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TE KAWEKAWEA

Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika



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Issue #05

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Annual General Meeting, 16 September 2017

As Chair of our Trust I would like to take this opportunity to invite you – our members - to our AGM on Saturday 16th of September at Waiwhetū Marae, Riverside Drive, Lower Hutt, kicking off at 10am. The agenda includes: Apologies, Minutes of 2016 AGM, Chairman’s Report, Annual Report, General Business, and Site Visit.

This year has been quite a busy year with a lot of change including newly elected trustees and changes in Trust management. We started our year with five major hui throughout the motu. These hui highlighted a number of the pressing issues, opportunities and most importantly we introduced our core framework for moving forward – Tāngata (people), Takiwā (place) and Tūāpapa (platform).

The team and I are looking forward to sharing with you what we have been up to and bringing you on this journey of resetting our Trust so it may be the vehicle envisaged by our Tupuna and have the ability to carry the aspirations of our present and future generations.

We have included (for the first time) as a part of our AGM a site visit to the old Wainuiomata Intermediate and College sites (which were sites we received back as a part of our settlement). The following day we will open our new Urupa at Makara. I acknowledge the former trustees who put this in place and a special mention to Liz Mellish and Mark Te One.

The refocused Trust will be better at reconnecting our people with our whenua and also shed light on the opportunities for you and your whānau to be a part of

a 21st Century modern day papakainga which will be built on our own whenua and other potential housing options. To do all of these, we need a strong commercial arm that generates money for the Trust.

I look forward to seeing you all at our AGM! Bring your nanny's and koro's, māmā's and papa's, tamariki and mokopuna because our kaupapa as a Trust is about recognising our past, living in the present and driving towards the future – and we are all a part of that journey.

A no reira e ōku rangatira nei ra te mihi, nau mai, haere mai mouri ora!

For more information about the AGM or for reservations for the bus, please call the office on 0800 767 8642 or email us at reception@portnicholson.org.nz.

See the bus timetable below which will be departing New Plymouth at 4.30am and leaving Waiwhetu to return to Taranaki around 2.30pm.

Bus Timetable



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Transport Schedule

For a seat on the bus, please email reception@portnicholson.org.nz or 0800 767 8642 with the following information:

Names of passengers
Phone number
Email address
Pick up location as noted below

Seats are limited - bookings close Thursday, 14 September @ 5 pm

Stop	Departing	Pick Up Location	Address
A	4.30 am	New Plymouth : Bus Depot	19 Ariki Street, New Plymouth
B	4.45 am	Inglewood : Train Station	Inglewood Train Station Carpark (Matai Street, opposite Fern Lodge)
C	5.00 am	Stratford : Z Service Station	cnr Broadway & Regan Strs, Stratford
D	5.30 am	Hawera : Weir Bros Depot	17 Turuturu Road, Hawera
E	6.45 am	Wanganui : BP Station	185 London Street, Wanganui
	9.45 am	Waiwhetu Marae	Marae, Waiwhetu - Guthrie Street, Lower Hutt
	2.30 PM	Depart Waiwhetu for Site Visit - Bus will continue on its return journey after the site visit	

Departing times are actual - please ensure you are at the pick up point on time and ready to board

Comfort stops along the way - please signal to driver if required to stop

Te Urupa o Opau

Nau mai, haere mai ki te whakawātea o te urupa o Opau

We would like to invite our members to the blessing of Opau Urupa located at 361 Makara Road in Makara on the 17th of September (the day after our AGM). The blessing will begin from the gate at 6am. We ask that our whānau park their cars at the top of the site (as the road is quite narrow) and either join the kahui ruruaka at the top of the site or walk down to the gate before the commencement of the blessing at 6am.

At the conclusion of the blessing we will have brief speeches from our respective rangatira, Wellington City Council, Fulton and Hogan and the Office of Treaty Settlements. This will be concluded by a kapu ti and light refreshments.

For those of you who aren't aware, as a part of our Settlement, the Office of Treaty Settlements agreed to the development of an Urupa for our people. As you know, being a predominantly urban people, finding whenua for our mate is not always an easy task but through the foresight of our tupuna and negotiators a final resting place for our mate into the foreseeable future is secured.

The name 'Opau' links directly to an old pa site of our people which is positioned not that far from the urupa site. Below are some youtube clips from our site visit.

[Youtube Clip of Matua Morrie Love and Chair Wayne Mulligan at Opau Urupa](#)

[Matua Morrie Love on Radio New Zealand Talking About Opau Urupa](#)

Directions from Thorndon (26 mins / 14km):

Take Tinakori Rd, Glenmore St and Karori Road to Makara Road in Karori.
Turn right onto Makara Rd.
Destination will be on your left.

Changes in the Trust

We would like to acknowledge the resignation of our former interim manager and Deputy Chair of the Trust – Hannah Buchanan. After the resignation of our CEO, Hannah took a leave of absence as Deputy Chair and Trustee and sat in

as Interim Manager where she led the deep dive into the true state of the Trusts affairs and this triggered a number of structural and process changes. Hannah will be sorely missed, but must focus her energy now on her whānau, but there is no doubt that she will continue to be an avid supporter and advocate of Taranaki Whānui.

The Trust would like to acknowledge the energy and commitment of both Lee Rauhina August and Ngahua Wright to Taranaki Whānui and the Trust particularly around the Taiao and Tono cultural services mahi. Ngahua and Lee finished at the Trust on 18th of August. We wish them well, ngā mihi ki a rāua.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge Aaria Dobson–Waitere who leaves our Taiao team and the Trust on 8 September. Aaria recently returned from training on a 5 week ‘Society for Conservation GIS Scholarship’ at California University in the United States and has since decided to focus her career more on GIS (Geographic Information Systems). The Trust wishes Aaria all the very best.

Interim Management Team

Since July, Hannah’s replacement as interim Trust Manager has been Paula Cuff (Carr). Many of you will know Paula already both through her Kuia, Aunty Mate Carr, and her father, Spencer Carr. Paula has a varied management background and is tasked (through to October) with leading the organisation rebuild including redevelopment of systems, processes, policies, and refocusing the Trusts core business. Paula is joined by Kirsty Tamanui (Ngāti Porou, Ngāriki Kaiputahi) who is an experienced business services and operations manager with more than 10 years business management experience. The Trust is very fortunate to have Willy Makea (Ngāti Kahungunu) who works across the group entities administrating the financial activities, provides financial analysis and advice to the group management. Willy works closely with Lisle Mcerlane who is a commercial advisor and solicitor of the High Court.

Te Matatini

As many of you are aware, Te Matatini will be hosted within Te Upoko o te Ika a Maui. In preparation for this huge kaupapa Te Atiawa – Taranaki Whānui, Ngāti Toa Rangatira and the Wellington Māori Cultural Society have formed a rōpū consisting of equal representation with the purpose of ensuring a successful Te Matatini event in Te Upoko o te Ika a Maui in 2019. The representatives are:

Te Atiawa – Taranaki Whānui	Ngāti Toa Rangatira	Wellington Māori Cultural Society
Morrie Love	Sir Matiu Rei	Kura Moeahu
Kara Puketapu – Dentice	Taku Parai	Merlene Maxwell
Peggy Luke Ngaheke	Jennie Smeaton	Te Teira Davis

We look forward to providing uri with further updates as they come to us.

Shelly Bay

The Trust would like to thank those who submitted on the proposal in relation to the sale and leasing of Wellington City Council lands at Shelly Bay. The Trust hopes to see the result of this consultation process by the end of September and are hopeful that we can start the development of Shelly Bay by next year.

[Click on this link to the Trust's letter to WCC on Shelly Bay.](#)

Wellington Tenths Trust & Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust

Both of our kin Trusts are asking whanau who have not completed succession to undertake this process so they can keep you well informed and that you can receive your dividends. Trustees are really keen to see succession occur so we can get monies to those whanau. To see if you are eligible to undertake the process please contact Erini or Kathleen at the Tenths Trust offices at Hikoikoi, Petone to start your investigation. Phone 04 4732502.

A reminder that the Wellington Tenths Trust **AGM** is Saturday 2 September at Te Wharewaka o Poneke, Te Raukura, starting 10am. The Trust has had a successful year and will report on two major developments. The first is a 16

townhouse development in Adelaide Road which will be held long term by the Trust as rental housing. The second is a joint venture Apartment and Boutique Hotel development in Kate Sheppard Place of 10 stories. This year WTT has net assets of nearly \$58m with a comprehensive income of \$12m.

Housing

Earlier this week, I went on Radio NZ to discuss our views and aspirations for social housing in the Wellington region. My korero was framed on the Taranaki Whānui Whole of Government presentation delivered to Crown Ministers in April 2017. A main focus of the korero was that we have a suite of housing and are willing to work in partnership with the local and central government, and the important role our wider iwi entities play across Wellington.

[Chair Wayne Mulligan on Radio New Zealand, talking about affordable housing](#)

Look forward to seeing you at the AGM on 16th September.



The Taranaki Whānui ki Pōneke Naming Group gave the name “Te Kawekawea” for our e-pānui in 2015.

The title is taken from a Taranaki karakia and sometimes referred to as “waiata tapatapahau, kō rākau”, a song used during the planting of the kūmara with the kō (digging stick) or in former times the kāheru (an ancient kūmara cultivator). “Ka tangi te kawekawea, waiho kia tangi ana...” (When the long tailed cuckoo calls let it sing)

These particular calls were a tohu (sign) to our people, and heard in the month of Māhuru (the fourth month of the Māori calendar, September), being spring. When the people heard the call of this bird and the pipiwharuroa, it was a time for people to come together to till the land and plant crops. In particular, the long tailed cuckoo was heard calling ‘kōia, kōia’, ‘dig, dig!’ In Taranaki, men digging the fields sang this song as they worked.

“Te Kawekawea” signifies the heralding of this particular bird-singing unto the many members of Taranaki Whānui.



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