



KEI PUTA TE WAIRAU



On Saturday morning, 7 July, a dead sperm whale washed up at Kapara Te Hau (Marfell’s Beach) just south of Te Karaka (Cape Campbell). Rangitāne o Wairau and Ngāti Kuri (Ngāi Tahu) worked closely in partnership with the Department of Conservation to recover and bury the whale under agreed tikanga. At 17 metres long and approximately 30 tonne, they were reliant on tidal flows to assist with the recovery. With a focus on building the knowledge of this process and capability within both of our iwi, whānau were on hand to work with DOC in the removal of the jaw bone and burial.

MATARIKI - A TIME TO REFLECT

Matariki whanaunga kore.
Matariki tohu mate. Koutou
kua haoa e te kupenga a
Taramainuku, haere atu rā.

Matariki provides us with a time to stop, reflect on the past and those who have passed, celebrate the preasant and those who surround us, and plan for the future.

We would like to take this time to acknowledge the recent passing of Uncle Louie MacDonald, Aunt

Darcie Solomon and Auntie Romi Taylor. They will be dearly missed by many.

While we were unable to gather at Wairau Bar for Matariki due to poor weather, around forty Iwi and guests turned up to Ūkaipō for breakfast and to celebrate the Māori New Year. Special thanks to Te Kohi Kai for organising this annual event.

In preparation for our Matariki planting day in August, there will be a working bee in the Maara

Kai on Sunday 22 July. We will be digging the gardens over and having a general tidy up. All whānau are welcome to attend. We encourage you to come along and lend a hand or drop in for a cuppa and a chat, lunch will be provided. We may need extra shovels so if you have one please bring it with you. We look forward to seeing you there.

We hope that Matariki allows you some precious time with your whānau.

OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT

We will be holding consultation hui in July to get your feedback on our draft vision, objectives, values and focus areas.

These hui will be held in Blenheim, Nelson, Christchurch, Wellington and Levin. Dates will be advertised as soon as they have been confirmed. Those who are unable to attend hui will have the opportunity to provide feedback. This has taken some time however, we felt it was better to take our

time and be thorough than to rush through the process.

After almost 3 months in the General Manager role, Nick has identified areas within our organisation which require more resource. Three additional roles are currently being recruited – Pou Ahurea (Cultural Director), Pou Taiao (Environment Planner) and Pou Kaiwhakahaere (Programme and Funding Manager).



TAIAO | OUR ENVIRONMENT

In May/June we reached an agreement with Ngāi Tahu and Ngāti Toa that enabled the allocation of Marlborough Aquaculture Assets to all 9 iwi, with cash transferred on a 1/9th basis to each of the Iwi in Te Waipounamu.

With thanks to Calvin Hart and Haysley MacDonald for leading the negotiations on our behalf, the agreement has been finalised for the benefit of all Iwi in Te Waipounamu. These arrangements do not set any precedent or impact in any way on the boundaries and takiwa of each iwi.

We continue to work through the Takutai Moana process in the High Court. It is likely that many of our cases will be adjourned until next year in order to allow for direct engagement with the Crown.

Over the next month, we will be working closely with the Department of Conservation (DOC) and Otago University to draft the process for completion of the Management Plan for Te Pokohiwi. DOC are currently in negotiations with a nationally renowned

Māori environment advocate to lead the project. We look forward to sharing that process with you and receiving your feedback.

Otago University recently hosted our Chairperson in Dunedin. A positive discussion was held about working together to progress the substantial research at the Wairau Bar. It was stressed that our people should have an opportunity to receive and understand the information before it is released publicly and to the media.

We have submitted on the proposed David Price subdivision in Grovetown. Our main concern is stormwater management.

We have also submitted our concerns over log harvesting on the Whataroa Peninsula, and a submission supporting the continued closure of the Southern Scallop fishery (SCA7) including Port Underwood. The closure provides a further opportunity for the scallop beds to recover to allow a sustainable fishery in the future.

AHUREA | OUR CULTURE

There has been an immense amount of work lately around the development of our Rangitāne Tangata Rau, Reo Kotahi resource which we hope to launch in Māori Language Week in September 2018.

The resource will include mōteatea, waiata ā-ringa, whakataukī, whakatauākī, kupu whakarite and tauparapara.

We will be working on projects for the Tōtaranui 250 celebrations that will take place in December next year. More on this soon.

FINANCIAL OPERATION

The 2017/2018 audit process for the Rangitāne Group is now underway. Newly appointed auditors BDO are working with our accountants Kendons through the audit process in conjunction with our Audit, Risk & Compliance Committee and management/staff.

Financially Rangitāne are in a very strong position and we are currently working through a business plan process with the companies.

COMMERCIAL OPERATION

Having laid bare since settlement in 2010, our property at 2 Horton Street Blenheim, known as “the Chillies site”, will soon be occupied by Alpha Scaffolding. This is a fixed 2 year contract while we assess the long term use of this property.

Our property at 14 Horton Street (beside the Railway Station) may also see some development soon, subject to a financial review of the proposed project.

Negotiations for Woodbourne are continuing to progress positively with Nick Chin joining Wendy Hynes and Judith MacDonald on this piece of work.

The ACE tender process for April quota has been finalised and continues to deliver good returns.



NGĀ KAPA HAKA KURA TUARUA 2018 | TE ROUROU KURA

Te Tau Ihu was well represented at Ngā Kapa Haka Kura Tuarua 2018, with a stunning performance by Te Rourou Kura, led by Janis & Anthony de Thierry and Wayne Hippolite. The secondary school Kapa Haka nationals were held 2 - 6 July, in Palmerston North and were hosted by Rangitāne.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Maara Kai Working Bee
10.30am at Tuamātene
Sunday 22 July 2018

Matariki Planting
10.30am at Tuamātene
Sunday 5 August 2018

Māori Roll Option Closes
Thursday 2 August 2018

Rangitāne o Wairau Trustee Elections
Nominations Open
4-27 September 2018

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
10 - 16 September 2018

Te Pātaka o Wairau
Māori Night Market
Friday 14 September 2018
4pm-9pm - Seymour Square, Blenheim

Rangitāne o Wairau AGM
Saturday 17 November 2018
10am-2pm - Ūkaipō, Grovetown

TE PĀ WĀNANGA DREAMS UNFOLD AT OMAKA MARAE

On Friday 22 June the long awaited kura at Omapa Marae was opened in a dawn ceremony lead by Tohunga Chris Winitana, bringing the visions and the desires of our tupuna to life.

Over 200 people gathered in the whareniui on a frosty morning to celebrate the opening of the new kura including representatives of the nine iwi of Te Waipounamu.

The vision for Te Pā Wānanga was to create an innovative, kaupapa Māori, learning village that offers a seamless kaupapa Māori environment for primary and intermediate (Year 1 – Year 8) education in the Wairau.

Marae Manager, Kiley Nēpia said “We wanted to create the environment where Māori and being Māori is not an extra curricular activity but is at the centre and heart of everything we do”.

Iwi and education leaders described the move as a significant development that reflects the cultural landscape and need for bilingual education in Marlborough.

The marae partnered with Renwick School to deliver the concept after the Ministry of Education advised them it would be easier to realise with an existing education provider.

The initial concept was seed funded by Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu as a Whānau Ora initiative and in 2017 \$1m in funding was allocated from the Ministry of Education to cover the cost of two new classrooms.

“Marlborough is the only region in the country that has been without bilingual or total immersion options, so Te Pā Wānanga is a significant development for our ahi kaa in that our tamariki will be learning their own history under the context of the Māori curriculum Te Marautanga o Aotearoa,” says Rangitāne Trustee Dr Melanie Rīwai Couch.

While Renwick School had partnered with the marae to provide governance, management and professional support the end goal is for the kura to be a standalone school.

The school will start with 20 students and Stalwarts Kiley Nēpia and Rita Powick have been working hard with Renwick School to find the right kaiako and they have in Virgil Hills (Tuhoe) who has moved from Masterton to take up the role.



Trustee Dr Melanie Rīwai-Couch presents a Rangatahi Korowai to the new kura on behalf of Rangitāne o Wairau

RANGATAHI SHINE AT NGĀ MANU KŌRERO REGIONALS

Te Ao Marama Nepia (Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō, Rangitāne o Wairau, Ngāti Kuia, Tūwharetoa) took out the Willie Luke Memorial Trophy in the Rawhiti Ihaka Junior Māori section at the Te Taihū Ngā Manu Kōrero regional competition recently. This marks the first time this trophy has been won by a Marlborough Girls' College student.

Te Ao Marama will now represent Te Taihū (the top of the South) at the National Ngā Manu Kōrero competition to be held in Houhoupiko, Gisborne from September 18 to 20. The national finals will be hosted by Te Tairāwhiti.

Te Ao Marama spoke on the topic, "Māku ano tōku ao e waihangā (I will build my own world)" using examples of her tupuna, and how they had forged their own paths.

Marlborough Boys' College student Lucas Baker (Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō, Ngāti Kuia, Rangitāne o Wairau) also impressed, placing third in the Senior English section.

The taonga brought back from the regional competition were welcomed onto Omaka Marae in Blenheim with a pōwhiri attended by college students, kaiako and young rangatahi, helping to inspire the next generation of te Reo speakers. The taonga will be welcomed at Marlborough Girls' College at a later date.

Ngā Manu Kōrero has been running since 1965 and covers four categories: Pei Te Hurinui Jones – Senior Māori, Korimako – Senior English, Te Rāwhiti Ihaka - Junior Māori and Sir Turi Carroll - Junior English. Competitions are held at three levels – school, regional and national.

DID YOU KNOW?...

The Herald-Bunbury version of Te Tiriti o Waitangi was signed on Horahora Kakahu in Port Underwood on 17 June 1840.

Rangitāne chief Ihaia Kaikoura was a signatory on this version of Te Tiriti; he was the only signatory of the Kurahaupō iwi from Te Taihū. Ihaia Kaikoura signing Te Tiriti o Waitangi was a sign of the endurance of the Rangitāne people. For his people to have maintained manawhenua over the lands that he once occupied is a tribute to his mana and the strength of the Rangitāne people.

DO YOU HAVE A STORY?

Are you a writer and would like to contribute to our pānui? Or perhaps you have a story idea or would like to share something about your whānau, photos, events, hui then drop us a line at media@rangitane.org.nz or phone our office.

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Te Pātaka o Wairau
Māori Night Market
Friday 14 September 2018 | 4pm till 9pm
Seymour Square | Blenheim
Wet weather venue: Alfred St carpark



Come along & celebrate Te Ao Māori
- FREE WHĀNAU ENTERTAINMENT -
Enjoy a range of Māori arts, crafts, kai, kapa haka performances, DJs

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