

HE PANUI

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From the Chairman

Tena ra tatou e te whanau,

Our Autumn panui heralds a change in seasons as well as other changes for Te Uranga B2 Incorporation.

Andrew Martin left the Committee of Management earlier this year leaving a legacy seen throughout the property in the many buildings he built and restored. We acknowledge Andrew's great contribution during his 22 year term as a committee member and chairman, and wish him every success in his new ventures. He mihi kau ana ki a koe e hoa.

"Farming forward" has meant our farming enterprise was well prepared for the long, hot summer, and like others we welcome the rainy season. We are reviewing our business plans and farming systems so we are 'weather ready' for the year ahead.

Finally, we are keen to keep in touch with all our shareholders, so please remember to update your contact details, kia ora!

Nga manaakitanga. Traci Houpapa (Chairman)

Farm Report...

Unfortunately the summer has turned out to be one that was forecast back in the summer edition. The prolonged dry spell which has now seen the whole of the North Island thrust into drought has also had a significant impact on all three of the Te Uranga farming operations. What has now been classed as the "worst drought in 70 years" has slowed pasture growth significantly meant a change in the farm plans for the autumn. It is likely now that the dairy cows will be dried off earlier on both Koromiko and Paatara and Upoko has been busy selling surplus stock to ensure we have enough feed on hand for the winter.

It is interesting to compare the current season to the last big drought the region had which was back in 2007/08. While this drought is turning out to be more severe, the overall impact on the Incorporations financial result will be less than that faced five years

ago. This is a result of the changes that have been made to the farming operations to ensure they can cope with years like this. The weather experts tell us that we need to expect more of this type of weather pattern in the future which confirms that the path Te Uranga is on is the right one.

The maize trial being conducted on Koromiko has been successful with the yield achieved being comparable to farms in the Waikato. We will now assess this more fully to establish if we will continue this in the years to come. As we move forward to the autumn and winter months the focus is on ensuring that the farms are well set up for next year with sufficient feed and stock in good condition. *Darren McNae, Farm Management Consultant, AgFirst*

2013 Horizon's Region - Ballance Farm Environmental Awards -*promoting sustainable profitable farming*

Te Uranga B2 Inc entered its 3 farms into the competition and after the first round of judging 'Upoko' sheep and beef farm, managed by Jack Valois, and 'Paatara' dairy farm, sharemilkers Dean and Lucy Marshall, made it to the regional finals.

Category and Supreme winners were announced at the BFEA Dinner in Palmerston North on Friday March 8th. Over 200 guests attended, including ourselves – Kaumatua Harry Kereopa and daughter Kaike, Dean and Jack, and fellow CoM members Alan and Derek.

The evening's first award was the 'Margaret Matthews Trophy for Commitment to Sustainability' presented to Vonda Houpapa, Te Uranga B2!

The next award Horizons Regional Council (for the integration of trees) was presented to someone else at our table, Jack Valois. And later in the evening Dean Marshall, 'Paatarā' sharemilker accepted the LIC Dairy Farm Award. A worthy achievement for a first-time entrant!

Horizon's BFEA Supreme Winners were Curwen and Mariji Hare who run a 275 ha sheep and dairy grazing farm in Fielding. They will be up against 8 other regional winners for the top award. *Vonda Houpapa, Committee of Management Environment Portfolio*

For more about the BFEA: www.nzfeatrust.org.nz

Unpaid Estate Monies

Since the last panui, I am pleased to report the amount of unpaid monies has decreased from \$133,000 to \$127,000. An 8% drop!

Listed below are estates the Incorporation is still holding unclaimed monies. Did you know these people or have any leads that can put us in touch with their whanau? If so, contact Patricia Woitasek at patricia@balanceonline.co.nz or phone her at 07 8953013 or go in to see her at Balance Chartered Accountants, 37 Miriama Street, Taumarunui. You can also ring me.

S/H No	Name	Amount
400	Harold Te Kerapa Campbell	\$2448.47
1160	Louis Kingi Campbell	\$1456.40
8896	Jean Dyall	\$1199.15
260	Deana Houpapa	\$3031.49
3710	Tako Houpapa	\$3450.20
1120	Leslie Matena	\$1539.96
640	Hone Titari Matena	\$2337.77
2080	Riwhenua Mokena	\$3744.37
1550	Motemote Ngahuinga	\$6144.49
1200	Maata Te Auraki	\$3513.11
1890	Te Raierea Te Matiu	\$1697.95
430	Hemara Te Wharangi	\$4506.65
550	Hoani Wehiwehi	\$1483.68
940	Kapokapo Puhipuhi	\$1082.95

Alan Cockle, Committee of Management, 02108115229

Ahuwhenua BNZ

Te Uranga B2's sheep and beef operation is a finalist in the prestigious Ahuwhenua Trophy BNZ Maori Excellence in Farming Competition. 2013 marks the 80th anniversary of the first competition which was introduced by Sir Apirana Ngata with the support of the then Governor-General, Lord Bledisloe so we are thrilled to be in the top three with Te Hape B Trust (Te Hape Station) and Te Awahohonu Forest Trust (Tarawera Station)

The competition recognises excellence and achievement in the Maori farming sector, in particular, successful approaches to governance, financing, management, environmental sustainability and the merging of tikanga Maori. It also highlights the contribution the Maori farming sector currently makes to the whole of the New Zealand economy.

The winner is announced at an Awards dinner to be held on Friday 7 June 2013, at Pettigrew Events Centre, Taradale. For more details and tickets to the event check www.ahuwhenuatrophy.maori.nz.

Public Field Day - Ahuwhenua BNZ

This will be held on the farm on Tuesday 23 April starting at 8.30am. If you want to attend let Derek know how many will be attending, and if you have a 4WD vehicle with low & high ratio. Registrations close Thurs 18 April.

A chance for you to meet the judges, locals and our opponents!

Field Day for Tarawera Station is May 2 and a week later for Te Hape Station, May 9.

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*Te toto o te tangata, he kai, Te oranga o te tangata he whenua
Food supplied the blood of man; his welfare depends on the land*

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