

**GRANTS**

A good year of returns and profit, means that we are in a position to re-instate our grants.

**Education**

**Status Quo.** In the last Newsletter and at the AGM in October 2014, we signalled a review of Education Grant Expenditure. With an abundance of caution, we have maintained the status quo for tertiary applications for this year. Applicants who meet the criteria can find an application form at [www.tauwhaotrust.co.nz](http://www.tauwhaotrust.co.nz) or have one posted to you. We wish you all the best for your academic year.

**New Focus.** The Trust is mindful that we have a strong financial investment in the Kiwifruit Industry. We are now keen to invest in members of the tribe to become professional participants at operational, management and governance level. We are therefore very pleased to support our Orchard Manager Brendon Taingahue to continue his professional development as he completes a Diploma in Agribusiness Management through the Primary ITO. We are able to sponsor a second candidate. Please tell Coralie if you want to know more; she will tell you what the next steps are.

If you want to start out in Horticulture at Certificate Level, the Trust is very keen to sponsor your ambition. We have the orchard for you to learn on; we have the experienced manager who will guide you; we will pay the tuition fees. This part of the training relies on practical application rather than classroom skills. Again, let Coralie know if you want more information.

**Kaumātua**

**Status Quo.** The general Kaumātua grant for kaumātua 65 and over, is still in place.

In addition, we are **introducing a health grant** for Kaumātua. In brief, we may be able to contribute to the cost of glasses, hearing aids or dentures. Please look at the detail in our policy which is on our website, [www.tauwhaotrust.co.nz](http://www.tauwhaotrust.co.nz)

**Sports**

We welcome applications for support to eligible individuals who are representing their region or Aotearoa in a recognised sport. Amounts given will vary, depending on the level of representation, and where the event is being held.

**Community**

After a couple of years break we have re-instated community grants. Because of the wide range of worthy possibilities in community projects, each application will be considered on its merits.

**Papakainga****Rentals**

Currently all five of the Trust's rental properties are occupied but shareholders and descendants can still register their interest for future occupation.

**2015 Rent amounts:**

Kaumātua units—\$100.00 per week

Family home—\$120.00 per week

(two weeks rent in advance is required prior to occupation)

**Land available for occupation**

We currently have 9 sites available for those who want to build their own house.

**Licence information:**

\* 50 year licence to occupy term

\* Annual licence fee of \$100.00

**Shareholders discount**

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- ⇒ Purchases must be paid of the day of purchase

Contact Phil for more details

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**~Attention Tauwhao Te Ngare Shareholders~**

If you have formed a whanau Trust or succeeded to land shares, a copy of the Maori Land Court order needs to be sent to the database administrators at Te Awanui Huka Pak, PO Box 4626, Mt Maunganui, Tauranga or ph (07) 5725955 for more information

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**Tauwhao Te Ngare Trust - Chairpersons Report**

Ki ngā iwi o te motu, arā e ngā hapū o Tauwhao me Te Ngare, tēnā koutou katoa.

Welcome everyone to our mid-year newsletter. I hope the information provided in this newsletter will bring you up to date on the current situation of the trust. It has been a little over six months since our AGM in October and it is business as usual. However, I'm sure I speak for my fellow trustees as well, that there is a feeling that someone is missing at the table each month. I am speaking obviously of my mother, Mawete who was one of our kaumātua advisors. Although she is not here in body, her wairua will always be present. Whenever I am at a crossroad, whether it be for the trust or personally, I can feel her giving me advice. Her words of wisdom and strength will always assist me in times of need. Along with her passing, we have also lost a whole wealth of knowledge and presence through the passing also of our other kaumātua, kuia of Tauwhao me Te Ngare and Matakana Island. Those being Tahi Te Arihi, Nanny Hinemotu Harawira, Auntie Martha Mana, and Uncle Claude Smith. They will all be missed immensely by all of us. I also acknowledge all our other whānau who have lost their loved ones over this period.

This time last year, we were in

recovery mode regards our orchard production. We started to see an upward trend with our harvest and through the continuation of improved protocols and advice from our consultants, we are pleased to announce that our harvest this year has improved once again. One of our targets was to reach the 10,000 trays per hectare of kiwifruit produced and we have done this thanks to those aforementioned and our team on the Island led by Brendon. Now it is about maintaining that level and improving even more.

Although this has been the focus the past 2—3 years, the board has been developing a strategic plan to increase our production and further advance the potential the Island has. This means developing new areas for kiwifruit in the first instance and identifying other potential cropping options. The first part of this has already begun but the next stage will largely depend on when we harvest the forest. We are not in a hurry with the forestry harvest. When the price is right and the buyers are identified, this process will begin. What we do with it post harvest is the important factor. Part of this strategy involves you as shareholders and our rangatahi in regards creating jobs and opportunities for you here on the Island.

There are many other things the

board is considering to improve for our trust and its operations and we are working through these all the time. The uniqueness and location of our trust does affect how we do this and you, the shareholder, need to be comfortable with our structures. It's going to take time but then how long is time? I'm not in a hurry as the stronger the foundation developed the stronger the structure.

The board remains strong and our land will always be ours. When we move on, others will take over but if we maintain our elders' principles and foresight, whoever comes on board, will have a strong foundation to work with.

We are considering a change to the AGM structure this year in that rather than come over on Saturday only, we are looking at coming over on Friday afternoon, have a discussion/wānanga to do with hapū business and on Saturday morning have a field visit around the orchard prior to our AGM Hui proper. The final details will be in the AGM packs that are sent out in later in the year. Take care, look after your whānau and we'll see you all in October.

Phil Gardiner

**Current Trustees**

Phil Gardiner - Chairman  
Brendon Taingahue - Manager  
Makoha Gardiner  
Jason Murray  
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Hemi Rolleston - Advisory

**Advisory kaumatua**

Bobby Rolleston  
Hinewai Taingahue

**2015 Education Grants are now open**

Go to the Trust website for more details:

[www.tauwhaotrust.co.nz](http://www.tauwhaotrust.co.nz) or contact

Coralie Gardiner on

07 578 1045





**Orchard Manager—Brendon Taingahue**

Kia ora and welcome to the first newsletter of 2015 for the Tauwhao Te Ngare Trust shareholders. I can report that we have just completed a satisfying 2014/15 harvest season in the Hayward variety in late March early April. We harvested 204,283 class 1 trays packed into weeks 13,14,16 of the early start program at a 34.5 average fruit count size, 0.52 TZG (or taste) and 14.9% reject rate. This pack out result was due in part to the efforts of the Tuhono Whenua Orchard Productivity Group. The Trust brought in this group post PSA in 2010/2011 in an effort to lift production in the Hayward area and to consistently achieve a 10,000 tray per hectare crop. We also had our first harvest of the newly grafted G3 gold variety picking 1,017 class 1 trays into week 13 of the early start Gold program at a huge 23 average count size, 0.85 TZG (or taste) and 15.7% reject rate. This area is still in its developing years and as the G3 plants continue to de-

velop and grow, this area will become a very productive part of the orchard into the future. The Tuhono Whenua Orchard Productivity Group has been instrumental in guiding us through this phase as well. With the doom and gloom years of PSA looking to be behind us the New Zealand kiwifruit industry has a much more positive outlook into the future. We have decided to continue developing another 10 hectares of land into more kiwifruit. This was our intention prior to the arrival of the PSA bacteria into New Zealand. This area has already been posted and main leader wires installed, irrigation for the rootstock is ready and we are looking at planting in July of this year. We will look to have this area grafted into either a newly developed Zespri cultivar release, or back into Hayward in the coming years and look to have it up to full production as quickly as possible. The Trust is also taking part in a project targeting increasing sustainable profitability in Kiwifruit Orchards by benchmarking high performing Hayward orchards. The project aims to measure specific geo-spatial zones within high performing orchards adjacent to the Tauranga Harbour and apply different levels of inputs and management techniques to develop the capability and capacity of the orchard and

enhance prosperity. This project is being led by the Tuhono Whenua Orchard productivity Group which looks to utilise their lead scientists, horticulture field managers and soil consultants to compile information that will aid in the soil mapping, temperature, canopy and leaf assessment so as to build up an inventory of data from within our orchard enabling us to make more informed management decisions, hence continuing the realisation of a consistent 10,000 tray crop every season based upon the data information gathered from the project. It will be invaluable information for the future in referring back to similar types of seasons from previous years and taking a lot of the unknown factors out of the equation when making management decisions. This is very much technology and innovation at its best and I'm excited for our Trust to be part of this project.

Nō reira kua mutu aku kōrero mo tēnei wā.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

**TUHONO WHENUA**

Over the past six months the orchard has been improving in many areas. The most significant improvement has been within the summer canopy management. The timing and completion of these tasks has set an excellent platform for next season's crop. Winter pruning is the next big task and this will put the summer plan into action.

This season's production of over 10,000 trays per hectare is pleasing. Keeping the orchard producing fruit within the early start window is always the aim. Increasing the production needs to be handled with care, so as not to risk losing the early start premiums. Growing kiwifruit is all about net return.

The Vision Mātauranga Program has just got under way. Being involved with this program puts the orchard in a position of greater understanding of the local environment and how it affects the production of quality crops.

Andrew Scott  
Productivity Manager

**Kuia, Mawete Gardiner**

Mawete is the daughter of Takiri Taikato and Whareangi Rolleston. She was one of the mokopuna that was brought up in the era of her tiipuna kuia Rangitutaki and Roretana on Rangiwaea; I suppose one could say she was Rangiwaea tūturu, she connects to Te-whaanau-a-Tauwhao on both unions of Tauwhao to Tamaoho and Rawahirua, Ngaati Tauaiti through Temoananui who married Tenape, their son was Kereti Temoananui who married Te Haurahiti daughter to Tupaea, Ngai-Tamawhariua through Te Nape, who was an uri of Tukorako, Tauaiti and Tukorako were the children of Tamawhariua and Whakahinga, Tamawhariua was the Son of Pukai and Te Rangihouhiri, Whakahinga was the daughter of Tapuiti, another son of Te-Rangihouhiri and Pukai. Her Dad Jimmy Taikato lived to a ripe old age living most of it on Rangiwaea. Interesting to note that their ingoa Taikato has no relationship to the Taikato whaanau of Ngaati He. According to Mawete, their actual whaanau ingoa is Te Patu Tahora, Te Patu himself was a Rangatira of the Tauwhao Hapuu and related to Te Ninihi who both resided at Whananui a Kauiti for a time; it is an area at Panepane. Mawete interestingly for me attended St Joseph's Māori Girls' College with my Mother in-law. On finishing at teachers' college she taught at several schools around the country eventually ending up teaching back home at Matakana, I remember in my kura days Mawete being in charge of the milk and that ghastly cod-liver oil pill that we had to have in those days, she would keep a close eye on those Haututu tamariki that were mixing the milk. I'm not sure if she realised at the time that the most haututu of all of us was her tama Stephen, known to us in those school days as Step-Hen, I personally can't remember her as a teacher, She mustn't have been that good because she sent me out of class along with others quite often, or to the headmaster for the strap or cane, but what I do remember is the number of times some of us would have to trudge along to Tards and Miss Palmer's shop to fetch her hikareti, none of us minded because it meant we could get away from kura. Mawete was involved in many activities including youth at risk or otherwise.

I remember about 20 or so years ago we were doing something at the marae, Dick mentioned something to her, She replied oh you dummy, Dicks reply always quick witted, and was something like ohh well you should know you were my teacher.

Mawete was a very direct person not always right, but never the less direct and forthright to a point where it would cause a bit of angst on the marae and other areas. I have spent the last 4 years on the Tauwhao Te Ngare Trust along with Mawete and Hinewai as Kaumaatua/Kuia, it was very valuable having someone of her age and knowledge of Rangiwaea and its surroundings, fair to say our two kuia didn't always agree on things, however it never detracted from the task at hand, I guess it is common knowledge that she knitted and knitted and knitted, various items included tokena, potae and gloves for people, strangely enough she never ever asked if I wanted tokena or potae.

The hapu, the Iwi and the Trust in my opinion have been dealt a major loss with her passing, she was at an age that not a lot reach, and Kuia such as her are far and few between, when she was first told of her condition she came to a consultation hui, and shared with us about it and she tended to be at first ok and vowed to fight all the way, well that was about four or five years ago, a pretty good battle. Mawete was always there when the Islands were in battle with the councils, the courts, wherever, fighting for the cause, she always stood firm in her beliefs and passion for the whenua the moana and her people, one time we were in court, she was giving evidence she said to the Judge and those in court "Titiro mai ki teenei (look at this Map of Rangiwaea) what does it look like to you?" No one answered, she went on to say "I'll tell you, it's in the shape of a Patu, Kia tupato koutou (be careful) this can all come back and hit you on the head". Another time or perhaps it may have been the same time, the judge called Witness Molly Gardiner, She stood up and said to the Judge my name is Mawete not Molly and then went on to say to the Judge, when we went to school the bloomin teacher couldn't pronounce our names meaning her and her sisters, so they called us Molly, Polly, Mary and Mabel, our sister Riria was lucky she kept her name, she was bloomin spoilt anyway, all of that drew laughter in the court, Judge included. Her enthusiasm and passion will be dearly missed when the Islands face their inevitable next battle. She was also strong and passionate about being NgaiTe rangi, I often use to observe body reo and under breath comments when she would often stand in our Hui with Ngaiterangi, At one hui she got so hoha at something being said she stood and said "you lot (Ngaiterangi Runanga) had better not get too big for your boots, if we (the Islands) bind together we can outvote the lot of you", "we have Five Hapu at home and also our relations at Otawhiwhi and Rere-a-Tukaahia, so don't get too cocky" saying all of this while still knitting", pearl one, knit two who knows.

Whareangi and my Tiipna Matahou were Sister and brother, and I guess my last whakaaro about this Kuia is that many if not all of us have traits of hoha, where peoples eye roll and mouths utter at some things we say and do and this Kuia was no exception. Not much more to say, engari anei ra.

Na Reira e Kui moe I to moe roa whaiwhai ake o tiipuna maatua, rere ana ki te ara I whakarite ai te kuia ra a Parakete, Waihoahia ma o Hapu hai hiki hai wahatia nga mahi, haere haere, oti ake.

Teena ra koutou Na Bobby Rolleston. Kaumaatua Tauwhao/Ngai Tamawhariua/Ngaati Tauaiti.