



KEI PUTA TE WAIRAU



# MAJOR MILESTONE FOR HOUSING PROJECT

Representatives from Rangitāne, Te Taihū iwi, and whānau came together at the site adjacent to Wairau Hospital to bless the land, paving the way for the development of 94 homes in partnership with Hāpai Development.

This marks a significant milestone in the project. Rangitāne Kaiwhakahaere Matua Corey Hebbard expressed that the project is now “feeling real,” thanks to the hard work of multiple contractors and advisors who have been instrumental in bringing this vision to life.

“As the largest iwi-led housing project ever consented here, it represents a collective effort to address the pressing need for affordable housing while also creating opportunities for our whānau to return home.

“Rangitāne are thrilled to be partnering with Hāpai Housing and other iwi to bring this development to fruition.

“By incorporating a range of affordable housing options and well-designed amenity and open spaces, we are ensuring that this development will not only provide safe and warm homes but also build a strong sense of identity and belonging,” says Corey.

Aunty Judith MacDonald, who leads the Cultural Advisory Group for Rangitāne, highlighted the project’s benefits not only for housing outcomes for Te Taihū iwi but also for the wider community, emphasising its potential to enhance our hāpori beyond just housing.

Mayor Nadine Taylor congratulated the project team for their achievements so far and expressed her excitement about the development. She acknowledged that for many whānau, this project will serve as an anchor, strengthening their connection to the whenua and Wairau.

We look forward to sharing more updates as this project progresses and picks up momentum.



## MANA TANGATA | OUR PEOPLE

# MANAIA TRIUMPHS AT NGĀ MANU KŌRERO



**Congratulations to Manaia Huntley who secured the 'E Tipu, e rea' trophy at the prestigious Ngā Manu Kōrero competition in Auckland in September. This award is given to the kaikorero/kura that scores the most points in both Māori and English sections. Manaia competed in both junior te reo Māori and junior English.**

## MANA TAIAO | OUR ENVIRONMENT

# RESTORING ŌHINE-ANAU-MATE

A group of volunteers gathered at Ōhine-anau-mate for a planting day, organised by Rangitāne Kaitohu Taiao, Robbie McKinney in collaboration with Opawa Wines and Dan Moore from Moore and Associates (pictured).

Over the course of the day, kaimahi from Rangitāne, Nautilus, Marlborough District Council, and Alternative Education students planted an impressive 1,000 native plants around Ōhine-anau-mate, one of the two larger hand-dug canals at Waikārapī (Wairau Lagoons). DoC generously provided essential tools, including gloves and shovels, to support the efforts.

This planting initiative marks the beginning of a larger project aimed at preventing sediment from settling in the canal and reducing erosion from the nearby Wither Hills. A significant goal is to restore tuna to the waterways and encourage the return of native bird species to the area.

Dan Moore, a freelance ecologist based in Te Taihū, played a key role in guiding the planting efforts. With expertise in terrestrial ecology and freshwater restoration, Dan



focuses on integrating cultural values and enhancing local catchments through large-scale indigenous restoration programmes.

A variety of native plants were selected for this initiative including makaka, ake ake, mingimingi, harakeke and mānuka, all of which are vital to the local ecosystem and hold cultural significance.

## IKA WHENUA, IKA MOANA PROJECT

Recently Rangitāne o Wairau Trustees Keelan Walker and Dr Peter Meihana visited Te Papa Tongarewa as part of the Ika Whenua, Ika Moana project. Funded by MBIE and Marsden, the project has two aims:

1) to look at how the relationship between people and marine mammals has changed throughout time across the motu, including Te Pokohiwi o Kupe

2) to help identify where unprovenanced taonga tūturu made from marine mammal bone might be from, and where possible, repatriate it. The project uses ZoomMS or Zooarchaeology by Mass Spectrometry.

This methodology allows us to take collagen proteins from bone samples to identify marine mammal species present in midden sites. In the case of taonga tūturu a minimally invasive method is used to obtain samples.

Once collected the samples will be taken to Harvard University for analysis. All samples will be returned to Aotearoa (Harvard does not retain any samples). The data and results will be presented back to Rangitāne.

Dr Meihana said 'this is cutting edge research and is part of the evolving story of Te Pokohiwi. In the case of a dolphin teeth necklace from Te Pokohiwi, analyses may potentially shed light on the geographic origins of the dolphin, and perhaps, the origins of our Wairau Bar tūpuna.'



**Project Team: Dr Peter Meihana, Keelan Walker, Dr Monica Tromp (University of Otago), Dr Amber Aranui (Te Papa).**



## KOBI HART TEE'S OFF AT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



Kobi Hart recently made waves at the prestigious Callaway World Golf Championships, held in the sun-soaked landscape of Palm Desert, California. Competing against 98 talented young golfers from France, Japan, and the United States, Kobi showcased his skills and sportsmanship over three challenging days.

"It was really cool to play against boys from all different countries," Kobi reflected. "Our field was made up of competitors from all over, which made the experience even more special."

Despite the fierce competition, Kobi managed to finish in an impressive 27th place, completing two even rounds alongside a challenging round of nine over par. "The courses were pristine with not too many trees but lots of water hazards and sand bunkers!" he described, emphasizing

the difficulty and beauty of the courses. The temperatures hovered around a sweltering 46 to 48 degrees, adding an extra layer of challenge for the young golfers.

Kobi's journey to the championships was supported by his family, with his dad, Kenneth, taking on the dual role of driver and caddie. "Having my family there made all the difference," Kobi said.

"This was a great experience, and one I hope to compete in again," Kobi added. He also extended his thanks to Rangitāne for supporting through the Pūtea Tautoko fund.

As Kobi continues to develop his skills on the golf course, his performance at the Callaway World Golf Championships serves as a promising sign of his future potential in the sport. The young golfer is sure to be a name to watch in the coming years.

## TAMARIKI LEAGUE: PASSION MEETS PLAY



Isaiah Mutu (pictured left with his whānau) and April Ash (pictured right with her parents) took part in the Aotearoa NZ Māori Tamariki Rugby League tournament in Rotorua in September..

Isaiah represented his team, AWA under 12s, and left the tournament undefeated after an impressive run of five games over the two days. He spoke passionately about his connection to Rangitane, highlighting the



pride he feels in his heritage. His journey wouldn't have been possible without the Pūtea Tautoko support, which he greatly appreciated.

Meanwhile, April Ash showcased her talent while playing for the AWA under 10s team. She embraced every moment of the tournament and is already looking forward to next year's event, eager to continue her growth in the sport.

## RISING BOXING STAR



Israel Reece represented the Top of the South Island at the NZ Amateur Boxing Championships in Christchurch, he clinched the title in the Junior Male 54kg weight division. We're all cheering for Israel as he aims for a spot on the NZ Junior team to head to Australia!



## MANA TANGATA | OUR PEOPLE



**MAARA KAI:** A huge mihi to our whānau who took time out of their day to help plant veges and seeds at the maara kai at Tuamātene recently. It was heartwarming to see so many of our tamariki getting their hands dirty in the garden.



**KAUMĀTUA HAERENGA:** Our kaumātua met up in Te Whanganui-a-Tara for a weekend of whanaungatanga. They enjoyed an evening of dinner and cards and the following day visited Oruaiti Pā.



**KAUMĀTUA HOUSIE:** Kurahaupō kaumātua came together for an afternoon of housie recently, and we were especially honoured to have Nan Kahu Chadwick join us to call the numbers. We are immensely grateful to Nan Kahu for taking the time to be with us and for her ongoing support of our kaumātua housie afternoons. A big mihi also to the Oranga Tamariki kapa haka rōpū for coming out to perform for our kaumātua.

## CALENDAR DATES

### **Kaumātua NZ King Salmon Trip**

6 November | Tōtaranui

### **Tom Canes Bay Whānau Day**

9 November 2024

### **Trustee Nominations Close**

18 November 2024

### **Te Pātaka o Wairau Māori Night Market**

29 November 2024 | Pollard Park

### **Lake Rotoiti Wānanga**

29 November - 1 December 2024

### **Horowhenua Kaumātua Kirihihime**

30 November 2024 | Levin

### **Horowhenua Tamariki Kirihihime**

30 November 2024 | Levin

### **Kaumātua Kirihihime**

7 December 2024 | Ūkaipō

### **Whānau Kirihihime**

14 December 2024 | Ūkaipō

### **Office Closed**

20 December 2024 - 6 January 2025

### **Kura Reo / Kura Ririki**

13 - 16 January 2025 | Ūkaipō

### **Hui-a-Tau 2025 & Hākari**

25 January 2025 | Ūkaipō

Hākari | Marlborough Events Centre

### **Te Ipukarea 2025**

13 - 16 January 2025 | Ūkaipō



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