



## **TOMOKIA** newsletter

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Tōku reo, tōku ohoho

Tōku reo, tōku māpihi maurea

Tōku reo, tōku whakakai marihi

My language is my cherished possession

My language is the object of my affection

My language is my precious adornment

### **THIS ISSUE OF TOMOKIA**

Welcome to the November issue of Tomokia.

In this issue we advertise the intermediate and secondary education grants, give a brief summary on the AGM and the Trustee Election Results, summary of the 2019 AGM, closure of the RUHT Office and, lastly in 'Our People' we interview hapū member Aroha Carnachan and talk about her journey toward learning Te Reo Māori.

The Hapū trust has contributed koha for the upcoming Kawenata Inagaural Awards for 2019 which will be held this December. This will be an annual event and we look forward to Ngāti Ruapuha Uekaha whānau being nominated at future ceremonies.

The Hapū Trust had the pleasure of hosting a group of Indigenous Artist at the Caves. The group who were made up of artists mainly from Aotearoa and the Pacific Rim region thoroughly enjoyed visiting our taonga. Feedback highlighted how they were impressed with their guide - Moera Anderson. The two Images featured on the newsletter were koha provided by the artists to the Trust. These taonga will be proudly displayed at the Hapū Trust office.

Christmas is just around the corner so we hope you all enjoy time with whānau, have a festive and safe Christmas and New Year.

Ngā manaakitanga ki a koutou katoa.

### **2019 RUHT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & TRUSTEE ELECTION RESULTS**

On Saturday, 5th October 2019 the Hapū trust members gathered at Te Kauae Marae for the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

Glenn Hawkins of GHA (RUHT Accountant) presented the 2019 audited financial statements reporting that the Trust has had another positive financial year. The 2019 Annual Report can be downloaded and viewed on our website: [www.ruht.co.nz](http://www.ruht.co.nz)

If you would like to watch the video recording please contact the office so a link can be emailed to you for the Trust's Youtube channel. Glenn also provided a summary of the Trust's performance over the previous two years. In summary:

- Royalty income for the year was \$2.35m up from \$2.1m in the previous year.
- Interest and dividends for the year was \$312,000 up from \$280,000 in the previous year.
- The portfolio gain for the year was \$477,000 up from \$264,000 in the previous year.
- Funding was applied for through MBIE this was for Business Innovation and Employment Funding. This funding contributed to consultancy costs to help advance some of the objectives of the Trust e.g. Strategic Planning, SIPO, e.t.c.

Expenses for the year totalled \$772,000 down from \$701,000 in the previous year. This was due to the Interest of the funds for the four Whānau Trusts being adjusted.

Operating Expenses have increased due to the increase of work being undertaken by the Trust. Glenn stated that as the Trust grows the expenses will also grow.

The EBIT (Earnings before Income Tax) was \$2.4 million. We will have a tax bill of approximately \$314,000.

With regard to the Balance Sheet – total assets of the Trust have a value of \$26 million. It was noted by Glenn that this does not include the value of the Caves business.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Trading Income</b>	1,978,248	1,937,776	2,297,472	2,666,277	3,190,831
<b>Expenses</b>	355,607	505,092	471,125	772,814	701,034
<b>Net profit before tax</b>	1,622,641	1,432,684	1,826,348	1,893,463	2,489,798
<b>Tax provisions</b>	221,496	279,642	303,423	304,207	314,143
<b>Net profit for the year</b>	1,401,145	1,153,042	1,522,925	1,589,256	2,175,654

## 2019 TRUSTEE ELECTION RESULTS

The 2019 Trustee Election nomination process began in July with three nominees putting their names forward. Postal voting took place in August and closed on the 2nd of October. Special Voting could be done at the AGM. After the meeting had concluded GHA the Returning Officers for the Trustee Elections attended to tally up the remaining votes. Preliminary Election Results were then announced to the meeting attendees during lunch in wharekai.

### RUAPUHA UEKAHA HAPŪ TRUST

#### Result of Election for One Position on the Board of Trustees

I hereby certify that an election was held by way of postal vote and by vote at the Annual General Meeting of Beneficiaries held on 5 October 2019 at Te Kauae Marae.

The number of votes cast for each candidate were:

Wikitoria Leanne TANE 127

Maxine MOANA-TUWHANGAI 92

Nina Kaye TAANE-TINORAU 38

There were 32 invalid votes cast.

I declare that: Wikitoria Tane being the highest polling candidate is therefore elected to the Board of Trustees of Ruapuha Uekaha Hapū Trust. Glenn Hawkins Returning Officer

Thank you Maxine Tuwhangai and Nina-Kaye Tane for agreeing to stand. Congratulations to Wikitoria Tane who was our successful candidate. We look forward to Wikitoria joining the board and contributing with her varied skills and

experience. The Trust is also mindful that the high calibre of our candidates ensures that the future of the Trust's governance will be well placed for future election processes.

## INTERMEDIATE AND SECONDARY GRANTS FOR 2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Grants for Intermediate and Secondary for the 2020 School Year are now open. The closing date is Friday, 13th December 2019. Please ensure you have sent your completed grant forms before the closing date otherwise your application will not be accepted.

If you are unsure whether your children are registered please don't hesitate to contact our Administrator at the Trust office. We look forward to supporting our whānau and receiving your applications.

## CLOSURE OF RUHT OFFICE DURING CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS

The RUHT Office will be closed from Monday, 23rd December 2019 and re-open Wednesday, 08th January 2020.

**Pre bookings for the caves during this period are essential. Please ensure you have booked and confirmed before Friday, 20th December 2019. Please ensure you have booked before 12.00pm.**

If you have not pre booked you will be unable to go on a tour during the close down period (see dates above).

Please be aware that this is the busiest time of the year and the trips will be full. So be mindful and respectful to the guides and our beautiful taonga.

## OUR PEOPLE – AROHA CARNACHAN



Ko Tainui tōku waka  
Ko Waitomo tōku awa  
Ko Ngāti Maniapoto tōku iwi  
Ko Ngāi Uekaha me Ngāti Ruapuha ōku hapū  
Ko Tokikapu tōku marae  
Ko Maatua Iwi tōku tīpuna whare  
Ko Douglas raua ko Pauleen Carnachan oku mātua  
Ko Aroha Carnachan tōku ingoa

Aroha is a senior teacher at Pukenui Primary School. She has recently completed a one year sabbatical as part of her journey to learn Te Reo Māori. We caught up with Aroha to discuss her learning journey.

Aroha and Awaroa Carnachan

### Why did you decide to take a year off work and learn Te Reo?

I needed a break from teaching and time to have a reset and think about what I wanted to do. I applied for sabbatical leave with the Ministry of Education. I had thought about learning Māori before I was accepted for the study award.

I thought about what my passion was outside of work, I didn't know what it was other than raising kids. I've been a mum since I was 19 years old and my life has been about raising children and teaching. Everything kept coming back to Te Reo and my focus was naturally on Te Reo.

When you teach and you are Māori there is an expectation that you can do the Te Reo, Māori art and music modules. However that's not the case sometimes. I wanted to grow my knowledge and understanding of Te Reo and it was a great opportunity to have develop my knowledge base and skills so that there are positive impacts both personally and professionally.

### Tell us about your learning journey this year?

It has been an intense year of learning alongside a wide variety of people. I discovered Te Tohu Paetahi (TTP) at the Univeristy of Waikato after doing a lot of research about the different programmes for learning Te Reo

Māori. TTP provided the best model of learning. It was full time Monday to Friday and focused solely on learning Māori. It seemed to be the only programme of its kind in Aotearoa.

I was fortunate to be paid while on sabbatical. You have to study full time to receive sabbatical.

### **What were the highs?**

There were 70 in the class when we started and we finished with about 60. This became our whānau for the year and I made some good connections with people. We became really good friends in and out of the classroom. We had to help each other to get through the course. If you fail a paper you cannot progress. I wanted to finish it and was supported by my roopu to finish. I would recommend it if you want an intensive reo course that solely focuses on developing your reo its a good way to go.

I'm glad I did it in that intense environment. Enoka Murphy our tutor for most of it was amazing, humble, giving man. We had a diverse group, doctors, teachers and people with a bit of Māori who wanted to learn more. There were three people who came back from Australia to do it. That dedication was impressive. I had a lot of support and Marama Wilson helped me a lot. She had done the course prior to me and understood the importance of having a good support network and someone to korero with.

### **What were the lows?**

Going in as a beginner was challenging. It was a new struggle and stress of a different type. It was hard. By the end of it I was thinking I don't want to speak Māori again, but I don't have any regrets it forces you to learn in an immersion environment.

It's an intense course and you need to be focused, prepared and ready to learn and open to learning.

### **What or who inspired you to keep going?**

Being Māori and being around Māori children inspired me to start this journey. When you know more about your reo and culture you can use it more confidently professionally and personally.

I learned more about our local areas and histories and these stories and histories are more relevant now. I was proud to do a korero a waha (speech) on Uekaha, Uenuku and Tainui.

It's an ongoing journey. My classmates inspired me. We were there from 7am until 9pm some nights. It's our job to keep going. I went in with entry level reo knowing words and came out with a good foundation and starting point and base to be able to have conversations and understand Te Reo Māori better.

### **If you could go back in time, would you do it all again?**

Yes, I probably need to do it all again. It's beneficial if people are in a position to do this learning as part of their mahi. I'm very grateful to the Ministry of Education who allowed me to do this as part of my professional development.

### **What next?**

My confidence to speak has increased. I'm a better listener and writer of Te Reo at a basic level. However I can converse with tamariki and start to engage in korero with speakers of different levels. I might even be able to write some resources.

I'll miss our graduation on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December as I'll be visiting my whānau in Australia. It is a lifelong journey and I'll keep practicing and building on what I've learned.

### **So will we see you at the Pa at every hui?**

I'm already there most of the time - lol

## **CONTACT DETAILS AND OPENING HOURS**

We are always looking for whānau to add to "Our People" stories. So if you want to share your story or would like to profile a whānau member please let us know 😊.

Address:

Level One

46 Taupiri Street, Te Kuiti

Phone: 07 878 3688

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

Opening Hours:

Monday-Friday

8.30am-4.30pm

Closed Public Holidays