



YOUR PĀNUI, EVENTS & INFORMATION

POUTŪ-TE-RANGI / MARCH 2019

KEI PUTA TE WAIRAU



L-R Back: Safari Hynes, Kōwhai de Thierry, Wirihana de Thierry-Lukitau, [Dayveen Stephens], Janis de Thierry, Nicole Akuhata, Anthony de Thierry. **Front:** Tamati-James Wilson, Sheree Fa’auli, Pharaoh Wayne de Thierry, Taonga Akuhata, Teone Hall, Te Iwingaro Hall, George de Thierry. **Absent from photo:** Imogen Holmstead-Scott, David de Thierry.

TE MATATINI KI TE AO

Te Matatini ki te Ao is the biggest event on the Māori calendar and in the indigenous space. One of the most highly anticipated events for Te Ao Māori, it is internationally recognised with teams competing from as far as Australia. Te Matatini not only attracts Māori performers and kapa haka fans, but also Ngai Māori in general.

In February, Txe Matatini 2019 was hosted in Te Whanganui-ā-Tara, and as part of our Tangata Rau Reo Kotahi language and culture revitalisation we invited iwi members aged 14 and over to apply to attend a cultural wānanga at the event.

The aim of the wānanga was to increase interest, participation and practitioners of kapa haka in the Rangitāne o Wairau iwi in preparation for Te Matatini 2025, which will be hosted in Te Tau Ihu o te Waka a Māui. A rōpū consisting of taiohi (youth), rangatahi (young adults), rangatakapū (adults) and pākeke (older

adults) travelled to Te Whanganui-a-Tara to experience the festival.

“Te Matatini was a huge eye-opener as most of us had not been exposed to ‘real life’ Haka,” says Wirihana de Thierry-Lukitau.

“We were all eager and excited to be a part of Te Matatini. This included early morning line-ups at the gates to ensure we all had the best seats to watch the performances. We are very grateful to have been given the opportunity to represent our iwi and look forward to Te Matatini 2025 in Te Tau Ihu”.

Hei whakakapi i ngā kōrero, mōkōri anō i haria e mātou ngā rangatahi o Rangitāne o Wairau ki Te Matatini ki te Ao hei tirohanga mō tō tāua iwi i ngā tau e heke mai nei. Tēnei mātou e mihi ana i runga i te aroha me te ngākau māhaki ki a koutou katoa, ki a koe tō mātou iwi o Rangitāne o Wairau.



Rangitāne o Wairau rangatahi representatives Te Ata Tuhimata and Safari Hynes pictured with Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern at Waitangi.

NGĀ RANGATAHI-Ā-IWI FORUM

Ngā Rangatahi-ā-Iwi Forum (NRAI) is a collective of iwi rangatahi representatives that meet quarterly within the Iwi Chairs Forum to discuss issues of importance for rangatahi. The forum was established to align rangatahi perspectives, activities and work, and further aims to develop a strategic and collaborative approach to rangatahi initiatives; strengthen rangatahi engagement and involvement; and commit to iwi development and succession.

A hui was held in Waitangi the week prior to Waitangi Day, to acknowledge the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in 1840. Representing Rangitāne o Wairau at the hui were Te Ata Tuhimata and Safari Hynes.

“We were grateful to attend the first of this year’s hui in Waitangi. We experienced the manaakitanga of Ngāi Takoto, supported by Te Tai Tokerau. Highlights of the hui were the pōwhiri and discussion with Prime Minister Jacinda Adern and Crown Ministers Nanaia Mahuta, Peeni Henare, Eugenie Sage and David Parker.

“We had the opportunity to observe the discussion on a collective vision for Aotearoa and key issues for iwi. After the hui we visited the Waitangi Treaty Grounds and Museum where we took in the historical importance of Waitangi.

“NRAI is undergoing some changes including conducting a review of the NRAI and reviewing its strategy which we are proud to be a part of. Locally, we hope to establish a rangatahi forum across Te Tau Ihu and increase participation at the national forum”, says Te Ata Tuhimata.

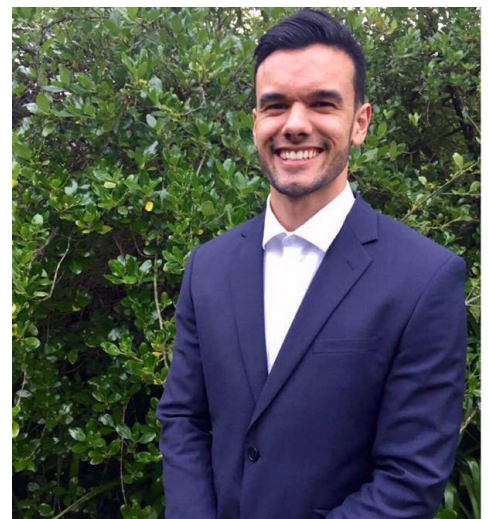
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

After much deliberation the Board of Trustees have opted for a co-chair model which better reflects the Māori World View; Ira Tāne, Ira Wāhine – a balance of desired respective attributes.

It is with regret that the Board have received the resignation of Wendy Hynes as a Trustee. We greatly appreciate and acknowledge the huge contribution made by Wendy as a Trustee and Chair, and wish her and her whānau all the best.

The Board have appointed Calvin Hart and Janis de Thierry to take on the co-chair roles to lead us through the next stage of further growth and development.

NAU MAI JHONTE



The Trustees would like to welcome Jhonte McFadyen-MacDonald who has joined Dave Jessep and Leigh MacDonald by filling the vacancy on the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee.

Jhonte is a descendant of Tuiti Makitanara (Sweet MacDonald) via his grandfather Uncle Len MacDonald. He is currently working toward his Chartered Accountancy qualification and works as a consultant for Deloitte in Wellington. We are thrilled to have another one of our own Rangitāne whānau members contributing at a practical organisational level and look forward to working with him.

OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT



Crown/Māori Relations Minister Hon. Kelvin Davis and Rangitāne Kaumātua Patron Uncle Taane MacDonald at the Wairau Bar.

TUIA 250 COMMEMORATION

Later this year Aotearoa will acknowledge 250 years since the first onshore meetings between Māori and Europeans with a commemoration, Tuia - Encounters 250. Minister Kelvin Davis met with Rangitāne recently to discuss the preparations for Tuia 250 and the events being organised by the iwi.

A key part of the commemoration is the Tuia 250 Voyage. A flotilla of Pacific and European waka and ships will sail around the coast of Aotearoa between October and December 2019. The flotilla will be stopping at sites of significance including Tōtaranui (Queen Charlotte Sound) where they will be met by mana whenua, Rangitāne o Wairau, Ngāti Kuia, Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō and Te Ātiawa o te Waka a Māui.

Plans are underway for the pōwhiri and other events that will take place and we look forward to announcing details once they have been officially confirmed.

COMMERCIAL OPERATION

Woodbourne

As you know, our settlement provided for the right of first refusal over Woodbourne's golf course, the housing estate and the air base, in conjunction with Kurahaupō iwi – Ngāti Kuia and Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō.

We are pleased to announce the completion of not only the first part of this process, the purchase of the former Golf Course, but also the outright purchase of the adjoining piece of land. The two parcels of land have been leased back to Marlborough Airport Limited to resolve the carparking issues at the airport.

This is a significant step in the ongoing negotiations for Woodbourne but another small step in the much larger journey of realising the aspirations of those who have gone before us and those who set out to have our rights recognised and formalised.

Following on from the start earlier this year of our development behind the Railway Station in Horton St, this milestone at Woodbourne provides another moment of great pride for Rangitāne.

TUAMĀTENE UPDATE

Repairs on the wharenui at Tuamātene are underway. Local builder Paul Walker began working on the building earlier this month.

Along with structural repairs, plastering and painting, there will also be new carpet installed and a new roof.

We will be organising a re-opening of the building towards the end of April with a blessing and hakari. We will notify members as soon as details are confirmed.



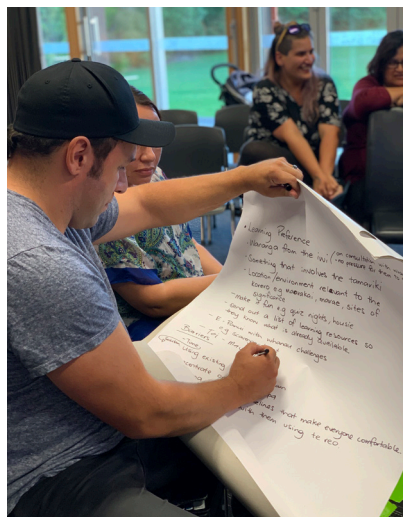
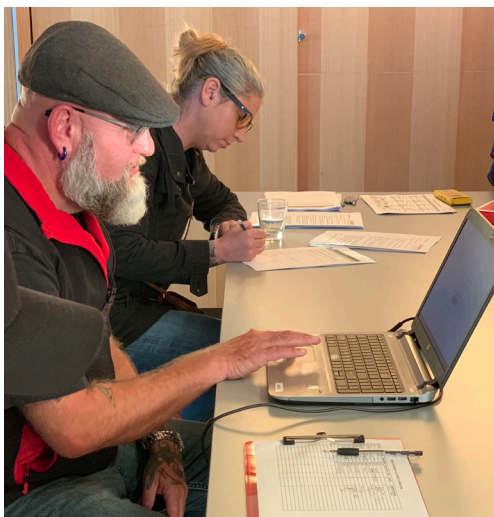


Tina Porou met with whānau in February to discuss the Conservation Management Plan for Te Pokohiwi and the Wairau Boulder Bank. A second hui will be held from 1-3pm on Saturday, 6 April at Ūkaipō. Tina is working with Shelly Sidley from the Department of Conservation, Richard Hunter from Otago University and with Rangitāne o Wairau whānau to understand our collective aspirations.

STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR TE REO MĀORI

Over the past month we have held several Te Reo focus group hui in Te Tau Ihu, with another planned for Ōtautahi on Tuesday, 9 April at the Sydenham Room, Christchurch South Library. Feedback from the focus groups will determine what future resources and programmes we will develop to help support our iwi members in their reo journey.

This is the first step in the implementation of Tangata Rau Reo Kotahi, revitalising our language and culture. We are grateful to have received Whānau Ora Wave 8 funding from Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu to help assist us in the development of the strategy and will be planning the second stage of the strategy once data has been collected and analysed.



UPCOMING...

Te Reo Focus Group Hui

6pm-8pm including dinner
Tuesday 9 April | Sydenham Room
Christchurch South Library | Ōtautahi

Professor Rangi Mātāmua

6pm | Thursday 11 April
Ūkaipō, Grovetown

Whānau Ora Symposium 2019

Wednesday - Friday | 10-12 April
Christchurch Town Hall | Ōtautahi

Easter Weekend

19-22 April

ANZAC Day

25 April

KO MATARIKI E ĀRAU ANA

From April through June, Professor Rangi Mātāmua will be undertaking 19 talks throughout New Zealand and Australia.

These lectures will run for two hours and will include images, animations, videos and will share detailed knowledge about Matariki.

We are thrilled Professor Mātāmua will be starting off his upcoming series of talks on Matariki at Ūkaipō on Thursday, 11 April 2019. There will be a whakatau starting at 6pm led by Trustee Jeremy MacLeod to honour the occasion.

These events are free to attend and you are welcome to turn up on the day. However, due to their expected popularity, please register to guarantee your seat(s).

For bookings and venues go to
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