

HE PANUI

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Chairperson's report

Te mihi tuatahi ki te matua i te rangi
 Te whare o Potatau Te Wherowhero me te whare
 o Te Heuheu ka nui te mihi.
 Nga mate o te tau o te marama o te wiki e moe
 Te whanau o Te Uranga tena koutou!
 Anei te panui tuatahi mo tenei tau
 Welcome to this our first panui for 2024, a
 snapshot of the year so far and of things to come.
 We trust you'll enjoy the read.

Alan Cockle

Chairperson, Te Uranga B2 Incorporation



Photo: Hikurangi in the warmer months,
 Sonny Houpapa

EDUCATION GRANT CHANGES

As discussed at our AGM in 2023, proposed
 changes will be made to our Education Grants.
 Please see details below:

TERTIARY

Our Tertiary grants will remain the same but with
 a distinct focus on separate 'Pou' as a
 representation to the memory of our five original
 Committee of Management Members:

- Pou Taiao, Jack Wooster
- Pou Tangata, Gary Houpapa
- Pou Tiriti, Moari Matena
- Pou Hauora, Lily Kilgour
- Pou Toi, Sonny Houpapa

Pou Taiao - Environmental/ Whenua/ Wai

Agriculture, Marine Biology, Forestry, Science,
 Engineering

Pou Tangata - "He Tangata"

Education and ECE, Law, Business and Commerce,
 Media

Pou Tiriti - Mātauranga Māori

Policy and Strategy, Te Reo Māori Studies,
 Governance, Treaty Settlements and Te Tiriti o
 Waitangi

Pou Hauora – Te Oranga o te Tangata

Sport, Medical and Health Sciences, Social
 Services, Support Services, Physiotherapy

Pou Toi – Mahi Toi

Art, Architecture, Design, Creative Industries,
 Fabrication

BOARDING SCHOOL

Grant of \$1000 to go towards boarding school
 costs.

Progress report to be provided to Committee of
 Management upon application and re-application.

Secondary	\$300
Primary	\$200
ECE/ Kohanga Reo	\$150

These changes have been made to offer more
 variety for our whānau who would like to further
 education opportunities for their tamariki and
 mokopuna.

The forms have been amended online and ready
 for submission. There are a few current
 applications that have been received in the past
 two months, which will be discussed at our next
 Committee of Management meeting and new
 changes reflected in these.

Paper copies will also be available from PEAK
 Chartered Accountants office here in Taumarunui.

Hia Kaitupeka, Hauora Day March 2024

On March 23 the date was set for the Annual Memorial Woodchopping event to be held at Hia Kaitupeka. Unfortunately, due to flooding in the previous weeks to the lead up of the event, a good portion of the prepared blocks were washed away. With the date still booked, our whānau at the marae still provided a fun whānau day which proved very successful.

Photos:



Chopping demonstrations team.



Piaua Ki Te Ao – braving the elements on the day and winning best dressed team



2nd Place Netball, “The Valleyites”

FARM UPDATE

The Headwinds Have Arrived

We have been mentioning for the last year that there are some headwinds arriving for the primary sector and, sadly, these have arrived. The land use sector, be it sheep, beef, dairy, forestry is battling through some very challenging times at present after riding a wave of strong returns in recent years. There are a number of factors at play that are causing this, most of these are out of the control of farming businesses, like the Incorporation.

The dairy industry has some stability with the milk price being around \$8.00 / kg MS and likely to stay at this level. This has the average dairy farm just above breakeven – i.e. making money but not much! Many will have seen the recent media reports stating that a large portion of the sheep and beef sector will be operating at a loss this year due largely to the big drop in lamb and mutton prices, which is on the back of low wool prices. There is no real change on the horizon and these prices are likely to stay for the next financial year at least. Thankfully Upoko has a good portion of cattle on farm (around 45% of the stock) and these returns are tracking fairly well.

On a plus side, the King Country has had another summer season that has been pretty good for growing grass and the farms and livestock are in good shape and will be in a good place to have a strong year ahead.

The Incorporation, like all farms has had to watch its expenditure pretty closely this year, but most importantly, the work that the Incorporation has done over the last decade to pay down debt and strengthen the business, is really working well now and has put in a stronger position than many farms in the country. There is some real financial pain out there in the rural sector that will flow through to towns such as Taumarunui, but as an industry we have been there before and survived. Te Uranga B2 Incorporation has a very strong ship in this storm.

- Darren McNae

TAUMARUNUI SHEARS - FEBRUARY 2024

The Committee of Management has been working close with Chris Brown and Alan Donaldson who form the organising committee to host the Taumarunui Shears every year.

With a successful show produced in 2023 for the first time being hosted here, this year's event was even bigger with the entry numbers of 150 Shearer's and 90 Wool handlers registering to make for an exciting and fun filled day.

It was great to see a really good number of locals taking part and also making finals.

The location provided on farm creates such a good whānau atmosphere and will be an annual event that the local community will look forward to.



View of the event from the top of Paatara



Panui Distribution 2024

May 2024

August 2024

November 2024