the strategy. We'll be sharing a draft of the strategy with you soon for further engagement and input, including an opportunity to wānanga again.

#### MANA TAIAO | OUR ENVIRONMENT

## **EAST COAST ACCESS BYLAW**

Marlborough District Council have decided to proceed with the East Coast Bylaw, with effect from 1 July 2023.

To date, we have raised concerns around the processes used to put the Bylaw in place, as well as the restrictions that the Bylaw will have in terms of how it directly impacts our ability to access sites of significance, to undertake our customary practices and to exercise our kaitiaki responsibilities in the area. These concerns remain unresolved.

We are disappointed with Council's decision to adopt the Bylaw and will continue to work on a solution that is consistent with both our Treaty Settlement and the customary rights afforded to us under Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Rangitāne considers that it is a breach of the Treaty of Waitangi (Article 2) for legislation (including secondary legislation) to extinguish or curtail Māori customary rights. In making bylaws, Council is a delegate of the Crown and has the responsibilities of the Crown, including the Crown's obligations to meet its obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi.

We will continue to provide updates on this mahi.

# MANA TAHUA | OUR ECONOMY

# RANGITĀNE-ASTROLABE DEVELOPMENT

A whatu mauri on Rangitāne-owned whenua in central Blenheim marks the start of the construction of a new urban winery, which will be leased to and operated by local boutique wine company, Astrolabe.

The whenua, purchased by Rangitāne through its Treaty Settlement process, sits adjacent to the Õpaoa River at the end of Horton Street. Rangitāne Kaiwhakahaere Matua (General Manager) Corey Hebberd says "this development forges a new, long-term partnership between Rangitāne and Astrolabe. The development enables Astrolabe to house winery operations and a unique hospitality offering in Marlborough – whilst at the same time further unlocking the potential of Rangitāne's commercial asset base".

Astrolabe Wines is owned and run by the Waghorn Family. Simon Waghorn, owner and winemaker, sees the winery development as the beginning of a new era for Astrolabe working alongside his family in the winery. "To have our own winery to process the handpicked, smaller volume wines and a cellar door to meet customers face to face, right in the middle of town is an amazing opportunity." says Waghorn.

"As a multigenerational business, owned and operated here in Marlborough we're thrilled to be investing in the Blenheim town centre as a real hub for the arts, and artisanal food and beverage production. We're so glad to be working with Rangitāne and their long-term vision and commitment to our region," says Libby Waghorn Levett, Astrolabe General Manager.

Hebberd says "this development builds on our strategy of investing within our rohe, ensuring a long term, sustainable presence for Rangitāne within Marlborough's growing economy, while supporting the iwi Trust to provide a wide range of whānau services, further strengthening the culture, identity and mana of Rangitāne"

The development will include office space to house Astrolabe's operations, as well as a public hospitality space, exterior landscaping and the winery/barrel hall. The development will span some 450m2. Site development works will commence in the coming weeks, with the development expected to be completed in time for next year's vintage.

## **CALENDAR DATES**

**St Clair Half Marathon** 

Saturday, 13 May 2023

#### Paepae Development Wānanga

Tuamātene Marae

Friday 9 - Saturday 10 June 2023

#### **Kura Reo**

Ūkaipō, Grovetown

Monday 3 - Thursday 6 July 2023

#### Matariki

Friday 14 July 2023

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

September 2023

# PŪTEA TAUTOKO



Taylah Seng, Pūtea Tautoko recipient, was selected for the U16 Kōtiro basketball team.

They travelled to Melbourne where they won three round robin games, qualifying for the quarter-finals.

Throughout the tour Taylah showed resilience, leadership and manaaki to her peers.

Taylah said the financial support from Rangitāne allowed her to experience international basketball and gave her the opportunity to learn more about herself and enhance her leadership skills.

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