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Tēnā koutou e te whānau

Te Rohe o Te Wairoa after 30 years have just signed their deed of settlement with the Crown. Along with an apology the settlement includes financial redress of \$100 million, which is made up of cash and land under the Wharerata and Patunamu forests; includes also first rights of refusal over 147 properties held by the Department of Conservation, Housing New Zealand, and Land Information New Zealand, as well as other surplus crown properties landbanked by the Office of Treaty Settlements. This is the fifth largest settlement to date.

Te Rohe o Potae Claims hearings concluded in February 2015 and just now the Maniapoto Maori Trust Board has received a mandate, commencing with the appointment of iwi members to form a team to develop a process that will satisfy the Office of Treaty Settlement and iwi. This process will open the way for the Crown and Maniapoto to expedite a settlement. Delaying this process is the Crown's insistence it will only negotiate with a Large Natural Grouping (LNG) when some Maniapoto hapu want their own discreet settlement.

It's almost two years since the last evidence was heard at Te Kuiti Pa! Settlement negotiations with Crown seems somewhere in the distant future!

*Derek Kotuku Wooster,
Chairman*

Two months is two years!

Sometimes the speed with which things can change in the farming game are just astounding. While sometimes this is good, other times this can be very destructive. One of the main challenges we often talk about in farming is



the things we can control and the things we cannot. Unfortunately, the big ones of markets and climate we cannot control but they have such a large bearing on the result.

For the areas, we can control, we can usually monitor these and act where required, be this the weight of stock or the milk being produced by the cows. This means we, generally, don't have too many surprises if we plan well and monitor the situation closely.

For the things, we can't we are sometimes caught by surprise and can have little time to adapt. Be this the fantastic upward shift in the milk price recently (back to \$6.00 / kg MS - brilliant!) or on the negative side the very poor spring that just kept raining which has resulted in lower production of milk and slow lamb weight gain. The poor spring has meant that dairy production in the whole country is well behind last year and it looks like lamb production will be back as well. Frustrating, but one where we must keep the focus on ensuring we make the best of the situation and focus on maximising the profit. It is less about asking "what if we had done this" and more about "what can we do better in the future". You can't drive a car looking in the rear-view mirror.

As noted at the start sometimes the shifts can happen that quickly that two months feels like two years in the farming game but it is about looking forward to the next two months not back at the last two.

Darren McNae, Agribusiness Advisor

2016 Annual General Meeting – 26 November

Commencing with a small group of shareholders the farming team demonstrated the use of small on-farm technology, nitrate leaching and sheep condition-scoring. The group then repo-ed to the Ngakonui Hall for the Annual General Meeting.

They were greeted by more shareholders increasing the attendance tally to 39. The largest attendance in recent years. As you know Vonda Houpapa has retired leaving a vacancy on the committee – 4 nominations were received and Donna Tuwhangai polled the highest.

The special resolutions to introduce Postal Voting, so that those who can't attend meetings can vote, was rejected. At times the tenor of the meeting was boisterous particularly when a call for poll voting was made. There was strong resentment from small shareholders saying that large shareholders should not exercise their constitutional right. The meeting finally ended with the chairman declaring General Business would be forfeited for lunch which was already delayed. Salad, ham, lamb, pavlova and Russian fudge was heartily consumed by a famished gathering.

Upoko Woolshed hosts the Sons of a Bitch Show.

On 27th October, the Upoko Woolshed was selected to host the sell-out music-theatre-comedy show "Sons of a Bitch" and country singer Mel Parsons. About one hundred locals attended, being offered barbeque food by the local school fundraisers, before they entered, and once in the shed, could purchase a cold beer. Incidentally the bar man was Mel Parsons father, who could remember every one's names as they came up for their second beer. Mel Parsons sang the first half, beautifully, fully participating with her audience. The second half was a hilarious skit of two farm pups being taken to the vet, and interacting with the other "city" dog patients. The whole show was very professional. It reminded me very much, of 50 years ago, when the annual local concert was held in the community hall. All the locals turned up, caught up with the gossip, put on local talent items and skits, much to everyone's delight.

Richard Burgess, Committee of Management

28 Years of Service

In November, Vonda Houpapa stepped down from the Committee of Management following 28 years of service to the Incorporation, our whānau and

our whenua. During her time on the Committee she has much to be proud of, but perhaps her dedication to ensuring the environmental integrity of our whenua most of all.

Vonda was elected to the Committee in 1988 and took responsibility for the Committee's environmental portfolio. From early stages, Vonda brokered a strong working relationship between the Committee, the farm managers and Horizons. As part of the portfolio, Vonda was responsible for implementation of the Committee's Environmental Plan. That the 1997 Plan is only one action from completion (full retirement of the Upokomatu River) is a testament to Vonda's dedication to achieve our collective environmental aspirations for the Incorporation. As a sign of her tireless work, just this year, the Incorporation received a positive and complementary audit from Horizons this year. This places us in a good forward position and challenges us to maintain the foundations that Vonda has put in place.

While Vonda is humble about her achievements, others have recognised her commitment and the commitment she has inspired in others. In 2013, the Incorporation was the proud recipient of three farming environmental awards: The Horizons Regional Council Award (Upoko manager, Jack Valois), the LIC Dairy Farm Award (sharemilkers, Dean and Lucy Marshall), and the Margaret Matthews Cup (Vonda Houpapa).

While Vonda leaves the Committee table, we will miss her for her tenacity, keen insight and sharp wit. And while Vonda is humble about her achievements on the Committee, we are ever proud of what she has accomplished for the Incorporation, our whānau and our whenua. We wish you all the best, Vonda. Ngā mihi maioha.

Jonathon Kilgour, Committee of Management

Meri Kirihimete me ngā mihi o te tau hou ki a koutou katoa.

Comments and contributions welcome

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