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E ngā mana e ngā uri ō rātou mā e mihi atu ki a 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 ārai. Moe mai ra koutou i roto i ngā ringāringā a to tātou Matua nui i te Rangi. Ka huri ki a koutou ki a tātou katoa ara ngā manaakitanga o te runga rawa ki a tātou katoa...Pai Mārire.

THIS ISSUE OF TOMOKIA

Welcome to the first issue of Tomokia for 2016. The months certainly have flown by since our last issue in September and it certainly has been a busy period for the RUHT holding consultation hui with hapū trust members to develop a new trust order, administering education grants and keeping abreast of governance responsibilities at the Caves. However, we haven't been as busy as our hapū members who work at the Glowworm Caves. Increased visitor numbers to New Zealand particularly during the high/peak season has made for a very busy time at the Caves. Visitor numbers are expected to continue to grow so no doubt Caves staff will welcome the slowing down of visitors over the winter months giving them time to refresh before another busy high season arrives in November. The Trustees acknowledge the hard work of the Caves staff and appreciate the huge contribution they make to ensuring that visitors enjoy their experience at the Caves.

In this issue there is an update on the development of the new trust deed, notice of the annual general meeting, articles on the education grants and Waitomo Trail run, and we profile a talented artist, Hiria Anderson who recently graduated with a Master's of Fine Arts.

So we hope you take the opportunity to relax and catch up with activities happening with the RUHT.

NEW TRUST ORDER

We have been keeping hapū trust members up to date with proceedings in the Maori Land Court relating to the review of the RUHT. We are pleased to advise that this process is now coming to a close with the only outstanding matter being the adoption of a new trust order by the beneficiaries at the forthcoming AGM on Saturday, 21 May 2016 at Te Kauae Marae, Hangatiki.

Just to recap, Judge Milroy, in her reserved decision dated 24 August 2015 directed that the RUHT develop a new trust order in consultation with the beneficiaries. Judge Milroy directed that the new trust order be consistent with the RUHT's vision statement and strategic plan that had previously been presented to the beneficiaries at the two consultation hui held at Te Tokanganui-a-noho Marae in Te Kuiti.

To comply with Judge Milroy's directions the RUHT has taken the following steps:

- Held a SGM on 24 October 2015 to explain the reserved decision to the beneficiaries and outline the proposed form and content of the new trust order;
- Held a workshop on 28 November 2015 to gather input from beneficiaries to develop a new trust order and the future strategic direction of the RUHT
- Drafted a new trust order by the RUHT's solicitors based on a standard form template and including commercial advice from trust advisors; and
- Undertaken a peer review of the new trust order by an external law firm.

These steps have now been completed and the RUHT has approved a new trust order for presentation to the beneficiaries at the AGM.

A copy of the new trust order will be made available for download at www.ruht.co.nz and will also be circulated to the beneficiaries whose contact details are on the RUHT's database. In addition, hard copies will be made available at the AGM.

A presentation of the new trust order will be made at the forthcoming AGM however, it is not intended to go through the new trust order line by line or clause by clause. Rather, the RUHT will focus on the key changes, particularly the objects of the RUHT and the powers of the trustees. The presentation will also cover the matters identified by the Court.

Following the AGM the RUHT will file the new trust order with the Court and seek appropriate orders. It is intended that the current trust order will be substituted with the new trust order but subject to final approval by Judge Milroy.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Beneficiaries of the RUHT are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting 2016.

Date: Saturday, 21 May 2016
Venue: Te Kauae Marae, 954 Mangarino Road, Hangatiki
Whakatau: 11am

Agenda

1. Karakia/Mihi
2. Apologies
3. Chairman's Report
4. Financial Report 2015
5. Education Report
6. Presentation on the new Trust Deed
7. Presentation on Review of Strategic Plan
8. Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting
9. General Business
10. Karakia Whakamutunga

Lunch (approximately 1.30pm)

In the event of a tangi being held at Te Kauae Marae the AGM will be moved to **Te Kotahitanga Marae**, Otewa Rd, Otorohanga. For the benefit of hapū trust members who cannot attend, a video of the AGM will be uploaded onto our website and fb page for you to view. For all enquiries contact the Trust Administrator on 0800 525 626.

Nau mai, haere mai!

TALENTED ARTIST AMONGST US



Hiria Anderson - A painter on Tūrongo Street

I was born in Otorohanga and raised in the house of Rua and Eva Anderson until the age of 14. In my childhood I was surrounded by traditional Maori arts and artists. My early schooling was at Otorohanga South and Otorohanga College but I went on to finish my college education at Queen Victoria School in Parnell Auckland. I studied School C Art and Photography. I enjoyed photography finding the dark room process to develop my work interesting. As a young adult I studied Māori Visual Arts at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, studying under the tutelage of James F. Ormsby where I gained a Diploma in Visual Art. I ended up tutoring art part time, part time turned to full time and my career in art began to develop. From here I began operating an art gallery in Te Awamutu with friends and being involved in all kinds of community arts projects and exhibitions.

My artwork reflects my community within the Waipa and King Country. I move in and out of familiar spaces and places, observing people and life as it unfolds. My paintings act as pauses, slowing down the image to observe intricacies that exist, searching for those quiet moments that we miss in the midst of our everyday lives. While my work may depict the 'everyday' the content is often loaded with social, economic and political references that is the bi-product of living within a modern day post-colonial New Zealand.

Early paintings in New Zealand's history shows that many European painters used Māori and their environment as subjects mostly out of curiosity and as a way to survey the land. This colonial gaze often meant that the power of the narrative lay firmly in the hands of the European painters. In my studio I have adopted traditional European painting as my practice using modern methods and technologies. This responds as a political act against the colonial gaze by commandeering those painting traditions to tell our own stories. My artwork sets aside the romantic notions of who we are; instead offering up evidence of our current condition.

I now have a studio on Tūrongo Street in Otorohanga. It is a privilege to be home and living at our homestead with my whānau. The wharenuī Te Oha ō Tuoroa that my grandfather built over 40 years ago has been the source in which I draw my inspiration from. My grandparents have always been highly influential creatively, but coming home has also done the important job of grounding my whānau and I am back in Ngāti Maniapoto. In January I completed a two year Master's Degree at Whitecliffe College of Fine Art and Design in Parnell, Auckland graduating in November. In addition I have just been awarded First Class Honours which I am really proud of. I could not have achieved so successfully without the support of those close to me and the Ruapuha Uekaha Hapū Trust who supported my grant applications. I am most appreciative.

EDUCATION GRANTS



Year to year we are seeing an increase in the uptake of the education grants. The 2016 Education Grant round saw 184 grants distributed to students at intermediate and secondary level. Tertiary grants recently closed and we received 78 applications for work related and tertiary studies. It's great to see so many of our whānau undertaking further studies including apprenticeships, national certificates, diplomas, undergraduate and post graduate degrees. Congratulations to those hapū trust members who recently graduated and all the best to those that are continuing their studies. Remember to check out the THL website www.thlonline.com that regularly advertises career opportunities at the Caves.

Lastly whānau the 2017 education grant round for intermediate and secondary students opens in November 2016.

AN EPIC EVENT



Last Saturday saw a major event take place in Waitomo – the inaugural Waitomo Trail Run. Around 2000 people of all ages entered over four distances 6, 11, 22 & 33kms. The longer routes were pretty tough going and with the finishing line at the Glowworm Caves there certainly was a party atmosphere as everyone cheered on the finishers.



An epic event by Waitomo standards and hugely successful with participants traversing the magnificent karst, limestone and native forest landscape which makes this region unique. A big shout out to all who participated in this event, the runners, the walkers, the volunteers and the organisers. We look forward to next year's Trail Run!

Photo of hapū trust members AJ & Whekoi Hemara taking on the Trail Run.

UPDATES



If you want to visit the Caves then a booking is essential particularly through the peak season (mid-December to the end of January) and during public and school holiday periods. All hapū bookings are now done by the Trust Administrator however, please note that CJ does not work on Wednesday or during the weekend. Office hours are 9am-5pm. Contact the Trust Secretary on CJ's days off.

Remember groups over 10 must pre-book in advance and trips have to be scheduled before 10am and after 2pm.

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KEEPING IN TOUCH IS IMPORTANT



We love finding out what our people are up to so if someone in your whanau is doing something interesting let us know, maybe they would like to be in the next issue of Tomokia!

Just a reminder whānau to contact the Trust Administrator if you move so we can update your details and keep you informed of what is happening with the RUHT. Until next time - Noho ora mai.

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