

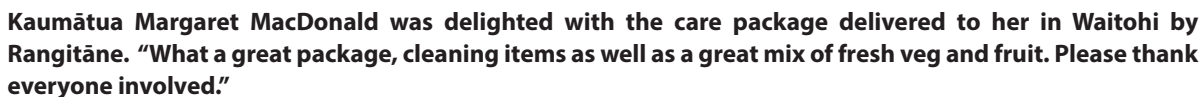


Te Rūnanga a Rangitāne o Wairau



PAENGA-WHĀWHĀ 2020

# KEI PUTA TE WAIRAU



# CALLING ALL KAUMĀTUA

When the government announced Alert Level 4 and the nation went into full scale lockdown, our first response at the rūnanga was to contact our kaumātua.

Māori, particularly kaumātua, are classified as being vulnerable to COVID-19. To ensure they had what they needed to get through this challenging time, our staff picked up the phones and began calling all of our kaumātua living in Aotearoa at this unprecedented time.

Generally kaumātua have been in great spirits but understandably most are missing their whānau. We have contacted more than 200 kaumātua over the past 4 weeks and the feedback has been great. Our kaumātua have really enjoyed chatting to someone from outside their bubble. The team has really enjoyed connecting with kaumātua and in particular having a kōrero around whakapapa.

There are some we have been unable to contact, often due to no phone number or outdated contact details. Please contact the office on (03) 578 6180 if you know of any kaumātua who have not received a call from us.

Last week staff and volunteers delivered care packages to Rangitāne kaumātua and whānau in need in Te Taihū.

"It has been great to have a bit of direct, albeit distant, contact with kaumātua and whānau in our rohe to see how our people are coping during this time," says Co-Chair Calvin Hart.

“Thanks to organisations such as Te Puni Kōkiri and Te Putahitanga o Te Waipounamu for their assistance in supporting us as well as other Te Taihū Iwi in ensuring our kaumātua and whānau are getting the supplies they need.”





Rangitāne o Wairau held our first regional Wānanga Ahurea at Waimārama Marae, Heretaunga. Close to 60 whānau attended and appreciated the opportunity to learn more about their Rangitāne o Wairau whakapapa. A highlight of the weekend was a fully guided tour of the Hakikino Pā battle site where the last battle between Rangitāne and Ngāti Kahungunu was held on the Heretaunga Plains. Founded by Robert MacDonald, grandson of Tuiti Makitānara, Hakikino attracts thousands of visitors per year. We hope to provide the opportunity again for more iwi members to experience Hakikino Pā.

## TANGIHANGA UNDER ALERT

Alert Level 4 has been a challenging time for many whānau in Aotearoa who have lost loved ones. Never before have we seen restrictions around Tangihanga as we have over the past month or so.

Now the country has moved to Alert Level 3, Tangihanga will be allowed for up to a maximum of 10 people, however, no kai or hākari are allowed to be held afterwards and the social distancing rule of 2 metres still applies. You can find the more information on Alert Level 3 restrictions on the Ministry of Health website [health.govt.nz](https://health.govt.nz).

Iwi in Te Taihū have each appointed Kaiwhakarite for our rohe. Kaiwhakarite are people who are there to help assist the Whānau pani by liaising with Funeral Directors, Health Providers, if need be the Police and to provide cultural advice around Tikanga practices.

Rangitāne appointed Uncle Lawrence MacDonald, Phillip MacDonald, Pāora Mackie and Kereana Norton as Kaiwhakarite for Te Taihū.

If you need assistance please do not hesitate to call our office and we will connect you with one of our Kaiwhakarite.

As we moved to a temporary change in our tikanga around tangihanga, Te Taihū iwi started a combined virtual Karakia that anyone can join in via zoom. Virtual Karakia is held every Monday night at 7pm.

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/342520144>  
Meeting ID: 342520144

*He waka eke noa!*

*'We are all in this together'*

## TANGATA RAU REO KOTAHĪ

He rautaki whakarauroa i te reo Māori me te ahurea o Rangitāne o Wairau | 2018-2050

## DRIVE-THRU FLU VACCINES

In a bid to help keep our community healthy this winter, we will be holding a drive-thru flu vaccine service at Ūkaipō carpark on Tuesday 12 May from 10am until 2pm.

This service is free to anyone living in Marlborough aged 3 years and over. Vaccines will be administered while you remain in your car by registered nurses from Kimi Hauora Wairau Marlborough Primary Health and Te Piki Oranga.

To ensure we have enough vaccinations please contact our office on (03) 578 6180 or email [events@rangitane.org.nz](mailto:events@rangitane.org.nz) to book an appointment.

Lina Pale shoots for goal at the NZ U19 tournament



## LINA SHOOTS TO THE TOP

Rangitāne rangatahi Enseline "Lina" Pale has excelled in her sporting achievements.

Captain of the Saint Margaret's College netball team, she was also co-captain of the Christchurch U19 team. From here Lina was selected into the Under 19 New Zealand tournament team.

Earlier this year, after successful selection, Lina was named in the Mainland Beko Netball team. The Beko league consists of six regional teams, and is the development grade for the ANZ Netball league.

Thousands of netballers aim to make it to this level which says a lot about the Lina's talent and dedication to the sport.



Lina with her grandmother Kaye MacDonald, after her selection into the Mainland Netball Beko team.

It is only right that we celebrate Lina's achievement greatly and let her know how proud her iwi is of her. We can't wait to see what the future holds for this rising star!

George MacDonald > Tanginui MacDonald > Tanginui MacDonald > Jazmine MacDonald > Enseline Pale

## NICK'S KŌRERO

One day soon, the Covid 19 pandemic will end. While no-one could have predicted this catastrophe before it happened, we are able to plan for a post viral world.

The Trustees are expecting some long term changes and we are proactively reviewing our budgets, plans and strategies for social services, language and culture and our businesses to accommodate these changes. We are working closely with Councils, other iwi and government agencies to ensure we have a voice and are aware of opportunities as they arise.

In February, Jeremy MacLeod resigned from his role as Trustee so that he could focus fully on rolling out our plan for our language strategy, Tangata Rau, Reo Kotahi. This came to an abrupt halt when all of our grant funding was suspended in March just as we were gearing up for a very busy year. We are now looking into other ways we can deliver our wānanga while under restrictions.

Kereana Norton started with us in March to support Jeremy with the language and culture strategy. She will continue on with some of this mahi as well as working with the team. Kereana is also representing Rangitāne for hui on the use of Marae, protocols and tikanga for tangihanga during the lockdown. She is currently working with DOC on the tikanga for marine mammals. In March, Rangitāne General Scholarships (RGS) payments were completed. We are very grateful for your support with the Mātauranga Survey, which has allowed us to develop a baseline to measure education and employment changes over time and whether our initiatives are effective.

We trialled a pilot programme called Mana Taiohi Wānanga earlier this year. The purpose was to see if Rangitāne cultural awareness improved confidence and learning opportunities for our rangatahi outside the traditional classroom.

It is very important our people are represented on school boards. To help achieve this we recently held a NZSTA Kōrari online training programme.

Finally, these are very difficult times for many of our people and all families will experience tough challenges in coming months. Although we are working from home, our office phone is manned continuously, and we will respond quickly if anyone needs help. All calls remain confidential. Please don't be whakama and give us a call.

Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī,  
Nick



# UPDATE

## FROM THE COMPANY CHAIR



These are challenging times. I hope that you and your whānau are safe and well. I'm writing to provide you with an update on the Rangitāne commercial entities, amidst COVID-19.

COVID-19 pandemic is an ongoing global outbreak and like all businesses around the world has been providing significant turbulence for our commercial operation. Our directors and management team have been focussed on understanding the short term and long-term impacts of COVID-19 on Rangitāne assets and identifying appropriate mitigations to put in place to minimise any potential losses.

As a result of this analysis, we have prioritised our immediate efforts in working with our valued property tenants to understand how COVID-19 is impacting their businesses, and to understand what support Rangitāne can offer to get them through this period of lockdown. It won't come as any surprise that in most cases this period of lockdown is hurting them.

In the long term it is our expectation that Rangitāne can look to the future with some confidence given the mix of our existing assets, control over our costs and the fact that we are currently debt free.

Compared to many iwi and private businesses around Aotearoa, our current liquidity should mean that we are strongly positioned to take advantage of investment opportunities as they arise as a result of this disruption.

We have provided the detailed asset performance breakdown below so that iwi members can understand how each of our asset portfolios are impacted.

### What's good?

Our Crown leaseback properties are safe and strong assets with robust lease agreements, with very little risk and a steady income stream from the New Zealand Government.

Notwithstanding the support we're providing to tenants, Rangitāne House is at record high occupancy levels and generating good cash returns. Likewise, our Horton Street properties continue to perform well.

Our investment in Flaxmill Vineyard is generating returns consistent with expectations from a good grape harvest yield and demonstrates the benefits of a diversified investment portfolio.

Our balance sheet is strong and robust. We continue to hold in excess of \$4m in cash, which puts us in a strong position to take up investment opportunities that may arise as the economy recovers. We also hold no debt providing us with increased investment flexibility.

### What's not so good?

In the short term we expect to take a hit on our overall revenue income with a reduction in returns from cash, managed funds, non-Crown rental tenancies, and our aquaculture assets.

### What's still unknown?

Share markets are likely to continue to experience volatility over the next 12 months. In the short term, this will likely impact returns that we can expect from our direct investments in Meridian, Mercury Energy and Foley Family Wines.

Our investment in Milford Asset Management has exposure to equities, bonds and listed

property assets and has been performing better than other managed funds in the New Zealand market. But in the short term we have been experiencing a loss in value due to the volatility of the global equity markets. Pleasingly, we've seen very good active management by Milford to protect the value of the fund in response to recent turbulence in global markets.

### How are we responding?

Relationships with our key stakeholders is the most important response we can initiate at this time. We're working more closely with key stakeholders, particularly our tenants and customers.

We're continuing to explore investment opportunities. It is inevitable that opportunities for investment will arise as a result of COVID-19 and its impact on businesses and individuals. We will continue to seek out good investment opportunities that meet our investment criteria and add value to Rangitāne.

We're closely monitoring the market and keeping the lines of communication open with our fund manager, Milford.

We're actively managing our cash assets in a way that maximises returns from current market rates.

Lastly, I'd like to take this opportunity to extend my best wishes to you and your whānau as we continue to Unite Against COVID-19. Please contact the office on 03 578 6180 if you require support.

Ngā mihi, nā

Leigh MacDonald

RHL/RIL Chairperson

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