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## **New Trustee**

We would like to welcome our new Trustee Diane Crown. Diane was elected at the 2022 AGM in December along with the re-election of Destiny Ordish.

Diane was sworn in on 26th April 2023 and will complete her Trustee training in the next couple of months.

Diane brings a wealth of knowledge and business experience. Diane has a Diploma in Business Management as well as a Diploma in Floristry.



Dianne Crown newly elected Trustee with resigning Trustee Te Rahui Hepi.

We also take this opportunity to thank Te Rahui for his time and dedication to the Trusts.

Te Rahui became a Responsible Trustee in September 2020. He brought his love of the whenua into his role and was an important member on the board.

At this time we wish Te Rahui all the best in his future endeavors.

## **Trust Deed Update**

As reported at the 2022 AGM, Shareholders were asked to approve the recommended amendments. Shareholders approved the Trustee Rotation clause but asked that all other amendments be discussed further.

The Trustees are currently working on this and will seek Shareholder feedback once done.

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## Tiroa E & Te Hape B Trusts

### **AGM Prize Winners**

Steven Turner - FMG Chilly Bin Beaty Jean Oale - FMG Chilly Bin Shane King - Waitomo Pack, Eco Pack, TWH \$50 Voucher Malcolm Gavin - Chainsaw Hine Moana - Giltrap Bag, Speaker Te Rau Aroha Whanau Trust - Drill, Tyre Boss Bag Faye Meadows - Stoked Voucher \$100 Glen Martin - Stoked Voucher \$100 Noti Matena - Stoked Voucher \$100 Te Rahui Hepi - TWH \$100 Voucher Sereena Moana - New World \$100 Voucher Lorraine Rakei - New World \$100 Voucher Tai Martin - New World \$100 Voucher Paul Chase - New World \$100 Voucher Te Atawhai Martin - Countdown \$100 Voucher Wayne Fraser - Mitre 10 \$50 Voucher, Repco \$50 Voucher Speers Whanau Trust - Mitre 10 2x \$50 Voucher Jean Moana - Mitre 10 2x \$50 Voucher Karen Chase - Mitre 10 2x \$50 Voucher Peti Matena II - New World \$100 Voucher

## 2023 Grants

We thank all those who applied and wish them all the best for the coming year.

Please see all grant recipients below.

#### Marae Grants

Mangapeehi Otewa Te Ahoroa Te Hape Te Miringa Te Kakara

#### **Tertiary Grants**

Fhiri Barrett Cam Bennett Cara Bennett Levi-James Cressy-Baggott Jenny Crown Daria Crown-Harris Christian Kearns Melissa Keith Karyn Nathan Hana Ngatoro McKenzie O'Sullivan Theo Peters Bailey Rose Tullulah Ross Evyan Staladi Katarina Tamaki Pere Tamaki Taaj Tawhara Zenith Tawharea-Crown Maardi Wehi Mulligan-Green Tania Whatarangi-Bell Nikayla Williams

Secondary Grants Ashleigh Anderson Tania Anderson Deearn Cressy-Baggott Koro Crown Cheyla Heta-Cloke Te Pinihi Hetet-Ngarongo Karen Hodgson Keanu Hodgson Mangokaitipua Jackson Kiana Liddington Pavton Liddinaton Merenia McTainsh Resden Potahi McTainsh Alexis Ordish Cruise Reardon Storm Reardon Karena Tait Tama Te Whau Chloe Turner Ethan Turner Diamond-Lee Wade Leifel Wade Johlayne Wade Mia Wehi Ruita Wehi-Holland Tynayah Wehi-Kukutai Aperehama Williams Te Paea Williams Ava Wilson-Walters Tamati Kakenga-Nathan

Van Hilten

Cheri Cressy - Z \$100 Voucher Rua Joseph - Z \$100 Voucher Te Irirangi RuTe Irirangi Ruth Shefford - Z \$100 Voucher Rangi Te Paea - Z \$100 Voucher Winnie Weherua Nathan Whanau Trust - Z \$100 Voucher Paul Thackray - Z \$100 Voucher Diane Crown - Z \$100 Voucher George Tutaki - Z \$100 Voucher Dion Tutaki - Z \$100 Voucher Julia Chase - Z \$100 Voucher Levi Turner Nathan - New World \$100 Voucher Mary Ann Crown - New World \$100 Voucher Louisa Hatu - New World \$100 Voucher Tanira I Te Rangi Whanau Trust - New World \$100 Voucher Gabriel Moana - New World \$100 Voucher David & Regina Tamaki-Trust Whanau Trust - New World \$100 Voucher Nancy Tutaki - New World \$100 Voucher Packer Whanau Trust - New World \$100 Voucher Phillip Crown (Jnr) - \$400 New World Voucher, TWH \$50 Voucher Metiria Bell - \$400 New World Voucher, TWH \$50 Voucher



L Karen Chase, Rangi Te Paea and Cheryl Clair at the 2022 AGM.

Below L: Te Irirangi Ruth Shefford and Leone Amohanga.

Below R: Some of the prizes given away on the day. Kindly donated from Tyre Boss, FMG, Otorohonda and Giltrap Agrizone.







Above: Shareholders and whanau present at the 2022 AGM.

## Tiroa E & Te Hape B Trusts

## Waiatara Native Nursery & Kaimahi Team

The Waiatara Native Nursery established in June 2021 was created to provide acclimatised riparian plants for approx. 150km of protected waterways on the Trust lands with five major headwaters; Waimiha, Waipa, Ongarue, Okahukura, Mangaokewa feeding into Mokau, Whanganui and Waikato. In addition to this, we plan to sell native plants to other neighbouring properties, local business environmental projects, local marae and further afield. We have received approx. \$1.25m in funding from various contributors since 2019 for fencing & planting.

The Nursery staff have been busy germinating and growing seeds, pricking out seedlings, nurturing plants, erecting shade & hot houses, maintaining grounds, seed collecting etc.....the list goes on! This year the Nursery has really "ramped up" and we are starting to see some real benefits.

Seed collection from the Trusts Ngahere, Pureora and surrounding areas has been a challenge this year due to the strange weather patterns we have been having, however we are making gains in this area. If we have a shortfall this will be covered by purchasing seeds or propagation. Seed banks will be utilised to store seeds to preserve genetic diversity.

The nursery staff must be acknowledged for their hard work and commitment – without their capability & knowledge we would not be where we are today.

This year's main planting will commence in August and will cover approx. 11km of waterways and use 40,000 plants. Moving forward the target is to plant 50,000 – 55,000 plants into 22ha of waterways each year.

The kaimahi team are doing an awesome job with pre-planting pest control – installing rabbit bait stations and refilling as required. They are also currently releasing the native plants that were planted last year – this will reduce the risk of them being smothered. In quieter times they help out at the Nursery or complete other farm maintenance tasks. Thank you kaimahi team – keep up the fantastic mahi!



Nursery Staff: Mary Williams, Hiki Nathan and Marcus Hatu-Turner



Pictures showing growth of seedlings from germination, pricking out and ready to be planted.







## Tiroa E & Te Hape B Trusts

## Farm Update - A Year of Everything

It has been an interesting season so far in the farming world and one that has really challenged farming in general. At the end of Spring, we had already received double the normal rainfall over winter – this really put the farms on the back foot. All of the signals were pointing toward another season like last year when the taps got turned off over Summer and we got very dry. Well, the weather forecasters could have not been more wrong! Since then, we have had a similar trend over summer with the rain continuing to fall – the difference now has been that it has been coming in large falls in a short period of time – i.e. Cyclone Gabrielle! Thankfully, the King Country in general and in particular the farms, were spared from and major damage from these storms. A few culverts blown out and trees down was the extent of it, but we feel for the farmers on the East Coast who will be struggling for many months to come.

The rain has meant plenty of grass growth and the opportunity to put more weight on stock, this has been key as the livestock markets have had a bit of a hit since late last year – lamb in particular, where the farms are getting around \$1.00 / kg less than this time last year (roughly \$20 / lamb!).

On top of this reduction in income, farming operations, like all of us, are really battling with the rising cost of living and doing business. The increases across the board for farming have seen a massive lift in the expenditure and has meant we are needing to review the way we do business. As an example, the cost of the same fertiliser across the two Trust operations has increased by \$350,000 over the last 18 months! All farms need to carefully review the cost of key inputs, such as fertiliser, cropping etc to ensure that the focus is on maximising profit. We need to be careful in this exercise to ensure that we still look after the whenua and the assets, but we just need to be sure that the spend is justified. The old saying of just "tightening the belt for a while" is key right now.

But it is not all bad news. The positive of where we are now at is the farms are now in a fantastic position for the winter ahead (best position for years) with both feed levels (including pastures, crops, silage) as well as stock, in a very good place right now. This is key in ensuring the farms are well set up for a productive year next year and there now appears to be some stability in the market prices around current levels. Like we saw through the COVID times, the world needs to eat, so there will remain good demand for food. Bring on a kind winter this year!

### Introducing our Farm Managers



Tiroa Station Farm Manager Wayne Fraser

Wayne has been with the Trusts for over 11 years. Wayne is married to Alicia and they have 4 children.



Wharekiri Station Farm Manager Jason Taitoko

Jason has been with the Trusts for over 9 years. Jason is married to Louise and they have 2 children.



Te Hape Station Farm Manager Ian Valler

Ian has been with the Trusts for 17 years. Ian is married to Wendy and they have 4 children.



Te Awa Rua Farm Manager Andrew Blackmore

Andrew has been with the Trusts for nearly 4 years. Andrew is married to Greta and they have one child.

## Shareholder Updates

Our Admin team are working hard to ensure all details held on our Shareholder register are up to date. If you have recently moved or would like to check your details please contact the office on 07.878.8640.

We are also asking all Shareholders for date of births. If you could email Camilla@tiroatehape.maori.nz or call the office so we can get these updated.