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*He korōria ki te Atua i rungā rawa  
He maungārongo ki rungā i te mata o te whenua  
He whakaaro pai ki ngā tāngāta katoa  
Kia inoi tēnei mō mātou, mō te ao me te tuku  
whakawhetai ki te Atua mō ana hangā pai.*

E te kuia, e te whāea Ripeka Anderson e moe. Moe mai rā koe i tōu moengā roa. Haere atu koe ki tua o Paerau ki waengā i a rātou i te wāhi ngāro. Haere ki tua o te ārai kia hono ki a rātou mā kua whetūrangitia, haere, haere, haere atu rā. Haere hoki atu koutou ko te hungā kua riro, kei ōna ringāringā hei tiaki i a koutou, te whāea e Rewa Jerry koutou ko ngā pākeke John Paki, ko Ron Keung, ko Richard Koroheke tae atu ki tā tātou tamaiti a Aorangi Jones.

E kore koutou e warewaretia e te ngākau i roto i ngā marama i ngā tau e heke iho nei. Moe mai ra koutou i roto i ngā ringāringā a to tātou Matua nui i te Rangi.

Tēnā koutou e te whānau.

**Peter Douglas**  
Chairperson

## THIS ISSUE OF TOMOKIA



Welcome to the first issue of Tomokia for 2015. Last year we celebrated 125 years of guiding at the Glowworm Caves and this year marks 25 years since the Ruapuha Uekaha Hapū Trust (RUHT) was established as a result of the Wai 51 settlement. Another milestone for Hapū Trust members to celebrate.

In this issue there are updates on education initiatives for 2015, the outcome of the vote for the future management of the RUHT and information on the Te Rohe Potae Inquiry relating to the RUHT's Wai 1805 claim. There is also an article on the high season at the Glowworm Caves and employment opportunities available for Hapū Trust members as well as announcing the release of a short film entitled "Ngā Ingoa O Ngā Waahi i Waitomo." We finish this issue with upcoming events and useful websites that have an educational flavour. We hope you enjoy this issue of Tomokia.

## EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



### EDUCATION GRANTS

The Trustees held their first hui for 2015 in February and there is good news, education grants and subscriptions to Maths Buddy will be available this year to Hapū Trust members. Your feedback about aligning the payment of intermediate and secondary grants closer to the beginning of the school year has also been heard. To achieve alignment there will be two rounds of intermediate and secondary grants within the 2016 financial year. The first round will open 16 March 2015 and close 31 May 2015. This will be for all education grants i.e. apprenticeships and work related, tertiary, secondary and intermediate. Another round will open just for intermediate and secondary school education grants in November 2015 and close in February 2016. Tertiary grants for 2016 will open in March 2016. Grant applications and registration forms can be downloaded from [www.ruht.co.nz](http://www.ruht.co.nz).

### MATHSBUDDY

If you have a child who is a Hapū Trust member that wants to become more confident in maths then Maths Buddy might be the answer. This is an excellent online programme that helps lift achievement in maths for students Year 1-13. Hapū Trust member Lloyd Keung coordinates this programme for the RUHT and he is passionate about children's learning. Lloyd taught maths and science at secondary level and is keen to help our tamariki succeed at school. If you are interested in subscribing then give us a call or for more information on Maths Buddy go to <http://www.mathsbuddy.co.nz/>. Be quick though, as spaces are limited.



### TE PŪTEA WHAKATUPU TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS

Hapū Trust members who are pursuing tertiary studies in commerce, fisheries or agribusiness should check out Te Pūtea Whakatupu Trust (TPWT) website. TPWT offers up to 30 scholarships for commerce and 10 scholarships for fisheries and agribusiness to Māori students. The scholarships are worth \$10,000 each. For more information go to <http://www.tpwt.Māori.nz/scholarships/index.htm>. Applications close 30 April 2015.



While we are on the topic of education we would like to congratulate all of our Hapū Trust members who have completed their tertiary studies and have recently graduated or decided to do further study. You are an inspiration for us all and role models for our young people. We wish you well with your career plans. For those of you starting or continuing your studies in 2015 we wish you all the best.

## TRUST REVIEW – PROCEEDINGS IN THE MĀORI LAND COURT



You will recall in November 2014 the Māori Land Court (MLC) directed that a vote on the future management of the RUHT take place. The Court released the results of the vote in February and it was a positive outcome for the RUHT. The Trust would like to thank those of you who took part in the vote. Below is an overview of the Trust Review proceedings to date.

Over the last decade there have been ongoing proceedings in the MLC involving the RUHT. There were applications for review filed by the trustees of the RUHT and Norman Tane. Adrian Martin filed a related application seeking the enforcement of obligations of trust.

The MLC and the Māori Appellate Court heard these applications and directed consultation with the beneficiaries about the future management of the RUHT. The parties were required to present their vision statements for the use and administration of Hauturu East 8.

The consultation hui were held at Te Tokangānui-a-noho Marae in Te Kuiti on 13 April 2013 and 2 August 2014 after which the MLC directed that there be a postal vote on the proposals put forward by the RUHT and a joint proposal from Tane/Martin.

In the postal vote Option 1 was the RUHT vision statement where Hauturu East 8 would be administered in accordance with the Wai 51 settlement for the benefit of all the descendants of the 22 original owners of Hauturu East 8. The fundamental basis of Option 1 was to protect and preserve the Wai 51 settlement for future generations.

In the postal vote Option 2 was the variation to the RUHT proposed by Tane/Martin. Under their proposal the RUHT would be required to distribute 80 percent of the income from Hauturu East 8 to individual beneficiaries.



In short, Option 2 would have favoured short-term individual gain over a broader Hapū endowment as envisaged by the Wai 51 settlement.

The MLC was responsible for the voting process and acted as the returning officer. There were 244 votes in favour of Option 1 and 189 votes in favour of Option 2. The beneficiaries therefore voted by a clear majority in favour of Option 1 as proposed by the RUHT.

The applications will now return to the MLC for further evidence and legal submissions from the parties. It is expected that the MLC will release its final decision by late 2015. The results of the vote can be viewed on our website.

## TE ROHE POTAE INQUIRY



On the 29 August 2008 Josephine Anderson, on behalf of the RUHT and the Hapū of Ruapuha and Uekaha, filed claim Wai 1805 with the Waitangi Tribunal.

This claim relates to the recording and implementation of the Wai 51 settlement between Ruapuha and Uekaha and the Crown in 1990. There were two reasons for the claim. The first was that the Crown did not properly record and implement the Wai 51 settlement and there are various matters that remain outstanding some 25 years later. The second reason was the Tane/Martin applications filed in the MLC which sought to vary the terms of trust for the RUHT which could have varied the Wai 51 settlement.

Wai 1805 was heard as part of the Te Rohe Potae inquiry of the Waitangi Tribunal. The position of the Crown is that if there were any defects with the recording and implementation of the Wai 51 settlement then it was the responsibility of the mediator and the Waitangi Tribunal.

The RUHT filed a submission in reply to the Crown on the 9 March 2015. There are good evidential and legal grounds to contest the Crown's submissions about the recording and implementation of Wai 51. At the final hearing Judge Ambler noted that it may be possible for the Waitangi Tribunal to release a separate and early report containing findings on Wai 1805 to assist the RUHT in ongoing negotiations with the Crown. The RUHT will invite the Waitangi Tribunal to do so to assist the early settlement of Wai 1805.

## HIGH SEASON AT THE CAVES



Every day at the Waitomo Glowworm Caves many of our whānau and Hapū trust members take care of visitors from all over the world. It's always a busy time at the Caves during the high season and this year has been no exception with visitor numbers surpassing last season. The high visitor numbers has kept the guides, reservations team, retail team and food and beverage teams fully occupied.

Hapū trust member Huia Davis who is Head Guide at the Caves says "There are always opportunities for employment during the high season for trust members looking for holiday work. We look for people that have the right attitude and a good work ethic. Generally

speaking we start recruiting in October-November for the summer period. Job vacancies are posted on the THL website [www.thlonline.com](http://www.thlonline.com) and on the RUHT's Facebook page".

Hapū Trust members who are suitably qualified are given preferential employment at the Caves. Registering on the THL website means you will be updated on all job vacancies as they become available. The Caves is a great place for school leavers and tertiary students to find work during the summer months and we hope to see more of our people working at the Caves

## NGĀ INGOA O NGĀ WAAHI I WAITOMO



Last year the RUHT undertook its first archival film project and recorded a short film entitled “Ngā Ingoa O Ngā Waahi i Waitomo”. In this film Josephine Anderson shares her knowledge of significant sites of Ngāti Uekaha and Ngāti Ruapuha within Waitomo. It just so happened that the release of this film coincided with the 125th Anniversary of guiding at the Caves. The film was the penultimate event of the celebrations and was warmly received by all of those who attended the screening. If you want to learn more about the cultural heritage of Ngāti Uekaha and Ngāti Ruapuha then this film is strongly recommended. It can be viewed on YouTube by clicking on the link on the Trust’s website

[www.ruht.co.nz](http://www.ruht.co.nz).

It is also intended that the Whatakaraka and Haereiti whānau will be undertaking filming projects in the near future. Watch this space for updates.

## WHAT’S COMING UP AND WHAT’S NEW



### CULTURAL TOURISM GATEWAY CAMP FOR YEAR 12 AND 13 STUDENTS

Tokikapu Marae ki Waitomo Gateway Camp will be holding its fifth Cultural Tourism Camp for Year 12 and 13 students from April 13 -17 2015. This is a great opportunity for Hapū Trust students to come to Waitomo and experience tourism from a cultural perspective. This camp offers a comprehensive programme and students undertake unit standards to gain 21 Level 3 credits towards NCEA. Best of all the camp is fully funded by the school so there is no charge to parents. If your son or daughter is interested in attending the camp then speak to their Gateway Coordinator at school.

### UPCOMING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The RUHT’s Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, 30th of May 2015 at Tokikapu Marae, Waitomo starting 10am. Further notice of the AGM will be sent out in early May.

### OUR GALLERY – 125 YEAR CELEBRATIONS

If you want to see more photos from the 125th Anniversary celebrations then check out “[Our Gallery](#)” on the RUHT website. We have just added a new selection of photos for whānau to view.

### CHECK OUT THIS WEBSITE

“Check out this website” is a new addition to Tomokia that will advertise education related websites that are recommended to the RUHT. If you know of a helpful website let us know so we can feature the website in a future issue.

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

This is an excellent free website for parents of young children who are looking for educational alternatives to other entertainment choices for their children. This website uses interactive activities to build phonetic awareness to help children to read and has a maths component as well. It is designed for preschool children and Year 1 -3 students. One parent using the site said “it’s a fun way for their child to learn”.

[www.fis.org.nz/products/breakout](http://www.fis.org.nz/products/breakout)

BreakOut is an online search tool operated by the Funding Information Service which provides information for over 4000 scholarships, grants and awards that are offered to individuals from primary, secondary schools, through to tertiary students, researchers, fellowships and so on. BreakOut charges for this service, but can be accessed for free at public libraries.

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