



## HAERENGA FOR KAUMĀTUA

**Almost 70 of our kaumātua met in Wellington on Wednesday, 5 September.**

This haerenga had been discussed for some time, so there was a great deal of excitement, with some trepidation, when the event was finally arranged.

The trip was an opportunity to visit Te Papa Museum and to rekindle whānau ties between Te Tau Ihu, Levin and Wellington.

It was a very early start for Blenheim whānau with the shuttle bus turning up at 7am. Luckily the trip over Raukawakawa Moana was calm although there was a temporary shortage of playing cards to keep everyone occupied.

The ferry arrived at mid-day to terrible Wellington weather where kaumātua were picked up and transported to their accommodation. After lunch, there was a trip to Te Papa particularly to view the Gallipoli Exhibition.

That evening, the kaumātua gathered for kai. After presenting some of our newly recorded waiata, Trustee Jeremy MacLeod serenaded everyone with his guitar and soon had a great sing-along happening. The conversation, singing and laughter continued late into the night.

The following day our kaumātua met after breakfast to share thoughts and ideas, then had some free time in the city.

Uncle Taane talked about wanting to have this hui for a long time to rekindle relationships and find ways to come together. He asked that we move forward in the things the Iwi needed to be doing. He also thanked the Rūnanga for working so hard to make the event happen.

We left on a beautiful Wellington day. More importantly our kaumātua left feeling happy to have reconnected with their whanaunga.

Our only regret was that we did not have the resources this year for wider invitations. We are now working on organising a series of planning hui for our kaumātua.



Tina Porou, NZOM.

## TAIAO | OUR ENVIRONMENT

Our Deed of Settlement in 2010 included a commitment to develop and implement a Management Plan for Te Pokohiwi. We are pleased to announce that Tina Porou, NZOM, will lead this important project.

Tina Porou is Ngāti Porou and Ngāti Tūwharetoa and has recently founded Poipoia, a company committed to providing environmental services to iwi, local and central government and corporates derived from the holistic principles of kaitiakitanga.

Tina has worked in the natural resource management space for over 20 years on projects that have included working with communities to build papakainga houses for social well-being, facilitating conservation programmes in large corporates for environmental enhancement, developing cultural impact assessments for major developments and advocating for mātauranga

Māori to be a core part of any natural resource system. This broad range of work has provided a strong platform for sustainable development approaches, all from a Māori perspective.

Tina is a qualified Geographer who intimately understands the unique perspectives of Iwi Māori and how these views lead resource management policy, plans and implementation. She has held previous roles as the Environmental Manager for the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board, CE of the Te Arawa River Iwi Trust and the Head of Sustainability and Environment for Contact Energy. Tina will work closely with Shelly Sidley from the Department of Conservation, Richard Hunter from Otago University and with our people to understand our collective aspirations.

We know this kaupapa is important to you and we'll be in touch soon with more information around the process and timing.

## OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT



We are proud to welcome Sarah Lee into our team in the Pou Kaiwhakahaere - Programme and Funding Manager role. Sarah is Te Arawa and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in project and event management. Most recently she was a Whānau Ora Navigator at Maataa Waka so we look forward to working with her on enabling whānau to build on their strengths and achieve their aspirations.

Madelene Reimers is temping in the Administration Assistant role while the recruitment process is completed. The recruitment processes for the Pou Taiao and Pou Ahurea also continue.

## COMMERCIAL OPERATION

In August, the Trust together with RHL and RIL signed off the Letter of Expectation and Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives. These documents clarify the relationship expectations between the parties and the framework for investments in the asset holdings companies. These documents will be available on our website shortly.

## FINANCIAL OPERATION

Our financial audit process is almost complete. We anticipate signing it off by the end of September. The engagement of new auditors BDO has led to a few delays as they take a fresh approach and become accustomed with our organisation.





# ALL BLACKS VISIT TE TAU IHU

Whakatū Marae was buzzing with excitement recently as the eight iwi of Te Tau Ihu welcomed some of the World Champion All Blacks to Nelson.

Kotahitanga was at the forefront of the occasion with Melanie McGregor - kaikaranga, Waiaio Elkington - kaiwero and speakers Kereopa Ratapu, Shane Graham and the Mayor of Nelson Rachael Reese. The rousing haka pōwhiri was delivered by members of Te Rourou Kura.

Representing Rangitāne o Wairau on the paepae was our very own World Champion Softballer, Marty Grant and Uncle Lawrence MacDonald who is also our representative on Te Tau Ihu Māori Rugby Board.

The All Blacks were represented by TJ Perenara, Nehe Milner-Skudder, Rieko Ioane, Karl Tu'inukuafe, and team psychologist Gilbert Enoka, who were very respectful of the effort taken to welcome them and to assure them they are in safe company and have the blessing of the tangata whenua.

After the pōwhiri, they mixed and mingled with the hau kainga and happily posed for photos with their fans.

Whakatū, the birthplace of New Zealand rugby was proud to have hosted the All Blacks for their test against Argentina. The All Blacks scored six tries to three in their 46-24 victory over the Pumas.

**ABOVE:** All Blacks receive warm welcome to Whakatū Marae.

**RIGHT:** World Champion Softballer Marty Grant and All Black Nehe Milner-Scudder



## UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES

**Rangitāne o Wairau Trust  
Nominations are open  
4-27 September 2018**

**Maara Kai Working Bee  
10.30am at Tuamātene  
Sunday 23 September 2018**

**Rangitāne o Wairau Scholarships  
& Education Grants open  
Thursday 1 November 2018**

**Rangitāne o Wairau AGM  
Saturday 17 November 2018  
10.30am-2pm - Ūkaipō, Grovetown**

LIKE THE MULTITUDE OF STARS IN THE SKY.....SO GREAT IS RANGITĀNE ON THE EARTH

# COOPER AIMS FOR MAJOR LEAGUE



Nelson Heat Infielder Cooper Grant (left) with teammates at the Major League Baseball Showcase Event held on the Gold Coast in August.

Cooper Grant (Rangitāne o Wairau) was one of four top young baseball prospects selected to go to Australia last month, and a strong showing at the five-day long Major League Baseball Showcase could be their first step towards an education or career in the sport.

The New Zealand U15 national team players were on the Gold Coast from 26 to 30 August for intense coaching, training and playing alongside the best young players in Australia and the wider region.

The aim of the MLB Australian Showcase is for MLB, Baseball Australia and Baseball New Zealand to identify players with the best baseball tools across the country.

Before heading off Nelson Heat infielder Cooper Grant said, "I would say that I am excited and ready to learn and embrace things the people teach me, and I am most excited about doing the things that I have trained and prepared to do and show other people.

"I love to play baseball because it gives you opportunities and pathways to meet different people and learn from them," said Grant who wants to go as far in the game as he can, "All the way to Major League Baseball."

The learning opportunities and pathways for the nation's young baseball players are steadily opening up across the globe, as this year there are well over 18 young Kiwis either playing professional or college baseball in North America and across the world, in addition to the group of four heading to the Gold Coast.

"These young men have worked tirelessly on the diamond and off to get chances like this," said Baseball New Zealand CEO Ryan Flynn.

"The likes of Mincham, Noah, Cooper and Ciaran have put in the training time to prove to our national coaches and selectors that they have the ability to go further in the game. We are very proud of this group of young ballplayers.

## UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

We are committed to keeping whānau well informed on iwi initiatives. Currently we have 352 iwi members on our Gone No Address (GNA) list.

Help us to stay connected with you and your whānau by updating your contact details. You can do this by ringing the rūnanga (03) 578 6180, or by emailing [admin@rangitane.org.nz](mailto:admin@rangitane.org.nz).

You can check the Gone No Address (GNA) section on our website. If you have whānau on the list please let them know to contact the office and update their address details.

[www.rangitane.org.nz/Resources/GNA](http://www.rangitane.org.nz/Resources/GNA)

## DO YOU HAVE A STORY?

Are you a writer and would like to contribute to our pānui? Or perhaps you have a story idea or would like to share something about your whānau, photos, events, hui then drop us a line at [media@rangitane.org.nz](mailto:media@rangitane.org.nz) or phone our office.

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