

HE PANUI

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Tēnā koutou e te whanau

Wherever you are, whatever restriction you are living with, whomever you are missing, whatever you thought you could not do without, you are still there and so are we! Coming up is even more – will you brave the coronavirus vaccine, will you do with a majority Labour government, will you continue with the vegetable garden you started during lockdown and are you still waiting for the Breadmaker to arrive or still using the old cast iron camp oven? Some of us will never want to change but let's face it we all can and will do just like we are doing on our whenua to prepare us to meet the demands of a new way of farming to meet our whanau as well as international market needs.

How many times have you had to write your name and mobile number since March?

Tu pakari, whakamanamana, manaaki tetahi ki tetahi

Stand strong, be proud and be kind to each other.



The Need for Change

“The only constant in life is change”. These words were spoken by Heraclitus, an ancient Greek philosopher who clearly was thinking what farming in the 21st century in New Zealand would be like because we are being faced with the need to change the way we live. This is not to say that everything that we have done has been wrong but we understand significantly more now about the impact that everyday life, including farming, is having on the world that we live.

We are shifting from a focus on production to a focus on efficiency. This is producing more (or

the same) with less. The less might be less impact on waterways, less carbon or dare we say it less rain. We are being forced now to have a more balanced approach to how we farm, considering the impact alongside the production or profit. The world cannot simply move to a model of less input which drives less output – we will quite simply starve. But we need to think about how efficiently we can use the resources we have to produce meat, milk or timber.

There is even more compliance coming directly from central Government supporting this notion of understanding the impact of being human – be this driving your car or milking a cow. For agriculture, this is causing some struggle for farmers and regional councils alike to understand what this will mean and how we farm. For Te Uranga this is exactly why there is so much focus on improving milk produced per cow or thinking about planting trees on some areas – so that we know that the Te Uranga business can continue to thrive in the future when many will still be struggling to keep up and work out how they can balance their operation.

Forestry Harvest on Upoko

The main woodlot owned by Te Uranga is a 30ha block of trees at the back of Upoko bordering Hiangamatau. This area is now coming due for harvest, partially due to the age of the trees and partially due to the size of the trees now starting to see some of the fall over in the steep and wet gully. With log prices holding at good levels the time is right to harvest these trees and replant for another rotation.

The Incorporation is currently reviewing tenders for the harvest of these trees to determine the contractor who will undertake the job. This is a complex harvest with three stream crossings, a tricky access track and importantly making this practical alongside the

operation of Upoko given access is up the main farm lane. While maximizing the return from the forest is key, the CoM also needs to consider a raft of other factors such as health and safety, environmental practices, roading construction, employment of local people. After all of these are weighed up, the CoM will be looking to appoint a contractor to harvest the trees this summer.



Once the harvest is completed, the area will be replanted, likely in a mix of pines and Manuka in the winter of 2021

2020 AGM Review

This AGM was held at the Ngakonui Hall with 35 owners coming from as far south as Wellington and Auckland in the north with the majority from Taumarunui. A good third attended the Taringamotu o Tamakahi Trust AGM the day before.

The 35 shareholders present represented 1100.8362 shares which is 11.5% of the total shareholding of 9527.8476 shares.

Among the standard resolutions passed by the shareholders was the acceptance of the Committee's recommendation of a \$12 per share dividend and, the \$225 kaumatua grant for those registered shareholders over 65 years, both sums you will have already received in your bank account provided Evelynne has your bank details. If you haven't been paid your dividend or grant then perhaps Evelynne doesn't have those details. Evelynne's contacts are **07 895 3013** or evelynne@peakca.co.nz.

Evelynne can also help you to apply for a kaumatua grant if you are eligible. Send through

your details to Evelynne but don't expect to be paid until next year!

Betty Peck, Pukeroa Whanau Trust, Rangiwatea Tāne and one other, each won a \$100 New World Voucher. If you're the "one other" then please let us know.

Two Committee of Management members, Alan Cockle and Derek Wooster were due to retire by rotation. Both were available for re-election and were duly appointed owing to no nominations presented.

Next year's AGM will be **SATURDAY 27 DECEMBER 2021**

Whole Farm Plan

Within 5 years all farms of 20 ha or more must have in place a farm plan that complies with several new regulations to offset the impacts of water, air (greenhouse gases) and biodiversity degradation through the way we have farmed for generations.

And as Darren says earlier, we need to change and Te Uranga B2 has an upper hand in this race to make sure our whenua and farming practices are going help create a better and safer Aotearoa for our mokopuna. Our Greenhouse Gases and Native Biodiversity studies and riparian fencing and plantings - started way back in 1990s - and more recently our engagement of John Paul Praat, groundtruth.co.nz, will well and truly give leverage to the creation, within 12 months, of our Whole Farm Plan - we have 2 dairy farms, one drystock and a forest block - all will make changes for the benefit of all. Little things like ensuring our culverts are  fish friendly

Comments welcome - send to Derek Wooster, email: derekwooster@outlook.com

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