



**TAIOHI TANGATA MARAE WĀNANGA:** After an action-packed two days in Hanmer Springs our rangatahi traversed the southern reaches of our rohe as they travelled back to the Wairau via Acheron Road, Molesworth. Here, our rangatahi heard kōrero about the whenua, our tūpuna and the resources they utilised from the area, including Tikumu (mountain daisy), building on the learnings gained on previous wānanga. Amidst the adventure, strong connections were made not only with the whenua but also with our rangatahi and their connection to each other.

## TE KAIAOTANGA O TE REO RETURNS TO WAIRAU

The highly successful Te Kaiaotanga o Te Reo symposium is set to return in May, drawing on the enthusiasm and support of the community in Te Taihu-o-Te-Waka-a-Māui.

Following the resounding success of the previous two sold-out events, Te Kaiaotanga o Te Reo is back in 2024, after the inaugural symposium was held in Wairau in 2021 and subsequently in Whakatū in 2022. The organisers of Te Kaiaotanga o Te Reo, Ngāti Apa ki Te Rā Tō and Rangitāne o Wairau, are optimistic that this year's symposium will continue to inspire individuals and communities to engage in the revitalisation efforts of the Māori language.

Corey Heberd, Kaiwhakahaere Matua (General Manager) at Rangitāne o Wairau, highlights the importance of collective effort in revitalising te reo Māori: "Te Taihu-o-Te-Waka-a-Māui has borne witness to the silent erosion of

our precious Māori language, echoing the struggle faced by many regions across Aotearoa. Now is the time for our nation to forge paths towards revitalisation, safeguarding te reo Māori for the future. Rangitāne o Wairau and Ngāti Apa ki Te Rā Tō are excited to bring this kaupapa back to the Wairau for the benefit of our hāpori."

This year's symposium will feature key speakers; Tā Timoti Karetū, Dr Jeremy Tātere MacLeod, Dr Hana O'Regan ONZM, Oriini Kaipara, Āwhina Twomey, Tākuta Ferris & Iriaka Epiha-Ferris, Janis and Ant de Thierry, Korohere Ngāpō, Hareriu 'Ruia' Aperahama, Te Ahu Rei, and Kahu Ropata, each bringing their unique perspectives and expertise to the discussion.

Te Kaiaotanga o Te Reo Symposium will take place at the ASB Theatre in Wairau on Thursday 30 and Friday 31 May. Tickets are available for purchase via the website, [www.tekaiaotangaotereo.co.nz](http://www.tekaiaotangaotereo.co.nz)

## MANA TANGATA

# GLITZ & GLAMOUR AT THE KURAHAUPŌ KAUMĀTUA BALL



There was glamour galore as our kaumātua took to the dancefloor at the inaugural Kurahaupō Kaumātua Ball. Kuia and koroua from across Te Taihū attended the extravagant event which was held at Te Hora Marae in March. The ball was hosted by Rangitāne, Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō and Ngāti Kuia to celebrate our kaumātua and treat them to a fun afternoon filled with delicious kai, live music and lots of kanikani.

## MĀORI VOICE WITHIN LOCAL COUNCIL

We're thrilled at the appointment of iwi representatives to all standing committees of the Marlborough District Council. These appointments provide an opportunity for a Māori voice within Council's decision-making processes.

Mayor Nadine Taylor said "Our three new appointees between them have broad iwi affiliations, professional qualifications and a wide range of skills and experience. I warmly welcome them to the table, and we look forward to their valuable contribution"

Speaking at the appointment meeting, Rangitāne o Wairau Kaiwhakahaere Matua Corey Heberd acknowledged the Council and Mayor for their leadership in welcoming Iwi Representatives to the table, amidst a period of central Government overreach around decisions which affect iwi/Māori participation in local government processes, such as the Government's decision to put Māori wards to referendum, against the wishes of local communities and councils.



Iwi Representatives: Ruihana Smith - Ngāti Kuia, Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō and Ngāi Tahu, Dawn McConnell - Te Ātiawa, Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Mutunga, Ngāti Toa Rangatira, Ngāti Koata, and, RaNae Niven - Rangitāne o Wairau, Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Koata, Ngāti Kuia, Te Ātiawa, Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō are pictured here with Marlborough Mayor Nadine Taylor.

## MANA AHUREA

# WĀNANGA AHUREA KI TĀMAKI-MAKAU-RAU



Our whānau in the north spent the weekend reconnecting at Kiwanis Lodge at Huia Bay for Wānanga Ahurea. It was an excellent chance for our whānau to come together to learn waiata and whakapapa, share kōrero and keep informed on iwi matters in the beautiful surroundings of the Waitakere Ranges.

## MANA TAIAO

# MAHI TAHI IN ACTION!



Dozens of community, Council and iwi members gathered at Taylor River recently, working together to save our precious tuna (eels), ika (fish), and kōura (freshwater crayfish). Heavy rain meant that weed built up against the Beaver Road footbridge. Teams worked to sort through the piles of river weed and to return live species to the river, where we also had the opportunity to learn more about the health of the river, the aquatic plants and species. A huge mihi to all those in our community and whānau who turned up and got stuck into this mahi!

## MANA TAHUA

# CARWASH NEAR COMPLETION

A new self-serve automatic carwash, constructed in partnership with nationally recognised company, Tunnel Wash, is due for completion in May.

Located at the northern end of the Horton Street development on Rangitāne owned whenua, the complex includes four self-serve wash bays, two automatic wash bays, a dog wash, as well as a plant room and other grooming spaces spanning across some 2000m<sup>2</sup> land area.

Rangitāne will be blessing the site on 16 May at 5:30am. This project continues the work we commenced in 2019 to develop the potential of the Horton Street land assets that Rangitāne acquired through our treaty settlement.

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

# TUAMĀTENE KUMARA HARVEST



Ngā mihi to our whānau who came and helped with the kumara harvesting, weeding and planting at the maara kai. Keep an eye out for our next maara kai day and bring your whānau along.

## PŪTEA TAUTOKO

# GOOD VIBES AT THE HALBERG GAMES



Prayer MacDonald had a fantastic time at the 2024 Halberg Games. Prayer gave everything on offer a go and came away with the MVP award for her region.

This national sports tournament spans three days and is exclusively open to young athletes aged 8-21 with a physical disability or visual impairment.

The Halberg Games provides a unique experience for these athletes to participate in a genuine games village setting that includes spectacular opening and closing ceremonies. Competing in regional teams, participants get to explore their competitive spirit, try their hand at new sports, and experience the thrill of victory.

Congratulations Prayer!

James 'Manny' MacDonald > Milly Finlay > Koepa MacDonald > Prayer

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Mark your calendars e te iwi!  
Our next AGM is on  
**Saturday, 25 January 2025**  
at Ūkaipō in Grovetown

## CALENDAR DATES

### Te Pokohiwi Working Bee

11 May 2024 | Wairau Bar

### Whitirere Wānanga

10 - 11 May 2024  
Tuamātene Marae

### St Clair Half Marathon

11 May 2024 | Rapaura, Wairau

### Archaeology Workshop

21 - 23 May 2024  
Tuamātene Marae

### Te Kaiaotanga o te Reo Symposium

30 - 31 May 2024  
ASB Theatre, Wairau

### Horowhenua/Heretaunga Kaumātua Luncheon

9 June 2024

### Nelson Lakes Tuna Harvest

22 - 23 June 2024

### Matariki Celebration

28 June 2024 | Wairau Bar

### Kura Reo

15 - 18 July 2024 | Wairau

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