



**Te Hiringa Tawhito:** On 4 December 2010, we signed our Deed of Settlement with the Crown at Omaka Marae. Eleven years on from that day, we unveiled 'Te Hiringa Tawhito' on our commercial development at 14 Horton Street in Blenheim. Expertly carved by Terry Starkey, the pouwhenua commemorates the innovation and tenacity of our ancestors, epitomised by the 20km of hand dug canals that radiate out from Waikārapī (Wairau Lagoons) — one of the great feats of Māori engineering. The canals were part of a fishing complex that also included elaborate fish traps. According to Rangitāne tradition, the canals were started by Whatakoīro and Patitiwai and completed in the time of Nganga (son of Whatakoīro). The canals themselves were named after Ngāti Mamoe women: Hineanaumate and Ruamate. 'Te Hiringa Tawhito' is a reminder that in seeking out new opportunities we must reflect on and be guided by the lessons of the past.

## COVID-19 AND THE IMPACT ON OUR EVENTS

The Government has announced the next stage of the COVID-19 response. The COVID-19 Protection Framework provides a pathway out of lockdowns, and the Alert Level framework, and is intended to give vaccinated New Zealanders more freedom and certainty.

All businesses and organisations are required to meet legislation for COVID-19 and follow Government public health rules. We must also meet our compliance under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, to keep our workers, and anyone associated with our operations, safe and healthy.

For that reason, whānau are advised that a vaccine pass will be required for all events and gatherings organised by Rangitāne. We will provide contact tracing, hand sanitiser and masks, and their use will be encouraged at all events and programmes. We know that these changes are significant, and throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we've been focussed on ensuring the health, safety and wellbeing of our whānau.

If you feel like you might be getting the flu or have had contact with a COVID-19 case, please call HEALTHLINE on 0800 358 5453. They'll talk you through the next steps.



## MANA TANGATA | OUR PEOPLE

# FUN-FILLED FESTIVITIES AT WHĀNAU KIRIHIMETE



Rangitāne whānau enjoyed a fun-filled day at the Whānau Kirihimete Party at Ūkaipō. Our tamariki had a great time and were kept busy with bouncy castles, rock climbing, games, kai and presents from Hana Koko. Thank you to all our whānau who were able to attend this year.



## DEFIBRILLATORS INSTALLED FOR COMMUNITY & WHĀNAU

Rangitāne o Wairau has installed three community defibrillators in the Marlborough region, to support the resilience and wellbeing of our community and whānau.

Rangitāne General Manager, Corey Hebbard says, "The health and wellbeing of our community and whānau is a key priority for Rangitāne. The initiative to install community defibrillators will provide an extra resource to improve the chances of patient survival when they suffer a cardiac arrest.

"Findings from previous reports undertaken by St John's confirm that Māori are disproportionately represented in cardiac arrest statistics and are 20 times more likely to suffer a cardiac arrest than other ethnic groups.

"Providing community defibrillators benefits our entire community."



Around 1,800 people every year are treated for a cardiac arrest that occurs in the community and survival is largely due to the quick actions of bystanders who initiate CPR and use an AED within the first few minutes.

The community defibrillators have been installed at Rangitāne House, 2 Main Street, Blenheim, Ūkaipō – the Rangitāne Cultural Centre, 1-3 Fell Street, Grovetown, and, Tuamātene Marae, 2518 State Highway 1, Grovetown.



## ĀKINA TE TŪ — KAUPAPA MĀORI RESILIENCE FUNDING SECURED



**Darren Ngaru King (Ngāti Raukawa), Israel Birch (Ngāti Rakaipaaka, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāi Tawake ki te Waoku, Ngā Puhī), Peter Meihana (Rangitāne, Ngāti Kuia, Ngāti Apa, Ngāi Tahu), pictured with the pou whenua at 17 Valley.**

Te Rūnanga a Rangitāne o Wairau Trust have secured funding from the inaugural Ākina Te Tū – Kaupapa Māori Resilience funding round.

The fund is for supporting Māori researchers, enhancing Mātauranga Māori implementation into research, and enabling tangata whenua engagement within projects

that are already underway in the Resilience to Nature's Challenges National Science Challenge: [www.resiliencechallenge.nz](http://www.resiliencechallenge.nz).

In the work ahead, we propose to use art and design to bring together kōrero tuku iho with geological evidence to reclaim and reimagine our history surrounding ancestral experience

with past tsunami(s) at Te Pokohiwi-o-Kupe and Mataora - Wairau Lagoon. We consider that experience(s) of extreme events, and more specifically past tsunamis recorded through our oral histories, are a powerful medium for demonstrating precedents and supporting understanding and acceptance of risk.

The designs and artworks created through the project will be gifted to Rangitāne ki Wairau and showcased through a curated exhibition held at Rangitāne House. The proposed work will also contribute to a number of projects currently being undertaken by Te Rūnanga a Rangitāne o Wairau Trust and the Rangitāne o Wairau Settlement Trust by adding to our existing stores of socio-cultural knowledge and history.

The project team comprises: Corey Hebbard (Rangitāne, Ngāti Kuia, Ngāti Apa, Ngāi Tahu), Israel Birch (Ngāti Rakaipaaka, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāi Tawake ki te Waoku, Ngā Puhī), Peter Meihana (Rangitāne, Ngāti Kuia, Ngāti Apa, Ngāi Tahu) and Darren Ngaru King (Ngāti Raukawa).

Noho ake rā i ngā manaakitanga nui o te runga rawa.

## KURAHAPŌ COLLECTIVE PROVIDE LEARNING FOR SCHOOLS

Rangitāne o Wairau, Ngāti Kuia and Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō have come together to provide professional learning and development support, enabling teachers and kaiako to provide more responsive and rich learning experiences for all ākonga and students in Te Taihū.

With the announcement in 2019 that Aotearoa New Zealand's histories will be taught in all schools and kura from 2022, together with the growing calls from New Zealanders to know more about our history and identity motivated our Kurahapō iwi to respond.

Tom Alesana, Vanya George, Dr Peter Meihana, Aaron Hemi and Irihāpeti Mahuika bring whakapapa and years of teaching and learning experience to this role and are excited to begin working with schools in 2022.

Often contacted by schools to support kaupapa Māori, iwi saw a need and decided to formalise the support they offered by becoming accredited facilitators, giving schools access to much needed regionally allocated funding from the Ministry of Education.



Representing the three iwi of Kurahapō (Ngāti Kuia, Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō, Rangitāne o Wairau) the team will draw on tipuna kōrero, history, whakapapa, waiata, kapa haka and te Reo to move teachers and school leaders to the next step in their cultural responsiveness journey.

We are asking you, e te iwi, to put the call out to the schools your tamariki attend and suggest they get in contact.

## MANA AHUREA | OUR CULTURE



Rangitāne whānau travelled to Rotoiti recently and had the opportunity to paddle out on the lake in Te Haeata, the waka of Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō as part of Wānanga Ahurea ki Wairau. Lee Mason and Moana Smith shared their waka mātauranga and we practiced our mahinga kai connection to the lakes setting hinaki to catch tuna. Thank you to all our whānau who attended.

## MANA TAHUA | OUR ECONOMY HAERE RĀ BRETT



Please join us in saying haere rā to Brett Ellison. Brett was appointed a Director of Rangitāne Holdings Limited and Rangitāne Investments Limited in August 2017, and has recently tendered his resignation, as a result of him pursuing an exciting new career opportunity in Ōtautahi.

Brett has worked hard and provided valued service to Rangitāne and to our people. He has been an important part of our success story, working to support us with progress on key projects such as development at 14 Horton Street, progressing our aquaculture interests and

representing us in high-level discussions regarding RNZAF Base Woodbourne.

Brett says that "it has been an incredible honour and privilege to play a small role in the economic development of Rangitāne o Wairau and I am particularly proud of the progress made in recent years. I want to acknowledge the Directors and Trustees, the huge passion across the Board, and the incredible support of Corey and the management team."

We wish Brett and his whānau every success for the future.

Meri Kirihimete  
e te iwi



WAIKAI  
ŪKAIPŌ  
PUKATEA  
ROTOITI  
MERETOTO  
WHAKATŪ  
TE TAHU  
THAMĀTENE  
WAIKAI-TOA  
MATARIKI PĀ  
KAPARA TE HAU  
TAPUAE O UENUKU  
TE POKOHIWI O KUPE



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## CALENDAR DATES

### Office Closure Dates

24 December 2021  
- 10 January 2022

### Poroiwi Education Grant

Closes 31 December 2021

### Taiohi Tangata Marae

### Rangatahi Wānanga

16-20 January 2022 | Te Taihuhu

### Kura Reo

24-27 January 2022 | Wairau

### Rangitāne General Scholarship

Closes 28 February 2022

### Te Kaiaotanga o te Reo

17-18 May 2022 | Whakatū

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