



## **TOMOKIA** newsletter



### **THIS ISSUE OF TOMOKIA – November 2024**

He mihi tērā ki te whānau whānui. Ka mihi ake ki a Kīngi Tuheitia, haere atū rā. Pai mārie.

We acknowledge the passing of Kīngi Tuheitia in August and the coronation of the new Ariki, Kuini Ngawai Hono I Te Po.

In this issue of Tomokia we acknowledge the passing of one of our long-standing Trustees - Lynn Green. Lynn was an integral part of the Trust having worked for RUHT in varying roles. We highlight and pay tribute to Lynn further in the newsletter. We also pay tribute to Josephine Anderson who was nominated in the King's Birthday honours list. Josephine received a Companion of the King's Service Order for her services to Māori. She was acknowledged for her work in the community and in particular for work relating to the submission of the Countries first ever Treaty of Waitangi Claim WAI 51.

Our thoughts and awhi goes out to other whānau who have lost their loved ones.

This edition of Tomokia we highlight the successful candidate for the 2024 elections as well other important dates of note. We also cover the Glowworm Cave booking process for registered whānau who wish to visit the cave over the holiday period and highlight Matariki events at the Cave.



It is with heavy hearts that we acknowledge the passing of one of the original Trustees of the Ruapuha Uekaha Hapū Trust Lynette (Lynn) Green.

Lynn has been a trustee of the RUHT since its conception in 1998. She has been integral in not only helping set up the trust but was also the first to complete administrative mahi along with her daughter Erana.

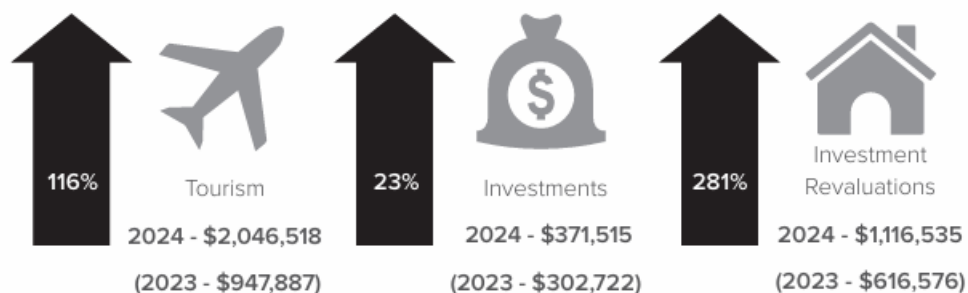
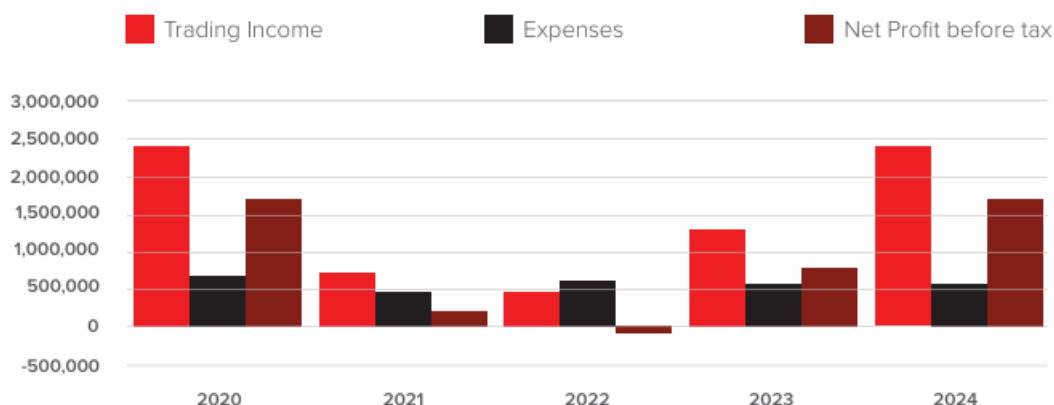
She was a member of both the Hapu Development Committee and the Finance Audit & Risk Committee. She showed dedication and passion in both her roles and always thought about what the trust could do to tautoko both whanau and marae.

Our deepest sympathy and awahi go out to Lynn's whānau. The trust will forever be grateful for the mahi she has done to support the trust throughout the years.



The AGM was held at Te Korapatu marae on Saturday, 07 September 2024.  
The Annual Report can be downloaded from the RUHT website. Refer to “Publications-Corporate documents” page. Please contact the trust office directly for a video link of the meeting.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024




## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Trading Income	2,410,529	694,852	480,062	1,250,609	2,418,033
Expenses	649,438	483,334	525,220	536,720	641,903
Net profit before tax	1,761,091	211,518	(45,158)	713,890	1,776,129
Tax provisions	280,860	0	0	4,125	324,547
Investment Revaluations	(657,170)	1,921,513	75,162	(616,576)	1,116,535
Net profit for the year	823,061	2,133,031	30,004	93,189	2,568,117

## MAJOR TRENDS

	2023	2024	\$	%
Caves Royalties	947,887	2,046,518	1,098,631	116%
Investment Returns	302,722	371,515	68,793	23%
Expenses	536,720	641,903	105,183	20%
Net Profit	93,189	2,568,117	2,474,928	2656%

The 2024 Trustee Election nomination process began in July with four nominees putting their names forward. Special voting could be done at the AGM. After the meeting had concluded, the Returning Officers tallied the remaining votes. Preliminary election results were announced to the meeting attendees during lunch.



**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 7 September 2024 at Te Korapatu Marae.


The number of votes cast for each candidate were:

Ariana ESTORAS	69
Cherie KERRISON	74
Donna TAPARA	25
Nika WALLACE	40

I declare that:

Cherie Kerrison, the highest polling candidate, is therefore elected to the Board of Trustees of Ruapuha Uekaha Hapū Trust.

Glenn Hawkins  
Returning Officer

**GHA**  
Chartered Accountants &  
Management Consultants

It was great to see the vast experience and knowledge that each candidate was willing to contribute in this role. All candidates would have been a great addition to the trust. Thank you Ariana, Donna and Nika for agreeing to stand. It is reassuring to know that we have such a high calibre of candidates willing to contribute.

Congratulations to Cherie who was our successful candidate. We look forward to Cherie joining the board and contributing with her varied skills and experience.



Cherie Kerrison is the daughter of William Anderson, who was the son of Canon Rua Anderson, who was son of Moera Kereama Anderson and Te Kiripango Rapa (Te Waipua), Waipua was the daughter of Tānetinorau and Whāriki Huti Ormsby.

Cherie has over 30 years experience at governance, managerial and executive director level. Her most recent full-time role was as Managing Director of JB-Hifi New Zealand. She has a certificate in Governance from the Institute of Directors and is also on the Trust of the Otorohanga Kiwi House. Cherie serves on the Investment and Hapū Development Committees for RUHT. Her skills and expertise are well suited for the trust.



**Annual General Meeting 2024**

The Annual General Meeting was held at Te Korapatu Pā, 102 Hanganatiki East Rd, RD6, Te Kuiti on 07/09/24.

The agenda was advertised via the RUHT facebook page, Newspapers and via email.

**Primary, Intermediate and Secondary Grants**

Open: 04 November 2024

Close: 06 December 2024

Forms are available to download via the RUHT website.

If you are unsure whether your child is registered before applying please email [register@ruht.co.nz](mailto:register@ruht.co.nz)

Please ensure all sections of the form/s have been completed, confirmation of enrolment and proof of bank has been supplied before forwarding through your application/s.

Please be patient while your grants are being processed regarding the outcome of your application.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

**Tertiary, Work Related & Apprenticeship Grants**

Open: 03 February 2025

Close: 14 March 2025

Forms will be available to download via the RUHT website once the grants have opened.

If you are unsure whether you are registered before the grants open please email [register@ruht.co.nz](mailto:register@ruht.co.nz)

Please ensure all sections of the form/s have been completed, confirmation of enrolment (offer letters do not count as confirmation) and proof of bank has been supplied before forwarding through your application.

Please be patient while your grants are being processed regarding the outcome of your application.

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**Office Closure**

The RUHT Office will be closed from Monday 23 December 24 and reopen 20 January 25.

**Kaumātua Hauora Grants**

- Kaumātua aged 60+ are invited to apply for the Hauora Grants any time during the year.
- Kaumātua can only claim for expenses within the corresponding financial year (April-March).
- Only one application can be made each financial year (March to April).
- Please note payments will be made on a quarterly basis at the end of each quarterly month (March, May, August & December).
- Please send your applications in before the start of each quarter to ensure your grants are processed by the corresponding quarter.
- Forms can be downloaded via the RUHT website or by contacting 0800 525 626

Please note FOC whānau bookings at the Glowworm Caves are not available between December and January due to peak season.

Free of charge (FOC) entry to the Waitomo Glowworm Caves is for the benefit of members (and their spouses) of the Ruapuha Uekaha Hapū Trust who whakapapa to one (or more) of the following tupuna;

- Te Riutoto Aihe
- Whatakaraka
- Te Aroa Haereiti
- Tanetinorau Opataia

**Pre-Bookings are essential.** You must book at least three days in advance. Groups of more than 10 must book two weeks in advance. Group bookings of more than 20 must book at least one month in advance.

Please note only RUHT members (and their spouses) are free, non-hapu members will be required to pay. Large group bookings (10+) will require a list of names.

The caves are open every day. However Saturdays are not available for Free of Charge whānau bookings. If you wish to go through on a Saturday, you will be required to pay and pre bookings are essential.

Times for whānau going through are 9am-10am or 2.30pm-4.00pm (times may change subject to availability).

Contact RUHT office to book between Monday-Friday (Closed Public Holidays), 9.00am-4.00pm.

When visiting the caves remember to be patient and respectful to the guides and enjoy your experience.

Please share this information with whānau so they are aware of the booking process.

### Weddings in the Caves

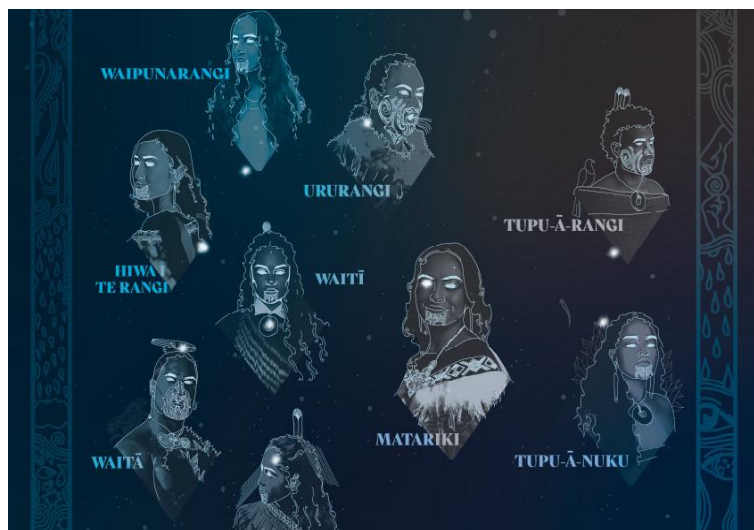
Registered beneficiaries can get married at the Cave. However, the Caves is not available as a wedding venue during the high season (November to February). Enquiries can be made by contacting the RUHT Office – 0800 525 626. Terms and conditions apply for wedding bookings.

### MATARIKI AT THE CAVES

In 2024 we progressed through another Matariki cycle with formal acknowledgment of the Māori New Year. Having a public holiday allows the cave to benefit from extra visitors in line with other public holidays.

The Glowworm Caves hosted another week of Matariki events with one of those being a karakia plus visit to the Caves followed by breakfast.

Whānau are encouraged to attend particularly if you have never done a tour. It's a great opportunity to reconnect with your whenua and enjoy a lovely breakfast that is free.



We would like to acknowledge and congratulate our kuia Josephine Anderson not only for receiving the King's Service Order for services to Māori she has received but also her mahi and support that she continues to provide to the Ruapuha Uekaha Hapū Trust.

Josephine, who is the main kuia for Waitomo Caves and the kai karanga and waiata tautoko at Tokikapu Marae near Te Kūiti, felt she did not deserve the honour.

She has devoted more than 40 years of her life to the cultural and historical preservation of land, language and tikanga in the Waitomo area, including performing an integral role in Ruapuha Uekaha hapū's Treaty settlement process over a 34 year period, as the first person to directly negotiate with the Crown.

Her involvement began with governance roles from the mid-1980s with Ruapuha Uekaha Hapū Trust and Tanetīnorau Opataia Whānau Trust. She remains a current kuia advisor.

She has been a member of the Waitomo Caves Management Committee since 1990 and is a past trustee and kuia advisor for the Waitomo Caves Museum. She continues to act as a kuia advisor for Waitomo's Glowworm Caves, Caves School, Caves Water Catchment Group, and Tourism Group Holdings.

Josephine is a member of the Maniapoto Marae Pact Trust Kaumātua Group and a former member of the Māori Women's Welfare League Waitomo branch.

Anderson is convalescing at the moment, slowly regaining her health. But she is sure to have a bright smile when her whānau visit next.

### CONTACT US

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

We like to keep our database as up to date as possible. If your contact details do change or you have any new additions to the whānau, please email [register@ruht.co.nz](mailto:register@ruht.co.nz)



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### Following are direct emails relating to various queries:

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Registrations

[register@ruht.co.nz](mailto:register@ruht.co.nz)

Education Grants

[educationgrants@ruht.co.nz](mailto:educationgrants@ruht.co.nz)

Registering Feedback/Concerns/Complaints

[manager@ruht.co.nz](mailto:manager@ruht.co.nz)



## Josephine Anderson Celebration – Tokikapu Marae

