

## HE PANUI

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### *Tēnā koutou e te whānau*

At the Koroneihana last month the government announced it's \$4 million spend on New Zealand Land Wars commemorations.

These skirmishes took place between 1843 and 1905 between Crown soldiers and Māori defending their lands, in Wairau, Northland, Taranaki, Waikato, Te Urewera, Tauranga, Opotiki and the East Coast.

I don't remember learning about any of this when I was at school so I hope much of the 4 million will be spent on resources to inform our young ones about the NZ Land Wars and the effects it has had on the formation of our people, our country and our culture.

Pupils and teachers of Otorohanga College must be acknowledged for the major role they played in influencing our government. Kia kaha!

*Derek Kotuku Wooster, Chairman*

### **Glass Half Full?**

In the space of the last month the dairy industry has swung from glass half empty to a glass half full. Many will have seen the announcement from Fonterra last week where an additional \$0.50 / kg MS was added to the dairy payout. This doesn't sound like much but the reality is that for a business the size and structure of Te Uranga this equates to \$75,000. Of course, if this comes to fruition we don't get this all until October 2017 so there is a bit of a wait for the money to roll in, and a few bills to pay between now and then. We also need to remember that the Te Uranga business is a supplier to Miraka so we only hope they follow suit with the same trend now that their payout is not linked to the Fonterra one.

This increase was a bit of a surprise to the industry as the Global Dairy Trade (GDT) auctions had largely "flat lined" across the winter and it was only the last two auctions in August that saw a lift. It was with some surprise then that the announcement came but we need to keep in

perspective that across the whole dairy industry - this result only gets the "average" farm to breakeven i.e. still not making a profit! Regardless of "the number" however there is some positivity coming back into the sector which is a great morale booster for the industry.

As noted above the supply to Miraka comes with a slightly different payment structure than Fonterra. One of these factors is the Te Ara Miraka programme. This is an incentive scheme run by Miraka to encourage a whole range of industry best practice management. This covers everything from environmental practice to staff and animal management to name a few. The better the farms do, the more share of the payment we get. It only makes up \$0.20 / kg MS of the milk cheque but in the current dairy environment every bit helps. There is a strong onus on both Te Uranga and the sharemilkers as a team to do all we can to get this little bit extra. In summary, there is not much chance of the glass overflowing like it did back in 2014 but at least it looks like the glass might finally be filling up, slowly.

*Darren McNae, Agribusiness Advisor*

### **Values Survey**

The Committee of Management is keen to know what the owners expect of the Incorporation. Your views can help in their decision making and how they run your business.

Accompanying this panui is a brief survey, which you are invited to complete and return by Freepost.

If you've received this by email this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7PGJ2RK> will take you to the survey. The link is also on Te Uranga B2's Facebook.

The survey is for all owners and Whanau Trust beneficiaries to answer, so send them a photocopy or email them the link. Views of

rangatahi as well as our pākeke and kaumatua are welcome.

Your answers will remain anonymous and results will be published at the AGM.



### Another 24 Months to Go

Te Ture Whenua Māori Bill was introduced on 14 April 2016. It can be viewed and downloaded from

<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/bill/government/2016/0126/latest/DLM6388702.html?src=qs>

The bill passed its first reading on 11 May 2016 and has been referred to the Māori Affairs select committee.

Submissions on the bill closed on 14 July 2016 and the select committee is currently hearing submissions from those submitters who asked to be heard in person. The select committee will consider all submissions and in due course report the bill back to the House with amendments, if any, it considers appropriate.

Under Standing Orders select committees have 6 months to report back (unless they obtain an extension). At this point the select committee is on track to report the bill back within the 6-month period, namely in early November 2016.

After that, the bill has three more Parliamentary steps to get to enactment, namely a second reading, consideration by the committee of the whole House when its components are debated and Members can seek further amendments, and finally a third reading.

Once a bill passes its third reading it is referred to the Governor-General for Royal assent. On present projections this bill is expected to reach that stage around March/April 2017.

At that point the bill will have become law but it will not have come into force. It will not come into force until the commencement date which is likely to be 1 October 2018.

For existing incorporations and ahu whenua trusts there will be a further transition period to meet the updated eligibility criteria for committee members and trustees. For incorporations the transition has less impact and will be 3 years, taking the transition out to 1 October 2021. For ahu whenua trusts it will be 1 October 2023. Incorporations and ahu whenua trusts will continue to operate under their existing constitutions and trust orders and will not be required to change to a new structure, unless of course they choose to do so.

*John Grant, Te Puni Kokiri*

### AGM 2016 – Saturday 26 November

In the morning we'll learn how to "Condition Score" sheep with Rod, Casey and Ata. Check out this You Tube website for condition scoring - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1F5V-GcG1Qk>

Day begins at 0930 at Ngā Kōhatu.

### Te Puni Kōkiri Funding – go to these websites

**Moving the Māori Nation** is a contestable fund to promote Whānau Ora through whakapakari tinana and is aimed at improving the wellbeing of whānau Māori

<http://www.tpk.govt.nz/en/whakamahia/moving-the-maori-nation/>

**The Whenua Māori Fund** supports Māori land owners to explore different uses of land and ways of boosting its productivity.

<http://www.tpk.govt.nz/en/whakamahia/land-and-environment/whenua-maori-fund>

### Comments and contributions welcome

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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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