



Rangitāne whānau at the tribunal hearings held at Grovetown Hall in May 2003. This photo featured in the first episode of our weekly webinar “Tangata Rau, Reo Kotahi”. In this series a panel of Rangitāne exponents discuss whakapapa, tikanga, cultural identity and a range of contemporary issues facing Māori today. Read more about our presenters on Pg3.

## MATARIKI GATHERING AT WAIRAU BAR

Matariki is the period to mark the changing of the year. It is a time of remembrance and paying respect to those who have passed on and a time for new beginnings.

It is with sadness that we recently farewelled our eldest kuia, Auntie Isobel Smith (nee MacDonald), daughter of James Nicholas “Manny” MacDonald and Helena (Horina) Isabel Phillips. Moe mai ra e kuia. Our thoughts are with all those who have lost loved ones this past year.

To celebrate Matariki we will be gathering at the Wairau Bar on Sunday 19 July at 5.30am. Nau mai haere mai, we welcome all who wish to come along to acknowledge this significant time.

When Matariki re-appeared in June/July our ancestors would read the stars to predict the success of the season ahead; clear bright stars are a good sign while hazy stars are a sign of a cold, harsh winter. If one star shines brighter, there will be lots of kai from the source the star represents.

### Te Iwa o Matariki - the nine stars of Matariki:

*Matariki* signifies reflection, hope, our connection to the environment and the gathering of people.

*Pōhutukawa* is the star associated with those that have passed on.

*Waiti* ties to the bodies of fresh water and the food sources within it.

*Waitā* ties to the ocean and the food sources within it.

*Waipuna-ā-rangi* is associated with the rain.

*Tupūānuku* is the star associated with everything that grows within the soil to be harvested for food.

*Tupūārangi* is connected to everything that grows up in the trees; fruits, berries, and birds.

*Ururangi* is associated with the winds.

*Hiwa-i-te-rangi* is the wishing star associated with granting our wishes and realising our aspirations for the coming year.

**Matariki period for this year is 13-20 July.**

*Sourced from Living by the Stars with Prof. Rangi Matamua*



**Victor and Alex Hill proudly showing off their new Rangitāne Iwi Membership cards.**

## IWI MEMBERSHIP CARDS

We recently rolled out membership cards to all registered iwi members.

If you have not yet received your card please give our office a call, we have had quite a few returned with the wrong address details. It may be that we do not have your current address.

Your membership card can be used as ID on discounted fares on the Interislander. For discounted rates, conditions and booking instructions visit our website [rangitane.org.nz/resources/interislander-discounted-fares](http://rangitane.org.nz/resources/interislander-discounted-fares).

We will have more discounts coming soon.

## WĀNANGA AHUREA TAMAKI MAKĀURAU | NOHO

**Rangitāne tangata, haere mai!**

**Rangitāne mana, nau mai!**

**Rangitāne ihi, tū mai!**

Whānau living in the north, come along to this noho wānanga and learn Rangitāne o Wairau waiata, whakapapa, karakia in a safe and conducive environment. The wānanga will be held again at the Bethell's Beach Surf Club and starts at 5.30pm on Friday 9 August finishing on Saturday evening. Whānau who wish to stay Saturday night are welcome. The premises must be vacated by 12pm Sunday.

Please bring for you and your whānau: blankets, pillows, sheets, sleeping bags, PJs & slippers, warm clothing, toiletries, medications, towels, torch and gumboots (optional).

For more information and to book please phone our office on (03) 578 6180 or email [events@rangitane.org.nz](mailto:events@rangitane.org.nz).

## AGM 2020

We are excited to announce we will be livestreaming this year's hui. For those who are unable to travel or attend in person, you will be able to watch live via our website. We are working on ways where you can ask questions, we will have more details on this leading up to the event.

COVID-19 has had a big impact on our financials this year and the arrangements for the AGM. There is still an ongoing risk booking transport and accommodation for manuhiri. The Trustees have reviewed the format for this year's Annual General Meeting and we are making some changes.

For those who can make it, the AGM will still take place at Ūkaipō on Saturday, October 10. Lunch will be served prior at 11am with the hui commencing at 1pm. This will be followed by light refreshments.

Tamariki activities will not take place this year and supervision will be the responsibility of their caregivers. Kawemate and evening Hākari will be held again next year.

We will be offering travel assistance to registered iwi members aged 18 and over only this year. Limited accommodation will be available at Ūkaipō and motel accommodation will only be offered to Kaumātua that require extra care.

If you would like to book accommodation please contact our office on (03) 578 6180 or email [events@rangitane.org.nz](mailto:events@rangitane.org.nz).

## KURA REO

Due to the uncertainties of COVID-19 restrictions, we have deferred this year's Te Kura Reo a Rangitāne o Wairau to 21-24 January 2021.

We look forward to releasing further details later this year.



**On 17 June 1840 Ihaia Kaikōura of Rangitāne signed Te Tiriti o Waitangi at Kākāpō Bay in Te Whanganui (Port Underwood). He was one of nine chiefs to sign on the day. Kaikōura had assumed the mantle of leadership following the death of his uncle, Te Ruāoneone. He was one of a number of Rangitāne who joined Ngāti Toa in resisting settler encroachment of the Wairau in 1843. In the two decades after 1840 Kāikōura was a staunch advocate of Rangitāne treaty rights.**





## TANGATA RAU REO KOTAHİ



Webinar Series 7.30pm | Thursdays



Dr. Melanie  
Riwai-Couch



Āwhina  
Twomey



Dr. Peter  
Meihana



Jeremy  
MacLeod

### About the Presenters

**Dr. Melanie Riwai-Couch** | *PhD, MA, B.Ed.*

Dr Melanie Riwai-Couch is the Kaihautū Māori and an education consultant for Evaluation Associates. She is an experienced researcher, evaluator and change manager for kāhui ako. Prior to joining Evaluation Associates Melanie was the Tumukaki (principal) of Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Whānau Tahī, a year 1-13 Māori immersion school located in Christchurch.

Melanie has a PhD in Education awarded by the University of Canterbury in 2015. Her doctoral research investigated iwi-school communities of practice and their contribution to Māori student achievement.

Prior to her doctorate Melanie completed two Ed.D. papers in Education Leadership and Change through Griffith University, has a Master of Education with Distinction (University of Canterbury), a Bachelor of Education specialising in Physical Education and a Secondary Diploma of Teaching.

Melanie is also a former Trustee of Te Rūnanga a Rangitāne o Wairau.

**Āwhina Twomey** | *Dip. of Design & Art, B.Ed., Te Panekiretanga o Te Reo*

Āwhina began as a full-time Kaiwhakaako Māori or Māori Educator, under a Ministry of Education contract promoting 'Learning Experiences Outside of The Classroom'. The following year she was also offered the job of Kaitiaki Taonga Māori, looking after tangible and intangible taonga Māori within the workplace and ensuring that iwi/hapū/whānau have a kanohi Māori that they can liaise and relate to or with, promote or organise Māori driven kaupapa, assist and/or educate Museum staff and the wider community on Māori related issues. Āwhina has been a staunch supporter of cultural aspirations for Rangitāne, dating back to the painting of the mural at Tuamātene Marae. She was heavily involved in the repatriation in 2009, also the Deed of Settlement signing in 2010.

**Dr. Peter Meihana** | *PhD, MA*

Peter Meihana was born in the Wairau (Blenheim) and is of Rangitāne, Ngāti Kuia, Ngāti Apa, and Ngāi Tahu descent. He is a former trustee of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kuia and current trustee of Te Rūnanga

a Rangitāne o Wairau. Peter teaches history in the School of Humanities, Massey University. Peter's doctoral research examined the 'idea' of Maori privilege and its role in the colonisation of Aotearoa-New Zealand. His research interests include Māori history, tribal history and colonisation.

**Jeremy MacLeod** | *BA (Hons), MA, BMPA, Tohu Whakapakari a Te Kōhanga Reo, Te Panekiretanga o Te Reo, Licensed Translator, Māori Language Commissioner.*

Jeremy is heavily involved in the revitalisation of te reo Māori plight.

He has served on the maiden Te Mātāwai board and is currently serving on the Māori Language Commission. He was instrumental in the development of the Tangata Rau, Reo Kotahi Language & Cultural Revitalisation Strategy for Rangitāne. He has served on the Te Rūnanga a Rangitāne o Wairau Trust Board.

Jeremy and his wife Te Rina manage two kōhanga reo in Hastings. He is currently completing the finishing touches on his PhD thesis, his research topic being dialectal variations of te reo Māori.



Corey Hebbard, Commercial Property Manager for Rangitāne Investments Limited.

## RANGITĀNE HOUSE AT FULL CAPACITY

Since our last update on the commercial operation, things have continued to move at pace. The ongoing impact of COVID-19 remains with us as we continue to navigate the waters ahead.

We have been pleased to see that the quick action we took to engage with our tenants early on has seen both us and our tenants weather the storm, and with Aotearoa now out of lockdown, a sense of cautious optimism is apparent.

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

Despite challenging economic times, we are pleased to report that the performance of our commercial operation remains robust. As at 1 July, we are thrilled to report that Rangitāne House is 100% occupied. This is a new record under Rangitāne ownership. Not only does the record tenancy of Rangitāne House improve its underlying

value, it also generates improved cash flow and return for the Group.

Our managed fund portfolio has continued to perform respectably, and the fund has recovered from the losses that occurred amidst the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic. Active management by Milford continues to protect the value of the fund in response to recent turbulence in global markets.

With volatility in the fisheries sector, we opted to delay our April ACE Tender Round. Management have now issued the tender documents, with key stocks for lease being rock lobster/crayfish and southern blue whiting. We anticipate that, due to uncertainties around global demand for seafood, a reduction in revenue over last year is likely from these quota stocks.

Notwithstanding this, we are continuing to seek out good investment opportunities that meet our investment criteria and add value to Rangitāne. With our balance sheet in a strong and robust position, carrying in excess of \$4m in cash on deposit, we are in a good position to take up investment opportunities that arise as the economy recovers.



## TE KURA ORA FUND

The Living Feathers - Adorning our people so that they may fly.

*Ko te mākohā a mihi aroha, e hora nei ki a koutou, tēnā koutou katoa e te tini o Kurahaupō ki Te Tau Ihu o te Waka ā Māui. Nā Te Kura Ora tēnei i whakamaru, i taituarā, i haumi hoki rā.*

The Kurahaupō iwi of Te Taihū - Rangitāne o Wairau, Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō and Ngāti Kuia launched a new orange fund to support whānau experiencing hardship because of COVID-19 and require one-off financial support.

For more information or an application form visit our website or call our office on (03) 578 6180.

## 2020 CALENDAR

### Matariki Celebration

5.30am | 19 July | Wairau Bar

### Kura Reo

Deferred 21-24 January 2021

### Wānanga Ahurea

5.30pm | 7-9 August  
Bethells Beach | Tāmaki-Makaurau

### Rangitāne o Wairau AGM

10 October | Ūkaipō | Wairau

### Wānanga Ahurea

16-18 October | Wairau

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