



## ***Meeting of Owners***

13<sup>th</sup> October 2012

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## A G E N D A

**Created for Owner's Hui :**      **Saturday 13 October 2012**

**Venue :**                              **OMAHU MARAE – HASTINGS**

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Whakamoemiti / Mihimihi

Timatanga – 11.00am

1.      Apologies – refer to registration table
2.      Minutes of Previous Hui
3.      Matters Arising from Minutes
4.      Chairman's Report
5.      Land Management Reports
6.      Financial Report
7.      GENERAL BUSINESS

Next Owners Hui - 2015

Whakamoemiti – Whakamutunga

<b>MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF OWNER'S OF</b>
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# AORANGI AWARUA TRUST HELD IN TAIHAPE AT WINIATA MARAE, SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2009

## **Trustees Present :**

Ike Hunter (Chairman), Peter Steedman, Richard Steedman, Mary Mako, Tama Wipaki, Soraya Peke (Administrator), Douglas Wilson - Sewell & Wilson Accountants  
Co-opted Trustees : Maria Taiuru & Jenny Mauger.

## **Attendees :**

Owners – Herbert Steedman, Edie Maniapoto, M Watana, T Adams, W Nia Nia, Patricia Cross, Waina Hoete, Ngamoa Gillies, Joseph Twomey, Steven Randell, Lewis Winiata, Dick Nia Nia, R Ataria, H Winiata, Hare Lomax, H Hamlin, Ike Hunter, R H Winiata, Winipere Mauger, Mary Sherson, Miria Wipaki, Rumatiki Smith – Airini Patehipa Trust, Matauranga Anna Gillies, Ngaputerangi Te Whaiti.

Other Attendees – Richard Steedman, Maria Taiuru, Tanya Beatty, Lulu Simi, S Beatty Simi, Jenny Mauger, Jack Ruru, Mary Edwards, Francis Twomey, M Wipaki, Ngahua Twomey-Waitai, I Glade, Sheryle Allen, Peter Steedman, Marie Papara Mace-Beatty.

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Chair, made informal announcement at 10.50am. There is an election today. The method of voting is by show of hands. Copies of report and agenda are available at registration desk. We will work through our Agenda nice and slowly. In 10 minutes time we will be ready to start.

## **Timatatanga – 11am**

Whakamoemiti / Mihimihi : Ike Hunter

Chair, as said earlier got Agenda to work through slowly. Everyone should have a registration number. When speaking show card and say your name clearly. Only registered Owner's can vote. Quorum of 15 is required with 25 owner's in attendance.

Accountant, Douglas Wilson of Sewell & Wilson Chartered Accountants was introduced.

## **1. APOLOGIES**

Mary Mansfield, Lovie Carroll, Kahui Taite, Iria Nia Nia, George Nia Nia, Sally Edmonds, Makere Salu, Waru Allen, Ashley Apatu, Taranaki Apatu, Minola Paul, Terry Steedman, Raina Raumati, Charles Wipaki, Sandra Mauger.

### ***Motinitia:***

***That the apologies be accepted. Patricia Cross/Dick Niania, carried.***

## **2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING**

Minutes of previous meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> October 2006 were read out by Trust Administrator.

## **AMENDMENTS TO MINUTES**

Spelling corrections :

- Correction to names of Owner's, should read Iraia Nia Nia, Kotua, Karajama Twomey, Hineaka Winiata.

**Motinitia:**

***That these Minutes are a true and correct record:***

**MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- Awhina, commented the Minutes jump all over the place.
- Chair, noted have to be careful changing what people say.
- Pg 4, Patricia, kiwi feathers are usually distributed to most experienced weavers. They are seen as Tohunga. They, then should distribute those out accordingly but not to those who are inexperienced. Tama, when feathers are available to Trust we will do a policy for them.
- Pg 3 Lewis – Erewhon water scheme refer to Reports.
- Pg 5 – Discussion on table with Dean Whiting about restoring wharehenui, dinning room and something else.

Chair conveyed want to bring Accountant Douglas Wilson in now. I see most of book is on this subject given we are reporting on three years.

**3. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Douglas, intend going through current year unless there are questions about the previous two years. It starts on page 45.

Awhina Twomey, why is there no Property Income for 2009. They are grants received in previous year.

Trustee Richard, explained line by line reasons for blank lines.

- Wipaki Agreement – Trust decided not to renew licence.
- Grant Napier Council – this was one off for Kiwi work.
- DoC, Nga Whenua Rahui - one off funding.
- Hunting Permit Income – Trust now controls hunting, this income replaces Wipaki Agreement.

Doug, expenses are on page 46, happy to answer any queries.

- Sheryl, your Newsletter sent out in August mentioned a grant for establishment of Runanga o Ngai te Ohuake \$2000. Why is that not in report? Richard, this should have read Otaihape Maori Komiti a grant to working party Ngai te Ohuake.
- Rewi, I see money for rugby team. Can we apply for a grant to mow urupa grounds. Ike, I think Trust would consider that. If it is for specific cultural use then forward a proposal. We will look at it.
- Richard, just remember we have actual policies on certain types of grants. Every now and then we get letters out of the blue. As can see we consider grants on a case by case. As mentioned if there is a basic group within owners that want something funded put letter in. We need to have a policy for what is funded and what is not funded. We will continue to work on Marae Funding.
- Lewis, should you be paying out at all? Peter, we have a Trust Order to work with. Rugby Club was successful as it was under our Trust Order, noted also won the competition.
- Koro Te Whaiti, mihimihi..... comment quite a lot of expenses. Just here for our Kaumatua can we discuss grant in General Business. Yes.
- Awhina, why do we have Pest Management meeting fee expenses. Richard, meeting fees are forecast for each project run every year. This area is based largely on conservation. They are meeting fees for

meetings with different organisations. DoC does not have money for this. Sometimes Nga Whenua Rahui fund us. What DoC provides is their expertise. This is how much it costs us to run this project. There are 50km of stoat line on our block. It involves a lot of helicopter flying costs.

- Communication – Awhina can we save money on email. I.e., we will be talking about a website.
- Pg 48 – Trust equity is ownership of asset as opposed to debt. Movement in Trust Capital explained. Investment Company sold some shares and reinvested. When they made a sale they realised a loss.
- Richard, just want to explain how this all works. It is money belonging to owners. Before we use to put away and get interest. At times it can be 8-9 % recently down to 3%. That is not a good efficient way to be looking after owners funds. We need to be smarter on how we increase our money how we create income from that money. We have gone out to look at investing this way because what happens is we sit down and work out what are the rules of what we want to invest. Because we are a Maori Organisation we have to be careful, we are scared and timid. We have Statement of Investment Parameter Objectives (SIPO) which says ;
  - 10% shares
  - 50% bonds
  - 20% term deposits
  - 20% in cash.Also in SIPO we talk about how long we want the investment for. If in shares and you pull out tomorrow they won't let you put money in shares. If say going to invest over 5 years the return goes up and down etc.

Who will you invest it in eg. Larry's Backyard Ltd or a rating of AAA+. This all goes into our SIPO and they become our instruction to that investment company.

With Taupo Moana Group (TMG) our funds go to a Trustee Company. This company holds the funds on our behalf, it is like a bank. They use our rules to invest our money and use the market. Why we do that is so the investment company does not have our money.

A trustee company has the money First New Zealand Trustee Co. (FNZ). It is like the ANZ bank who have AMP. Each investment is in trust name.

There are going to be bad and good years. In terms of interest we did well considering other places went bust. The \$13795 on page 48 is when we bought some of those investment and when we sold them. When we went to sell them it wasn't worth as much as when we bought it.

In real terms haven't done badly at all. It's about the overall picture. Firstly it is safe and secondly people holding it are under our control and management.

Lewis, tell us how you make your decisions on investments? Richard, when we started and did SIPO we were learning as we went. When realised what it is about we bought our funds with Forsyth Barr to TMG.

- Page 49, Balance Sheet presented.

- Net assets is \$1,395,187 in saying that only have land in nominal \$1000. Rateable value is \$2.3M. Reason being Trustees agree has nominal value because relationship with whenua and inability to sell. Noted this relationship does not comply with standard accounting practices.
- Page 56-58 Investments as mentioned Forsyth Barr and TMG deposits are all listed.

***Motinitia:***

***That the Financial Reports be accepted. Ngamoa Gillies/Rumatiki Gillies, carried.***

Douglas Sewell left meeting 12.20pm.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman, read his report and conveyed it is a summary of some of the things which will be discussed today. Manu Bennett was commissioned to design the logo.

***Motinitia:***

***That the Chairman's Report be received. Ike Hunter / Dick NiaNia, carried.***

**4. LAND MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

**4.1 – Predator Control Work**

Tama Wipaki, reported on this area and tabled an A3 coloured map depicting work to date.

Hineaka, thank you Tama I hear the trees are blooming and birds increasing good work.

Ngamoa, is that part of our cultural heritage? Yes, we're looking for more leaders, I have two and need more.

Kuia, we have a long list of rangatahi to give you. We need information from you so we know what to do.

**4.2 – Hunting & Fishing**

Peter, read report from Owner's Book. The deer management is a commercial operation run by the Trust. We will change the programme to suit. Looking at developing policy about control of numbers etc.

We have total control of the block. If we don't have proper control of who is in there it is going to be a shambles. Policy for access has to be setup. All hunting has to be strictly controlled. Next time will have more statistics and idea where we are going with Deer Hunting.

Looking at two policies 1 – Commercial, 2 – Owners of land.

**4.3 – Erehon Water Scheme**

Mary, shared history of Erehon from media stories by Robin Sage released at opening of Scheme in 1980.

District Council are responsible for getting water to farms. Water is metered and each farmer pays. Application for resource consent is currently being finalised.

Chair, we get annual income from RDC of about \$4000.00 which is fixed to inflation.

Joe, how many people drawing of the water - 21 farms.

There is an option for Marae to connect up when they are ready.

Ngamoa, what is process, do you have user pays - yes farmers pay. In Hawkes Bay they put clause in their consent for riparian planting along water way.

Lewis, still sounds like free flow. Is there any restrictions? Is there any policies protecting the water supply? How much can they take off?

Richard, 1800 cubic metres per day. Regional Council manage consents we can't get over that. We don't have the authority to make those decisions. It is Regional Council who put limits on consent.

Lewis, what is process if want to increase? That would be resource consent. We are Trust upon which water comes from.

Pat, don't think \$4000 per annum in my mind is enough. Been 4-5 years is it worth while as far as payments go.

We have an agreement with Rangitikei District Council (RDC) it is they who pay money to us. RDC makes application with Horizons. If there is a review Horizons instruct them to pay the Trust. When setup had to work out based on 4% of how much farmers are worth. Based on 4% of whatever they pay in a year for the water themselves. It is then indexed to rate of inflation. It doesn't need reviewing.

What's our stand as marae, whanau and hapu in working. Start looking at the long term. What is happening on these issues? Saying it is not ours we need to go back to our tikanga. Hopefully by next meeting start discussing this. We have got to have a wananga.

Chair, noted we need to pay attention to that.

Rewi, Horizon's rates have gone up. It was noted we do not pay for rates.

Ngamoa, it is a serious matter, it is about sustainable use of water. We ought to be getting more money to what we getting now considering source is on our whenua.

Peter, described where this water comes from. Tarns are actually like swamps on the ranges. You can walk through them in the tussocks. In low areas it collects the water. Council put a weir and pipe it to farms. It is siphoned. Fishing Game and Department of Conservation don't come into it. Where it is collected on is Mangaohane Station. But the weir is on Aorangi. Go back all those things we tried to get some compensation. We have moved through those times. It took 4- 5 years of constant knocking on doors.

Richard, we went into this saying this is our water. In their eyes is the easement strip into the whenua.



#### **4.4 – Conservation**

Co-opted Trustees, Jenny Mauger spoke of her expertise and gave feedback on development of Conservation Plan.

Have got classical training in ecology, soil, plants, algae. Working towards drafting of Conservation Plan process. It will provide response to issues raised. Animals, fish life we don't know much about this. Plan will consist of a Glossary so everyone understands. Aorangi has a lot of rare plants and has a lot of interest from Department of Conservation.

There has been kiwi work undertaken on the land. Jenny tabled DVD of last visit which will be played during hakari.

#### ***Motinitia:***

***That the Land Management Reports presented today be accepted.***

***Koro Te Whiti / Mautaurangi Gillies, carried.***

Hineaka, comment 5-6 years ago a lady from America wanted to see tarns. She thought the soil would make good face masks.

#### **5. ELECTION TWO TRUSTEES**

When the two Trustees Kingi Carrol and Rangipo Metekingi passed on we co-opted Maria and Jenny. An advertisement has been placed in newsletter, Panui and via newspapers. Three nominations have been received. They are

- Jenny Mauger
- Maria Taiuru
- Charlie Wipaki

We will not be calling for nominations. Each nominee was asked to tell Owners a little about themselves. It was noted Charlie Wipaki is not present. Maria and Jenny spoke of their expertise and experiences with the trust.

Question, re advertising in Hawkes Bay. Newspaper was Hawkes Bay Today, Panui sent to owners with current address on our list.

Whanau members of Charlie Wipaki present requested his nomination be withdrawn. This was accepted by those present.

One has just been withdrawn, we need to consider the two waiting outside.

Lewis, what is policy when two close relations on Trust. Eg. Mother and daughter. Initially co-opted Trustees have no voting rights. We don't have a policy.

Ngamoa, noted one nominee with scientific expertise.

Trustee Wini, Jenny and I always don't agree on everything. We are on our own waka. I come from 77 yrs old school. Jenny is lot younger. Just want you to have that understanding. You are us and we are you.

Dick, I agree with what Lewis is saying. Is there a policy in place? If not recommend one be put.

Hineaka, I would like to congratulate Jenny. I can see what she is saying about the whenua.

Kuia, when talking policy and relationships between Trustees your all related.

It was agreed to look at a policy on Trustee relationships with each other. If we have a situation in future it will be there.

Chair, most know I work for Maori Trustee Office. We do have similar situations, mother, daughter, etc. What you realize is it goes to Maori Land Court who make the final decision as to who can be Trustees. With that come responsibilities.

Awhina – I don't think there is a problem legally, we talking about before the legal process.

The Trustees are put in to do their best on our behalf. To me the advert went in. Got one in mail box. I have faith in the Trustees to accept these two whether you make up your minds today or not. I don't see it would matter. Leave it to trustees to make the policy for the future and leave it there just my thoughts.

Koro, I like to tautoko the two put forward today.

***Motinitia:***

***That we accept Maria Taiuru and Jenny Mauger as Trustees.***

***Rumatiki Smith/Ngapuoterangi Te Whaiti, carried.***

***1 Abstention - Awhina Twomey.***

It was declared Maria Taiuru and Jenny Mauger be elected Trustees to replace Kingi Carrol and Rangipo Metekingi.

**6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**6.1 – Loan to Te Maru o Ruahine**

As mentioned earlier there is a loan of \$100,000 to Te Maru of Ruahine. Several of us are on claims Komiti for greater Mokai Patea area. Several of us are claimants in our own right. The claims committee tried to find where they can access funding to help progress the claims.

We come to you today to allow us to loan the money for their administration. Trust will accumulate 5% interest. Not losing out as 5% is pretty good in current climate. Richard Steedman sits on claims committee.

Patricia, I give my tautoko to that. Think it's a good thing for Trust to consider.

Sheryl, who is Te Maru o Ruahine Trust? It is an incorporated society which belongs to Iwi of Ngati Hauiti in this rohe. We have two legal entities that work with Iwi. This trust and Otaihape Maori Komiti. They are administrators for committees who are making claims.

It is going to a Committee that has two representatives of each Iwi. Admin is provided by Te Maru o Ruahine Trust. Ngati Hauiti is one of the members. They are owners in the block. It is about Mokai Patea committee. We don't have any trees on our lands so we don't qualify for funding from Government.

Ngamoa, have other three iwi got claims here too? Ngati Hauiti / Tama Kopiri / Ngai Whiti / Ngai Tuohake. Major players are Ngati Hinemanu and Ngati Paki.

Matauranga, why should we be financing this? Richard, I have a conflict because I am on the committee.

Aorangi is seen as the Trust that leads in this rohe. Owahaoko B & D hold quite a lot of resources. It is in our interest to ensure the claims go through. This is about supporting those in Mokai Patea.

Chair, sometimes we have to beg and crawl to our people. This Trust is more than a Trust. It has helped others in Mokai Patea. These two Trusts' claimed back our lands from Tuwharetoa. That's why we come back to you. \$100,000 sounds a lot of money but with the claims it is small. We come back to our people on hands and knees to help us.

Lewis, I'm part of steering committee. We are committed to supporting Mokai Patea claims committee.

Awhina, looking if there are any other claimants that are not covered under the group getting the loan. Looking at descendants of this area that they to receive assistance.

Mokai Patea Claims Komiti assists other claims. There are a few from different parts of Mokai Patea.

Only way we are going to survive is by unity. Plan has been to create this Komiti. The Runanga looks at the best strategy to take the Mokai Patea people forward. You need to have a claim in to be recognised by those affected in the rohe. One blanket claim with our names on it.

Crown is only going to be looking at one grouping. Where we are directing the funds to is an overall strategic body for the rohe.

Make up of committee are representatives from each of the four Iwi. Tama Whiti, Ngati Hauiti, Ngati Hinemanu. From our perspective it is from iwi not claimant point of view. Our iwi entities are not legal. What is under them is legal Trusts' to carry out the actions.

Koro, I stand and support what's said. At end of day we need it. Talked blanket claim. This needs to be done, I second the motion.

Chair, the Trust does have the authority to loan money. We're here for your support.

***Motinitia:***

***That this meeting of Owners endorses the actions of the Trustees in supporting the Mokai Patea, Waitangi Claims Committee by way of loan of \$100,000 plus 5% return.***

***Rita Watana/Hineaka Winiata, carried.***

***1 Against - Sheryl Allen.***

**6.2 – Other Business & Final Comments**

Pat, regarding Rewi's request for funding to mow urupa at Winiata. I support a policy for this.

Comment that a policy be created on Marae Grants. Chair, we will look at it.

Peter, if you have got a good cause write to us. Our Trust Order is on the website.

Sheryl Allen do we have sponsorship? Richard, we only have limited money, We are going to get a policy around Marae Grants. There is no policy, no cut off dates etc. When you write to us put how are you connected and how many uri are whakapapa back to here.

Koro, we have trust setup we don't have individual owner status. Richard, quite a few come under whanau Trusts'. In some way good, other not so good because those in a Trust don't get recognised. We have a separate policy for whanau trusts. We recognise all the descendants within a whanau trust. We need whanau Trusts' to give us the details of its members. When new mokopuna arrive have to be added. As long as you are in the Trust get your administrator to write and tell us you are in the Trust. You will then be eligible.

Kaumatua grant – it was requested the amount be increased and grant made annually.

Kuia, my mother was part of forming whanau trust. We have difficulty at land meetings. I didn't know where to sign. Get a bit lost when I sign in. Do I sign as part of Whakakumuroa Trust or as myself.

Legally whanau trust one vote one owner. Very important principle of tikanga to do it by hand. We are playing someone else's games not our own.

#### **Investments**

Trustees have been put there to do their best on our behalf. Considering the recession they have done well with the investments left in their hands. As owners we leave it to their initiatives and they are still learning. We have to trust them with these investments.

**Website** - Administrator gave an overview of the creation and development of Trust website [www.aorangiawarua@maori.nz](mailto:www.aorangiawarua@maori.nz). A navigation around the site was given highlighting key menus for Owners.

**Next Hui** - Chair, this hui meant to be at Omahu Marae, maybe next time in Wairoa.

Acknowledged work of Administrator.

Cape Kidnappers DVD - Copies are available for free.

Matauranga, thank you Trustees for work you are doing I think it is brilliant.

Mihimihi / Whakamoemiti: Koro Ngaputerangi Whaiiti

**Meeting closed at : 3.15pm**

**NEXT AGM MEETING : 2012**

**CONFIRMED :**

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**DATE**

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# TRUST STRUCTURE & YOUR TRUSTEES

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## LAND OWNER'S & BENEFICIARIES

CHAIRMAN  
**Isaac Hunter**



TRUSTEE  
**Richard Steedman**

TRUSTEE  
**Peter Steedman**

TRUSTEE  
**Mark Mako**

TRUSTEE  
**Tama Wipaki**

TRUSTEE  
**Winipere Mauger**

TRUSTEE  
**Maria Taiuru**

TRUSTEE  
**Jenny Mauger**

TRUST ADMINISTRATOR  
**Soraya Peke-Mason JP**



*Back row : Peter Steedman, Richard Steedman, Tama Wipaki.  
Front row: Maria Taiuru, Winipere Mauger, Mary Mako, Jenny Mauger.*

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## VISION STATEMENTS

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### Purpose Statement

*“To administer the land on behalf of it’s Owners  
as responsible Trustees.”*

### Mission Statement

*“To protect & conserve on behalf of the Owners,  
the taonga tuku iho.”*

### Value Statement

*“Uphold Tikanga & Whanaungatanga with trust and integrity,  
demonstrated by the conservation of the environmental values.”*

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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Ko te mea tuatahi ko te wehi kia Ihoa tuauriuri whaioio  
ki tonu te kaihanga o te rangi me te whenua.

Maumahara ana ki o tatou tini mate ratou kua rupeke ki tua o te arai,  
haere atu ra moe mai ra i runga i te rangimarie.

Me huri nga mihi ki nga kaitiaki whenua o koutou taenga mai  
ki tenei Hui a tatou tena koutou, tena hoki tatou katoa.

First and foremost let us honour our creator and to pay homage and respect to those of our forebears who have departed on to the spiritual realm. May they rest in eternal peace. I greet and welcome you all to our tri-annual meeting and thank you for your presence.

Conservation remains the core business of this Trust and I am happy to summarise in brief the activities since we last met. A more detailed explanation will follow during the course of the meeting by the Trustees themselves.

As the Trust begins its shakedown towards Christmas the Trustees are steadily working to build on and develop the opportunities created by the vision, leadership and unselfishness of our elders who laid the platform to secure the long term future for our mokopuna.

Te Potae o Awarua project has been running for a number of years and run jointly by the Trust and Department of Conservation (DoC). Pest control has become an environmental issue as concerns increase about the control of possums, stoats, rats and hedgehogs on our lands and the costs associated with this. Progress to manage these and to protect forest, plant fauna and native bird life has been steady with bait stations and traps laid by contract or volunteer workers on a rotational basis. I want to inform the owners this is despite some cut-backs in funding due to policy changes by Government.. Our main funding contributors have been Nga Whenua Rahui and NZ Lotteries and DoC who may no longer be an option for the future. In the meantime the Trustees are looking at other sources of funding.

The past 18 months has seen the Trust take greater management control for all deer hunting on the block with a more robust permitting system in place. The Trust continues to be concerned about the effects of the climate change policy. The Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) is the Governments reaction to global climate change. The Scheme allows industries which emit greenhouse gases such as oil, power to offset their emissions by buying carbon credits from owners of those lands that contain forest. This will help reduce the

impact of climate change on our environment. Earlier this year the trust commissioned Te Raukowhai Consultancy to carry out an investigation to determine whether our lands would qualify under ETS criteria. We are in the process of registering our application.

A team from Nga Whenua Rahui will visit the block shortly to carry out a 'health' inspection as part of its joint covenant responsibilities.

Although finance and Investments will be covered in more depth needless to say the Trust has been extremely prudent in its spending due to the present global economy. The Trust has reduced the number of trustee meetings held. We are a registered member of the Federation of Maori Authority (FOMA). Membership with FOMA allows the Trust to keep pace with other Maori business organisations and activities around the motu.

A payment of \$150 will be made at the end of November to Kaumatua who make application and meet policy criteria threshold of 65 years.

Finally I want to acknowledge the professionalism of the Trustees in maintaining the clear separation of governance and management responsibilities in their commitment to guiding and overseeing the work of the Trust. I extend my thanks for their diligence and hard work during the past 3 years.

Not forgetting our Kaiwhakahaere and Administrator whom the Trustees rely heavily upon for guidance and advice, a special thank you.

Isaac Hunter  
**Hemana.**





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# LAND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

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## MANAGEMENT RECREATION HUNTING

Trustee report by Peter Steedman – Field Officer

### Introduction

In 2008 The Trustees of Aorangi Awarua Trust introduced a new recreation hunting programme to generate an additional income stream and to enable a controlled land use programme administered by Trustees. The combined Aorangi Awarua Trust Lands consist of 4,887 acres.

### Hunting

All huts located on the property belong to the Trust and were made available to facilitate transition to commercial hunting. Camp sites such as around the Narrows and the Makirikiri-Ikawetea areas were also identified as landing sites and areas to develop for future potential hunting areas.

In 2010-11 the Trust built the first four bunk cabin (see below) on the Makirikiri Track and opened this area up to commercial use which has been a great success. A plan has been tabled to build another cabin around the narrows area in the future.

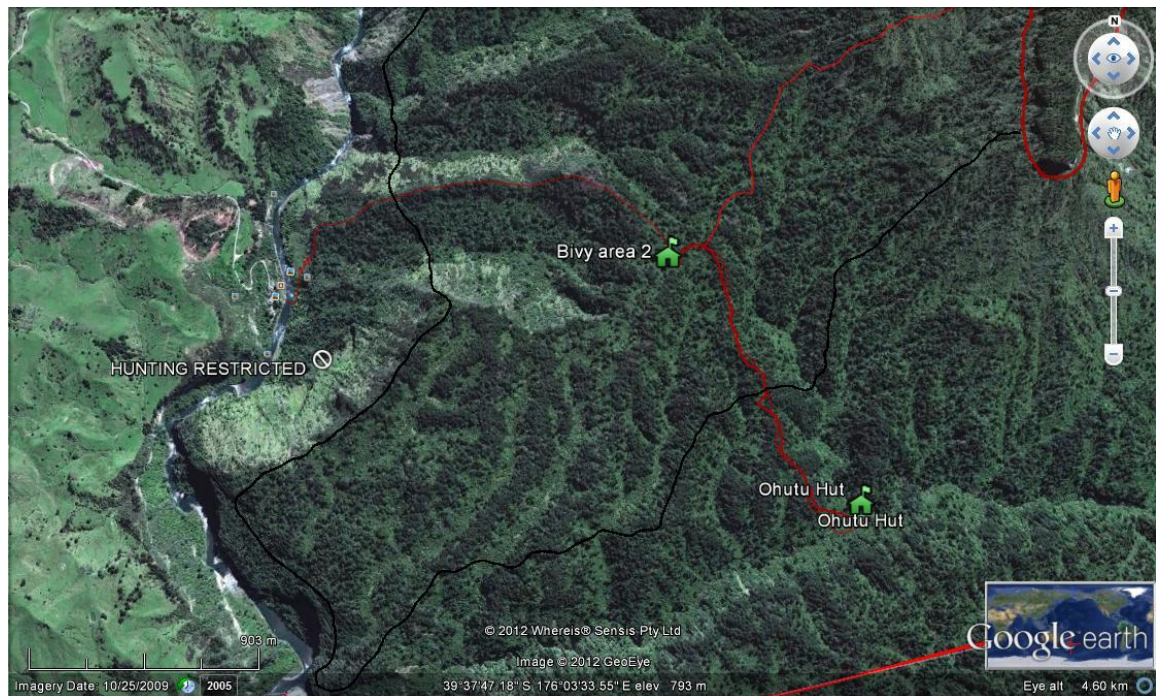


*Makirikiri Hut*

To date hunters enjoy the exclusive use of six areas of hunting with five cabins fully furnished for their use, the only requirement is bring sleeping bags and food.

The majority of access to these huts by hunters is helicopter and a fee of \$90 (Gst inclusive) a night per person. The average income from a party of three staying four nights is \$1080 plus heli-hire of around \$1000.

In November 2011 introduced the trial of a 24 hour permit at cost of \$100. This caters for the one day week end hunter which is restricted to walk in from River Valley Ventures. These clients pick up their permit from me on Friday



or Saturday evening and book into River Valley lodge to go for a hunt early the next morning. Hunters must report to the River Valley Office on arrival and prior to crossing the river via the flying fox, are required to secure the flying fox on the other side. This prevents any other person/s crossing into the area or accessing the land without permission. There is strictly no hunting permitted on or near the river face and all clients are issued with a map indicating the permitted area of shooting.

### **Other Activities**

- Pest control programme
- Aorangi Experience Ltd
- Te Potae o Awarua Programme
- Kiwi Programme
- Horizons Regional Council

Trustees have developed a graphic chart for land use to embrace the hunting the above activities to ensure a safe and acceptable working relationship.

### **Access by Owner's and Public**

All permitted use or access to the property by public and owner's is controlled by the Field officer.

Owner access to the property for recreation use or otherwise can be arranged by contacting either Field Officer or the Administrator. Fees are waived for Owners or their families wishing to register for land use.

**Marketing**

No marketing programme has been established.

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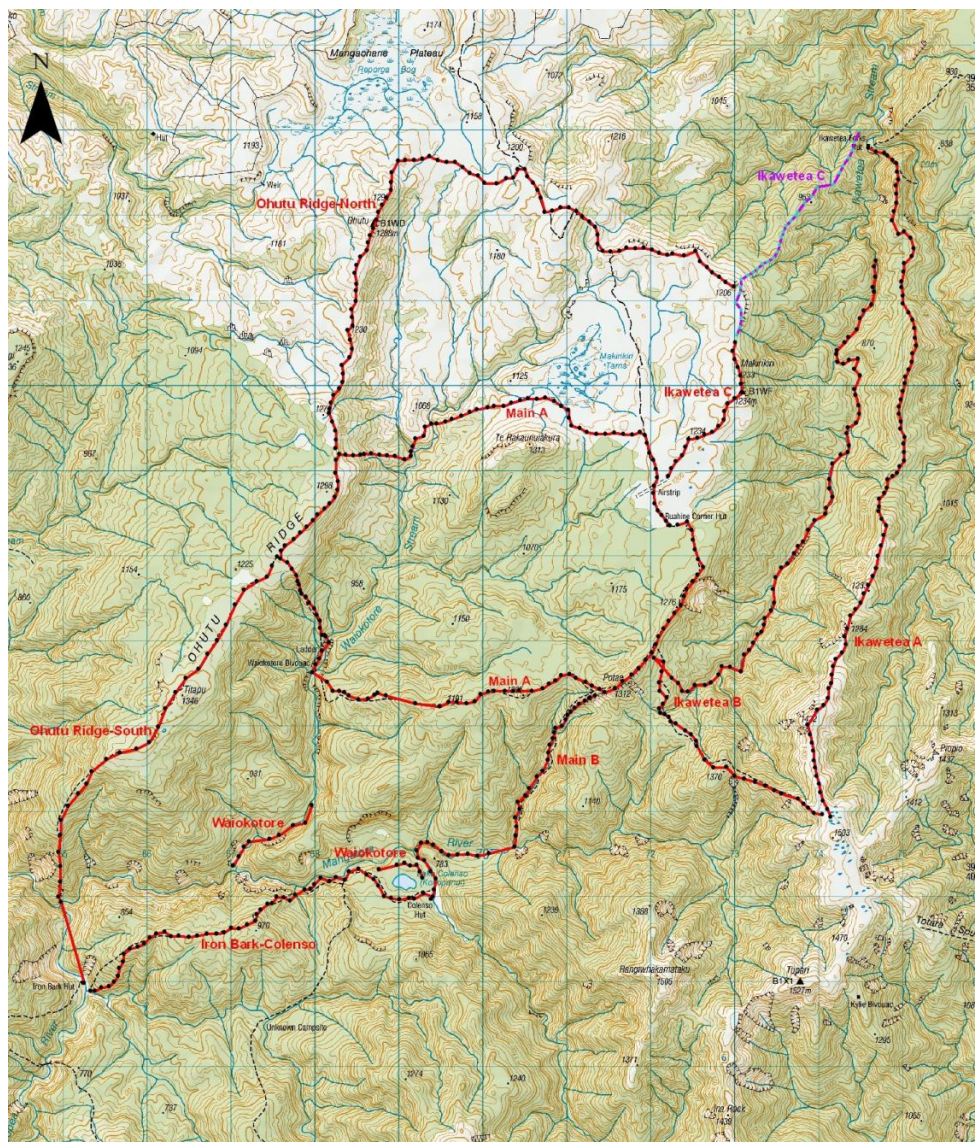
# TE POTAE O AWARUA PROJECT

## Te Potae o Awarua Project.

### Background

Te Potae o Awarua project is a joint operation between the Aorangi Awarua Trust and the Department of Conservation in the North-West Ruahine Range. It takes in the Trusts lands and part of the Ruahine Forest Park all within the Iwi rohe of Mōkai Patea. Both the Trust and DoC contribute financially and in-kind to the project.

The project has been operating now for some years (since 2007) and has received great funding and support from The Cape Sanctuary (Andy Lowe) and Nga Whenua Rahui in the past. Other major sources of funding have been lotteries (which is limited to new operations only), Horizons (the local Regional Council) and EcoEd (A Heretaunga based conservation group) who have also contributed in-kind services to the project. This year we have some smaller (but still valuable) amounts from The Central North Island Blue Duck Trust and Operation Nest Egg (BNZ).





## Current financial year activities

### 1. Continuation of predator trap checks over the three lines-

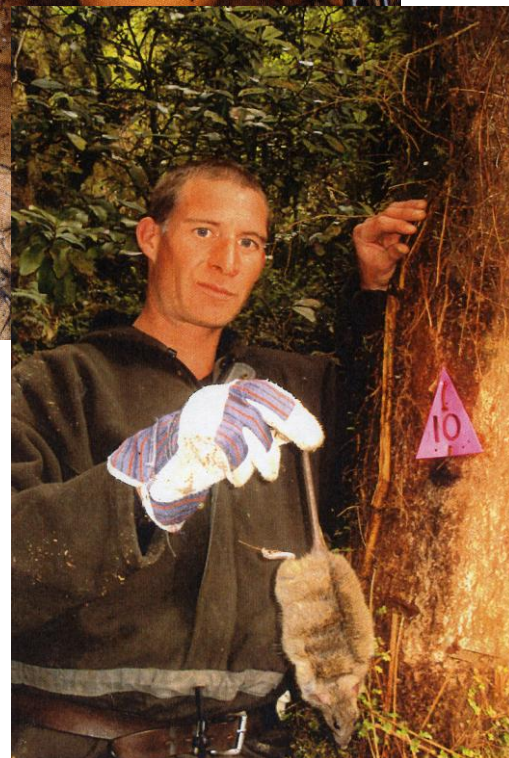
- 📍 Ikaawetea Line (Contract)
- 📍 Te Potae Line (Volunteers self reliant)
- 📍 Makirikiri Line (Volunteer/owners under supervision).

This is the major portion of the project both in terms of time (manpower) and cost to check, rebait, and reset in excess of 50 kilometres of traps using



helicopter access. Included in this is track line maintenance and trap replacement. This year the faulty Henry (self setting) stoat traps will be replaced under warranty.

*(Above & right) Chris Haitana holding a rat out of trap 10. As can see above photo rat's nose just touched egg before being killed instantly. (Below) Ready for big day Daimon, Jason, Paora, Sid, Chris reloaded up at Bivi.*



This activity also delivers an important principle of the project to seek and enhance owner(Iwi) and community engagement in the whenua and conservation projects.

## **2. Operation Nest Egg**

There are currently two Kiwi Chicks at Opouahi sanctuary which are to be returned. One to Ikaawetea and one to the Cape Sanctuary.

The Transmitters on the two adult Kiwi (Rua and Black) are due for replacement.

DoC has donated the transmitters and has agreed to cover the cost of the flights in and fitting the new transmitters. At the same time the Ikaawetea bound chick will be returned.

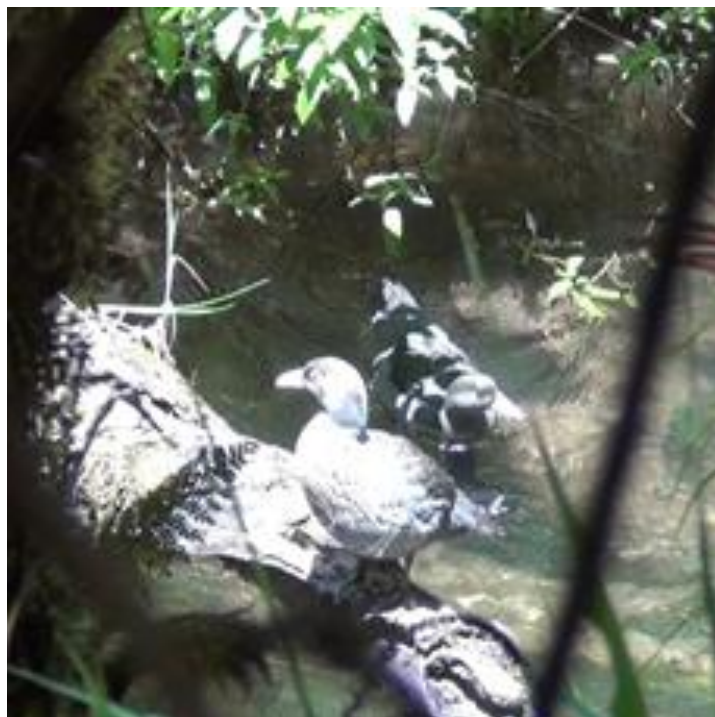
There are no other plans in the current year until further funding can be sourced for Kiwi based activities.

## **3. Science**

The project has become increasingly aware that we need to carry out science based monitoring of the Whio populations within the area of our operations. Up until now we have depended solely on empirical data and random observations as to the effectiveness of our project.

Because a major component of the Te Potae o Awarua project is based on our Whio population recovery we are focussing on future funding support from Whio recovery organisations such as the Central North Island Blue Duck Trust (CNIBDT). To achieve this funding we are beginning an on-going monitoring/tracking study to provide scientific data as to the effectiveness of our project. This will begin in the current year with a population census of our Whio.

Richard Steedman  
Tama Wi Paki  
Jenny Mauger  
Maria Taiuru





# MOA BONES REPORT

## Trustee report by Richard Steedman

### Background

Around December 2011 a find of two moa bones was discovered on a Ridge-towards and above Te Papa a Tarinuku.

This find had been reported earlier to the Trust and a decision had been made to leave the bones in situ until an expert could inspect them.

### Inspection

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2012 Richard Sage, Richard and Te Moretapaki Steedman walked into the site and took photos. The bones are a left and right tibiotarsus (middle leg or shin bone) of a *Dinornis novaezealandiae* (North Island Giant Moa).

One bone is whole and measures about 760mm (This bone would have been about 800mm before deteriorating) and the other is broken into two approximate halves.

### Recovery

After various contacts with well known authority's on Moa we made contact with Dr Jamie Wood of Landcare (Lincoln) to come up from Christchurch to inspect and if necessary remove the Moa Bones and any associated material at the site for his research.

This Research is documented not just for reporting purposes but also to meet Trusts policy 2.4.9 to properly record these types of activities on the Trust lands

On 4 April 2012 Trustee, Tama Wi Paki, myself with a small group of about seven accompanied Jamie to the bone site. It was raining lightly and this made the track which was steep in places quite slippery.

On reaching the site Jamie was able to tell that the bird was a female and probably stood about two meters high. The bird was probably squatting and died at the spot as indicated by the way the tibiotarsi lay. The bones were estimated at about 600 years old.

Jamie wrapped the bones in shrink wrap and bubble wrap and took soil samples to assist the dating process of the bones. We searched the area and scraped a small area to look for other bones but none were found.

While searching the area a rock overhang was found within 40



metres of the site facing in a northerly direction. This overhang had been used as a shelter by hunters as three tin cans were still there and a name 'K Wi Paki 17.6.73' was carved lightly in the rock.

According to Jamie this overhang was an ideal spot for Moa to nest as the ground and ground cover was extremely dry. A quick examination of the overhang floor was carried out and two possible moa coprolite (dung) specimens were taken along with three or four small pebbles. The coprolite samples will need to be tested to confirm their origins.

## **Results**

Dr Wood made contact recently and conveyed the radiocarbon dates were back for the two *Dinornis* bones. They suggest the bird died sometime between 1295 and 1388 AD. This was within the first hundred years after New Zealand was settled, so the bird would have been around with people, but it is not anomalously young as the exposed position of the bones might have suggested. He thought most moa were probably extinct by about 1480 AD.

## **Storage**

Once returned the Trust is looking to deposit bones at the Whanganui Regional Museum with suitable documentation and credits where they will be available for future research.



*(Above) The ridge where the bones were discovered. They are lying in the centre of the photo.*



# **Erewhon Rural Water Scheme – Rangitīkei District Council**

## **Background**

The water for this scheme runs from the Aorangi Awarua Trust lands from the Reporoa (Reporoa Bog) catchment at 1110 metres.

The scheme was set up in 1980 to provide water for stock by the Rangitīkei District Council and the local farmers.

The water is supplied by natural flow to 27 farms without the use of pumps to supply good quality stock water to farms covering 18,650 Ha.

The main pipeline travels 90 kms through steep shellrock country across a pipe bridge over the Rangitīkei River to Taoroa and the Moawhango Valley. The set up cost at the time was \$1.6 million.

Water is allocated to farms depending on their size and using meters and valves. Farmers pay this percentage each year which covers the cost of maintaining the scheme.

The constant pressure of the water wears away the pipes and especially joints causing breaks. Maintenance checks are continuously carried out to ensure all farmers on the scheme receive their allocation to their on-farm tanks. The on-farm pipes are the responsibility of the individual farmer.

## **The Trust**

The Trust signed over an easement to the Rangitīkei District Council in 2004 and within this easement it was agreed that the Trust has a permanent seat on the management committee.

Allowance was also made to allow surplus water to be supplied to the Moawhango Marae(s) but this offer has not yet been taken up.

The agreed annual payment to the Trust was originally worked out at 2% of the cost of running the scheme (therefore the cost/value of the water). This equated to \$3,000 per annum. To this was added \$1,000 to cover the past 22 years (since the inception of the scheme) and legal fees.

The entire figure is then indexed to the CPI and the original \$4,000 pa is now approximately \$5,000.

Mary Mako  
Trustee.

## **EMISSION TRADING SCHEME (ETS)**

In early 2012 the Trust engaged services of resource management consultancy - Raukowhai Consultancy to provide management services and make application to Emissions Trading Scheme. The work is quite substantial and specialised broadly covering following :

- Registration to ETS
- Holding Account Establishments
- Assessment Reporting
- Researching and collection of supporting evidence
- Mapping and block access

Following are results and conclusion for potential to carbon registration.

<sup>1</sup>There is dominance of Manuka and Kanuka, and the succession process of the emergence of Beech forest in good time show that once the regeneration has started providing there are no subsequent fires, the forest will develop a plus 5m canopy (20-30 year period from Manuka/Kanuka establishment) that may continue to mature further with regeneration of other species (50-100yrs).

A large area of the assessment area has not met the ETS requirements due to lack of species capable of growing 5m or higher at this time.

These areas are in stage one regeneration with large tracks of monoao frosts flats. These areas may eventually meet ETS requirements however this is not likely to occur naturally for another 10-20 years.

As a result of the assessment conducted 26 sites were identified as having post 1989 regeneration.

The total area of the combined 26 areas = 146 ha.

Further work is required for the application.

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<sup>1</sup> AAT ETS Evaluation – Habitat Biodiversity & Pest Management Ltd

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