

MĀNAWATIA A MATARIKI

KEI PUTA TE WAIRAU



Our Rangitāne whānau had the opportunity to practice the customary traditions of our tūpuna and to learn more about the importance of kaitiakitanga in one of our traditional mahinga kai, Lake Rotoiti, at our recent Tuna Wānanga. Additionally, this wānanga marked a historic moment as it was the first time that Te Papa Atawhai (Department of Conservation) have issued a permit to practice kōhi kai in a national reserve in Te Tauihu. This milestone signifies a positive step forward in our ongoing efforts to reconnect with and sustainably utilise our traditional mahinga kai and its resources. A big mihi to our whānau who contributed to the wānanga.

CHALLENGING THE EAST COAST BEACH BYLAW

In June, the Wellington High Court heard the case that Rangitāne is advancing, challenging the Marlborough District Council's East Coast Beach Vehicle Bylaw.

Our decision to pursue legal action under the Judicial Review Procedures Act and the Bylaws Act stems from the impact this Bylaw will have on our whānau and iwi. This case is about more than just access - it's about preserving our connection to the land and protecting our way of life, and the customary practices we have exercised along the East Coast of Te Waipounamu for centuries.

Throughout the hearings, Rangitāne's legal counsel emphasised to Justice McQueen the far-reaching consequences of the Bylaw and the concerns Rangitāne has around the adequacy of the engagement throughout the promulgation of the Bylaw. Rangitāne considers that the Bylaw restricts not only our ability to access our important sites of significance, but also our capacity and ability to engage in customary activities that are core to our cultural practices and traditions.

Our rights and interests along the East Coast of Te Waipounamu have existed for generations and the recognition of these rights and interests in statute and through the Courts has been hard fought and hard earned. The Trust is committed to doing all that it can to protect these rights and interests, and to ensure that Rangitāne's practices are not impinged upon.

This case is an example of the work that the Trust continues to advance on behalf of our whānau to protect these rights and interests, and follows on from the successful case we took against Te Papa Atawhai (DoC) in relation to decisions it made regarding the allocation of whale jawbones within the same area, without appropriate consideration of Rangitāne's rights and interests. We acknowledge the strain that such cases place on our relationship with Crown agents and our local government partners, however, we remain steadfast in our commitment to protecting our settlement and Treaty rights.

MANA TANGATA | OUR PEOPLE MAHI WHAKAIRO WĀNANGA



Our taitama were excited to have Matua Roni Petley and cousin Hoani Broughton-Hippolyte back at Tuamātene for their second Toi Māori Mahi Whakairo Wānanga. They learned to carve pūrehua (bull roarers), building on their skills and tikanga knowledge using the tools. They also gained deeper insights into the cultural significance of these traditional instruments, strengthening their connection to whakairo practices. A heartfelt mihi to Mātua Roni, Hoani, Uncle Lawrence, Uncle Jeff, Uncle Keelan and Taane Norton for generously sharing their knowledge, time, and guidance.

OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT



We're thrilled to announce that Rowena Smith was appointed as Tumu Whakahaere (Operations Manager) at Rangitāne o Wairau.

With over a decade of experience in the operations space across various industries, Rowena brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our team. Having worked closely with iwi for almost 5 years, she's no stranger to the importance of our mahi and building whānau relationships.

As a mum of three who made the move to Marlborough over four years ago, Rowena is eager to dive in, roll up her sleeves, and make a positive impact alongside our team.

ICEY: RISING STAR SHINES ON WORLD STAGE



Icey Bradley-Kiwi made waves at the prestigious World Supremacy Battlegrounds dance competition in Sydney, securing an impressive second place.

Reflecting on her achievement, 13-year-old Icey expressed gratitude for the support and opportunity to compete at such a high level. "I want to thank everyone who has supported me and sponsored me to be able to make this dream become a reality, I'm so honoured to be able to represent Blenheim and Aotearoa," she says.

Having only started dancing three years ago, Icey's success serves as an inspiration to aspiring dancers, highlighting the importance of dedication and perseverance in pursuing their dreams.

The official Battlegrounds Championship was launched in July 2004 in Melbourne. WSB's dance platform has become an international gateway that has created opportunities for many dancers worldwide.

Icey credits her whānau and dance team for her motivation and strength. "They are my biggest supporters, with the love, help and support they give me sharing my love for performing."

TINI WHETŪ KI TE RANGI, KO RANGITĀNE KI TE WHENUA



Over 250 people attended the Rangitāne annual Matariki celebration at the Wairau Bar. A big mihi to our whanaunga Paora Mackie and Judith MacDonald for leading our karakia and karanga; Trustee Keelan Walker, and, Takahi Whenua Kaikōkiri, Rick and Rata Andrell for their support. Shout out to our friends at JJs and Koffie Mobile for providing parakuihi and warm drinks. We would also like to thank the Marlborough District Council for their continued support. Finally, thank you to our team, our Rangitāne whānau, and the wider community for coming along to celebrate. Matariki hunga, Matariki ahunga nui.



Jobe Takaranga and the U14 Gisborne Basketball team had an impressive performance at this year's Mel Young Classic! After intense training for two months, they clinched second place in the finals and secured gold in their grade. Ka rawe, Jobe!

ADVOCATING FOR OUR WHĀNAU AND ENVIRONMENT



Rangitāne Kaiwhakahaere Matua Corey Heberd presented to the Marlborough District Council on our region's ten-year plan, advocating for key initiatives that align with our strategic objectives.

From advancing cultural projects to ensuring sustainable resource consent engagement, we're advocating for kaupapa that benefit our whānau, our community and our environment.

Here are some of the areas we discussed:

Resource Consent Engagement: Seeking engagement and capacity funding similar to Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council.

Kaihautū and Māori Partnerships: Acknowledging Council's support for the Kaihautū role and seeking further support for the Council's Māori Partnerships Team.

Blenheim Sewage Treatment Plant: Addressing our concerns and challenges to meet iwi objectives and aspirations.

Sedimentation in Marlborough Sounds: Urging action to protect customary fisheries.
Welcoming Communities Initiative: Advocating for long-term funding beyond Government support.

Small Townships Programme: Supporting improved engagement with iwi and continued funding.

Matariki Fund: Acknowledging and supporting Council's Matariki Events fund.

Emergency Management: Supporting engagement and collaboration regarding Iwi Civil Defence Responses.

Taylor River Reserve: Supporting the boardwalk replacement, and infrastructure upgrades that improve this area.

Marlborough Sounds Future Access: Highlighting the need to engage with iwi on funding mechanisms and design.

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Supporting increased funding and potential relocation for the Marlborough Museum.

Emergency Events Reserve: Urging faster rebuilding of the Reserve due to the region's natural disaster exposure.

Community Facilities: Advocating for more Māori design components in new facilities and refurbishments.



Our team hosted the South Marlborough team from Te Papa Atawhai (DoC) recently. This event provided us with the opportunity to share kōrero on our sites of significance, engage on strategic priorities and to share whakawhanaungatanga - an important step, given how closely our teams work together on shared priorities. Te Papa Atawhai is an important partner to Rangitāne, and building strong relationships between our teams strengthens our ability to progress our shared and respective priorities. We acknowledge Trustees Peter Meihana and Keelan Walker for taking time to share some of our tribal pūrākau and mātauranga.

UNDERSTANDING FLOODING IMPACTS



From left: Laura Huntley (Rangitāne, Board Secretary), Ruby McKenzie Sheat (NIWA, Environmental Researcher - Climate/Hazards), Corey Heberd (Rangitāne, Kaiwhakahaere Matua), and Jay Hepi (NIWA, Pou Ārahi).

After establishing a joint research proposal earlier this year (between Rangitāne o Wairau, NIWA New Zealand, Marlborough District Council, and Toka Tū Ake EQC), representatives from Rangitāne and NIWA met to further progress this EQC-funded project. The project focuses on studying flooding impacts on Māori lands, sacred sites, and taonga, specifically at Wairau Bar and the surrounding areas.

Over the next year, we'll be integrating Te Ao Māori perspectives into scientific models used by planners for coastal adaptation decisions in Marlborough. Our aim? To enhance our understanding and readiness for natural hazards affecting Māori in Te Taihū and beyond. We're excited to be collaborating on this important project to inform future planning decisions for our region.

CALENDAR DATES

Rangitāne House

50th Celebration

4 July 2024 | Rangitāne House

Kura Reo / Kura Ririki

15 - 18 July 2024 | Wairau

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

14 - 22 September 2024

Te Pātaka o Wairau

Māori Night Market

29 November 2024 | Pollard Park

Rangitāne AGM

25 January 2025 | Ūkaipō

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