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## Tauwhao Te Ngare Trust - Chairpersons Report

Kia ora koutou katoa.

Firstly, greetings from the "Main Island" of the Tauranga Moana. The Island that hardly ever experiences the extreme weather that the mainlanders experience. No, not Matakana, but Rangiwaia. Yes, we have experienced wonderful weather over the summer period and I hope you were able to get out and enjoy it also.

Since the AGM the trust has been tracking along nicely. Kiwifruit picking has been and gone. We had all our fruit picked, packed and dispersed early to mid-march with another successful crop for the year. Brendon will elaborate on how the crop measured up in his report.

Over the past 2 years, for various reasons our trustee numbers have fluctuated between 6 to 8 members. Due to resignations and retirements, we are currently operating with 5 trustees and an advisory trustee. We have found that this number is actually working very well. We also have 3 kaumatua who actively support the trustees whenever possible. Jason Murray is the "new boy" in the team. He has only been with the trust for 7 months but has already shown us his value regarding trust matters. As his profile suggests, his expertise is along the lines of

land restoration which we as a trust have identified our Island certainly needs. We are currently awaiting approval for funding from an organisation who specifically deal with maori reserve land restoration that Jason has been negotiating on our behalf.

The papakainga development is progressing very well. We are currently at the resource consent stage and have made an application to the WBOP District Council. Throughout the process we have built a good working relationship with the Council and through this we envisage no major difficulties in getting the desired result. The trust itself is currently working through the final stages of the licence to occupy details required for you to build. We are hoping to have this ready by this years AGM. Although it has been quite a long process I feel that all the right channels have been crossed and we will have a good model in place by the time we are ready to build homes.

We have recently hired a temporary manager's assistant, Geoff Rolleston, due to the resignation of Rick Taingahue. Although he is currently a trustee on the board his temporary position as managers assistant will not affect his ability to fulfil his trustee duties. The term of his

contract is for 3 months and at that time we will be looking to employ some one fulltime. We will not be advertising the position externally (newspapers etc), so

if any of you wish to apply for the position please send a written application with your CV to Kelly at the Huka Pak address shown in this newsletter. We are also looking to employ an administration officer for the Island. The primary role of this person will be to maintain and develop our papakainga database and be a direct contact person for you as shareholders on any trust matters at all. As you know, all around the country Maori are given the run around by the Maori land courts and others in regards to Whanau Trusts and successions etc. We have decided to have a person here to help you through this tedious process.

I think that being proactive in this process will assist both you and the trust. The administration officer will be available for that purpose. At present we have a person in a temporary position setting this up. This position will also be available for you to apply for.

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Phillip Gardiner

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## Manager's Report—Brendon Taingahue

Kia ora koutou katoa,

I am pleased to report to you the progress of the orchard.

We completed picking 175,000 trays of kiwifruit in March and we had an average fruit count size of 33. As like previous years, this is a very busy time organizing picking contractors, the barge and transport logistics to get our fruit to the packhouse. This was the earliest we have provided fruit for the early start programme into Japan and the crop was picked in a record time of seven days.

Winter pruning started on 1<sup>st</sup> June and will be completed by the end of July.

A lot of new development in the new kiwifruit cultivars is about to take place throughout the New Zealand kiwifruit industry with the introduction of early gold G3, long storing gold G9 and the hybrid green G14. Because of the early land for growing on Rangiwaea Island we are looking at growing possibly the three new varieties, so some exciting prospects are on the horizon for the Trust in the next three years.

Avocado's are growing well and I have had workers pruning out vegetive limbs to open up the canopy and painting big chainsaw cuts. Fruit that are growing, although not a lot, will size well for picking in November.

Primor Produce will not be leasing 10 hectares for cropping as this land is earmarked for future development.

Jag Farms Ltd is still leasing land for grazing stock and have had minimal losses this year from bloat.

Graham Shepherd's (soil scientist) restoration fertilizer programme, is having a good effect on the grazing land which was previously in maize.

Nga Mihi - *Brendon Taingahue*



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When these positions become available we will advertise them on the website.

We have had a few investment opportunities in front of us over the past 6 months. Like most things in business however, there is always maybe 1 or 2 things that make the transaction unviable and in these cases that is what's happened. We will continue to look for an opportunity to invest on the mainland. When the times right and everything measures up, we'll be there. It will happen.

We have been in negotiations with Phil Tempest and his forestry partnership. We have succeeded in buying out the majority of the partnership, therefore we now own the majority of the forestry land, the

trees and the cutting rights. A big thanks must go to Hemi who brokered the deal. He will go into the deal a bit further in his report.

Following a strategic planning session we have identified different options to fully utilise the trust's land. John Burke, who has been involved with the trust for many years has made himself available to assist us in the future strategic direction of the trust. His wealth of experience in the kiwifruit industry and his financial background will be valuable in this exercise. We are looking to increase our kiwifruit growing capacity over the next 2-3 years by using under utilised areas and also some of the leased areas on the Island.

One of my main objectives while serving on the trust is and always will be to give you all the opportunity to return home to work, live and enjoy your Island. With the papakainga process nearing an end it comes with a little relief that we have gotten over most of the bigger hurdles. Apart from the kiwifruit side of the business we are currently looking at many different options for land use. Maximising the land productively is at the forefront of the trust's long and short term plan and will continue to be. So we hope, in the next few years, we will see our Island, with your presence, prosper both financially and culturally. See you all at the AGM.

**Phil Gardiner—Chairperson**



## Trustee Profile—Jason Murray

Ko Mauao te maunga  
Ko Tauranga te moana  
Ko Mataatua te waka  
Ko Ngaiterangi te iwi  
Ko Ngai Tuwhiwhia, Ngati Tauaiti,  
Te Ngare nga hapu

I have grown up on Matakana Island my whole life. I was privileged to have grown up with my kuia, the late Mere Matekino Toitoti who was a staunch advocate for her people, whenua and moana. Much of the knowledge I have gained over the years from my tupuna has led me down the path I follow today. I am passionate about the protection, enhancement and restoration of our environment and Nga Taonga Tuku Iho.

My skills I bring to the Trust is in Biology, Chemistry & Earth Science. I also developed the 'Matakana Island Environmental Education Curriculum'

and helped develop the 'Restoration of Indigenous Riparian Habitats on Matakana Island Plan'. I am looking forward to working for our people to help enhance our whenua economically, environmentally and culturally.

### Matakana Island Marine Club Inc

The Matakana Island Marine Club Inc was formed by the late Sonny Tawhiao for the benefit of the tangata whenua of Matakana & Rangiwaea Islands. Our mission statement is:

**"To restore, protect and enhance our biodiversity on Matakana Island whilst providing employment and education for our people – Mana Whenua, Mana Moana, Mana Tangata"**

Our objective is to help landowners on Matakana & Rangiwaea protect, enhance and restore their wetlands.

We liaise between the landowners, Environment Bay of Plenty and Nga Whenua Rahui to develop a kawenata and then develop and implement a restoration plan. The Matakana Island Community Native Nursery – Te Akakura, grows all the native plants for the restoration projects. Restoration areas are fenced, planted and maintained by our local contractor, using posts/battens from a local operator.



## Papakainga Update

Some significant progress has been made to date on the Papakainga. Trustees have continued to work with Te Pio Kawe from Boffa Miskell and have been successful in the application to Western Bay of Plenty District Council to get approval to build via resource consent. The trust has also been successful in getting waivers in certain impact fees for building. A submission to council for further waivers was forward on the 20<sup>th</sup> May. Meetings have also been held with banks and building companies as a preliminary step. The trust is currently developing the details into the number of houses and the eligibility rules in terms of who can build, where and when. The trust is also determining any rules that are required in terms of house types. Shareholders will be given a full update at the upcoming AGM.



## Cultural Tours at Rangiwaea

The trust through its relationship with Te Awanui Huka Pak Ltd and Zespri hosted two kiwifruit customer tour groups to Rangiwaea Island in April. The groups were from Japan and Singapore and each group had around thirty people, made up of media and key customers.

The trust in co-operation with the marae provided a Powhiri, Hangi, Orchard and Island tour and Kapahaka. The feedback from the customers was excellent and it is anticipated that more groups will be hosted in 2011. These tours provide

business opportunities for the trust, a source of revenue for the marae as well as building some strong relationships.

## Forestry

The trust has recently completed negotiations to buy back the total interest in the Forest on the Trust Land. Shareholders may recall that the forest on Rangiwaea was held in partnership with a Forestry Partnership led by Phil Tempest. The trust had a Forestry right on harvest. The trust are pleased with the negotiations and now own 100% of the trees on the Trust land. Significant opportunities exist for the forest in the near future and the trust is currently exploring those opportunities.



## Grants

**Koroua/Kuia** grants of \$150.00 are still available for beneficial owners or descendents who are 65 years of age or older. If you require a form please contact Kelly Morgan on (07) 572 5955. Applications must be received no later than **30 November 2010**.

**Tangihanga** grants are available to shareholders and their immediate whanau.

**Education:** A Tertiary Education Assistance Grant is available to all full time students who are in their 2nd year of study onwards. Applications must be received by **31 March** each year. For further details of criteria please check the website: [www.tauwhaotrust.co.nz](http://www.tauwhaotrust.co.nz).

This year (March 2010) we received 16 eligible applications for the Tauwhao Te Ngare Trust Tertiary Education Assistance Grant.

3 scholarships for outstanding achievement were awarded to the following applicants:

- **Frances Martin** who is a 5th year student currently enrolled in a Doctor of Philosophy in Maori Development at Auckland University of Technology.
- **Yana Butler** who is a 3rd year student enrolled in a Bachelor of Teaching and Bachelor of Sport and Leisure Studies through the University of Waikato.
- **Te Paeroa Dickson** who is a 2nd year student enrolled in a Bachelor of Health Science in Podiatry at Auckland University of Technology.

The Trust wishes all students a successful year of study!

Congratulations to the 2009 scholarship recipients; Huhana Rolleston, Julian Rolleston, Jazmine Gardiner and Riria Dickson who have all recently graduated.

### Shareholder Database

To confirm or update your contact details please contact Kelly Morgan on (07) 572 5955.

**Sporting Achievements** grants are available for amateur sports only. Only one application per applicant per year and all applications must be received prior to the event commencing.

**Charitable Community** grants are available for shareholders and beneficiaries for Community Development.

**Matakana Island Multi-use Sports Facility:** Tauwhao Te Ngare Trust donated \$5,000 towards this project which is a joint effort between the school and the community of Matakana and Rangiwaia Islands. All residents, whanau and descendants of Matakana Island and Rangiwaia Island will benefit from this facility.

**Rangiwaia Marae:** Tauwhao Te Ngare Trust donate a fixed amount of \$5,000 per year to the Marae.

### Julian Rolleston—Graduated 2010

I te marama o Paengawhāwhā kua mahue ake nei i whakapotaengia ahau e te Whare Wānanga o Waikato. Ka nui ngā mihi ki ērā o koutou i haere mai ki te tautoko i te kaupapa o taua rā. Heoi kāore he mutunga iho o tēnei mea te mātauranga. I tēnei wā kei te whakaoti ahau i taku tohu whakaako tamariki, ā, kāore e roa ka puta taku ihu ki te mahi hei kura mahita i roto i ngā kura tuarua. Turou Hawaiki!



**2010 AGM Date: Friday, 1st October 2010**



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