



KEI PUTA TE WAIRAU



# SPORTING SUCCESS AT TE IPUKAREA 2025

Rangitāne whānau showed strength and determination throughout Te Ipukarea 2025 in Whakatū Nelson. Despite challenging weather conditions, our iwi stood proud, competing with skill and commitment across all events.

Rangitāne made a strong start on Friday, securing victories in both Euchre and Tamariki Basketball. Our Euchre players demonstrated sharp decision-making and tactical skill, while our basketball teams displayed impressive coordination and determination on the court. These early wins set the tone for the competition, highlighting the sporting talent within our iwi. On Saturday at Saxton Fields, our tamariki teams continued to impress, securing first place in Netball and Touch Rugby. Their efforts in Tug-o-War earned them a hard-fought third-place finish. Our mixed pakeke netball

team delivered a standout performance, claiming first place in their grade. Combined with our tamariki netball teams' first place, Rangitāne secured the overall Netball winners title.

Beyond the competition, the weekend was an opportunity to strengthen relationships within Te Taihu. The event highlighted the value of collective participation, showing that these moments of coming together are just as important as the competition itself.

A huge mihi to our pakeke and rangatahi who were there to coach and support our tamariki sports, and to our kaimahi and kaikōkiri who came to manaaki.

A special acknowledgment to Will Macdonald for receiving the mauri on behalf of Rangitāne. While preparations have yet to begin, the anticipation within our whānau is growing as we look ahead to hosting Te Ipukarea in Wairau in 2026.



### EAST COAST HAERENGA

A beautiful day spent reconnecting with our whenua, our kōrero, and each other as we travelled down the East Coast to our southernmost boundary at Waiau Toa. Each stop was rich with kōrero and mātauranga generously shared by our whānau.



### WEAVING, WHAKAPAPA AND WHENUA



A group of our local wāhine participating in the Rangitāne o Wairau Toi Māori cloak weaving wānanga travelled to Meretoto/Ship Cove to harvest kiekie for the kaupapa. This is an ongoing project that began last year, and it not only teaches participants how to weave kākahu, but also takes them across our rohe to learn about and gather various natural materials and fibres, such as kiekie, tikumu, nānēa, and harakeke.

Rangitāne has a rich history connected to Meretoto and the surrounding area, and we often visit to share and retell our pūrākau. Two pouwhenua, Kupe and Tāne-nui-a-Rangi stand there offering opportunities for visitors to reconnect with these stories.

This trip was led by Auntie Marg Bond, who is overseeing the kākahu weaving project. She was supported by trustee Judith MacDonald, who shared pūrākau about the area with our weavers, and Kaitohu Taiao Robbie McKinney. The wānanga concluded at Tuamātene Marae where the kiekie was sorted and processed for the next stage.

Rangitāne o Wairau trustee and Toi Māori kaikōkiri, Keelan Walker, shared that the kaupapa has been incredibly popular so far. "We have a really good group of weavers who are genuinely passionate about the kaupapa and motivated to learn as much as they can," he said. "The goal is to have our first cloak ready for whānau to use early next year."

### TE TAPUWAETAHI O RANGITĀNE

Established in 2009, Te Tapuwaetahi o Rangitāne is a three-day festival celebrating all things Rangitāne.

Previously known as the Rangitāne Ahurei, the name was changed to Te Tapuwaetahi o Rangitāne in recognition of the whakatauki "Tapuwae tahi o Rangitāne-nui-a-rangi," which speaks of the single footprint of great Rangitāne of the heavens.

After thirteen years, Rangitāne o Wairau is proud to once again host the festival over Labour Weekend 2025, bringing together whānau from the three North Island Rangitāne iwi — Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua, Wairarapa, and Manawatū — to celebrate, share our rich history, and showcase our region.

Throughout the weekend, there will be a range of sports and activities to participate in, including the prestigious Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Awards dinner.

In preparation for this special gathering, we will be holding a Whānau Wānanga at Tuamātene Marae on Saturday, 24 May 2025. Join us to find out how you can support the event and help manaaki our manuhiri. We'll also be learning Rangitāne waiata and haka.

Registrations for Te Tapuwaetahi o Rangitāne at Labour Weekend open soon. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook.



# MANA AHUREA | OUR CULTURE

## TE KURA REO TUATEKAU KI ŪKAIPŌ



Kura Reo is a great opportunity to learn te reo Māori in a supportive whānau environment, guided by experienced reo pouako. With the expertise and dedication of our Kura Reo Pouako — Antz de Thierry, Hollie Smith, and Kowhai de Thierry — and our Kura Ririki Pouako, trustee Wirihana de Thierry, this kaupapa continues to thrive.

## TE ARA PAKIHI O RANGITĀNE

### BUSINESS SUPPORT

Rangitāne is offering business mentoring support for whānau looking to start or grow their businesses. Whether you have a new business idea or an existing business that could benefit from guidance, we have experienced mentors (our own Directors) available to kōrero and help you take the next step.

This is a flexible, whānau-centred initiative – there's no formal application process, just a chance to connect, share your whakaaro, and get advice from those with experience in business.

If you're keen to have a chat with one of our business mentors, get in touch with our programme coordinator, Will Macdonald.

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## TAONGA FOR GENERATIONS: FLAXBOURNE HERITAGE CENTRE OPENS



A huge mihi to the Flaxbourne Heritage Trust, Ward community, and all who gathered to celebrate the opening of the Flaxbourne Heritage Centre and the official launch of The Whale Trail's Flaxbourne section.

This Centre is so much more than just a building — it's a taonga. A place for the community, for visitors, and for learning. It holds the stories of the past and speaks

to the resilience and determination of this incredible community, particularly in the wake of the 2016 Kaikōura earthquake.

Rangitāne o Wairau have been proud to support this kaupapa since 2020. Our connection to this whenua runs deep — our tūpuna lived and fished along this coast, harvested harakeke from these lands, and raised generations of whānau here. These

stories, and the whakapapa of this place, are now woven into the heart of the Centre.

The opening was a stunning occasion — a large crowd gathered, the ribbon was cut, and the community turned out in force. Speeches were shared by local community leaders, as well as tamariki including Nina Marfell (sixth generation Awatere), who captured the spirit of the day when she said, "Today is the culmination of the hopes and dreams of a lot of people."

A big mihi to our team for the manaaki and mahi behind the scenes — from the BBQ to the kōrero, it was a true team effort. A special acknowledgement to Jodie Palatchie for representing Rangitāne on the Flaxbourne Heritage Trust over the past five years, ensuring our kōrero and history was appropriately captured within the Centre.

Congratulations to everyone involved. The Centre is now open seven days a week, 9am–3pm. If you haven't visited yet — make the trip. It's well worth it.

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



## MANA TANGATA | OUR PEOPLE

# WHAKANUIA NGĀ ANGITU RANGITĀNE!



Hannah Norton graduated from Massey University with a Bachelor of Design, majoring in Visual Communication Design. This year, she's continuing her journey by pursuing a postgraduate Diploma in Primary School Teaching, using her talents to inspire and educate the next generation.

Hane Makitanara > John Norton > Murray (Alf) > Richard > Hannah



Jolie Sarginson earned her Bachelor of Social Environmental Sustainability from the University of Canterbury, with a Major in Indigenous Knowledge and Sustainable Partnerships and a Minor in Te Reo Māori.

Jolie's hard work and commitment have led to this moment — we're excited to see where she goes from here!

Hohua Makitanara > Joshua > Anzac > Katarena > Jolie



Eden Riwai-Couch graduated from the University of Canterbury last week with a Bachelor of Sports Coaching, majoring in Strength and Conditioning and a minor in Nutrition—what an awesome achievement! We wish Eden all the success ahead!

George Hori Toki Makitanara > Dennis > Melanie > Eden



Max Macdonald earned his Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Canterbury, majoring in Marketing with a minor in Economics—an incredible milestone! We also congratulate Max for his role at the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, where he has been contributing his talents within the Auckland branch for the past year and a half.

Peter Hōhua Makitanara > Joshua > Stephen > Tony > Max

Hoani Makitanara > Rea > Coggie > Stephen > Tony > Max

Eniselina Pale (left) achieved her Bachelor of Social Work with Honours from the University of Canterbury! What an incredible achievement! We wish Eniselina all the best as she begins her social work career in Ōtautahi next week.

George Hori Toki (George) Makitanara > Tanginui > Tanginui > Jazmine > Eniselina

## CALENDAR DATES

**Wānanga Ahurea  
ki Horowhenua**

16-18 May | Kererū Marae | Koputaroa

**Whānau Wānanga**

24 May | Tuamātene Marae

**Te Arikiniui | He Ara Whanaunga**

Saturday | 17 May | Whakatū Marae

**Te Tiriti o Waitangi**

17 June

**Matariki**

Friday | 20 June | Wairau Bar

**Te Tapuwaetahi o Rangitāne**

Labour Weekend 2025



## 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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