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Tēnā koutou

Message from the Chair

Ko te Reo Kākāriki tēnei e mihi ana ki a koutou e noho whānui ana ki te ao. Tēnei te tuku pānui atu kia mōhio koutou mō ngā mahi e kawea nei ki muri, ki mua rānei mō te tupu rākau ki runga i o tātou whenua. Nō reira ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.

E tika ana kia huri ngā whakaaro ki a rātou i kōhurutia i Ōtautahi i ngā rā tata muri nei. Na te ringa o nanakia i mate parekura rātou, i tēra, hora whānui te kākahu taratara ki te ao. Kei te aroha atu, kei te noho tonu tātou ki raro i te kapua o te pōuri.

Tahuri atu ki ngā whānau e koropiko ana ki raro i ngā taumahatanga kei runga i a rātou i tēnei wā. Me te aroha atu ki a rātou e takoto taotū ana i te hōhipera. Me pēnei pea te kī: 'Kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui!'

Kia kua e wareware ki ēra o tātou i mate ki waenganui i a tātou. Me wēra o ngā whānau e noho mokemoke mō te ngaronga o tētehi o ā rātou whānau. Nō reira ahakoa kua tangihia, kua poroporoaki, kua kāherutia ki te kōpū o te whenua, ka kore e mutu te kī, moe mai koutou, okioki atu rā.

Kāti rā ki a rātou, engari ki a tātou e noho nei ki runga i ngā āhuatanga kei runga i tēna, kei runga i tēna. Kia kaha ki te manaaki, tātou ki a tātou.

Mauri tū, mauri ora.

Ngā mihi nui.



Kia ora and welcome to the March issue of Te Reo Kākāriki.

We are counting down to 2021 when the Trust will take 100 per cent ownership of the trees from the Crown, and we will have better control of our future. The Trustees are focussed on ensuring we're prepared to take responsibility for owning and managing our own forests.

Over the next few months, we will be assessing the best vehicle to help achieve that vision. Coinciding with that work is a review of the Trust Order to ensure our governance and operational entities are 'fit for purpose'. The Trust Order review documents are now available online and all owners will have received a separate pānui about the consultation hui.

The first hui was held at Waitetoko Marae last Saturday 23 March 2019. The next will be held at Hirangi Marae this Saturday 30 March. We welcome your feedback on the proposed changes.

We recently held our AGM at Korohe Marae, and what a fantastic turnout it was from our owners. As Chair, I want to thank

you all for making the effort to attend. Our registration team commented that this would have to have been one of the best-attended AGM hui. We will take on board your comments raised at the hui and continue to progress work in the grants and distribution spaces.

The 50th anniversary celebration marked 50 years in the Crown Lease arrangement, an important milestone in our history as a Trust. As we look to the future and the Trust's continued growth in the number of owners, growth in the value of its assets and growth in land use, we should not forget those humble beginnings from which this all started. Our future success depends on you, the owners, to make this Trust and these lands remain forever for our future generations.

Ngā manaaki ki a koutou katoa.

Binky Ellis
Chairperson

Shanyn Warena

Team Leader, Owner Services

As Team Leader for Owner Services at Lake Taupō Forest Trust (LTFT), Shanyn Warena is one of the main points of contact for LTFT owners.

Shanyn came to LTFT straight out of school in 2003 when she started as an Ownership Register Clerk with the Trust. 'In 2003, we had around 9,000 owners,' says Shanyn. 'Now we have around 13,500 and are heading to 14,000 in the next year, so we're always pretty busy.'

Registering new owners with the Trust is a big part of her job. 'When owners are looking to succeed to land, often because someone has passed away, owners firstly go to the Māori Land Court to apply for succession.'

'Once the owner has received their vesting order from the Māori Land Court, then owners can come to us and we can start processing their registration as an owner with the Lake Taupō Forest Trust. We often provide the Tangihanga grant too for the person who has passed away.'

However, succession is leading to problems for future generations as whānau get bigger and share sizes get smaller and smaller. 'The Māori Land Court has said that they'll only recognise shares down to 8 decimal places. After that, we'll be in trouble. A good way around this can be to set up a whānau trust so the share sizes don't reduce, but this depends on the whānau and how well they get on. The Māori Land Court can provide whānau with good advice on this.'

'What we often find now with new owners is that the share sizes are so small that they don't receive a dividend payment until the amount has built up to be over the minimum payment of \$10, or \$20 if they live overseas. But they are still eligible for Education grants and other benefits.'

Owner Services also look after granting permits for access to the forest for owners or beneficiaries. 'We're moving to a new database this year, which we share with the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board office in Taupō. It's been a lot better for owners as they can renew permits in Taupō now.'

'We'd like to get more e-mail addresses from our owners to reduce mailing costs. Of the 13,500 owners,

only 5,000 or so are registered, and of them, only 40 per cent have e-mail addresses.' Despite the big workload, she enjoys the job. 'We get a lot of good feedback and appreciation for what we do. We hope to get out into the community more at events and hui so we're more accessible for owners, which will be good.'

Outside work, Shanyn plays netball for Rotoaira and loves watching her daughter play rugby for Tongariro Junior Rugby Club.

Shanyn works in Owner Services with Mihi, and together they can provide answers and advice for any queries that owners and beneficiaries may have. You can call them on 07 386 8839 or e-mail them on ownership@lftf.co.nz.

PROFILE



SHANYN WARENA

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AGM highlights

Despite the downpour the night before, the day for our 50th anniversary AGM turned out to be quite stunning. Lovely decorations, beautiful food, awesome performances by the Tūwharetoa Pakeke group and everyone pretty happy. A big, thanks to our Ngāti Hine whānau of Korohe Marae. Roll on 2021!



50th anniversary images: images clockwise from top: Tūwharetoa Pakeke group, Trustee Judy Harris with Margaret Ellis (seated) and her sister Irirangi Timu, Korohe Marae.



He Māhuri Toa update

Tongariro School signs up

At the start of this year, He Māhuri Toa education programme run by Lake Taupō Charitable Trust signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Tongariro School to commence a Forestry Skills programme at the school for Years 12 and 13 (Level 2 and 3 students).

Run by Sharlyn Holt, the two-year programme aims to not only teach students the skills necessary for working in the forest but also take them out to visit forestry silviculture and harvesting crews in the forest.

'This is really good news. With all of the occupational health and safety requirements nowadays, it is difficult to get young people out into the forest with crews,' says Sharlyn. 'This course gives

the students a pretty rare opportunity.'

There will be opportunities on the course for students to visit a seedling nursery and SCION in Rotorua, visit a pulp mill and a sawmill and work with silviculture crews in the forest planting and pruning. There will also be site visits to harvesting crews in the forest and opportunities to find out first-hand what it takes to select and harvest top quality logs from the forest.

'Many of the students have family or know of people working in forest crews, so it will be good to help develop a path for them to start a forestry career, whether it is in the forest or at a sawmill or timber processor or in export. We're surrounded by forest, so Tūrangi is a good place to get a start!'

Lake Taupō Forest Trust has agreed to be in touch with the forestry crews, and job placements might come out of it.

The course will be supported by Competenz, the national industry training

organisation, with training materials and resources, together with New Zealand Forest Managers.

He Māhuri Toa education programme is about growing 'trees of strength', from primary school through to tertiary and beyond, and is New Zealand's only education programme with such a comprehensive approach to preparing students for a forestry career.

More information is available at Lake Taupō Charitable Trust website: www.ltct.co.nz.

Toi Ohomai

New Forestry Line Management programme for 2019

From June 2019, Toi Ohomai is adding a forestry option to their range of L4 Line Management programmes as part of their NZ Certificate of Business qualification.

After discussions with Lake Taupō Charitable Trust and industry leaders, Toi Ohomai have decided to offer a forestry option for their Level 4 First Line Management programme to complement their existing levels 2, 3 and 6 courses.

The programme is aimed at people who may already be working in the forest but are looking at or wanting to move into a supervisor or manager position. The programme covers four key areas of management for first-time managers: effective leadership, team management and motivation, achieving team objectives and business resources.

The programme can be completed in 16 weeks full-time but is also designed to be flexible so that courses can be completed part-time over a two-year period so staff can continue working.

Toi Ohomai is currently in discussion with industry organisations on ways to integrate the programme with work schedules and are looking at having the programme ready to commence in June 2019.

The institute requires a minimum of 10 forestry candidates to make the programme viable, so if you are working in the industry and interested in finding out more about the Line Management programme, please contact Frankie at Lake Taupō Charitable Trust (07 386 6843) or visit the website: www.ltct.co.nz.



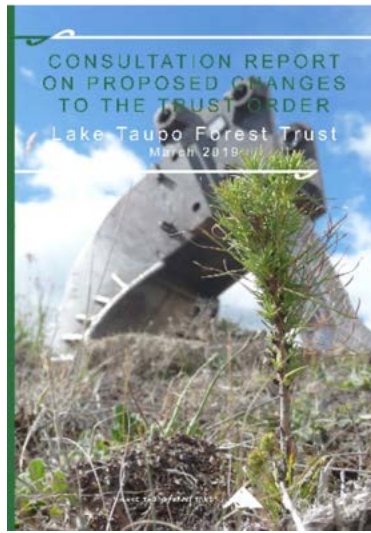
Students on the Tongariro School Forestry Skills programme

Trust Order review 2019

The Trust is progressing towards 2021 when it takes full control of its forestry assets. That means all the trees we have on our lands will belong to you, the owners. We will begin harvesting our own trees rather than the Crown's trees, and we will start making decisions about how those trees are managed.

Our income is expected to increase significantly because instead of receiving a share of the Crown's stumpage from their own trees, we'll be receiving 100 per cent stumpage from our trees. So, that means we have to be better prepared and better set up structurally and governance-wise to manage those assets into the future.

With new challenges ahead and a relatively new strategic plan, your Trustees have been working diligently to make sure we are ready come 2021. As part of this change



process, it is timely to review our Trust Order to ensure it remains fit for purpose. The Trustees have therefore commenced a review of our Trust Order.

A Trust Order Consultation Report has been prepared and circulated to all owners for whom an address is held. We encourage you to read the consultation document and to review the proposed draft trust order and proposed draft trust charter. These are available online

or owners can request hard copies by contacting our office on 07 376 8839 or email general@ltft.co.nz. You must be an owner and registered with the Trust.

We are holding two consultation hui to discuss the proposed changes. The first hui was held on Saturday 23 March at Waitetoko Marae. The second hui will be held at: Hīrangī Marae in Tūrangi, Saturday, 30 March 2019. Registrations open at 9 a.m.

The Trustees have prepared this Consultation Report to enable discussion on the proposed new trust order and charter. It sets out why the Trustees are undertaking this review process, what the process will entail and the role of the Māori Land Court. We strongly encourage you to review the documents, come along to the consultation hui at Hirangi Marae this Saturday and provide your feedback and comments.

With your valued input, we will be able to ensure that the Trust's governance structure holds us in good stead for years to come.

Building marae links

On Monday 11 February, the first Marae Information hui was held at the Lake Taupō Forest Trust boardroom and representatives from Hīrangī, Korehe and Tokaanu marae attended.

The aim of these hui is to help build links between the various marae of the Lake Taupō Forest Trust and the Trust. It's a chance for marae representatives to come and talk to the Trust about issues or ideas that they may have that the Trust can help with and get an update on the mahi of the Lake Taupō Forest Trust.

Maureen Smith, (Trust Accountant) and Shanyn Warena (Owner Services) delivered a presentation that explained the background to the Trust and the services offered to owners by the Trust and helped clarify the role of the Trust in advocating for LTFT landowners. Shanyn explained the role of the Owner Services team to find and register long-lost owners and



Hīrangī Marae

assist owners on their pathway with the Māori Land Court to succession. She also spoke about the Pūtea Aroha (Tangihanga) and Marae grants that the Trust manages.

Suggestions from marae committee members included:

- organising a field trip as part of an AGM to a forest block to help owners reconnect with the whenua;

- setting up a marae building maintenance schedule and workshops for short- and long-term marae maintenance.

Those attending thought that having these hui was a good way to find out more about the Trust. There will be more Marae Information hui being held for other marae, so keep an eye on the LTFT website or contact Shanyn@ltft.co.nz to learn when these hui will be held.

Forest update

The forest is now busy with the silviculture crews concentrating on pruning and thinning and with land preparation for this winter's planting season. Harvesting has also been proceeding well, with 28,000 tonnes harvested in January despite it being a short month. Log markets have remained strong, and the year is again shaping up to be a good one from a financial perspective.

The dry spell we've had has increased the risk of fire in the forest with fire danger levels reaching extreme in mid-February. Some rain in late February has helped, but there is still concern that the danger level is higher than we'd like. In these conditions, everyone working in the forest, including owners accessing the forest, should take extra care.

The Roar 2019

The annual roar season is approaching, and the Trust is working with managers to finalise an area where owners can access the lands for hunting in daylight hours on weekdays, instead of the normal access after 4 p.m. As with last year, we are planning to permit access to the LTFT land south of Kiko Road, with the entrance point being Waimarino Road (1 km up Kiko Rd from the SH1 intersection). This access will be available from Monday, 25 March through to Friday, 10 May 2019. From Monday, 13 May, access will revert to winter hours, i.e., weekday access from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m., and weekend access from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Summer hours will return from Sunday, 30 September.

Easter access

On a final matter relating to access, we expect there will be many owners wanting to access the forest lands over Easter and the following week, given that Anzac Day is the following Thursday, 25 April. We will arrange for the access keys (fobs) to open the relevant gates on the three statutory holidays of Easter Friday, Easter Monday and Anzac Day at normal weekend summer times i.e., from 5 a.m. through to 11 p.m.



Safe Start Breakfast

After a well-deserved break, the 2019 year got off to a good start with a Safe Start Breakfast held at Tongariro High School on 8 January, attended by our contractors and crews. Guest speaker was prominent Northland doctor and outspoken critic of New Zealand's health system Dr Lance O'Sullivan, who provided a motivational presentation to the 150 people attending. The highlight was the handing out of awards for performance and qualifications earned in 2018.

Winners this year included Moana Te Ngahue and Spencer Waru (pictured with presenter Dr Lance O'Sullivan).



Work opportunities

The contractors who run silviculture (planting, pruning, thinning, etc.) or harvesting crews in our forest are often looking for new workers. Some roles require experience, others not, but all require a good attitude and reliability.

If you or any of your whānau are interested in finding out more, please contact the NZFM office – forest@nzfm.co.nz – and they can put you in touch with relevant contractors if there are positions available.

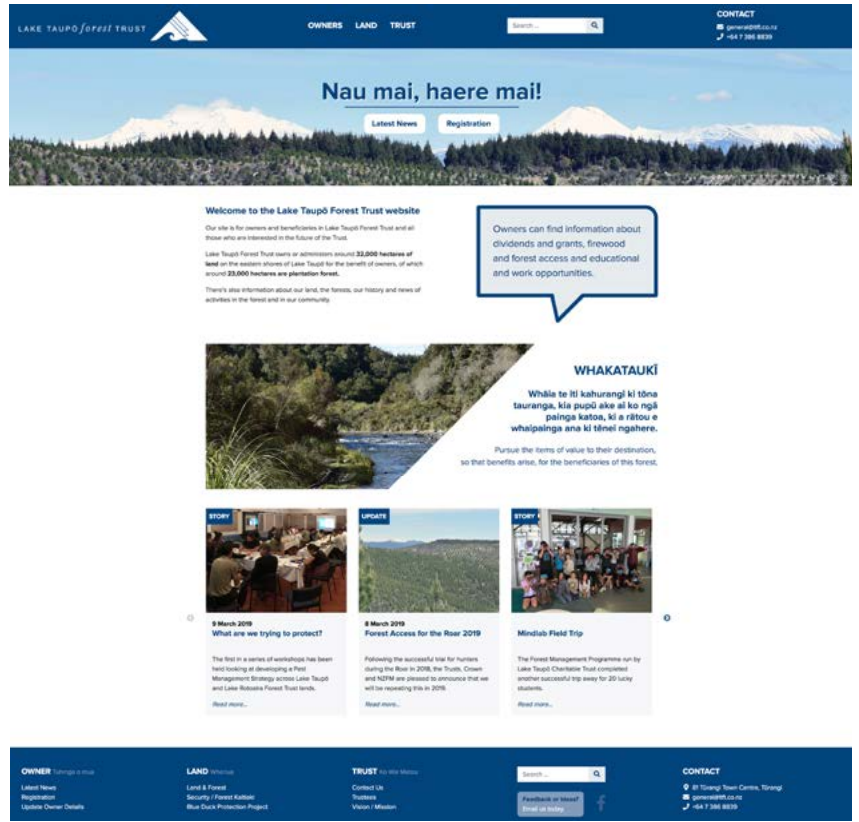
New LTFT website

If you haven't had a chance yet, check out the new Lake Taupō Forest Trust website. It's designed to be easier to use and has better information. Please visit www.ltft.co.nz to find out the latest LTFT news.

2019 Education Grants now open

Applications are now open for Lake Taupō Forest Trust Tertiary Education Grants. If you are an owner in Lake Taupō Forest Trust or one of their descendants and are studying full-time at university, a polytechnic or wānanga, you can apply. Eligible areas of study are forestry, finance, business management, law, science, engineering, environment, information technology, GIS mapping and marketing.

Applications can be downloaded from either www.ltft.co.nz/grants or by contacting Lake Taupō Charitable Trust, phone 07 386 6843. Applications close 31 May 2019.



Do you know these people or their uri?

The owners below are owed significant funds of unclaimed monies. If you know these people or their uri, we'd really appreciate knowing their whereabouts so we can get them registered and have their monies paid.

SURNAME	FIRST NAME
AKITARA	Kerehi
ERUETI	Maeke
HOHEPA	Hare
IWIKAU	Parakau
JACKSON	Mary
MATATAHI	Hirai
NEPIA	Kerehi
NGAHUIA	Mariana
PAKAU	Pikihiuia
PAPA	Karo
PARATI	Tawhi
RANGIMARAMA	Erana
RANGINUI	Hamipahiora
TAAUNGA	Te Kahutiaki

SURNAME	FIRST NAME
TAIHAKOA	Anatipa
TE AWHI	Ngahuia
TE HEUHEU	Te Otimi
TE HEUHEU	Kapara
TE HIKO	Te Hiko
TE MATARINA	Takihi
TE UIRA	Ripeka
TE WHARETURORO	Eru
TURAMA HENARE	Estate of
UTIKU	Raretutu
WERATA	Rangitowhare
WEREWERE	Rameka
WHIO	Rangiwhakaarahia
WI TAUTEKA	Te Raima


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