



Introducing our new General Manager

We are thrilled to introduce our new General Manager, Nick Chin.

Until recently Nick was the Director of Organisational Development for Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT). He also held the position of Heritage Destinations Manager in HNZPT for 3 years where he was responsible for the management and development of 48 properties throughout New Zealand. During this time, he has transitioned Heritage to be more commercially focused and completed HNZPT's two biggest projects the Melanesian Mission Development in Auckland and the Timeball rebuild in Lyttelton.

Prior to this, Nick was General Manager for the Switched On Group for 12 years, growing the business from humble beginnings to more than \$40m annual turnover.

Nick has considerable experience in management process and policy, proven leadership of a vibrant organisation, success in implementing internal and external strategies, excellent commercial experience and business acumen with a proven record of delivering outcomes. He is committed to productive and collaborative relationships and holds integrity as his highest personal value. He holds a Masters in Marine Science and has many years experience with management and contracting of parks, rivers, waste and facilities management.

Nick and his wife Bridget have returned to Blenheim where Bridget is originally from and where they have whānau and business interests. His appointment will ensure growing engagement with our people and key stakeholders. We are sure you will enjoy meeting Nick and working with him to ensure the best cultural and social outcomes for our people. This appointment has been a long time in the making and we thank you for your patience and the perseverance of all those who have provided cover in various ways over that time.



A word from our General Manager

My aim is summarised as by this whakatauki which talks to the way in which I wish to work, *"Kia hiwa ra, kia hiwa ra, kia hiwa ra e tenei tuku, kia hiwa ra e tera tuku, kia hiwa ra"* which translates to *"be alert, be watchful, protect this rampart"*.

To me these words are meaningful as they explain a focus that can be expected from me as General Manager. I believe strongly in collaboration and focusing on the positive. To truly realise the fantastic opportunities that exist within Rangitāne o Wairau, we must all be attentive, conscious of competing interests and strong in our decision making, with a goal to protect and grow. It is critical that the 'we' relates to all of us – Trustees, Kaumatua, Directors, family, iwi, hapu, communities, groups, boards, and staff. There is better strength in a collective focus and it is my job to help lead us all there. I am hoping to meet most of you when it comes to discussing our strategic plan.



Welcome Tā Mark Solomon

In mid-March, due to an unforeseen increase in his commitment to other business interests we received the resignation of Andrew West, the Independent Chairperson of RHL and RIL. We enjoyed working alongside Andrew and thank him for sharing his skills and experience with us.

It is a great honour for us to announce that Tā Mark Solomon has agreed to lead RHL and RIL until the Trust is able to work through a process to appoint a new Chair, which could take up to 12 months.

We are very fortunate to have Tā Mark and his expertise in our midst and look forward with anticipation and excitement to the next stage of our commercial journey.

Our Culture & Language

Our te reo Māori strategy is at the final stage of completion. We will be applying to Te Mātāwai for funding for the implementation plan.

Te Mātāuru is a contestable investment fund that targets home and community-based Māori language revitalisation initiatives which contribute to revitalising te reo Māori as a nurturing first language.

The Te Waipounamu investment round is now open and will close at 5pm on Monday 14 May 2018.

For more information go to www.tematawai.maori.nz.

Vacancies

We are currently looking to fill two roles.

We require a cleaner for Ūkaipō and Tuamātene in Grovetown.

We are also seeking a Blenheim-based administration person to help in the office on a casual basis.

For more information or to express your interest please email the General Manager nick.chin@rangitane.org.nz.

Our Environment

King Salmon relocation proposal

The King Salmon relocation proposal Hearing Panel have recommended the relocation of 3 out of the 6 salmon farms.

We are continuing to work with Te Ohu Kaimoana and the Minister of Fisheries on a mutually beneficial outcome.

Takutai Moana Act 2011

The Takutai Moana Act process continues to progress at a slow pace. We will communicate with you more as information becomes available.

Aquaculture allocation

Negotiations are continuing and we hope to have some news for you in our next panui.

Financial Operation

Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee

As our financial year draws to a close, we move into audit season. A new Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee (ARCC) consisting of Trustee Leigh MacDonald, Independent Director Megan McKenna and led by new Independent Chairperson Dave Jessep has been appointed. Dave Jessep is born and bred in Blenheim and is managing director of his own accountancy firm in Christchurch. This committee will be ably supported by our accounts manager Diane Ryan and will work closely with our General Manager Nick Chin.

The ARCC had its first meeting in March and after a Request for Proposal process which included interviews, BDO have been appointed to provide audit services for the 2017-2018 financial year. This is a new working relationship with Mark Bewley and the BDO team in Wellington and we look forward to working together. This does however mean a departure from our long term relationship with Trevor Deed and his team at Deloitte.

We acknowledge and thank Deloitte for the many years they have served Rangitāne.

Accountancy Services

A Request for Proposal process for accountancy services will run after this year's full year accounts and audit processes have been completed.

Review of Settlement Structure and Transactions

As we indicated last year, an independent review has been undertaken to ensure we have met all our responsibilities under the Deed of Settlement and the Trust Deed.

The Trustees have applied to the High Court under the Trustees Act 1956 for directions on this matter so that we can all be assured everything is in order. We will communicate the results of that application as soon as we have them.

Great opportunity for young divers

In November last year our Mātauranga kete launched a pilot programme aimed at building a database of iwi divers who may be able to assist with customary dives by offering three PADI Open Water Diver scholarships.

Successful applicant Jasmine Luke tells us why she wanted to take up this opportunity and what she thought of the course.

"My dad is a diver, when I was younger my mum wouldn't let me go diving, but now I'm older I can do what I want. I have been free diving for 2 years now so when the opportunity came up through Rangitāne o Wairau to apply for a scholarship to learn to scuba dive I thought why not, what have I got to lose.

I have thoroughly enjoyed learning to dive, there was quite a lot of reading to do, there's so much you need to know, it's not just a matter of jumping into the water.

Bryan from Blenheim Dive Centre is an amazing teacher, he teaches at the level the student is at, he's very patient.

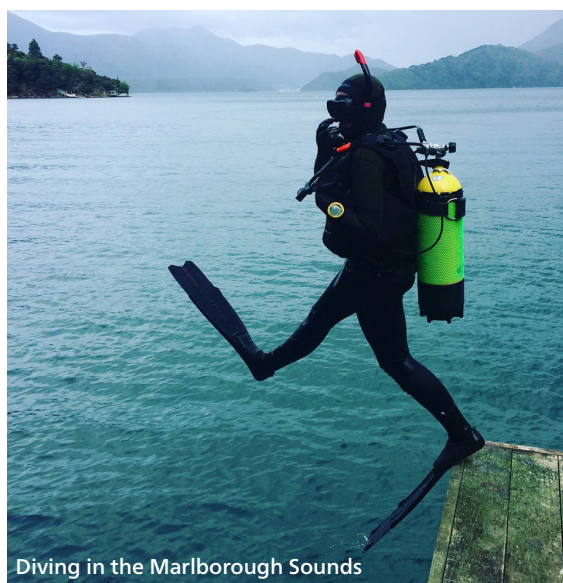
Now that I have my ticket I'm looking forward to contributing when it comes to occasions such as tangihanga, I'll be able to go out with the guys to gather kaimoana. I also want to share the knowledge and help others when they start out diving. Maybe dad might show me some of his secret spots."

Bryan says Jasmine is a natural in the water and says she is, "absolutely loving the opportunity to learn scuba diving."

Dylan McManaway and Nathan Thompson also received a scholarship, both are super keen to get back in the water with Bryan soon to complete the course.



Jasmine learns the basics in the pool.



Diving in the Marlborough Sounds

Iwi and Māori Business Forum

In conjunction with Ngāti Rārua and Ngāti Toa Rangatira, we hosted the inaugural Iwi and Māori Business Forum at Ūkaipō on 21 March.

With Trustee Jeremy MacLeod as Master of Ceremonies, it was a pleasure to listen to keynote speaker, the Honourable Nanaia Mahuta, Minister of Māori Development and Local Government. Nanaia challenged us to focus on our strengths, not on "deficit" thinking. She spoke about the coalition government wanting to reset relationships between the Crown, the Iwi Chairs' Forum and other Māori organisations. The Government are looking to do things differently with informed plans to work collaboratively on areas of strategic alignment.

Simon Phillips, NZ Māori Tourism's Director of

Regions, presented "Māori leading Aotearoa visitor experiences" which gave us a status update on Māori tourism in Aotearoa while highlighting the obvious opportunities we have here in Te Tau Ihu.

Dave Johnson, General Manager at Ngāti Kuia walked us through the bee husbandry initiative they have set up for whānau at Titiraukawa.

Paul Morgan of Wakatu Incorporated gave us food for thought when he spoke about shifting our focus from small individual iwi driven projects to macro projects involving many iwi across Te Tau Ihu.

Thanks to Lorraine Eade of Westpac for her leadership in coordinating the project and to the Rangitāne o Wairau staff and all those who contributed to the manaakitanga of the day.

Te Pātaka o Wairau Māori Night Market



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Mayor John Leggett and Te Pūtahitanga o Waipounamu Chief Executive Helen Leahy were on hand to cut the ribbon to officially open Te Pātaka o Wairau, The Storehouse of Wairau – Marlborough's first Māori night market held in March.

The market drew hundreds of people together, including Dame Tariana Turia who came along to enjoy the festivities and celebrate Māori business and Māori culture.

Te Pātaka o Wairau, showcased "Te Ao Māori", including an array of kai and arts and crafts stalls, as well as ta moko, weavers, Māori business products and rongoā practitioners. The crowd was kept entertained during the evening by local singers, DJs and kapa haka groups.

Organised under the korowai of Te Runānga a Rangitāne o Wairau, Ngāti Toa Rangatira and Ngāti Rārua, the next market is being planned for Friday 14 September 2018.

If you would like to promote your Māori business or initiative at the next Te Pātaka o Wairau market, send your expression of interest to admin@rangitane.org.nz.

