



KEI PUTA TE WAIRAU



Rangitāne whānau and local community members gather as the pūtātara signals the beginning of the ceremony at the blessing of the new library and art gallery in Blenheim.

NEW LIBRARY AND ART GALLERY BLESSING

Ngāti Toa Rangatira, Ngāti Rārua and Rangitāne o Wairau blessed the new Marlborough Library and Art Gallery building, in the lead up to its official opening.

Kaiwhakahaere Matua (General Manager) Corey Hebberd said the new facility sits on whenua adjacent to a former Rangitāne pā site and the blessing process enabled the iwi to acknowledge the significance of the whenua and the importance of the new building for the Marlborough community.

“Rangitāne has a long association with the awa and adjacent land, which was the home to former pā and gardens alongside the waterways around which Blenheim is built. It is therefore fitting that the new library and art gallery facility will play an important role as a hub that will sustain and nourish the knowledge,

wellbeing and resilience of our community into the future.”

Mayor Nadine Taylor said, “This wonderful new facility has been 10 years in the making and will be a hub of knowledge, information and activity for everyone in Marlborough.”

The library and art gallery project was initiated in 2013 as part of the “Growing Marlborough” process, which identified that public art gallery and library facilities in Blenheim and Picton were no longer adequate. Community consultation was carried out as part of the 2015-25 Long Term Plan and again as part of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan, when approval to progress the development was given. An official naming and opening ceremony will be held on Friday 30 June.

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NAU MAI KI TE TARI O RANGITĀNE...

Please join us in welcoming Keita McCormick to our team as our new Tumu Whakahaere (Operations Manager).

Keita has extensive knowledge and experience that make her a valuable addition to the team. We are thrilled to have another whānau member on board and are looking forward to seeing the impact she will make in this position.

Keita's role supports the General Manager in the leadership of the rūnanga support team, with a particular focus on member services, best practice operational management and delivering services across a range of sectors to our Rangitāne o Wairau whānau.

Let's congratulate Keita and offer her our support as she settles into this new role.



#63 Tiripa Kere > Peter Pouri-Lane > Peter Pouri-Lane > Keita

LIVING CULTURAL TAONGA AWARDED



We would like to acknowledge and congratulate Rangitāne kaumātua Clarry Neame for his recognition as Marlborough Living Cultural Treasure. Clarry is an impressionist and paints in a distinctive pointillistic style, often of landscapes he sees around him in Marlborough.

During the ceremony, Clarry wore a feather cloak made by his mother, Anituhia Dolly Neame, which is an exhibit at the Marlborough Museum. A portrait of Anituhia Dolly Neame is also in the museum's collections.

Born in 1947, he grew up in Spring Creek. One of nine children, Clarry found his place and his self-expression through the love of drawing and painting early from four years of age. Uncle Clarry had a 25 year-long career as a commercial artist before he became a full-time professional artist in 1996.

You can see some of Uncle Clarry's work at the gallery in the new library in Blenheim.

#7 George Hori Toki MacDonald > Anituhia 'Dolly' > Clarry

KAUMĀTUA LUNCHEON

It was great to see so many of our kaumātua coming together to share a few laughs and have a catch up at the recent Kaumātua luncheon at Bamboo Garden Restaurant in Blenheim. Here are some photos of the day.



EXPLORING OUR ROHE AND OUR RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE



You may remember our Taiohi Tangata Marae Wānanga back in February when we took some of our rangatahi to Lake Rotoiti where they got to explore and learn more about our rich cultural heritage. As part of that journey, our rangatahi and their whānau were invited to venture out to Tōtaranui, stopping off at Meretoto. They had the privilege of learning from Dr Peter Meihana as he shared kōrero about the pou whenua Kupe, as well as other pūrākau relating to the names around the Sounds. We're proud of the way our rangatahi are engaging with and learning from our stories and history. We're excited to see the next generation taking a vested interest in our culture, and we look forward to seeing where their journeys lead them.

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TRUST DEED REVIEW WHĀNAU HUI



Rangitāne o Wairau whānau in the Horowhenua rohe met recently in Levin to discuss the updated drafts of the Trust Deeds.

Throughout the first half of 2022, we undertook extensive engagement and consultation on our Trust Deeds with our whānau. We are currently holding our second round of whānau engagement hui across the motu to share with our members the proposed updated drafts of Trust Deeds. Following the second round of whānau engagement hui, we will look to finalise those proposed changes and prepare resolutions that Registered Members will vote on, to either approve or reject the proposed changes. Any changes to the Trust Deeds will be for Registered Members to decide – the Trustees cannot make amendments to the Trust Deed, without member approval. We expect that any vote on changes to the Trust Deeds would be held concurrent with the AGM (27 January 2024).

NGĀ MANU KŌRERO



Congratulations to Kurahaupō rangatahi Xanthe Banks and Māreikura Nepia who will be participating at Ngā Manu Kōrero in Ōtepoti (Dunedin) later this year. Xanthe's kōrero issued a challenge to our Te Taihū iwi and hapū governors to lift their own te reo capabilities and for our organisations to focus more strongly on our language. Māreikura won the Te Rāwhiti Ihaka junior Māori section. Her kōrero focused on the importance of making te reo Māori relevant for rangatahi Māori.

PŪTEA TAUTOKO | ISAAC & ETHAN RADEMAKER



Brothers Isaac and Ethan Rademaker won bronze medals playing for the Canterbury U17 boys team in the InterProvincial Volleyball Tournament held in Napier over Kings Birthday Weekend. They also won silver medals at the Volleyball New Zealand InterProvincial Beach Championship earlier this year. Ka rawe Isaac and Ethan!

#6 Hoani Makitanara > Enoka > Karen > Julie > Isaac & Ethan

MANA TAI AO | OUR ENVIRONMENT TE MANA O TE WAI

Te Mana o Te Wai is a project that involves the government, local government, iwi, and the community, and is a result of the National Policy for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM) and affects every end user of wai (water).

The concept of Te Mana o te Wai has been incorporated into the NPS-FM since 2014, but it was updated in 2020 to become the foremost fundamental concept that will determine how the freshwater resources will be managed in Aotearoa.

The concept is not new to Māori and is an all-encompassing way of looking at the health and life-supporting capacity of freshwater resources.

Te Mana o te Wai refers to the intrinsic value and authority of water in Māori culture. It is a concept that recognizes the interconnectedness of all living things with wai and the vital role it plays in sustaining life. The term "mana" refers to the spiritual power and authority that wai holds, which is respected and protected by Māori.

In practical terms, Te Mana o te Wai means that wai should be managed in a way that upholds its integrity and ensures its long-term sustainability. This includes protecting water quality, preserving water ecosystems, and recognizing the cultural and spiritual significance of wai to Māori. It also involves engaging in collaborative decision-making processes that involve all stakeholders, including Māori, in the management of water resources.

Te Mana o te Wai is a crucial concept in contemporary water management in Aotearoa. It recognises the importance of water not just as a resource, but as a taonga that must be protected and preserved for future generations. By upholding the principles of Te Mana o te Wai, we can ensure that water remains a source of life, health, and wellbeing for all.

Overall, Te Mana o te Wai is a significant project that aims to manage the freshwater resources in Aotearoa in a sustainable and equitable way.

Te Mana o te Wai framework is a policy document developed by the New Zealand government to ensure the protection and restoration of the country's water resources. It provides a holistic approach to water management, taking into account cultural, environmental, social, and economic factors. The framework emphasizes the importance of collaboration between government agencies, iwi (indigenous Māori communities), and other stakeholders in the management of water resources. Its ultimate goal is to ensure that all New Zealanders have access to clean and healthy water for generations to come.

WHAKANUIA NGĀ ANGITU RANGITĀNE

E te iwi, we want to hear from you!

This is your chance to share your achievements, successes, and milestones with our iwi. Whether you have graduated, won a sporting championship, won a business award, or achieved something else incredible we want to know about it! By sharing your story, you can motivate and inspire others to work towards their goals. In doing so we are building a stronger, more connected iwi that supports one another.

To send in your photos and stories, please email them to media@rangitane.org.nz

CALENDAR DATES

Kura Reo

Ūkaipō, Grovetown

Monday 3 - Thursday 6 July 2023

Trust Deed Review Zui

Tuesday 4 July 2023 | Online

Trust Deed Review Hui

Friday 7 July 2023 | Whakatū

The Tides Hotel, Maitai Room

Trust Deed Review Hui

Saturday 8 July 2023 | Wairau

Ūkaipō, 1 Fell St, Grovetown

Matariki

Friday 14 July 2023

Rangatahi Matariki Wānanga

21-23 July 2023

Te Whanganui-a-Tara

Paepae Development Wānanga

Tuamātene Marae

Friday 29 - Saturday 30 July 2023

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

September 2023

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