



Opuke Thermal Pools & Spa update

We thought we'd take this opportunity to bring you up to speed with developments in the OTPS story since our May update.

Architecture Competition



We have concluded our architecture competition which has been a real highlight for the MAL team. Four architects were shortlisted from seven who initially expressed interest to take part. The quality of the submissions from the shortlisted group was impressive and we are delighted to announce that we have chosen to move forward with Sheppard & Rout.

We were particularly impressed by the way Sheppard & Rout challenged our functional design brief and concept specification to produce a very exciting vision for the pools. Click [here](#) to view a virtual tour of their concept design (noting that this will be refined as we move into the developed design phase).

Developed Design

Sheppard & Rout, Ruamoko Structural Engineers and our project managers (Josephs & Associates) have been engaged to undertake a QS exercise to ensure to we have a good handle on build costs. This has been and continues to be a very collaborative process and the MAL team have been actively engaged to ensure that the key elements of the guest experience and our brand positioning are delivered within the capital budget.

Capital Raise

In our last update we outlined the support we had gratefully received from local investors. Whilst we continue to deal with investor enquiries, these are beginning to slow down. We have recently engaged capital raise specialists, [Northington Partners](#), to improve our reach into the investor market. The Northington team have reviewed and refined our business case and

produced an impressive investor pack. They are working towards completing the raise by the end of 2018.

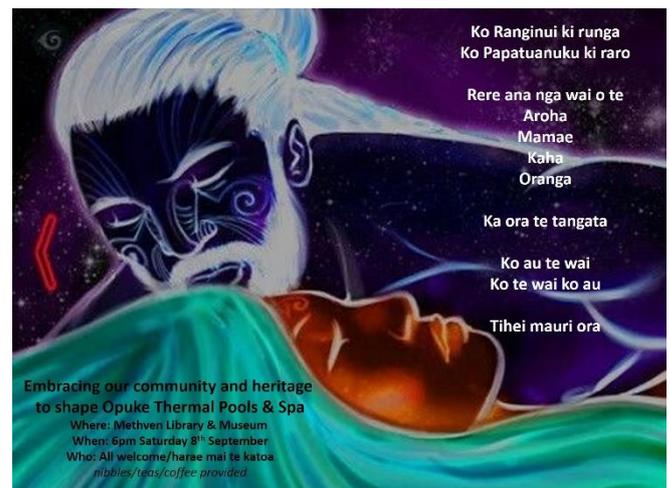
Part of our funding strategy is obtaining a grant/loan from the [Provisional Growth Fund](#). We have worked closely with NZTE, Northington and PGF advisors to produce a really compelling application and presentation pack. Our application has successfully passed through various stages of review and scrutiny by MoBIE and our proposal is due to be considered by the PGF board on 17th September.

Brand Development

Our brand promise “sourced from the mountains, powered by the sun” remains very much at the heart of our value proposition. We also feel it is important to complement our sustainability aspirations with references to our unique multi-cultural heritage. Introducing cultural themes of local and national significance to the experience of relaxing in our hot pools will be a major draw-card – particularly for international visitors.

Following consultation with members of our community who are actively making a positive difference in this area, we feel the story of [Ranginui and Papatuanuku](#) (Sky Father and Earth Mother) is particularly poignant. If you are not aware of this Maori “origin of the world” legend (most of your kids will be!) we encourage you to click on the link above or watch this short video [clip](#).

We are inviting members of the Methven Community to an open meeting on Saturday 8th September in our flash new Library and Museum and hope to share ideas and explore ways to bring historical stories and legends to life in the Opuke Thermal Pools & Spa experience.



If you want to know more about Opuke Thermal Pools & Spa please feel free to come along to our next meeting, email the MAL team: info@methvenadventures.nz or visit our new-look website: www.methvenadventures.nz