

HE PANUI

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Tēnā koutou e te whānau

Winter's upon us and we're all thinking about warmth. For those living locally here's a chance to stock pile next winter's firewood!

Glen Martin is harvesting our pines alongside Piaua and Ngakonui Ongarue Roads over the next few weeks. You are welcome to get firewood but please be careful and take notice of the safety signs and do not go on site while machines are there particularly when they're in use. If you must get your wood then; then phone Glen (**021996954**) and he'll get you to sign a health & safety induction form. Or you can wait until he vacates the site and work is finished.

Kia haumarū, kia mau mahana (Be safe, keep warm)

Derek Kotuku Wooster, Chairman

June 2016 Perspective

As the 2015/16 season draws to a close we reflect partially on where the year has gone but more importantly where we are heading. It is easy to get down about farming at present, particularly if you are in the business of milking cows but as we have always stated it is important to keep the eye on the big picture. If the big business is sound, then the tight cashflow is only a "blip". The recent celebration of the Ahuwhenua Trophy Maori Excellence in Dairy Farming Awards dinner proved this. Here were Maori businesses still prepared to put their businesses in the spotlight for the betterment of their long term goals. Motivating indeed even with three historically low milk payouts on the cards.

One only has to look at the focus that there is on Maori Agribusiness (its more than just farming!) right across the country and all the way up to Government. The future is incredibly bright and this is proven by the support that is backing the sector.

In my role as an Agribusiness Advisor to a number of Maori entities throughout the Central Region I see farming businesses from many angles. The

overall picture for Te Uranga B2 remains positive. The Incorporation has scale, diversity, low debt, stable management, sound governance. Life is all about perspective and all of these factors also mean "opportunity" and we cannot forget at times like this, the next step up can be just around the corner.

A great quote to put that in perspective is:

"The pessimist complains about the wind, the optimist expects it to change and the realist adjusts the sail". William A Ward.

Te Uranga B2 is busy adjusting its sail as we speak.
Darren McNae, Farm Consultant, AgFirst

Submissions on the Te Ture Whenua Māori Bill are now open

As you may have seen or heard, the Te Whenua Māori Bill passed its first reading in Parliament. What this means is that the public can now make submissions on the Bill.

In an earlier pānui, we advised how the reform maintained its focus on keeping Māori land within Māori ownership and for owners to use their land as they see fit – the same as the current Te Ture Whenua Māori Act. Traci Houppapa, shareholder and past Incorporation Chairperson, was a member of the Ministerial Advisory Committee that helped progress the Bill to this stage.

Key parts of the Bill include:

Maori trusts and incorporations may continue under their current governance structure: and Councils will have the ability to remove rates arrears on unoccupied and unused Maori land. In the Committee of Management's view, the Bill does not pose any significant changes to the Incorporation structure or business operations. If you are interested in following the Bill, or in making a personal submission, use these links.

About making submissions on the Bill:

http://www.parliament.nz/en-nz/pb/sc/make-submission/51SCMA_SCF_00DBHOH_BILL68904_1/te-ture-whenua-māori-bill

How the submission process works:

<http://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-nz/00CLOOCMakingSubmission1/75e48401cb079d2af1b4e2152cbe5871189beff8>

You will find the Bill at

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

Feel free to find the online version of this Newsletter on the Te Uranga B2 webpage, and to use the links there.

Jonathon Kilgour, Committee of Management

The 'other three' in the photo from the 80s in the last Panui were Jack & Mona Wooster, and Graham Murray.

'Our Man' - Luke Pepper

Koromiko Dairy sharemilker Luke Pepper has been appointed Ruapehu Federated Farmers Dairy Chair. He's the lead Dairy person in the Ruapehu area and the go-between dairy farmers, and Federated Farmers. He also represents Ruapehu Dairy farmers at a national level in Wellington and advocates on dairy farmers' behalf over issues that affect farming in this region. Luke will get weekly updates from Federated Farmers Dairy on current issues and solutions to distribute among farmers – there are 19 dairy farms in our region – Luke will meet with Dairy chairs from the 24 other national provinces and attend 2 conferences a year where they hear about the latest trends and threats to their industry. Luke's appointment will make us all better informed dairy farmers and smarter operators.



MIRAKA SITE OPEN DAY!

Saturday 25 June 2016

10.00 am – 2.00 pm

Miraka invites you and your family to join them for a tour of the factory and a BBQ lunch. (Closed footwear must be worn on site)

RSVP by 10 June to

Eileen.bowden@miraka.co.nz

Ph: 07 376 0015

Miraka factory is located in Oruanui close by Mokai Marae on Tirohanga Road, Taupo. This year will be Te Uranga B2's sixth season supplying milk to Miraka.

Wi Pere Trust FOMA Performance Plus Annual National Field Day

The Chairman and I went to the above field day on Monday 16th May 2016, in Patutahi just out of Gisborne. After a full day, going over their three farms, and listening to Wi Peres' farming team and other experts, I have to say, that this farming entity, is the most impressive one, I have ever had the fortune to visit.

Wi Pere's Business Structure is made up of a Board of Trustees, Business Advisory Group (Made up of leading academics and hands on experts), General Manager and Farm Managers.

Wi Pere has two Breeding Sheep and Cattle Farms - Otara 3300 ha and Tangihanga 2100 ha and a 1000 ha Finishing Farm.

To overcome "the just price takers' label Wi Pere supply British supermarket chain, Waitrose 20,000 lambs. Extensive changes to the Finishing Farm was done to meet Waitrose's strict conditions and supply requirements.

Wi Pere's 400 beneficiaries were last paid \$136 per share.

Richard Burgess CA, BBus, CoM

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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