



JUNE 2021

## REREAHU MANU KORERO

E nga rau rangatira mā tenei ra te mihi kia koutou mai nga maunga whakarei tainoa kia tatou tenei ra te mihi maioha kia koutou katoa.

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We hope you find the content interesting and informative, with updates on matters relating to the Trusts and their operations. Another busy financial year has just about come to an end (30 June 2021). I look forward to seeing you all at the next AGM to be held closer to the end of the calendar year.

*Rowyne Yeatman (Chairperson)*

### Suggestions / Complaints / Compliments

Included in this newsletter is a Suggestion / Complaints / Compliment form. Your feedback is important to us, as this will help to inform us what we are doing right, and what improvements we can make. Any concerns or complaints are equally important, and will be dealt with in a timely manner. Your feedback is confidential and will not be used for any other purpose.

We encourage you to complete and return this form.

Each year at the Annual General Meeting we receive verbal complaints which we would rather resolve prior so we can concentrate on the business of the meeting. For improvement measures and to eliminate lengthy shareholder meetings we will no longer address any complaints or historical issues on the day - please fill out and return the appropriate form so we can resolve issues with haste, accordingly and confidentially in respect of shareholders.

### FEEDBACK



Your opinion  
is important  
to us!



AGM - 29 November 2020

Left to Right - Te Rahui Hepi, Tutahunga Tepu, Archibald Franklin, Destiny Ordish, Charles Taituha, Rowyne Yeatman, Donna Tamaki

### New Trustees

We welcome Donna Tamaki and Tutahunga Tepu to the governance team, who were elected at the AGM held 29 November 2020. They replaced Charles Taituha & Hine (Barbara) Moana. Formal appointments were made by the Maori Land Court on 15 June 2021. We take this opportunity to thank both Hine & Charles for their valuable input during their term as trustees.



It gives us great pleasure to acknowledge our shareholder, **Gabe Moana**, on becoming a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to Maori and Governance.

*"Rereahu iwi, we were known as kids from the bush ... I would have been 11 or 12 before I realised there's a whole lot of other things, including a lake, on that side of the mountain."*

*"Many hands have moulded me through my journey in life and a lot of them aren't here now. But I certainly acknowledge those people who were there beside me for those 40 years, within our Maori world."*



## FARM UPDATE

Te Hape B Trust - Woolshed & Covered Yards



As the current farming season draws to a close we can be thankful that the farming sector is in a markedly better place than this time a year ago. Coming out of “lockdown” last year, there was much uncertainty around what the world would look like and how our markets would fare. There was a very real likelihood that



Te Awa Rua - Working Dogs

the demand for quality food would drop off and the global financial situation would mean people would not be able to afford to pay the high prices for our meat and milk. A year on however, a very different situation has unfolded. Aside from the challenges that remain in the wool sector, the remainder of the sheep and beef sector is having a good run with product prices being at strong levels. We can only hope that this remains but the outlook for the next year is for one of stability, at or around, the current levels. This makes forward planning much easier than a year ago.

On the production front, the autumn conditions have also been much kinder than the drought we were dealing with last year and this has put the farms in a far stronger position heading into the winter. Feed on hand and stock condition is markedly better than last year and this has been of some value this year, but it will be of even more value as we head into the 21/22 financial year. Some of this can be credited to the better grass growing season, but much of this also goes to the mahi and dedication of the farm teams and our thanks goes to them for this. Homai te pakipaki!

There are still a few challenges facing the agricultural sector from a regulation perspective and there always seems to be something new “just around the corner” but overall there is little to complain about in the bigger scheme of the world situation.

## NGA WHENUA RAHUI (NWR)

The negotiation of the final agreement with Nga Whenua Rahui continues along the lines of the update and korero at the AGM in 2020. This includes working through the final areas of ngahere that are to be fenced as part of the agreement and ensure that the Trust is doing all it can to protect the flora and fauna that are within these protected areas. This autumn there has been some areas previously fenced that have been getting upgraded and maintained in partnership with NWR and the relationship remains very strong and valuable to the Trusts. In addition to this, there are very positive discussions occurring with the NWR team around further training and upskilling of whanau to assist with pest control in these protected areas and we will share more of the detail of this when we can – this is about providing additional and direct benefit to our shareholders from this partnership. The decision ratified at the 2020 AGM to continue with the kawenata has remains the right one. We look forward to updating you fully once all the final details have been completed.



## New Staff

We welcome Turimanu Fraser who has filled one Shepherd position on Tiroa E Trust, working under the guidance of Christine Brooky (Head Shepherd).

7 applications were received for the second Shepherd vacancy on Tiroa E Trust and this should be filled shortly.

David Turner whom has been with Tiroa E Trust for 14 years as a General Hand has tendered his resignation. This is being advertised at present.

Hayden Hall, Head Shepherd on Te Hape B Trust has also resigned after 7 years service, and this will be advertised and filled in due course.

We wish them both all the best in their future endeavours, and thank them very much for their mahi on the whenua.

Carly McFarlane is employed in the office as a casual employee, while another team member is on Parental leave.

**Crusader Meats update**

As per previous notification the lease was discussed in detail at the Special General Meeting held in October 2020 and the result was the majority of Shareholders voted in favour of a new lease. An Agreement to Lease has now been fully signed, however this is conditional on some survey work and a new lease being entered into with the Tutaki whanau. Once the Agreement is unconditional a final Lease Agreement will be signed and that will be registered with the Maori Land Court and registered on the title. At the same stage, the Trusts will be able to seek payment from Crusader Meats NZ Ltd for lease arrears and also expenses incurred up to the value of \$100,000 + GST. We will keep you informed of further progress.

**Waipa Awa - Fencing  
Provincial Growth Fund (PGF)**

In November 2020, Tiroa E Trust secured \$915,000 funding from PGF to complete 30km of fencing and 40 hectares of riparian planting to restore the river margins and wetland areas along the Waipa Awa. All fencing has been completed and the planting of 24,000 various species of plants that are suitable for these areas will begin shortly. These were purchased from Puniu River Care in Kihikihi. We take this opportunity to thank Crusader Meats NZ Ltd for supplying a truck and driver to transport these plants to our site.



*Fencelines being erected along the Waipa Awa*



As reported in the December 2020 newsletter, the Charitable Trust made hardship grants to shareholders that needed assistance during the covid 19 pandemic. Payments were also made to other service providers (St Johns Ambulance, Fire Brigade, Womens Refuge, Westpac Rescue Helicopter), and local food banks. **We now advise these grants are no longer available.**



Late last year, the Directors of Tiroa E & Te Hape B Limited Partnership (T/A Te Awa Rua Farm) discussed and considered the possibility of establishing a Native Nursery on farm. The view is to support all our farms to achieve environmental sustainability, and uphold our obligation to minimise the environmental impacts from sheep and beef farming, near waterways, forests, marae and community, and will also have the potential to supply outside organisations. This will also create employment for the beneficiaries and the community. The Nursery aims to source native seedlings (Totara, Kowhai, Manuka, Miro, Harakeke, Karamu, Tarata, Tawhiri etc) from Pureora and surrounding ngahere, propagate these seeds to raise plant seedlings and native tree saplings into healthy native plants and trees. These will be used to supply the parent companies (Tiroa E & Te Hape B Trusts, local marae and businesses throughout the Rereahu region “Mai Rangitoto Ki Tuhua”). Earlier this year work commenced on a piece of land on Te Hape B Trust to create “Waiatara Nursery”. An excavator contractor has flattened out an area of approx. 1/2 acre, and fencing (including windbreak) has been erected. Some further work is required to (eg wharepaku, concrete pads for fertiliser and potting mix etc). In the very near future we will be looking to engage a Planting Manager with Horticulture experience and 2 Planters with a ‘can do’ attitude.



Nursery Area with Crusader Meats truck unloading the 24,000 plants from Puniu River Care for planting along the Waipa Awa.



# Tiroa House

## Earthquake & Asbestos Compliance

An upgrade to our office space (including minor renovations) was considered and approved. In moving forward with planning and applying for council consent this automatically triggered earthquake compliance. To enable any upgrade to commence we were required to complete an earthquake compliant assessment, in which we engaged BCD Engineering Group. The outcome was that Tiroa House was not earthquake compliant and a substantial amount of work and dollars is required to meet the regulations. We are still working through the pros and cons of this exercise and are awaiting further information before we can make a decision if this is actually worth completing or not. We will keep you informed of outcomes in future notifications to shareholders.

Our tenants also enquired if an asbestos survey had ever been carried out in our building. To our knowledge this has never been done so we engaged specialists to complete this. This testing confirmed there is a minimal amount of asbestos exposed in our office space, and none was found in our tenanted area. We are currently looking at the best options to have this removed or covered so this will not be a health concern to our staff or our tenants.

## Te Wananga o Aotearoa

TWOA continue to lease the majority of Tiroa House. The renewal of the lease took effect on 01 January 2021 for a term of two years with one further right of renewal, that term being 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2024. We continue to have a very good relationship with our tenants.



## A1 ADMINISTRATION SOLUTIONS

“te tiaki i to pakihi – looking after your business”

As part of our investment strategy and diversification we are currently forming a company to provide administration services, specialising in Maori Land Trusts and Incorporations. Potential clients will benefit by having availed the services of highly motivated, efficient and experienced administrators, have more time to run their business and have more cost effective fees than other competitors. This company will also benefit the parent Trusts (Tiroa E & Te Hape B) by providing another income stream. If you or any Maori Land Trust / Incorporation you know may be interested in engaging with this company, please contact the office for more information. We envisage commencement by 01 July 2022.

## NZ Shearing Champs

This was held in Te Kuiti from 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Once again the Shearing Committee was very pleased with the sheep supplied by Tiroa E & Te Hape B Trusts, and we are proud to support this event, with spectators and competitors coming from near and far. Our farm staff must be commended for ensuring our sheep are in top condition for this well attended event. In addition to shearing competition there were plenty of stalls and of course the annual running of the sheep down the main street of Te Kuiti, which always attracts a large crowd.



Running of the Sheep - Main Street, Te Kuiti, 2021

## Education & Marae Grants

Education & Marae Maintenance Grants closed on 26 March 2021. We received 37 Secondary and 24 Tertiary applications. Marae maintenance grants were paid to 7 marae. Total grants paid is \$19,900 and these were paid to recipients on 14 April 2021.



## Dwelling upgrades

Farm dwelling upgrades have continued – interior and exterior painting, kitchen upgrades, bathroom upgrades, new floor coverings, double glazing, new drapes etc. The housing committee will concentrate on completing all Te Hape dwellings in the next financial year. A new home is being considered for the Te Hape Manager.

We also are completing water testing in all dwellings to ensure it is of drinkable quality. Annual chimney and gutter cleaning is also done, along with DVS and water filter changes.

## New Tangihanga Grant Policy

The Trustees have reviewed and updated the Tangihanga Grant Policy. The following is the approved policy.



### TIROA E & TE HAPE B TRUSTS TANGIHANGA GRANT POLICY

#### Coverage

This policy applies to the immediate whānau of a deceased person who is listed on the Beneficial Owners register in Tiroa E or Te Hape B Trust or has shares in a Whānau Trust that is listed as a Beneficial Owner. Eligible members of a Whānau Trust are all those named as beneficiaries.

#### Purpose

To provide monetary assistance to the whānau of a Beneficial Owner during tangihanga.

#### Rationale

To assist whānau through a bereavement.

#### Introduction

Over a number of years the Trustees of Tiroa E and Te Hape B Trusts have had a policy of providing to its Beneficial Owners a cash payment to assist the whānau or their estate during a tangi.

#### Policy

- Allocation for a Beneficial Owner is \$250 (two hundred and fifty dollars) cash from Tiroa E and/or Te Hape B Trusts.
- The deceased person must be listed on the Beneficial Owners register in Tiroa E and/or Te Hape B Trusts.
- Allocation for a member of a Whānau Trust is \$250 (two hundred and fifty dollars) from Tiroa E and/or Te Hape B Trust.
- The Whānau Trust must supply Tiroa E and/or Te Hape B Trusts with a list of eligible members of those named as beneficiaries.
- Tangihanga koha is available for up to 1 (one) month from the date of death.
- Koha is payable to a representative of the bereaved.

#### Procedure

- Contact the Office at Tiroa House, Taupiri Street, Te Kuiti. Telephone (07) 878 8640 to complete the Tangihanga Grant application form.
- Office Staff will process the application and contact the Trustee charged with the responsibility to authorise the Grant.
- The amount of \$250.00 (two hundred and fifty dollars) will be made available by electronic transfer into a nominated bank account upon approval of the Tangihanga Grant application form.

The new and improved website is due to go live any day now. Please visit [www.tiroatehape.maori.nz](http://www.tiroatehape.maori.nz) for latest news, events, forms, photo's, newsletters and policies. If you have any news relating to the Trusts



that you would like included, or if you have any concerns regarding any content of the website, please do not hesitate to contact the office.



Pei Whatarangi, Edwina Te Aho & Karen Chase - AGM 2020

## Shareholder Identification Cards

We are currently considering getting Shareholder Cards made for all beneficiaries. This will simplify the 'sign in' process at shareholder meetings (scanning the barcode instead of the usual searching through the registration book and signing your name in the same) and enable easier identification. It would also mean automatic kaumatua registration if a birth date is supplied and included on the card. These cards will be the same size as a normal eftpos or visa card. Shareholders will be able to use these when phoning the office by simply quoting the shareholder number shown on the card to administration staff.

## TERTIARY GRANT RECIPIENTS

### STEVIE RIHIA



I started my environmental studies in 2019 completing a graduate diploma in sustainable management, I moved over to Massey in 2020 and completed a post grad diploma in environmental planning which included GIS, Advanced Maori planning, professional practice and natural resource policy. I applied for the masters this year to do planning law and theory. My highlights would be gaining a NZPI membership, and receiving scholarships in 2020 from the Graduate women's NZ, Horizons women's NZ and the Maori education trust which helped me pay for my tertiary fees which I have really appreciated. My aim is to get a role in environmental planning, with a focus on Maori land, natural resources, and housing.

Nga mihi

*Well done!*

Ko Kakepuku te Maunga,  
Ko Waikato te Awa  
Ko Tainui te Waka  
Ko Ngāti Rereahu raua ko Maniapoto te Iwi  
Ko Ngāti Hari te Hapū  
Ko Hia Kaitupeka te Marae  
Ko Catherine raua ko Stewart ōku mātua  
Ko Bailey Rose Ahau

### BAILEY ROSE



I am currently studying towards a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Psychology at Victoria University of Wellington. I am also studying towards a Post-Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology alongside my PhD. My PhD is an extension of my Honours dissertation, where I explored the protective function of cultural identity for rangatahi Māori eating attitudes and behaviours. Specifically, I hope to better understand eating disorders among young Māori. I believe this is a critical topic as Māori are largely overlooked within eating disorder research and in clinical care. And furthermore, due to the importance of kai for Māori culture, tikanga, and Te Ao Māori more broadly. I hope to integrate my own knowledge and experiences of Māori culture when producing this research. In the future, I hope to work as a clinical psychologist in a specialist Māori mental health service, where I can strive to bring about better outcomes for Māori impacted my mental health difficulties.

I want to say a huge thank you to Tiroa E & Te Hape B Trust for supporting me over the past 2 years with the Tertiary Education Grant. Your support is greatly appreciated!