

# 'Uerongo

News for Ngāti Whakaue  
December 2020



*Tupu ki roto  
Tupu ki waho  
Tupu ki te whai ao ki te Ao Mārama,  
Tihei mauri ora!*

Kai ngā whānau, kai ngā hapū, kai ngā Koromatua e ono o Ngāti Whakaue, koianeī te kupu maioha ki a koutou i tēnei wāhanga o te tau. Ki a rātau kua mene atu ki tua o Paerau, ki te Wāhi Ngaro, kai Tiwarawara, ka whakaaronuitia, ka poroporoakitia, ko te tai o te pō ki a rātau, ko te tai o te awatea ki a tātau te pito ora e, ngā mihi o te wā.

Ko te kupu nui, i tēnei te wā whānau o Ihu Karaiti, ko te aroha. He tokomaha, he huhua, e noho pouri ana i te kaupeka o te whitinga mai o te rā, he rawakore, kāre he mahi, kāre he pūtea. Me waiho ko te aroha hai perehana i raro i te rākau kirihimete. Toha atu he kai ki te hunga e hia kai ana, toro atu te ringa āwhina ki te hunga e hia āwhina ana. E hoki ki ngā kawenga i waiho mai e Kui mā e Koro mā, arā, ko te whakapono, ko te tūmanako me te Aroha.

E te iwi e, ngā mihi o ēnei marama o te puāwaitanga o te rau Pōhutukawa me te aranga ake o Rehua Ariki whakakerokero i te rangi e.

To the families, hapū and Koromatua of Ngāti Whakaue, we send you our word of good thoughts of the season. To those who have gone beyond the veil we think of you and we farewell you to rest whilst we who live carry on the mahi.

Our message to you all is to let aroha be the order of the day. There are many who live in sadness in the season of the sun, they are poor, no jobs. Let Aroha be the present 'neath the Christmas Tree. Give kai to those you know who don't have any, lend a hand to those who need one. Return to those values our tūpuna left us, faith, hope and love.

To you all we greet you in these months where the Pohutukawa leaf blooms and Rehua the Ariki shines high in the sky.

E harikoa ana te ngākau ki te tuku atu i te whakaputanga tuaruatanga o 'Uerongo, hai kawenga kōrero mā Ngāti Whakaue. Ia te toru marama puta atu ai a 'Uerongo ki a tātau o Ngāti Whakaue. Nō ngā Poari huhua o Ngāti Whakaue tēnei kaupapa hai painga mō te iwi. Ko te mahi a 'Uerongo he whakamōhio atu ki a koe ngā nukuhanga me ngā nekehanga o ia te Poari kia mōhio ai koe i wā rātau nā Kaupapa.

We hope you enjoy this second edition of 'Uerongo, a quarterly newsletter for Ngāti Whakaue. 'Uerongo is a collaborative effort between our Ngāti Whakaue entities. The purpose of 'Uerongo is to provide you with news and updates on the activities and events of our Ngāti Whakaue entities.

## **Ngā Rangi Matua / Key Dates**

- 12th December—Assets Trust Internship applications close
- 14th December— Assets Trust Kaumātua hui  
10am–12pm @ Te Koutu Marae
- 17th December— Assets Trust Kaumātua hui  
10am–12pm @ Te Ao Marama
- 27th January 2021— Pukeroa Open day—employment and apprenticeship opportunities  
1-3pm @ Tunohopu
- Jan/Feb— Assets Trust Kaumātua hui @ Hurungaterangi marae (TBC)
- 7th March –Whakaue Whānau Day



## Tēnā rā tātau Ngāti Whakaue

At the start of November, we held our AGM at Tamatekapua, where we reported a solid financial performance for the 2020 financial year, despite challenging conditions. In the current investment environment of low interest rates and economic uncertainty (due to COVID-19 etc), the Trust will take a cautious approach to investment, while still aiming to find quality investments that will enhance and grow the asset base. Fortunately, the Trust has put itself in a position where it has a healthy balance sheet.

At the AGM we also presented our finalised Mahere Rautaki / Strategic Plan 2020 - 2023, after taking in feedback from the eight-week iwi consultation period. A graphic of the Mahere Rautaki is available on our website [whakaue.com/strategicplan](http://whakaue.com/strategicplan)

In October we farewelled Rachel Hoffman, who has taken up a role in Tauranga, after working for the Trust in a varying capacity for nearly three years, including an invaluable contribution in helping the Trust establish operations when we moved into our new offices in November 2019. *Mate kāinga tahi, ora kāinga rua* - with Rachel leaving we decided to take the opportunity to rescope the role, putting more focus on the distributions & initiatives mahi. We are excited to have welcomed Tatiana Kiwi-Knight into the newly established role of Kaitaurima Tohanga Hua / Distributions Manager. Tatiana spoke at the AGM, outlining some of the initial kaupapa she is exploring, including kaumātua wellbeing, continued efforts around iwi engagement, and Whakaue Whānau Day early in 2021.

In December Tatiana will hold hui with our kaumātua to better understand their wellbeing needs and help inform the Trust's thinking around how it can provide

support. See front page of 'Uerongo for exact hui dates. For those who can't make these dates, you will be able to complete a survey to provide your feedback. The survey will be available from December 8th via the following options:

- you can pick up a survey from our office,
- we can deliver a survey to your house,
- you can complete the survey over the phone; or,
- you can fill it out online.

We want to hear from as many of our kaumātua as possible so please come along to the hui or fill out a survey. Any patai, please contact Tatiana - 07 929 9653, [admin@whakaueassets.com](mailto:admin@whakaueassets.com).

Whakaue Whānau Day has been confirmed for Sunday 7th March at Scion so save the date! It is going to be an exciting day of kai, stalls, live performances, and tours through the forest / nehenehe. In the lead up to Whānau Day, we have an event management internship opportunity for a Whakaue whanaunga. Check out our Facebook page for more details and how to apply. Applications for the internship close 12th December at 5pm.

This month one of our rangatahi, Pita King, is going up to Tāmaki Makaurau to begin a six-week internship with Heartland Bank. This is an opportunity we were able to secure through a new partnership with Heartland. We wish Pita well and hope to create more opportunities like this for the iwi.

Hai whakakapi / lastly, we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer and look forward to coming together and having some fun at the Whakaue Whānau Day.

Mauri ora



The Board of Ngāti Whakaue Assets Trust—Jason Rogers, Ana Morrison, Hemi Rolleston and Tupara Marrison



The 2020 Annual General Meeting of Pukeroa Oruawhata Owners was held at Tamatekapua on 7th November 2020 and attended by over 210 owners. In line with our

Trust Deed, Tina Ngatai was due to retire by rotation and was available for re-election. One other nomination was received (Sindu Morrison) and Glenn Hawkins of GHA was appointed the Returning Officer with voting by way of a postal election by poll vote. The results were:

Tina Ngatai	122.6315 Shares
Sindu Morrison	80.0346 Shares

Tina Ngatai has been re-elected for a further 5 year term.

#### Lakefront Development:

During the Covid Lockdown we made application to Crown Infrastructure Partners (CIP) for funding of the Wai Ariki Hot Springs and Spa as a "Shovel Ready" project. Our application was approved meaning the Spa can continue as planned supporting up to 250 jobs during the construction phase and creating a significant number of new jobs when the facility is complete.

We are actively working with our preferred Construction firm, Spa Operator and Toi Ohomai on the delivery of construction apprenticeships and employment opportunities and training programs for the Operational positions. Details of these will be on our website in the new year and expressions of interest can be lodged by e-mail ([admin@pukeroa.co.nz](mailto:admin@pukeroa.co.nz)) or by



popping in to the office (Level 1, Pukeroa Oruawhata House).

An Open Day for persons interested in employment and/or apprenticeships with our preferred contractor and sub-contractors is planned for the 27th January (1 - 3 pm) at Tunohopu Marae. **Keep an eye on our website and Ngāti Whakaue facebook pages closer to the time.**

#### New Leasing Activity:

We continue to experience strong leasing demand and are pleased to confirm the following:

Relocation of Van Dyks within the Rotorua Central Mall  
Bold Flavours Indian Restaurant on the cnr Tutanekai & Amohau Streets

Te Reo Irirangi o Te Arawa in Haupapa House

Refurbishment of the former Trade Training Building at Trade Central has commenced with two retail tenants signed up for this building.

Work commences on the Open Doors Charitable Trust's new facility on the Pererika Street Education Precinct in November.

Six additional leasings have been signed pending completion of fit-out and resource consent applications.

2020 has been a memorable year for us all and we acknowledge all of those who have been impacted by the effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic. We extend our best wishes for the festive season and a safe, happy and prosperous New Year to you and your Whanau.

## Ngāti Whakaue Tribal Lands



Tēnā rā koutou ngā whānau whānui o Ngāti Whakaue,

We were pleased to see many of you at our AGM last month and share about the challenges faced and opportunities before the Incorporation. We are focused on delivering meaningful benefits to our owners and whānau, and would like to provide these updates on some key projects we are working on:

#### Ngāti Whakaue Housing Strategy:

NWTL are leading a joint Ngāti Whakaue initiative that will provide a pathway to address the housing needs of our people. We are looking at housing across the spectrum including Social Housing, Affordable Housing/First Home Buyers, Papakāinga/Kaumātua Housing, General Housing and Retirement Villages. To date we have identified suitable land and types of housing options to match housing needs; and formed collaborative partnerships with Iwi, community organisations, local and central government which are essential to providing the best outcomes for our people. Keep an eye out on our website

and Facebook for further updates!

#### Grants Initiative:

NWTL continue to provide Health, Tangihanga and Discretionary Grants for owners and the Iwi - so be sure to apply online or pick up a form from our office. We have also increased the tangihanga grants to \$400 to provide further assistance for our whānau.

#### Comittee Election:

We would like to thank all candidates who made themselves available for the three vacancies on our Committee of Management this year. We congratulate Geoffrey Rolleston, Tamarapa Lloyd and Tanira Kingi on their re-appointment for a further 3 year term.

#### Upcoming Events & Other Pānui:

Check out our Missing Owners List for whānau who we still need contact details for, and keep an eye out on our website and Facebook page for the 2021 Farm Tour. Look forward to seeing you all there!

Ngā manaakitanga, nā  
NWTL Committee of Management

## Te Taumata o Ngāti Whakaue

As we look back on the year that was we also take time to reflect on our core purpose and the hopes and aspirations for Ngāti Whakaue at the birth of Te Taumata 15 years ago. There have certainly been many achievements over that time with Te Taumata o Ngāti Whakaue positioning themselves as trailblazers in the education sector, leading the way with models of excellence for other iwi and hapū within our rohe - something to be proud of.

Our attention now turns towards building a strong foundation for a sustainable future; a future where we are more sure about who we are; more deliberate about aligning our future actions with our mission and values. We are an iwi organisation that has more than dollars and cents as its measure of success. We want to model and practice our tikanga in everything we do and ensure Whakauetanga is the lens in which we view our world. This will be at the forefront of our minds heading in to the new year.

Featured services this quarter:

### Puna Manawa o Whakaue:

We recently held an open day at Puna Manawa o Whakaue to allow an opportunity for potential new whānau and tamariki to get a feel for our Puna and see for themselves the amazing programme on offer. Our learning centre offers quality care with Whakaue centric kaupapa weaved through all aspects of the programme. We have current vacancies so please contact our Centre

Manager Erana Lacey on 027 353 5360 or email at [erana@taumata.org.nz](mailto:erana@taumata.org.nz) if you are interested in enrolling your tamaiti.

### Professional Learning and Development in Schools:

The new year will see Te Taumata step back in to the role as Professional Learning and Development (PLD) providers for schools. We will once again be offering support to schools and staff in the design of localised curriculum and cultural capability building. The development of He Pātaka Kōrero mō ngā Kāhui Ako this year will form a solid basis for learning conversations with schools.

### Paepae Wānanga:

Since its inception in 2005 Te Paepae Wānanga o Ngāti Whakaue has developed, coordinated and delivered an annual series of wānanga that aims to support the “three rows deep” aspiration by our iwi. We have delivered four wānanga this year attended by over 120 whānau.

*Titoko o te rangi  
Whakawhiti o te rā  
Whakaio whenua e  
It is through our deliberate  
actions that we design our  
destiny*



Tamaiti enjoying activities and sunshine at Puna Manawa o Whakaue





## Te Kōmiti Nui o Ngāti Whakaue

Tēnā ra tātau katoa Ngāti Whakaue ki uta, Ngāti Whakaue ki tai, ngā mihi o te wā.

Te Kōmiti Nui has the great honour of being the mandated entity to settle the outstanding Ngāti Whakaue Treaty Claims.

We have many claims that cover all areas of our iwi. They affect our many whānau, hapū and koromātua. Many of those claims may affect you and your whānau.

In the time of Christmas, there will be many whānau who will not have kai, money, or jobs. Last Christmas they had a job, presents and kai. Now Covid-19 has struck, let us all call upon those values our tūpuna gave us. Let us look after each other, let us make sure everyone is safe, loved and fed. If you cannot afford a present, that's

okay, the fact that you are present in a time of a pandemic is the greatest gift your family has.

Be safe over the Christmas and New Year's period - rest, relax and have fun. Next year, we at Te Kōmiti Nui will be keeping in touch as we speed up the pace in getting our Treaty claims settled. We want you to be a part of it.

Kia tau ngā tauwhiritanga o te Wāhi Ngaro ki runga i a koutou

Nā mātau o Te Kōmiti nui o Ngāti Whakaue



### Te Mahi Tahi / Collaborations

We will keep you informed of the collaborations occurring between our entities. This year we have collaborated on the following kaupapa:

- Whakaue Ora - a coordinated Ngāti Whakaue response to COVID-19
- Ngāti Whakaue Kawe Mate - held for Ngāti Whakaue whānau who lost loved ones during the nationwide COVID-19 lockdown
- Chairs Forum - a monthly hui between the Chairs of our entities to discuss general activities and opportunities, and any important kaupapa affecting Ngāti Whakaue
- Whakaue Whānau Day - to be held on Sunday 7th March 2021 at Scion. We hope everybody can come to Whakaue Whānau Day to have some fun and collectively celebrate our Ngāti Whakauetanga!

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E Koro Whakaue, maranga mai i te karanga o ngā Koromatua e inoi atu nei, kia tau te manaakitanga o Te Runga Rawa ki runga ki tēnā, ki tēnā.

Koro Whakaue stand tall within our call to bring the generosity of the heavens to each and every one.

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