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Annette Sykes, Tā Timoti Kāretu, Scotty Morrison and Jeremy Tātere MacLeod, keynote speakers at Te Kaiaotanga o te Reo.

SYMPOSIUM REINVIGORATES TE REO CHAMPIONS

“It’s a fact it takes one generation to lose a language and at least three to get it back,” says Rangitāne Pou Arataki Ahurea, Jeremy MacLeod.

“We know that Te Taihū is one of the regions that suffered huge Māori language losses but we should be very encouraged with events like this and the tribes across Te Taihū all embarking on language revitalisation journeys,” said MacLeod.

That’s the message presented to a sold-out audience of 450 people at Te Kaiaotanga o te Reo, the first Māori language revitalisation symposium held in Te Taihū. The symposium was a collaboration with Rangitāne o Wairau and Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō and funded by Te Matawai.

Keynote speaker Tā Timoti Kāretu said in his wisdom “revitalising our Reo Māori will require hunger, commitment and demand time, but it’s not impossible”.

Hēmi Kelly, lecturer from the University of Auckland shared his tips for people ready to undertake the learning journey also for more advanced reo speakers, and those in a position in communities and whānau where they are encouraging others to learn as well.

“Revitalising te Reo Māori in a region with no native speakers starts with individual whānau”, says Kiley Nēpia, Pou Ahurea (Cultural Advisor) Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō.

“Language, culture, identity, they’re all linked together, and we want our tamariki to have a better tomorrow than we had,” Nēpia said.

The event is an opportunity for the community and te Reo Māori champions to learn from each other, and understand what was needed to continue revitalising te Reo Māori.

Celebrating the poetic language of te Reo Māori is to celebrate what makes Aotearoa unique.

WHĀNAU HĪKOI



Peter Meihana led us on a whānau hīkoi where we visited Rangitāne House, Rahoia Pou, Huataki Pou, Te Tauihu o Te Waka-a-Māui, Ōpaoa Pou “Kei Puta Te Wairau” and the Seventeen Valley Pou (Te Hau & Kupe). At each site, Peter shared kōrero on why they are significant to Rangitāne o Wairau. Our patron and kaumātua, Uncle Taane, also shared stories on whakapapa and enjoyed listening to the kōrero with whānau. It was great to have him join the trip.

MIHI WHAKATAU



A big mihi to our cousin, Rangitāne o Wairau Trustee Amelia Taylor on her new role as the Unborn/Newborn Whānau Ora Navigator for Maataa Waka Ki Te Tau Ihu Trust. We were pleased to attend her mihi whakatau and to awahi her into her new role. Amelia has whakapapa connections to Rangitāne through her maternal great grandmother, Heeni Te Mete (Jane Smith). All the best in your new role Amelia!

2021 AGM WEEKEND

This year’s AGM date has been set for Saturday 2 October and will be held at Ūkaipō, Grovetown.

The AGM weekend will include mihi whakatau on Friday night for those travelling home for the hui. We’d like to encourage our Te Tauihu whānau to come along and manaaki our whanaunga and stay for a kai and catch up. Saturday evening we’ll be having hākari at the Clubs of Marlborough for our adult members. For the duration of the AGM hui, activities have been arranged to keep our tamariki entertained at Grovetown School (tamariki aged 4yrs and under must be accompanied by an adult).

For whānau who are unable to travel or attend in person, you will be able to watch live online. There will be a registration process to access the live stream link.

Travel assistance will be available to registered iwi members aged 18 and over this year. Limited accommodation will be available at Ūkaipō and motel accommodation will only be offered to kaumātua that require extra care. We will have more details on live stream access, travel and accommodation leading up to the event.



QUEEN’S HONOUR



We wish to extend congratulations to our cousin Gina, on a well deserved Queen’s Birthday Honour for her services to conservation and governance, applying her “kaitiaki lens” for more than a dozen groups and agencies over two decades. Gina, pictured here with her mum, the late Aunty Darcia Solomon (nee Mason), is the granddaughter of Kumeroa Mason (Ngāti Kuia) and great granddaughter of Granny Jane Smith (Rangitāne). Ka mau te wehi!



Whānau visited the urupā at Hokio Beach, Papakiri and Pua-o-tau (Koputaroa) during our Wānanga Ahurea ki Horowhenua. It was a great opportunity to visit the resting place of several Rangitāne ancestors and also visit the places where they lived.

Our next Wānanga Ahurea is being held at Bethell's Beach in Tamaki-Makaurau on Saturday and Sunday, 7-8 August. If you and your whānau would like to attend please contact our office or email events@rangitane.org.nz.

KAUMĀTUA HOUSIE



In May, we teamed up with Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō to host a Kaumātua Housie afternoon.

It was a great opportunity for our kaumātua to come together and enjoy an afternoon of whakawhanaungatanga and some friendly competition. Ngā mihi nui Nan Kahu Chadwick, Nan was our housie caller on the day and kept our kaumātua entertained.

CALENDAR DATES

Wairau Bar Tūpuna Research Kōrero

5pm Tuesday | 29 June | Ūkaipō

Rangatahi Matariki Wānanga

3-4 July | Te Whanganui-a-Tara

Matariki 2021

10 July | Wairau Bar/Ūkaipō

Kura Reo

18-22 July | Wairau

Wānanga Ahurea ki

Tamaki-Makaurau

7-8 August | Bethell's Beach

AGM 2021

2 October | Ūkaipō

Wānanga Ahurea ki Wairau

8-10 October | Rotoiti

MĀORI WARDS

Rangitāne o Wairau welcomed and commended the Marlborough District Council and Nelson City Council decision to establish a Māori wards.

Rangitāne o Wairau General Manager Corey Hebbard said "the decision represents a commitment by Councils to ensure iwi Māori representation at the Council table is on the same terms as other councillors.

"The decision to establish a Māori ward is a start and an advancement on the status quo — and whilst it doesn't represent true partnership, we are heartened by the move in this direction.

"The addition of a Māori ward in Nelson and Marlborough will bring more diversity and better outcomes for Māori and indeed, the entire community."

LONG TERM PLAN

We presented to the full Marlborough District Council as part of their Long Term Plan process. Our submission highlighted some key challenges and opportunities, including: Iwi Capability Funding; A Māori Cultural Initiatives Fund; Iwi Mapping; Blenheim Sewerage Treatment Plant; Resolving misspelt Māori street names; Sedimentation in the Marlborough Sounds.



SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Congratulations Walanya Holloway. Walanya, pictured here with NMIT CE Wayne Jackson, received the inaugural Rangitāne o Wairau NMIT Scholarship Award. Walanya is enrolled in Te Pōkaitahi Reo programme (Kaupae 1 & 2) at the Whakatū campus. We wish Walanya all the best with her reo journey.

TE TAUHU COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS



Auntie Tina Joseph, Auntie Nicky Renwick and Auntie Gemma McKinney are pictured here at one of the vaccination clinics held in the Wairau recently.

Te Kotahi o Te Tauhu Charitable Trust is working closely with Te Piki Oranga and Nelson Marlborough Health to bring you updates about the COVID-19 vaccine rollout and how it effects Iwi, hapū and whānau.

We are sharing the *Be a doer!* Karawhuia campaign to emphasise the collective reasons to get vaccinated but recognise getting vaccinated is an individual's choice.

To book for the following clinics call Whaea Trish on (03) 577 8404 or email hauora@thonr.org

Saturday 24 July - Marlborough Youth Trust
Saturday 14 August - MYT
Saturday 4 September - MYT
Saturday 25 September - MYT
Saturday 16 October - MYT
Saturday 6 November - MYT
Saturday 27 November - MYT

To book for the following clinics call 0800 ORANGA (0800 672 642). They can help with transport to and from the clinics, just let them know when you book your appointment.

Saturday 26 June - Ūkaipō, Grovetown
Saturday 24 July - Ūkaipō, Grovetown
Saturday 11 Sept - Ūkaipō, Grovetown
Saturday 9 October - Ūkaipō, Grovetown
Thursday 8 July - Waikawa Marae
Thursday 29 July - Waikawa Marae
Thursday 19 August - Waikawa Marae
Thursday 9 September - Waikawa Marae
Thursday 30 September - Waikawa Marae
Thursday 21 October - Waikawa Marae
Friday 18 June - Te Awhina Marae
Friday 9 July - Te Awhina Marae
Friday 30 July - Te Awhina Marae
Friday 20 August - Te Awhina Marae
Friday 10 September - Te Awhina Marae
Friday 1 October - Te Awhina Marae
Friday 22 October - Te Awhina Marae

PŪTEA TAUTOKO

Cultural and sporting pursuits are an important aspect of personal, whānau, hapū and iwi development. For this purpose, Rangitāne allocates a limited amount of funding toward sponsorship each year.

Sponsorship may be allocated to participants or events promoting Rangitāne o Wairau in culture and sports in a regional/national or international forum.

Applicants can apply more than once per financial year (1 April –31 March) however the maximum per year is \$500.

The Pūtea Tautoko kōmiti meet to consider applications monthly, pending the number of applications. Applicants must be a registered member of Te Rūnanga a Rangitāne o Wairau. Applications must be made using the official "Sponsorship Application Form" and should be made at least four weeks prior to the event.

Applicants must be selected to participate as an individual/group or team in a regional/national or international event recognised by the sporting or cultural body of that event; or be holding a significant event primarily for the people of Rangitāne o Wairau.

Te Rūnanga a Rangitāne o Wairau are unable to provide sponsorship for fundraisers, buildings and equipment, wages, local sporting events, conference fees, education fees, school/university fees and uniforms.

Application forms can be downloaded from our website and emailed or posted to our office.

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