



IWI PĀNUI, EVENTS & INFORMATION

HERE-TURI-KŌKĀ (AUGUST) 2023

KEI PUTA TE WAIRAU



Sunrise at Wairau Bar - Matariki 2023.

MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS AT THE WAIRAU BAR

Around 250 people attended the Rangitāne annual Matariki celebration at the Wairau Bar in July.

Thanks to the generous support of both the Marlborough District Council and the Ministry of Culture and Heritage, alongside iwi, within Marlborough there have been a number of opportunities for our community to partake in Matariki celebrations. These include traditional hautapu and ceremonies which have provided an opportunity to learn more about our traditional practices and customs.

For Rangitāne, spending time at Te Pokohiwi-o-Kupe is always an important occasion. Te Pokohiwi-o-Kupe is the oldest known site of occupation in Aotearoa dating back over 800 years.

As the descendants of the people who lived and thrived in this area, and as present day kaitiaki of the

whenua, Rangitāne have a deep connection to this area, where our tūpuna lay.

We are also cognisant of the many sites that have been explored on Te Pokohiwi-o-Kupe, including a huge stone-lined umu or hangi pit, which identified this area as a place where our people gathered for significant occasions. It is fitting that we return to Wairau Bar each year to celebrate Matariki in this special place.

Arohanui and immense gratitude to our whanaunga Paora Mackie and Judith MacDonald for sharing their mātauranga. Ngā mihi nui to our friends at JJ's and Koffie Mobile for providing delicious kai and warm drinks.

Finally, thank you to our team and our Rangitāne whānau, and the wider community for coming along to celebrate. Your collective effort made this Matariki celebration unforgettable.

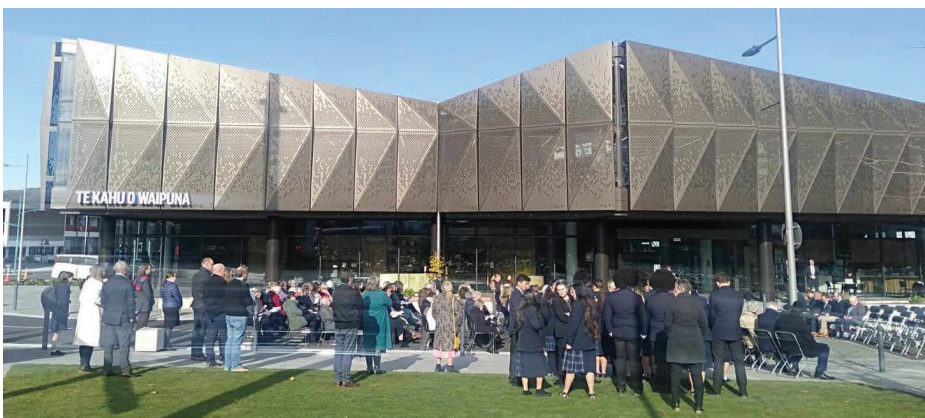
MANA TANGATA | OUR PEOPLE

RANGATAHI MATARIKI WĀNANGA



Thirty-two Rangitāne rangatahi travelled to Te Whanganui-a-Tara last month for Matariki. The trip included a visit to Te Papa to view our taonga from Wairau Bar and Meretoto and an evening at the Carter Observatory. Ngā mihi nui to Te Papa kaimahi and kaitiaki, Moana Parata and Leroy de Thierry, for sharing their time and mātauranga with us.

TE KAHU O WAIPUNA



Marlborough's Library and Art Gallery was officially opened in July by Acting Prime Minister Hon Carmel Sepuloni following a mihi whakatau by Rangitāne o Wairau, Ngāti Toa Rangatira and Ngāti Rārua iwi representatives. MP for Te Tai Tonga Hon Rino Tirikatene also attended the opening ceremony.

Mayor Nadine Taylor gave special thanks to tangata whenua iwi Rangitāne o Wairau for their gifting the name to the new building, Te Kahu o Waipuna.

Kaiwhakahaere Matua (General Manager) of Rangitāne o Wairau, Corey Hebbard said the iwi sought to acknowledge the past, present and future in gifting the name Te Kahu o Waipuna.

"A kahu is a traditional Māori cloak and denotes the metaphorical embracing of people. Waipuna references the puna (spring water) that rise to the northwest of Blenheim and feeds the river that flows past this facility.

"Waipuna is also the mother of Rangitāne. Through the generations, her descendants have built pā and gardens along the waterways around which the town was constructed.

"I want to acknowledge our whānau who have generously offered their mātauranga to give this beautiful ingoa to Marlborough's newest piece of civic and social infrastructure," Corey Hebbard said.

MĀTAURANGA STRATEGY

We are excited to announce the Rangitāne o Wairau Mātauranga Education Strategy Draft is ready for review and feedback.

This marks a significant milestone in our journey to develop an education strategy for our iwi. This strategy is a document forged by Rangitāne, for Rangitāne and as Rangitāne. It speaks to our shared challenges and dreams, built with insights from whānau hui across the motu.

A few things to note about the strategy:

- It champions our iwi-led aspirations and solutions, ensuring we are the drivers of our future in this space.
- It unapologetically addresses the challenges we face, emphasising the continuing impact of colonisation on our whānau.
- It runs parallel with our Tangata Rau, Reo Kotahi (Language & Cultural Strategy) timeframes, ensuring alignment between our core strategies as an iwi.

From now until 15 September, we're asking for feedback on this draft strategy. Once refined, we'll transition from envisioning our future to actualising it together.

Feedback can be given by emailing events@rangitane.org.nz or by attending one of our two consultation hui below:

Online Hui, 12 September
7:00pm to 8:00pm

Wairau Hui, 13 September
Ūkaipo | 6:00pm to 7:00pm

To register for the Wairau Hui or Online Hui (Zoom Link) please email events@rangitane.org.nz or call our office on (03) 578 6180.

To our whānau who have already lent their voice and energy – ngā mihi nui. As we embark on the next chapter of development, please continue to make your voice heard.

For a copy of the draft strategy check out our website or email events@rangitane.org.nz.

TUIA: DEVELOPING YOUNG MĀORI LEADERS

We are pleased to be able to tautoko Will Macdonald, our Kaiwhakahaere Rawa me ngā Kaupapa (Property & Projects Manager), to participate in the Tuia kaupapa, with the support of Marlborough District Council and Marlborough Mayor Nadine Taylor.

Tuia is an intentional, long term, intergenerational approach to develop the leadership capacity of young Māori in communities throughout New Zealand.

The kaupapa for Tuia, across five wānanga:

Tuia i runga – weave from above: Tūpuna/ rich cultural history.

Tuia i raro – weave from below: The environment.

Tuia i roto – weave from within: Recognising our own capabilities' within.

Tuia i waho – weave from the outside: Contributing to our community/iwi.

Tuia te here tangata – weave together: Making meaningful connections.

The first of these wānanga was located at Mangatoatoa Marae ki Tenehenehenui, under Ngāti Maniapoto kawa. Will said his highlights from this wānanga included listening to kōrero around pūrākau, kōrero tuku iho, and Māori mana motuhake close to the Waikato, as well as visiting various pā sites and sites of significance in the area.



The second wānanga was held at Taheke Marae in Okere Falls, Rotorua and focused on connecting to the environment through traditional practices, including waka ama.

Last months wānanga, held at Ōtākou Marae, focused on weaving within themselves as rangatahi Māori, connecting through whakapapa, their experiences, and pūrākau.

Will says, "It's extremely humbling and uplifting being a part of a kaupapa with

like-minded rangatahi Māori who are emerging as leaders, and who are proud to be Māori."

Tuia is about providing the right support and the right opportunities, such that young leaders, like Will, can become drivers of social and economic change in their respective communities.

#4 Hohua > Joshua > Stephen > Tony > William

#6 Hoani > Rea > Coggie > Stephen > Tony > William

KA URUORA - FINANCIAL EDUCATION

Alongside Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Rārua, and Te Ātiawa, we officially launched Ka Uruora Te Tauihu: a programme of services to support iwi members to achieve financial independence and well-being.

We're excited to share the next two Te Uru Ahupūtea courses are confirmed to start:

Sundays, 2pm-5pm, from 27 August

Wednesdays, 6pm-9pm, from 30 August.

Both courses are via Zoom and run for four weeks, three hours per wānanga.

To register or to find out more, visit: <https://kauruora.nz/sorted-kainga-ora/>

At the end of the programme, you will have developed a plan to achieve your housing aspirations.

You will know whether you:

- are ready and able to move toward homeownership
- need to grow your savings
- need to focus on debt reduction

Taking part in Sorted Kāinga Ora is also required to be eligible for any of the Ka



Uruora housing opportunities that will be available in the future.

We're pleased to offer these programmes for free, and the knowledge you will gain by doing the programme could actually save you money.

Pātai? Please contact events@rangitane.org.nz or navigator@rangitane.org.nz - we'd be happy to support you through the registration process or to answer any pātai that you might have.

MANA AHUREA | OUR CULTURE

KURA REO



Kumea mai kia piri, kumea mai kia tata, kumea mai a Ngāi Pikoko ki te reo ki runga o Ūkaipō, ki Te Kura Reo o Rangitāne. Around 70 reo Māori enthusiasts, from as far as Tāmaki-makau-rau to Ōtautahi, attended Kura Reo in July. Our Pouako shared kōrero about the pōhiri process and the roles of the tāne & wāhine, including karanga and whaikōrero. Our next Kura Reo will be held 22-25 January 2024. Nei rā te mihi nui ki a koutou ngā kaiko i tautoko tēnei kaupapa ki te whakapiki Ngāi te Māori.

HĀKINAKINA | SPORT

HOANI IFOPO TOGIA - U15 MVP



Congratulations Hoani Ifopo-Togia on an incredible sporting achievement! Not only did his Canterbury team take home the championship trophy, Hoani was also awarded MVP at the 2023 AON U15 Basketball Tournament. What an amazing feat for Hoani, a future star in the making! #7 George MacDonald > Tanginui Snr > Tanginui > Shiloh > Hoani

TIAKINA TE RĀ | SAVE THE DATE



Saturday | 27 January 2024 | Ūkaipō

HUI-A-TAU 2024

Our next Annual General Meeting date has been set for Saturday, 27 January 2024 and will be held at Ūkaipō, Grovetown. Travel subsidies will be available to iwi members over 18yrs who reside outside of the rohe to attend the AGM. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details or email events@rangitane.org.nz.

WHĀNAU ORA



Whānau Ora is a culturally-based, and whānau-centred approach to wellbeing focused on whānau as a whole, as the decision-makers who determine their goals and aspirations.

Our Whānau Ora Navigator, Erina Macdonald, works with whānau to support them in their time of need, helping them get to a point where they are thriving in their home. Erina is here to help with anything as small as getting you to an appointment or identifying services and opportunities that are available.

If you or a member of your whānau would like to discuss a pathway, you can contact Erina at navigator@rangitane.org.nz or call our office on (03) 578 6180.

PRESERVING OUR CULTURAL TRADITIONS



Rangitāne whānau engaged in the customary tradition of harvesting swan eggs at Waikārapi (Wairau Lagoons) last month. From our kaumātua imparting their mātauranga to our tamariki eagerly learning the ways of our tūpuna, the experience reminds us of the importance of preserving our cultural practices.

MANA TIAO | OUR ENVIRONMENT

FUNDING SECURED TO SUPPORT TE POKOHIWI-O-KUPE

The Department of Conservation has announced a Government investment that helps to support the protection and management of Te Pokohiwi-o-Kupe.

Rangitāne o Wairau Kaiwhakahaere Matua (General Manager) Corey Hebbard confirmed the news this afternoon that the Government will invest \$276,200 in the Wairau Wetlands Cultural Values Mapping and Management Project – a project championed by Rangitāne o Wairau and focused on:

- Developing an accessible knowledge base for the cultural heritage places and values of the Wairau Wetlands;
- Building capacity for Rangitāne to manage and lead cultural monitoring and management activities within the project area;
- Developing sustainable best practice monitoring and management approach for some of the most important cultural sites in Aotearoa.

The funding secured by Rangitāne o Wairau will focus on Te Pokohiwi-o-Kupe and the wider Wairau Lagoons, and will involve mapping the cultural dimensions of the landscape, building a knowledge-base for the future and implementing a kaitiaki programme to monitor, maintain and protect important sites and cultural values.

The investment by the Government in Te Pokohiwi-o-Kupe will deliver a step change in the way in which Rangitāne and the Crown protect and secure the future of Te Pokohiwi-o-Kupe.

“In 2018, when we conducted strategic planning with our whānau, the protection of Te Pokohiwi-o-Kupe was identified as a key strategic objective for Rangitāne. I’m excited and proud to share with our whānau that the Crown has committed \$276,200 to a project that will see us dedicate additional resources to this objective,” says Corey Hebbard.

“Te Pokohiwi-o-Kupe is one of the oldest known sites of settlement in Aotearoa. This is clear from the archaeological research and evidence which confirms that Te Pokohiwi-o-Kupe was settled around 1300AD.

“This funding enables Rangitāne to proceed with much needed work to establish a cultural map of the Wairau Wetlands, but more importantly, it provides additional resourcing for us to carry out our kaitiaki responsibilities at Te Pokohiwi-o-Kupe.

“The project will see us recruit a fixed term role, and it is our hope that this project will act as a catalyst to further investment in the long term protection, management and future of Te Pokohiwi-o-Kupe,” he says.

The funding for the project comes from the Department of Conservation’s Community Fund, which received 292 applications requesting \$77 million in funding. Of the 292 applications, \$9.2 million was provided and 38 projects were funded.

Further details of this announcement and the project will be shared with whānau as this mahi gets underway.

MANA TAHUA | OUR ECONOMY

PROGRESS AT HORTON STREET



Earlier this year, Rangitāne laid the mauri on Rangitāne-owned whenua in central Blenheim, marking the start of the construction period (April 2023 - February 2024) for a new urban winery in partnership with local boutique wine company, Astrolabe Wines.

The development will include office space to house Astrolabe's operations, as well as a public hospitality space, exterior landscaping and the winery/barrell hall spanning some 450m².

Rangitāne Kaiwhakahaere Matua (General Manager) Corey Hebbard says "this development builds on our strategy of investing within our rohe, ensuring a long term, sustainable presence for Rangitāne within Marlborough's growing economy, while supporting the Iwi Trust to provide a wide range of whānau services, further strengthening the culture, identity, and mana of Rangitāne".

To date, the site has been excavated with piles installed, reinforcing steel laid with the foundation beam poured. We've seen all three floor slab pours whereby service lines are being laid around the building's footprint, with the northern pre-cast panel in place as the first step of vertical construction.

Rangitāne Kaiwhakahaere Rawa me ngā Kaupapa (Property and Projects Manager) Will Macdonald says, "progress on site to date has been pleasing where our project programme is looking increasingly more achievable. It's great to be able to work alongside local sub-contractors on this development, offering a unique hospitality option within the Marlborough CBD".

We acknowledge Apollo Projects Ltd and various sub-contractors who have carried out work to date and look forward to delivering this development in partnership with Astrolabe.

CALENDAR DATES

Kaumātua Kaikōura Haerenga

30 August 2023

Rangitāne Whānau Day

10 September 2023 | Simcox Stadium

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

11-17 September 2023

Mātauranga Strategy Zui Online

7pm-8pm | 12 September 2023

Mātauranga Strategy Hui

Ūkaipō, 1 Fell Street, Grovetown

6pm-7pm | 13 September 2023

Paepae Wānanga #4

29-30 September 2023 | Tuamātene

Te Mana Kuratahi

Trafalgar Centre, Whakatū

30 October - 2 November 2023

Te Pātaka o Wairau Māori

Night Market

Seymour Square, Blenheim

4pm-8pm | 17 November 2023

WHAKATŪ KURA

In January a Rangitāne contingent laid the mauri marking the start of the Salisbury School, Maitai School, and Salisbury Support Building redevelopment on land owned by Rangitāne Investments in Whakatū.

Following that, our Kaiwhakahaere Rawa me ngā Kaupapa (Property and Projects Manager) Will Macdonald and Trustee Dr Peter Meihana hosted a group of school representatives from Whakatū in the Wairau last month.

Mātauranga was shared on our sites of significance in the Wairau to assist in supporting the cultural narrative on the redevelopment project.

We acknowledge the Ministry of Education and school staff for embracing our kōrero and look forward to working together further on the redevelopment project.

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