



We did it! Our rangatahi climbed the maunga to visit the geographical centre of Aotearoa! A great vantage point to hear kōrero about some of our sites of significance in Whakatū, including Kaka Hill (where Whiro is buried), Matangi Āwhio (a pā, nearby to where Auckland Point School is now located), and The Boulder Bank.

CONNECTIONS MADE AT RANGATAHI WĀNANGA

Connecting our rangatahi with Rangitane whakapapa and history was the focus of our recent Taiohi Tangata Marae wānanga.

Rangatahi came from all over the motu to take part in the 5-day wānanga which included a trip out to Meretoto, visiting pou whenua around the Wairau, swimming at Rotoiti, then on to Whakatū where they learned about the Rangitane connection to the area and the basis for which our settlement included land and interests across the region.

While in Whakatū, our rangatahi also visited Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Tuia te Matangi, a kaupapa Māori school located on Rangitane land adjacent to Salisbury School and spent some time Tāhunanui Beach swimming and paddle boarding.

A key highlight for our rangatahi was learning their connection to each other by tracing back to our tūpuna.

We want to thank our three wānanga māmās, Sue Parish, Chanel Starkey and Kereana Norton who made sure our rangatahi were well fed and rested to encounter the next days activities head on. Thank you also to our kaikōrero Peter Meihana who shared the oral history of each site, and General Manager Corey Hebberd for coming along and getting to know our rangatahi better.

This wānanga was supported with funding from Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu, Rātā Foundation and RUIA.

MANA TANGATA | OUR PEOPLE

IMPROVING TEACHING, EMPOWERING ĀKONGA

Congratulations and acknowledgements to Dr Melanie Riwai-Couch (Rangitāne o Wairau, Ngāti Kuia, Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō) on the production of *Niho Taniwha*, a book she authored which will equip educators with culturally responsive practices to better serve and empower Māori students and their whānau.

The book is centred around the *Niho Taniwha* model in which both the learner and the teacher move through three phases in the teaching and learning process: Whai, Ako and Mau.

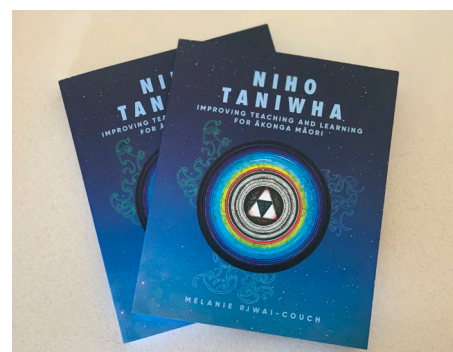
Melanie has worked for over two decades in the education sector as a teacher, a tu-muaki at a kura kaupapa Māori, a senior advisor for iwi and the Ministry of Education, and an education consultant.

Her experiences have provided her with an in-depth understanding of effective partnerships under Te Tiriti o Waitangi, issues of sovereignty for iwi, and how to help whānau find and use their voices in education. She has a Master of Education, a PhD from the University of Canterbury, and is a registered teacher.



"I don't believe that a book is going to make a world of difference, but a book used in the right way where there are shared conversations and we can have not just professional learning but where we can start to change the way of thinking and enablement, where we can really have that transformation – we need a movement," she says.

We were honoured and proud to be present for the launch of *Niho Taniwha*, and to join Dr Melanie Riwai-Couch and her whānau on this momentous and special occasion that will have a meaningful impact for ākonga Māori.



Dr Melanie Riwai-Couch at the launch of her new book, *Niho Taniwha: Improving Teaching and Learning for Ākonga Māori*. If you would like to purchase a copy of *Niho Taniwha* please contact our office on (03) 578 61780 or email admin@rangitane.org.nz.

MANA TIAO | OUR ENVIRONMENT

RECLASSIFYING STEWARDSHIP LAND

The Acting Conservation Minister (Minister Verrall) announced in late May 2021 that the Government is accelerating the reclassification of stewardship land.

Stewardship land is a category of public conservation land that includes land allocated to the Department of Conservation (DOC) when DOC was first formed in 1987.

It was intended that the conservation values of this land would be assessed and the appropriate classification allocated. However due to a number of factors, including the time and resources needed

to reclassify this land, the majority of stewardship land has not been reclassified.

Stewardship land amounts to 2.5 million hectares or 30% of public conservation land. Within Te Taihū there is 220,000 ha of stewardship land, this is approximately 9% of the total stewardship land area within New Zealand. To ensure this land is reclassified appropriately, the government has announced a stewardship land reclassification project comprising of:

- national panels who will assess the conservation values of parcels of stewardship land and provide a

recommendation as to their new classification to the Minister of Conservation

- legislative amendments to ensure that the process for reclassifying stewardship land is fit-for-purpose.

The Minister has directed that the stewardship reclassification work is delivered within eight months per region, starting from when the national panels are convened for the region. Within the eight-month period, engagement and public consultation will occur.

MANA AHUREA | OUR CULTURE



KURA REO

We are always excited to see our whānau taking the opportunity to attend Kura Reo. In January we held our fourth Kura Reo since it all began back in 2019.

Kura Reo caters for all levels of reo speakers. For our Te Ataarangi tauira there are different groups to choose from to find a level that suits you best. We also offer Whakapakari Reo for our more fluent speakers.

Plans are underway for the next Kura Reo to be held in Wairau in July.

MANA TANGATA | OUR PEOPLE

WHĀNAU FEEDBACK ON DEED REVIEW



Whānau at the Horowhenua Kanohi ki te Kanohi hui, held in Levin last month.

Ngā mihi nui to all our members who attended our Trust Deed Review hui held online and across the motu. Hearing from our whānau is critical to ensuring that the Trust Deed review meets its objectives – whānau were encouraged to share their whakaaro as part of the review process.

The feedback we received from whānau is that they're generally satisfied with the operation of the Trust and Trust Deeds, but some themes have included: aligning the numbering between our two Trust Deeds, to make them easier to understand, refer to and compare for readers; how we allow for and support succession planning, and a good mix of skills/attributes on our

Trusts (including regional representation); making our AGM more accessible, through online participation; regular review of our Trust Deeds; whether the definitions around Tikanga are sufficient; opportunities to engage with Trustees (other than the AGM); whāngai definition; and, the names of the Trusts.

Where to from here? A report will be compiled from the whānau consultation hui and presented to the Trust for consideration. Any changes to our Trust Deeds will be subject to the provisions of the respective Deeds, to be voted on at a General Meeting.

HAUORA | HEALTH HE AHA TŌ MAHERE?

Have you got a whānau plan?

With Aotearoa now operating under the COVID-19 Protection Framework (CPF), it can be expected there will be more cases of COVID-19 in our communities.

One way we can all prepare is by planning. We have created a Whānau Plan to help guide you and make this process a little easier. We've posted one out to each whānau household (keep an eye on the letterbox) and you can also download extra copies from our website.

Have a sit down with your whānau and do it together. Keep it on the fridge so you're all in the loop. And please e te iwi, if you have any questions about the traffic light system or self-isolating, please give us a call on (03) 578 6180. We are always here to listen and to help.

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RAUTAKI WHĀNAU
WHĀNAU PLAN

 **Rangitāne**
Te Rōhanga a Rangitāne o Wairau

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

DIVERSIFYING OUR INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO WITH NEW OPPORTUNITIES

The RHL/RIL Board recently approved the detailed design and consenting process to commence for developments at both 2 Horton St and 14 Horton St.

These are exciting opportunities that we hope will help to rejuvenate the area and continue to demonstrate Rangitāne's commitment to taking a leading role in the development of Blenheim.

In September 2021 Rangitāne invested in Pūainuku Vines LP which purchased c66 hectares of vineyards in the lower Wairau with a long-term lease to a well-established New Zealand winery. This followed the initial investment made in June 2021 in Dairy Holdings Ltd, a South Island focussed corporate dairy farm.

Pūainuku is a collective investment vehicle for iwi focussed on investments in New Zealand's primary sector, and provides access to investment at scale that would not otherwise be available to iwi individually.

Housing

The team are continuing positive dialogue with Ka Uruora and Crown in assessing the viability of housing solutions in the Marlborough region and providing housing options to whanau. We hope that in the coming months we will be able to provide greater clarity on what this might mean for whānau.

Future Planning

The FY2023 annual plan will be reviewed by the RHL/RIL Board in February 2022 and will set out the budgets and targets for investment. The focus will continue to be on direct investments and diversification of the investment portfolio to reduce risk.

There are a number of opportunities within the rohe that the team have been working on in the past 12-18 months that we are hopeful will come to fruition this year and we are excited about the opportunities that this will provide to wider whānau.

HĀKINAKINA | SPORT PŪTEA TAUTOKO



Taylah Seng was selected to play in the NZ Māori Basketball national tournament. The financial support from the Pūtea Tautoko grant allowed Taylah to not only develop her basketball skills, she also learned about her peers, experienced whanaungatanga and kotahitanga, manaaki kaumātua, and it gave her the opportunity to display tuakana/teina leadership. *Ka mau te wehi Taylah!*

INVESTMENTS CONTINUE TO DELIVER SOLID RETURNS

The impacts of COVID-19 continue to be felt around the world and within the Marlborough region.

Labour and inflation issues continue to be felt across all facets of the economy and managing the impacts of these factors on Rangitāne commercial assets is a key focus to ensure that the commercial entity continues to perform well.

The continued diversification and divestment of more 'risky' investments has put Rangitāne in a strong position to continue to weather the storm and put us in a good position to take advantage of opportunities that may arise.

It is expected that a number of the opportunities that the team have been working on over the past 12 months, will come to fruition in the next financial year.

We recently completed the rent review negotiations with the Ministry of Education for the various schools that are leased to the Crown. The negotiations saw a positive uplift in rents. Pleasingly, Rangitāne House continues to perform with resilience in the face of challenging commercial conditions. Rangitāne House remains 100% occupied.

After a challenging harvest in 2021, 2022 is looking like a bumper crop for both Flaxmill

vineyard and across the Marlborough region. Estimates are coming in a roughly over 135 tonne and the average grape price is once again up on previous years. This is great news as costs to operate the vineyard have also increased over the past year.

We have continued to generate returns from our ACE and fisheries assets. Fisheries income to date for the April-21 and October-21 fishing years were down on the 5-year average but in-line with previous year income. It is hoped that as the world settles back to 'normal' we will see a return to better pricing.

FUNDING BOOST TO PRESERVE HISTORY AND KNOWLEDGE

Te Taihū (top of the South) iwi Rangitāne o Wairau are putting \$25,000 worth of funding towards a digital resource to help connect whānau with their Nelson-based history.

The funding was one of 20 grants issued as part of Pouhere Taonga's (Heritage NZ) Te Awe Kōtuku programme, aimed at preserving and revitalising vulnerable mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge).

Te Runanga a Rangitāne o Wairau Trust general manager Corey Hebbard said the iwi hoped to have ongoing digitisation projects, but was starting with mātauranga relating to specific sites of interest in and around the Whakatū (Nelson) area.

The iwi's rohe (territory) spreads from Waiau-toa (Clarence) River, up through Wairau (Marlborough) and the Nelson Lakes, into the Marlborough Sounds and Whakatū (Nelson).

Hebbard said the iwi hoped to be able to tackle several sites of interest in one general area each year until there were digital resources available across the rohe. He said digitising the iwi's history would not only preserve the stories

and connections to important sites, but would also provide a way for iwi members to stay connected to their whenua and traditions.

"We have some 20 per cent of New Zealand's coastline in our rohe, so it's huge," Hebbard said.

"We've got members dispersed throughout [the rohe], and all over the country and the world ... Most of our traditions and our stories are handed down through the generations, and as people have moved away that's made that harder."

He said the disruptions from Covid-19 had only emphasised the need for digital, virtual or distanced ways to share information and history.

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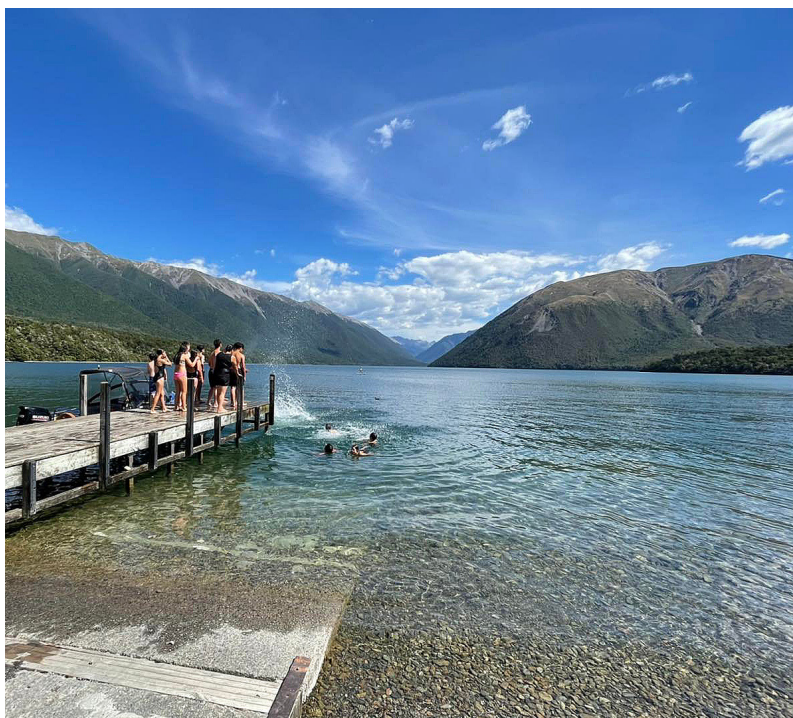
"We've got members overseas and far from home, or people who aren't vaccinated or who are not comfortable being in group settings. It's a resource for them, and it will be here forever.

"We're trying to make it as accessible as possible."

He said while the iwi was still solidifying what the digital resource would look like, there were plans for it to include knowledge from iwi kaumātua (elders) and experts, as well as information from non-iwi historians and experts who had been heavily involved in the iwi's Te Tiriti settlement with the Crown.

The iwi planned to have the resource available by mid-2022, though Hebbard said Covid-19 disruptions could delay the project.

He said Rangitāne o Wairau had been focusing on preserving its history and mātauranga recently, with both the digitisation project and rangatahi (youth) focused educational hīkoi (journeys) to sites and areas of interest to help revitalise the knowledge and connect young people to their peers and their history.



ROTOITI & ROTOROA

Rangitāne has long standing connections to Lake Rotoiti. The resources of the Lakes (Rotoiti and Rotoroa), and their environs, were used by Rangitāne (and the other Kurahaupō iwi) when we established ourselves in Te Taihū. The lakes have added significance given they are the source of six important waterways: the Kawatiri, Wairau, Motueka, Motupiko, Waiau-toa and Awatere. The lakes also formed the central hub of a series of well known and well-used tracks ('the footprints of the Tupuna') linking Rangitāne communities elsewhere in Te Taihū. The lakes, and their environs, were a rich source of mahinga kai, including birds (kiwi, kokako, piopio and bush wren and blue ducks), kiore, eels, inanga, fern root and the root of the ti tree, and berries of the miro, tawa, kahikatea and totara. A shrub called neinei is only found in the lakes area. This shrub was used to make korowai and is highly valued by Rangitāne. The region was a refuge for Rangitāne (and other Kurahaupō people) after the northern invasions, and formed a secure base for warriors who continued to harass and threaten the invaders.

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Our Kaumātua thoroughly enjoyed their boat trip lunch in Tōtaranui celebrating Kirihimete in December. Thank you Marlborough Tour Company for the hospitality and delicious kai. It was nice to relax and spend the day together, our kaumātua deserve it.



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Our office is operating remotely under the Red traffic light setting. Our office hours remain the same, Monday-Friday, 8.30am-5pm.

If you have any pātai, require assistance, or would like to arrange an appointment or meeting please call **(03) 578 6180**, email admin@rangitane.org.nz or send us a **message** on Facebook

MĀTAURANGA | EDUCATION

MARLBOROUGH LINES SCHOLARSHIP



Rangitāne were pleased to host the Marlborough Lines Tertiary Scholarship for Māori presentations.

The event, held at Ūkaipō, saw Marlborough Lines present three scholarships to: Jalen Graham (Rangitāne, Ngāti Apa, Ngāti Kuia); Renee Love (Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui, Ngāi Tahu); Louis Pinker-Meihana (Rangitāne, Ngāti Apa, Ngāti Kuia, Ngāti Rārua, Ngāti Koata, Ngāi Tahu).

Rangitāne extends its congratulations to the scholarship recipients, who are undertaking studies in Computer Science, Applied Science in Environment, Communications and Journalism. Ka mau te wehi e te whānau!

We also extend our thanks to Marlborough Lines for their generous support, and in

doing so, we acknowledge the whakapapa of the scholarship which would not have been possible without the contributions of Aunty Kath Hemi and Laurie Duckworth in the late 1990s. Ngā mihi nui!

Set up in 1997, the scholarship is offered to tertiary students who reside in Wairau and who have links to one or more of the tangata whenua iwi in the Marlborough Lines catchment area – Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō, Ngāti Toa Rangitira ki Wairau, Ngāti Kuia, Ngāti Koata, Rangitāne o Wairau, Ngāti Rārua, Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui and Ngāi Tahu.

Including today's scholarship recipients, the scholarship has supported 23 Wairau locals in their tertiary studies, with a total investment from Marlborough Lines and its predecessor entities nearing \$100,000.

RANGITĀNE SCHOLARSHIP



Congratulations to Karen Wells on her recent graduation.

Ka whakamiharo atu ahau mo ō koutou tautoko pūtea i ahau. Thank you so much for your support for my study. I am pleased to let you know that I graduated with a Master of Education with Distinction in Māori Education from Massey University. E hara taku toa ite toa takitahi, he toa takitini.

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