



KEI PUTA TE WAIRAU



Kura Reo ākonga and pouako pictured in front of Te Aroha o Te Waipounamu, Omaka Marae.

# SUSTAINING OUR LANGUAGE, ENRICHING OUR FUTURE

Approximately 70 reo Māori enthusiasts from across Aotearoa came together for the 9th Rangitāne o Wairau Kura Reo in July, marking a significant milestone as our first full immersion Kura Reo.

Ākonga eagerly embraced the opportunity to fully immerse themselves in te Reo Māori for four days of wānanga at Tuamātene Marae and Ūkaipō.

A heartfelt mihi goes out to our Pouako: Matua Ants de Thierry, Āwhina Twomey, Te Matahiapo (Safari) Hynes), and Whaea Shaeana Robson. Their dedication and expertise provided invaluable guidance throughout the

week. We also extend our gratitude to our Kura Ririki Pouako Wirihana de Thierry and Kōwhai de Thierry-Moli, who led our tamariki during the week.

A special acknowledgment to our kaumātua, Uncle Lawrence MacDonald and Auntie Tina Joseph, for their continued support and guidance.

The final day featured a pōhiri held at Omaka Marae, celebrating the culmination of the week's learning. A big mihi to Auntie Marg Bond and our Omaka whānau for their warm manaakitanga.

Looking ahead, our next Kura Reo is scheduled for 13 - 16 January 2025, with registrations opening in October.



## MANA TANGATA | OUR PEOPLE

# MATARIKI LIGHTS UP OMAKA MARAE

Rangitāne were proud to support the Lights over Omaka event during Matariki. Despite the rain, around 600 visitors joined in a celebration of learning and exploring the stars' significance.

From karakia and waiata to a poignant remembrance tree covered in names of departed loved ones, the night was full of reflection and aroha.

Former Omaka Marae manager Aroha Bond's legacy shone brightly on the evening. The Lights over Omaka event was inspired by Aroha's strong desire to see Omaka well used by the entire Marlborough community, as a place to come together, to learn, to celebrate and to remember.

Hāngi parcels were delivered to local kaumātua who weren't able to attend the event due to the cold weather.



## MANA AHUREA | OUR CULTURE

# GROWING CULTURAL CONFIDENCE



**Whitirere ākonga gathered at Tuamātene, diving into their assessments – an important part of their learning journey.**

Earlier this year, we partnered with NMIT/Te Pūkenga to launch Whitirere – a programme of wānanga hosted at Tuamātene Marae. This program offers attendees the opportunity to immerse themselves in te reo Māori, and gain a deep understanding of various karakia, waiata, and traditional Māori practices.

Whitirere is an opportunity for whānau from all corners to come together at Tuamātene, to share their knowledge, and to grow their cultural confidence, no matter what their level of skill or experience.

The support from NMIT/Te Pūkenga has been invaluable in making this kaupapa happen. We acknowledge Te Matahiapo (Safari) Hynes for his foresight and contribution to the delivery of Whitirere.

## HUI-Ā-TAU 2025



The 2025 Annual General Meeting will take place at 11:00am on Saturday, 25 January 2025 at Ūkaipō, Grovetown. Doors will open at 9:30am with morning tea available until 10:45am. The voting booth opens at 10:30am for those who would like to cast their vote on the day.

Evening Hākari will be held from 6:00pm at the Marlborough Event Centre. Sit back and enjoy the kai and live entertainment. There is no cost to attend the Hākari, there will however be a cash bar if you wish to purchase beverages. This event is strictly 18 years and over. More details on how to book, along with travel assistance information will be available on our website.



# WETLAND RESTORATION WINS SUPERSTEWARD AWARD

Tasman District Council has been awarded the esteemed LGNZ SuperSteward Award for its Mangatāwhai/Black Valley Wetland Restoration project.

The Mangatāwhai/Black Valley Wetland Restoration project has been recognised for its innovative fusion of Mātauranga Māori and contemporary environmental engineering. This project has successfully contributed revived the mauri (life force) of the Nelson Lakes wetlands, highlighted by the weaving wānanga where harakeke geotextile baskets were crafted to restore the wetland's natural balance.

Trustee Keelan Walker represented Rangitāne at the ceremony, celebrating the collaborative effort between the council and iwi partners. The collective work has brought notable ecological and cultural benefits to the region, particularly in the restoration of wetland areas just north of St Arnaud. The project involved crucial earthworks in March



to “re-wet the wetland” by plugging and filling areas that had been previously drained for agriculture.

The LGNZ SuperSteward Award, sponsored by Air New Zealand, acknowledges councils that make significant, positive impacts on their local environments.

Congratulations to Tasman District Council - Te Kaunihera o te tai o Aorere and its partners for their contribution to environmental restoration. This accomplishment underscores how partnership with iwi, through the sharing of knowledge and tikanga, leads to better outcomes for our communities and the environment.

## ‘TE WHENUA TUPU’ FACILITY OPENS

Rangitāne Trustee Judith MacDonald and Kaiwhakahaere Matua Corey Hebbard attended the opening of Te Whenua Tupu — an experimental viticulture facility hosted on the grounds of NMIT in Wairau.

The covered centre (which will include a research facility that explores new technologies and innovations for vineyards) adds to the adjacent New Zealand Wine Centre – Te Pokapū Wāina o Aotearoa, and enables controlled environmental conditions.

Plant & Food Research will operate the Experimental Future Vineyard and will work closely with the Marlborough Research Centre, the wider wine industry and will provide industry training, alongside a partnership with NMIT.

It is hoped that the new facility will support learnings and changes to management practices, leading to better sustainability and environmental outcomes for our rohe.



## KAITOHU TAIAO

Robbie McKinney, moves into the Taiao space as Kaitohu Taiao, an additional role to support our taiao function.

Robbie will be leading initiatives in conservation and sustainable practices while developing community relationships.

A key upcoming event is a planting day at Ōhine-anau-mate, scheduled to take place on Friday, 20 September, in collaboration with Nautilus Wines. This planting day is one event in a series of initiatives that we intend to undertake to improve and sustain the waterways within our rohe.

Whānau interested in participating in the planting day are encouraged to join. For more details or to get involved, reach out to Robbie at [robbie.mckinney@rangitane.org.nz](mailto:robbie.mckinney@rangitane.org.nz).



# NEW VENUE FOR MĀORI NIGHT MARKET

Te Pātaka o Wairau Māori Night Market is thrilled to announce its most exciting event yet: Huihuinga o Raumati. Scheduled for Friday, November 29, from 4:00pm to 8:30pm, this year's market is set to be an exceptional celebration as we embrace the summer season.

For the past six years, our dedicated whānau volunteers have poured their hearts into organising this market for our Māori community. This year, we are taking things up a notch to make it our biggest event ever. Huihuinga o Raumati will showcase a diverse range of kaupapa Māori stalls, offering a unique opportunity for organisations and businesses to promote their work, engage with the community, and raise funds for their kaupapa. To make room for our expanded selection of stalls and activities, we have moved the event to Churchill Glade in Pollard Park. This new venue offers more space, ensuring a vibrant and enjoyable market experience as we welcome the summer season.

We invite all kaupapa Māori stallholders and entrepreneurs in Te Taihū to register their spots and be part of this vibrant



celebration of Te Ao Māori. Secure your place by registering online at: <https://forms.gle/3F4c8thj6CZW3Ep96>

Additionally, we are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to contribute to the success of the event. If you wish to be part of the entertainment or assist with organising, please email [tepatakaowairau@gmail.com](mailto:tepatakaowairau@gmail.com).

## PŪTEA TAUTOKO | GRANTS & SPONSORSHIP



Pūtea Tautoko recipients Shakaia-Lee MacDonald and Bronco MacDonald, impressed at the regional Area Schools tournament earlier this year. Their outstanding performances secured their places at the Area Schools Nationals tournament in Te Awamutu in July.

Shakaia-Lee showcased her skills in Volleyball and Ki O Rahi, while Bronco excelled in Ki O Rahi.

Following their regional success, both were named to the New Zealand Area Schools team and participated in a training camp and tournament in Hamilton in August.

We acknowledge their dedication and commitment to sporting excellence

## CALENDAR DATES

### Te Tiriti o Waitangi Workshops

6 & 7 September | Wairau

### Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

14 - 22 September 2024

### Ōhine-anau-mate Planting Day

20 September 2024

### Kaumātua Haerenga

12 - 13 October | Te Whanganui-a-Tara

### Te Pātaka o Wairau Māori Night Market

29 November 2024 | Pollard Park

### Tuna Wānanga

29 November - 1 December 2024

### Kura Reo

13 - 16 January 2025 | Ūkaipō

### Hui-a-Tau 2025 & Hākari

25 January 2025 | Ūkaipō

Hākari | Marlborough Events Centre

## Customary Fishing Permits

If you are collecting kaimoana for tangihanga or a gathering and need a customary fishing permit, contact one of our Kaitiaki.

To contact our Kaitiaki, visit our website:

[www.rangitane.org.nz/  
customary-fishing](http://www.rangitane.org.nz/customary-fishing)

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