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Tihei mauriora

Timatanga te mihi ki Te Atua

He Whakahonore Te Tapairu Te Arikini Te Atairangikaahu me tona hoa Rangatira

Whatumoana me nga raua tamariki mokopuna o te Kahui Ariki nuitonu tae noa ki te Papa Tumate

Pamarire ki a ratou

Nga mate o te Wiki o te Marama o te Tau haere koutou haere koutou kei roto i to moengaroa

moe mai moe mai kei te taha o Te Atua

E mihi ana ki nga Whanaunga o nga Marae maha o Te Uranga kei waenganui Aotearoa me Te

Moana Nui A Kiwa

No Reira Tena Koutou Tena Koutou Tena Koutou Katoa

Prior to the Annual General Meeting proper commencing, word was received that Ina Tawhaki Wi, wife of the late Norman Joseph Wi, had passed away. D Wooster in his opening speech, on behalf of those present expressed deepest sympathies to the whanau, as did other speakers and C.O.M members.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Tena koutou katoa

We are well and truly into the new year with business "as usual". However October was a very dry month which stunted grass growth through the following two months. Then the rains came, the grass grew rapidly but sadly was of an inferior quality rank and lacking in nourishment. The rain also meant a delay in harvesting silage and hay - this problem was not a localised one but a national one.

Meanwhile prices for milk, lamb and beef have stayed strong. We remain confident of reaching our targets this year for income and profit.

Our development work this summer has been focussed on improving water supply to Tiwhareika and Harurunga changing the main source for Koromiko. These projects are now complete and we look forward to seeing the benefits in our stock this year.

We are still waiting on a decision from MedSafe regarding our application to take part in the industrial hemp growth trials. The last we heard was that the Taumarunui police had been asked to prepare a report for MedSafe!

Vonda is organising our field day in April (details elsewhere in the newsletter) be great to see you there to observe what we're doing to try to protect our waterways, forests and land.

It's election year and the proposed new Maori Seats will mean we'll be in the Te Tai Hauauru Electorate - same name but new boundaries which extend, north and south, Pirongia to Porirua. So Ngati Maniapoto is no longer part of Waikato but linked to Taranaki and Wanganui. Any of you put in submissions opposing or supporting the proposed change?

Noho ora mai

Derek Kotuku Wooster

Chairman.

AGM 2001

Well the meeting has been and gone and despite bad weather conditions we had a good number of owners attend, some from a distance. It was noted, and with pleasure I might add, that there were a number of "new" faces present. It was nice to see everyone "catching up" with all the latest

whanau "comings and goings" at lunch time and during the meeting!

We had a late change in venue for the AGM, from the station woolshed to the Ngakonui Community Hall (across from the Ngakonui School). COM made the change in the consideration of the kuia, koroua and those who find the woolshed for various reasons not to their liking. The woolshed is built over catching/night pens and the stairs up to the woolroom are relatively steep and narrow. Even though the woolroom is cleaned up and well washed down before the AGM – the sheep smell does linger! The toilets are separate from the woolshed so it's a matter of down those stairs and back up again. One of our kuia had approached the COM and requested the venue change also. Owners who attended the AGM endorsed the venue change. (No woolshed smell, ramp into the hall, easy access to toilets and wall heaters!) It's not hard to guess where this years AGM will be held – is it? As the decision to change the venue was made at a very late date, too late to let you know, it was decided to put signs up at the crossroads of Ngakonui School/Mangakahu Valley and at the woolshed saying where the AGM was being held. Despite the signs we "lost" a few owners for a wee while, but in the end everyone ended up at the right place – the hall.

The AGM went smoothly, the annual report was presented and fully discussed by all, owners had their input, which the COM value and welcome.

Two display boards showed photographs of the 3 established Nga Whenua Rahui. The recently established Te Wharepapa wetland and Ngakonui School environmental "trees for school" area, also the CHH/Inc Forestry Right. COM had approached the hemp shop in town with a request for a display of hemp related by-products, hats, backpacks, pasta, oil, rope, soaps, swatches of material samples (some as much as \$85 per metre). Owners found the hemp display and photographs very interesting, many questions were asked and answered. Apart from a station tour it is one way the COM can show you pictorially what is happening in these areas.

Elections - Vonda Houpapa retired by rotation but was eligible for re-election. As no nominations were received, D Wooster declared V Houpapa re-elected unopposed for a further three year term of office. V Houpapa thanked owners for their continuing support.

Catering – A very special thank you to Hia Kaitupeka Marae committee for providing such a lovely lunch – which was enjoyed by all.

2002 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: 2 November 2002

Time: 10 am sharp!

Venue: Ngakonui Community Hall

A location map on "how to get there" will be included in the AGM financial report. Come early, we'll provide morning tea and some biscuits, it will be a good chance to "catch up with" everyone prior to the AGM starting. Pencil the date in on your diary, calendar, whatever, make a note of it and do try to make it – you'll enjoy the day and the proceedings.

EDUCATION

Alexander Paul-Foster is delighted to be the recipient of the Te Uranga B2 Incorporation Arts Cup for 2001. Alex has studied music with Andrée Brown for the last six years reaching and passing Grade 5 on the Electronic Keyboard. Alex has gone to Taumarunui High School this year and is studying Music and Te Reo Maori for his options. Alex is a Little Person with the associated orthopaedic problems that goes with the condition. Alex was lucky enough last year to qualify to go to Orlando Florida's Disneyworld for two weeks with Koru Care Charitable Trust. Tainui is his tribe and he is a descendent of Potatau Te Wherowhero. His future aspirations are to continue learning music and to own his own farm. Alex would also like to learn to fly a plane.



We've had good level of interest in the Education Scholarship. Successful candidates include Patrick Paehua, Moari Matena scholarship for Social Services as he continues his second year study towards a Bachelor of Arts Community and Family Studies Otago University, and Mishka Melsom who received a grant for the Garry Houpapa scholarship to assist in his Sciences

including Medicine, Engineering and Agriculture, Waikato University.

Please take time to carefully read the instructions and guidelines for completing and submitting your applications. All applications must be accompanied by a covering letter, and the written essay or report must have a title, references and be signed off by the author. Incomplete or incorrect applications will be returned for proper completion, delaying your application and adding unnecessary pressure to your already busy study timetable.

Remember applications for scholarships can be made at any time of the year by requesting an application pack from Vonda Houpapa, Secretary.

Traci Houpapa, JP

SHARE REGISTER/DIVIDENDS

Tena Koutou Katoa

Greetings to you one and all

Parting with the norm, I would like to make special mention about the significant publication of 2001. Kaumatua Ano Te Ataahua, Honouring The Gifts Of Our Elders is a celebration in text and photography of the lives of 63 unsung Kaumatua heroes throughout Aotearoa. Interviewer Pae Ruha of the Maori Womens Welfare League and photographer Nicholas Twist traversed the Motu from Te Kao in the north to Temuka in the south to fulfill this 1999 International Year of the Older Persons project. Maniapoto was honoured to have eight of it's Kaumatua included amongst those interviewed, they were namely, Charles Jacob Armstrong (1909-2001), Hera (Sarah) Koroheke (1914-Surviving), Evan Whanaupani Koroheke (1914-Surviving), Te Rua Anderson (1914-2001), James (Jimmy) Rauputu (1916-Surviving), Rongomate Hammond (1917-Surviving), Grace Tirapuirua Takaawe (1918-Surviving) and Ripeka Anderson (1921-Surviving), not only have the lives of these subjects been immortalised in this book but also in the photographic exhibition that has been travelling the Motu. Sadly a number of Kaumatua have passed on before they could receive gifts of a Book, Kohatu and Whariki.

Now back to the usual business, there is not much to report Share Register wise so I won't venture into repetition. One aspect that the Committee of Management and I have found is that some owners prefer to give their dividends to a Marae, owners can decide as to what happens with these. So the option is there if owners wish to take it up.

"GONE ADDRESS UNKNOWN"

Are you one of these people? Do you know where any of them are? If you answer yes to either of the above questions then please contact us (see end of newsletter for contact numbers, etc)

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| 7210 Cordelia Parkes | New Plymouth |
| 0400 Margaret Mihiata Houpapa | Wainuiomata |
| 3030 Boysie W Taylor | Te Kuiti |
| 0860 Jean Taaka | Pukekohe |
| 6110 Brendan Paul Kawau | Wellington |
| 3780 Rosemary Te Wehenga Tuwhangai | Wanganui |
| 2800 Willie Tata | Invercargill |
| 5930 Edward Dance | Canada |
| 1780 Pat Kingi | New Plymouth |
| 6700 Tina Maree Whatarangi | Benneydale |
| 6810 Martin Tutaki | Waitara |

NB. Please check the lists at the back of the bulletin for unknown addresses and unclaimed dividends.

Naku noa

Alan Kerei Cockle

Committee of Management

ENVIRONMENTAL

An update on the Inc application to Med Safe Wellington re Industrial Hemp trials. The Inc has been approved by the Taumarunui Police who are quite relaxed about it (the application for approval for industrial hemp trials on the Inc). Application will now go before Med Safe for final approval. Hemp cannabis sativa is not the marijuana plant – cannabis indica.

Hemp is the most environmentally friendly crop known. It can be grown organically, without fertilisers and pesticides, and has over 25,000 uses. All of the hemp plant can be used – stalks for your clothes, paper and shelter, seeds for your food fuel and or plastics, flowers for medicines, while the leaves are shredded to return goodness to the soil. Hemp is the world's most efficient producer of biomass, meaning we can make more stuff using less land. One hectare of hemp yields three to eight times as much fibre as an acre of cotton, without any of the toxic chemicals that cotton requires. Hemp also produces over four times as much paper as pine trees, or can be used as an abundant renewable source for biomass fuels like methanol.

The Hemp Store is committed to social ecology: helping the planet and our people.

Inc/horizons.mw Fieldday will be held 18 April 2002,

Venue: Station woolshed,

Start: 10.00 am sharp

COM extend an invitation to all owners to attend – if you have an ATV, please bring it along.

VONDA HOU PAPA

Secretary

Ngakonui Valley School Trees for Survival Programme

Early 2000 we received information about the Trees for Survival Programme from horizons.mw. Being a newly merged school from the previous Ngakonui and Taringamotu Schools we felt that this could be an interesting worthwhile project for some of our children and would allow them a "hands on" experience planting and tending the seedlings then finally planting them out on the land.



The initial cost of the unit was \$3000.00 and this was funded by a grant of \$1500.00 from horizons.mw and then an application for a further \$1500.00 was made to Trust Waikato which was successful and the unit was purchased. A site was selected and several working bees were held before the unit was finally put together and sited.

The idea of the programme is for the unit to grow up to 1500 native seedlings a year. Each seedling is initially put into a root trainer and then after six months or so they are transplanted into milk cartons and then after twelve months they are planted onto land identified by horizons.mw as suitable for revegetation project.

Te Uranga B2 Incorporation were approached and the management committee with their conservation

ideals in mind made an area of wetland available which has since been called the Ngakonui Valley School Environmental Area. The first planting of around 800 plants was done in August of 2001. A willing team of twenty children accompanied by Parents, Staff and Board of Trustees members completed the task within three hours.

The annual running costs of the unit are in the vicinity of \$600.00 per year and include the cost of the seedlings, potting mix, and root trainers and baskets. At the current time this cost is being met by the Board of Trustees and we are putting some of our annual sponsorship money to the project as well. This year an application will be made to the Rotary Club of Taumarunui for funding to assist in the project. Ngakonui Valley School is the only school in the Ruapehu District involved in a project of this nature.

A further 1500 seedlings have been planted into root trainer in November of 2001 and these will be ready to be planted out into the environmental area around August or September this year.

Ngakonui Valley School are grateful to Te Uranga B2 Incorporation for their ongoing support of our school and we certainly look forward to using the revegetated area for class environmental studies.

To attend the Field Day, (if you happen to have an ATV and can bring it along, it would be appreciated or we could end up with more people than ATV's!) Itinerary is yet to be decided. Our Field Day was held in perfect weather – here's hoping we'll be lucky with the weather again.

GRANT MACKENZIE

Ngakonui Valley School Area

KORERO

TAXING SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES FEES

Normally, these fees are subjected to 33% withholding tax. And yes, you have to pay ACC on it.

The IRD have now made a determination:

Chairman – first \$75 per meeting for the first 11 meetings a year is deemed to be reimbursement of expenses.

Other Trustees – same applies for \$55 per meeting for the first 11 meetings.

Provided no other reimbursement of expenses is made, this means the first \$75 and \$55 per meeting respectively are not taxable, nor subject to ACC.

THE PROPERTY (RELATIONSHIPS) ACT 1976

This Act comes into force on 1 February 2002.

From that date radical changes will take place to the rules which govern property sharing on termination of any relationship, whether it is a marriage, de facto or same sex relationship.

A major change is the application of this Act on death.

What should you do?

If you have a current agreement (under section 21 of the Matrimonial Property Act) or you are currently in a de facto or same sex relationship where you want to take steps to safeguard your assets, contact Kevin, Russell, John or Yvonne and discuss the matter with us.

AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Our experience is that few NZ investors recognise that Queensland has a land tax. There is bias against foreign investors. Residents of Australia are entitled to a statutory deduction of \$200000. Unfortunately that exemption does not apply to a NZ resident owning residential property available for rental in Australia.

A COUPLE OF TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- **Work at something you enjoy and that is worthy of your time and talent.**
- **Marry the right person. This one decision will determine 90% of your happiness or misery.**
- **Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully.**
- **Don't do anything that wouldn't**

KURURAU KRUSHER

The fourth annual King Country Milk Kururau Krusher event has been and gone (23 February 2002). The event comprises of 44 km road cycle, 16 km run, 22 km kayak, and 26 km mountain bike ride and was won by Gordon Walker (Auckland) in a time of 5 hrs 4 sec, a great individual effort! Second Al Cross (Masterton) 5 hr 4min 44 sec, and Angus Wood (Wellington) third 5 hr 6 min 59 sec.

Winner of previous Kururau Krushers events Oskar Steilau still holds the fastest time for an individual time of 4 hr 48 min 9 sec, just ahead of local boy Ben Fouhy of 4 hr 48 min 30 sec.

Competitors were chasing a share of \$30,000 in cash and prizes. Entries were up on last year and planning is underway for the 2003 Krusher. Our man Ivan Hill (Manager, Tiwhareika) did himself proud. Ivan had the 7th fastest run time, overall their two man team was 42nd and they were 11th in the two man category.

TAUMARUNUI SPEED SHEARS

The speed shears were held in Taumarunui on 22 February 2002, these are considered to be the best one day shearing and wool handling competition in New Zealand (other competitions are spread over 2 or 3 days). Taumarunui Speed Shears are a unique and condensed competition and continues to increase in popularity, being held the week before the Golden Shears in Masterton gives the "top guns" the chance to flex their muscles and to show the shearing world what they are made of and to lay down a challenge to all other shearers to pick up at the Golden Shears. Entries were up this year in wool handling, senior and intermediate classes, and 42 open entrants. Competitors came from Scotland, Ireland, England, Wales, Australia and nation-wide.

The Incorporation supplies the sheep for the speed shears, which is much appreciated by the event organisers as it is very difficult to get a "straight line" of sheep that meet the criteria required for competition shearing. Feed back from the organisers was that the sheep were excellent and Trevor Crutchley and Ivan Hill were complimented on their presentation of the sheep. The wool shorn from the sheep is baled at the Speed Shears and sold by the Incorporation, proceeds are kept by the Incorporation.

Too often Maori Authorities are shown in a negative light, wherever possible the Incorporation acts in a proactive manner – to show the general public that there are Maori Authorities who are achieving. Hence the Incorporation support of the Taumarunui Speed Shears.

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Results were:

Best locals

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| Junior wool handling | Molly Te Huia |
| Junior shearing | Buggy Houpapa |
| Intermediate | Clifton Houpapa |
| Senior shearing | Rex Taumata |

Open shearing finals:

1. David Fagan (Te Kuiti)
2. Digger Balme (Te Kuiti)
3. Paul Avery (Stratford)
4. Dean Ball (Te Kuiti)
5. John Fitzpatrick (Napier)
6. Joe Clark (Wanganui)

One of my "right hand" girls, Bronwyn, left Peach Cornwall the middle of February. Bronwyn and husband Gary have just become proud parents of a little bouncing boy (6 lb. 13 oz), Todd Matthew Jacobs. Congratulations Bronwyn, Gary and baby. As I said Bronwyn was one of my right hand girls, I'll miss her support and efficient manner, but I think I have found suitable replacements – Delwyne and Rachael!!! Welcome on board girls. Of course my "other" right hand girl is Patricia and those of you who have either rung or called into Peach Cornwall know that she is a warm approachable person and with regard to the Incorporation share register Patricia is extremely knowledgeable.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

More and more people have private medical insurance. However, many are under the misapprehension that their "comprehensive" medical insurance policy covers all hospital and surgical costs. Many of the policies we come across operate what is known as 'dollar swapping', whereby 75% or 80% of your doctor's and chemist's costs are reimbursed by the insurer. However, they do not actually cover 75% or 80% of the costs of surgery.

Read the fine print on your policy to see if it covers hospital costs up to pre-defined limits or 100% of the actual costs incurred.

If you and your family regularly visit the doctor and chemist, you may wish to consider using a comprehensive-type policy, which reimburses a percentage of these costs. If you generally have little need to see the doctor and/or chemist, you are probably better off with comprehensive hospital and surgical cover only, incurring the doctor/chemist expenses yourself.

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