



# PUTAUAKI TRUST NEWSLETTER



## Vision Statement

*Kia tipu nga rawa a Putauaki hei oranga mo nga Uri, oira, e aronuitia ana hoki te oranga me te mauri a to tatau whenua*

*To grow the value of Putauaki assets for the benefit of all Shareholders taking into account sustainability and the protection of our land*

## From the General Manager



**Kangiaiki te Awa  
Ngati Awa te Iwi  
Mataatua te Waka  
Tihei Mauri Ora**

A warm welcome to this, our first Panui for 2018. We trust you have had a good start to the year and we hope the remainder of the year will be a successful one.

It has been a very busy 2018 so far for the Trust particularly in relation to the Trust's Industrial zone. At the Trust's AGM held at Kokohinau Marae 1 December 2017 Shareholders approved an application to be made to the Maori Land Court for the Hapu

partitioning and formation of Maori roadways on our Industrial land. I am pleased to report that at a MLC hearing held on 1 March 2018 the Judge was fully supportive of the Trust's application and approved it subject to a final ML plan being submitted. This was a great outcome for the Trust and gives both certainty and flexibility in the development of our industrial land. (A preliminary plan for the Industrial land is enclosed for Shareholders information)

As was reported to Shareholders at our AGM the only negative of our Industrial development is the vesting of part of the Trust's land back into the Crown's hands (NZ Transport Agency) being the roundabout and right of way on the State Highway. We have however had productive discussions with Ministers Shane Jones and Nanaia Mahuta for possible funding from the Government to support the development of this roading infrastructure.

In the meantime, the Trust is in the process of finalizing leases with Fenglin Group and Kawerau Dairy Group which will together provide not only significant income for the Trust but also employment opportunities for up to 180 employees once the plants are completed. The Geothermal milk plant is expected to be completed in early 2019 and the Particle Board mill is expected to be operating by mid/late

2020. Indeed, some very exciting times ahead for the Trust, with these developments which will have a very positive impact on the Trust and local Community.

With regards to employment I am pleased to announce that Titi Eruera a current Trustee has been appointed Operations Manager for the Trust on a fixed term contract. One of his responsibilities will be ensuring the Trust's Health and Safety policies and procedures comply with the onerous Health & Safety at Work Act 2015. Although Titi will remain a Trustee, he will not be paid a Trustee fee as he is a full-time employee of the Trust.

In addition to Titi's appointment, we are in the process of employing a new Office Administrator who will replace Pet who is retiring after 10 years loyal service to the Trust. I'm sure Shareholders will join me in wishing her all the very best in her retirement. Pet's positive attitude and great rapport she has with many of our Shareholders will be sorely missed by us all, however she will not be totally lost from the Trust, as she was appointed as a Trustee by the Shareholders at the last AGM.

The Board has recently completed an appointment process for Associate Trustees to ensure the Trust's succession planning is on track, and to develop governance and leadership skills in prospective future Trustees. The Board is pleased to announce that four new Associate Trustees were appointed with two to serve during 2018 and the other 2 during 2019. The calibre of the candidates was high, and we congratulate those appointed as follows:

- Makarita Hunia-Mataio (2018)
- Aaron Elliott (2018)
- Dean Eruera (2019)
- Rex O'Brien (2019)

A busy start to the year already and we wish shareholders all the best for the rest of the year.

*Nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa*

**John O'Brien-General Manager**

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## Industrial Zone .....exciting times ahead

**Kawerau Dairy Group** are the first of our tenants to commence development on our industrial site. A special karakia was recently held on-site to 'clear the way' for the beginning of construction of the new Geothermal Dairy Plant. The new plant will be completed and ready to run in 2019.



## Mataatua Kapa Haka Regionals

Putauaki Trust was a 'Te Marama' (Silver) Sponsor at the recent Mataatua Kapa Haka competitions held in Te Teko in February. Ngati Awa ki Rangitaiki hosted the event which attracted over 10,000 people during the 2-day event. The event was Community driven with a volunteer workforce of 280 people affiliated to the six Marae of the Rangitaiki. This was a huge success and showed 'whanaungatanga' at its best. Mataatua has a history of success at Matatini level, this year five teams will be representing the rohe in 2019 and we wish them all the very best.

### Ngati Awa ki Rangitaiki





## Grant Recipient Profile



Introducing Miss Tihi Eruera-Williams, mokopuna of Hemana and Hera Eruera. Tihi has been a recipient of the Trusts Boarding School grants since she started at Hamilton Girls High School in 2013. In those 5 years she achieved all her NZQA levels and gained a distinction in level 3 Physical Education. When deciding what to do after high school the opportunity came up through the Schools Careers Office to have a GAP year abroad. This appealed to Tihi as she saw it as an amazing opportunity with all the benefits of travel, work experience and self growth. She chose Canada and is currently working as a volunteer as an Outdoor Activity Instructor at Camp Jubilee situated in Deep Cove, North Vancouver. No previous experience was necessary and all training, support, kai and accommodation was included. These were some of the selling points she used when telling her parents about it. Boarding School life prepared her well to go to Canada being able to live away from home and being able to manage herself. She still has a lot of learning to do and is on track with a career goal to become an Early Childhood Educator. She will start her studies towards that in 2019. Best of luck Tihi from us all.

## Associate Trustees 2018



**Makarita Hunia-Mataio**, daughter of the late Himiona and Pirihiro Hunia. Makarita is a Teacher at Te Whatatao-o-Putauaki Kura in Kawerau. She is excited about the direction the Trust is heading for the benefit of its descendants and looks forward to learning more about the Trust and gaining experience in Governance.



**Aaron Elliott**, son of fellow Trustee Charlie and Cherie Elliott. Aaron is Team Leader at Fonterra Factory in Edgecumbe. Aaron has seen the economic growth of the Trust and can bring valuable insight in the Industries associated with Dairy and Forestry. Like his father, Aaron knows his Community well and has a great rapport with many of the Shareholders and Beneficiaries.

### TRUSTEES

Kiriwaitangi Rei                      Chair  
Waaka Vercoe  
Anaru Rangiheuea  
Charles Elliott  
Titi Eruera

### GENERAL MANAGER

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### EXTERNAL ADVISORS

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