

**ISSUE 11 – November 2018**

E ngā mana e ngā uri ō rātou mā e mihi atu kia tātou katoa i tui tuia kia kotahi i roto i te hapū o Ruapuha me Uekaha ki Waitomo. E maumahara ana ki a rātou kua huri ki tua i te arai. Moe mai rā koutou i roto i ngā ringāringā a tō tātou Matua nui i te Rangi. Ka huri ki a koutou kia tātou katoa ara ngā manaakitanga o te runga rawa kia tātou katoa...Pai marire.

THIS ISSUE OF TOMOKIA

Welcome to the November issue of Tomokia. Spring has certainly been a season of celebration and participation in Maniapoto. In September, Te Nehenehenui Tribal Festival celebrated its 5th anniversary bringing together the uri whakatupu of Te Nehenehenui to participate in kapa haka within Te Rohe Pōtae. During Labour weekend the organisers of Te Kawau Mārō o Maniapoto hosted another awesome event for whānau and marae to reconnect and enjoy each other's company and, earlier this month, Te Wharekura o Maniapoto opened its new school facilities which is a tribute to the Board, Staff and Ministry who have provided an excellent learning place for our tamariki and rangatahi within Maniapoto.

Spring has also been a busy time for the Trust. In September the inaugural trustee election and AGM took place, the Board connected with hapū trust members to discuss the future direction of the Trust through a strategic planning process and later on this month, a special general meeting will be held to present the new strategic plan. 2018 feels like it has whizzed by and no doubt everyone will be looking forward to relaxing over the Christmas break which is just around the corner.

In this issue we advertise the intermediate and secondary education grants, give a brief summary on the AGM, give updates on the strategic plan 2019-2024, trustee election results, the Marae Development Fund and, lastly in 'Our People Who Inspire Us' we acknowledge the achievements of Paige Coffin-Bell and fellow Year 13 students who have completed their secondary schooling.

So, we hope you can take a few minutes out of your day and catch up on what is happening with the Trust and its people. Ngā manaakitanga ki a koutou katoa.

2018 RUHT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On September 22, hapū trust members gathered at Waitomo Caves Hotel for the 2018 Annual General Meeting. Attendance was greater than in previous years (approximately eighty people) due in part to people coming to cast their special vote in the first trustee election held by the Trust. There was lots of feedback and questions from hapū trust members about the Trusts' initiatives and performance and overall it was a positive hui. Glenn Hawkins of GHA (the Trust's accountant) presented the 2018 audited financial statements reporting that the Trust has had another good year. The 2018 Annual Report can be downloaded from www.ruht.co.nz and if you are interested in watching a recording of the full AGM contact CJ and he will forward you the link to the Trust's youtube channel.

As well as reporting on the 2018 Financial Statements Glenn provided a summary of the Trust's performance from 2014-2018. Income has grown from approximately \$1.3m in 2014 to approximately \$2.7m in 2018. This is the result of increased visitor numbers to the Caves and from growth from returns and gains in the investment portfolio. Expenses have also increased over that period with a big spike in 2018 to \$777K. Glenn noted that the spike is attributed to the Board agreeing to add interest of 7.3% compounded for 9 years, to the 2009 whānau trust distributions to be paid to three of the whānau trusts (approximately \$250k in interest). This has added to the operating costs for the year. In 2018, the Trust has investments and term deposits valued at \$11.5m and a total value of \$21.5m on the Balance Sheet.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FROM 2014-2018

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Trading Income	1,260,273	1,978,248	1,937,776	2,297,472	2,666,277
Expenses	276,470	355,607	505,092	471,125	772,814
Net profit before tax	983,803	1,622,641	1,432,684	1,826,348	1,893,463
Tax provisions	168,816	221,496	279,642	303,423	304,207
Net profit for the year	814,987	1,401,145	1,153,042	1,522,925	1,589,256

2018 RUHT TRUSTEE ELECTION RESULT



The 2018 trustee election process began in June when nominations for one trustee position opened. The Returning Officer received three nominations for Lloyd Keung, Maxine Moana-Tuwhangai and Trish Davis, each candidate possessing a wealth of knowledge, experience and skills that would make them valuable as a trustee if elected. Postal voting opened in August and voting by special vote took place at the AGM held at the Waitomo Caves Hotel on Saturday, 22 September. The Returning Officer posted the election certificate (see below) in local newspapers, and on the Trust's website and facebook page a week after the AGM was held.

RUAPUHA UEKAHA HAPŪ TRUST Result of Election for One Position on the Board of Trustees

I hereby certify that at an election was held by way of postal vote and by vote at the Annual General Meeting of Beneficiaries held on 22 September 2018 at Waitomo Caves Hotel, Waitomo.

The number of votes cast for each candidate were:

Trish Hariata DAVIS	114
Maxine MOANA-TUWHANGAI	91
Lloyd KEUNG	72

I declare that:

Trish Hariata Davis being the highest polling candidate is therefore elected to the Board of Trustees of Ruapuha Uekaha Hapū Trust.

Glenn Hawkins
Returning Officer

Thank you Lloyd, Maxine and Trish for agreeing to stand for the Trust. Congratulations to Trish on the election result.

2019 INTERMEDIATE AND SECONDARY EDUCATION GRANT ROUND IS NOW OPEN



It's that time again whānau. The Intermediate and Secondary Grant Round for 2019 is now open. The closing date is Friday, 14th December 2018. Download your forms from www.ruht.co.nz. Please make sure you fill in the form correctly, complete all sections and provide the required documentation. Failure to do so may disqualify your application. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us on 0800 525 626 or by email admin@ruht.co.nz

We had anticipated that we would be phasing in our online grant system by now but unfortunately we have experienced further delays with our new website development. The online grant system will be operational by the tertiary grant round which opens in March 2019.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING



On Saturday, 29 September, the Trustees held a strategic planning workshop with hapū trust members seeking their thoughts and aspirations on the next phase of development of the Trust. Approximately thirty people attended the hui which was facilitated by Brook Grant from GHA. The Trustees would like to thank those who attended the strategic planning workshop. There definitely was a good flow of ideas that come out of that hui that has helped shape the new strategic plan. The Strategic Plan 2019-2024 will be presented at a Special Annual General Meeting.

HE PANUI RUAPUHA UEKAHA HAPŪ TRUST (Hauturu East 8) SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Hapū trust members of Ruapuha Uekaha Hapū Trust (Hauturu East 8) are invited to attend a presentation of the Draft Strategic Plan 2019-2014 to be held on:

Saturday, 24 November 2018
Rungaterangi Room
Te Wānanga o Aotearoa
37 Taupiri St
TE KUITI
Starting at 10am
Nau mai, haere mai!

RUHT MARAE DEVELOPMENT FUND UPDATE



The Trust rolled out its Marae Development Fund in September for capital development and operational costs. The eligible marae for this funding are Pohatui Marae, Tokikapu Marae, Mirumiru Marae, Rereamanu Marae and Te Korapatu Marae. A number of the marae have made applications to the Fund and are very appreciative for the financial assistance. The Fund helps to take some of the load off the ahi kaa who are largely responsible for finding the money to meet operational and development costs. It will be great to have all five marae accessing the Trust's funding and other funding sources such as Lotteries and Trust Waikato to help with their marae development aspirations.

We would like to acknowledge our Te Korapatu marae whanaunga who started their marae development earlier this year and before this Fund was rolled out. From the roadside it looks like the development is moving along really well and nearing completion. Ka mau te wehi!

An update for those who affiliated to Tokikapu Marae. The Trustees have submitted an application to Marae Ora for funding to undertake a technical feasibility report. If the application is successful, Brymer Group will undertake the feasibility report which includes an ablution and wharekai development. An application to Oranga Marae will be made in 2019 and if successful could see development occur in the same year. The RUHT has made available \$100,000 to each of the five marae to support their capital development.

PEOPLE WHO INSPIRE US



Paige Coffin-Bell, Head Girl at Pio Pio College will be attending the University of Waikato next year to undertake a Bachelor of Laws degree. The Waitomo News recently did an article on Paige acknowledging her as a recipient of a special Lines Company Chair's Award. Paige is also a recipient of a Manaaki Tangata Scholarship from University of Waikato. The article noted Paige's considerable contribution to her school and wider community not only as Head Girl but also as a House Captain, kapa haka tutor, netball coach and, member of the Waitomo Youth Council. Paige is also a very talented representative netballer. No doubt, Paige's whānau are very proud of her and deservedly so. It's been a privilege for many of us to watch you grow into the young woman that you have become Paige and we wish you the very best on the next stage of your journey. Mauri ora!

We take this opportunity to acknowledge all of our hapū trust Year 13 students who recently finished school. You have completed thirteen years of education and are primed to enter the next stage of your journey. Senior prize giving for most schools have taken place and we congratulate those who received awards in academic, drama, technical and sporting pursuits and, scholarships to go onto tertiary study. A number of our Year 13 students also completed work experience that has given them an inkling on career opportunities and choices they may wish to pursue. Take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way be it an apprenticeship, job or continued education but most importantly follow a pathway that gives you focus and helps you to achieve the aspirations you have for your life.

CALENDAR OF PROGRAMMES AND APPLICATION DATE UPDATES



Description	Opening Date	Closing Date
2019 Intermediate and Secondary Grants	Thursday 1 November 2018	Friday 14 December 2018 (Grants paid by Friday 18 January 2019)
2019 Tertiary and Work Related Grants	Monday 11 March 2019	Friday 19 April 2019 (Grants paid by 1 May 2019)
Kaumātua Hauora Grants	Monday 3 June 2019	Friday 16 August 2019 (Grants paid by 6 September 2019)
Marae Development Fund Grants (Marae trustees may only apply)	Monday 1 October 2018 Monday 7 January 2019 Monday 1 April 2019	Friday 23 November 2018 Friday 15 February 2019 Friday 3 May 2019 (Grant payment dates to be confirmed)
Train Me (Rangatahi programme) Mon-Fri July 8-12 2019	Monday 3 June 2019	Friday 28 June 2019
MathsBuddy	Subscriptions open February 2019	Open all year

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