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### **Tēnā koutou e te whanau**

You're no doubt aware that this year's Budget allocates almost \$33m to support the reforms of the Te Ture Whenua Bill. It's yet to have its final reading, however former Te Tumu Paeroa Deputy, Tiaki Hunia has been appointed by Minister Te Ururoa Flavell to spearhead the formation of the already controversial 'Maori Land Service'. Would it not have been better to use this money to better resource the Maori Land Court? The MLC holds volumes of information relating to whakapapa. Where will this all end up? Is this a re-birth of the pre-devolution Maori Affairs days? *Nga mihi, Derek Kotuku Wooster, Chairman*

### **Onward and Upward**

The 2016/17 is now ending and overall the year can be described overall as pretty good. What does that mean? Well the autumn weather has continued to work in our favour to grow grass – albeit it was a bit wet. As a farmer once said to me – “I will never complain about the rain but I will complain about it being too wet”. This in turn has meant that the production off the farms has met or exceeded the original budgets for the year thanks in part to a great effort by the management team on the ground. The on the market side of the equation there has also been a continued lift over the year and the average prices across all products, except for wool (!), have exceeded budget.

There was downside to the weather this year with the most notable one being the impact on the crops grown on the farm. This has had the greatest impact on Koromiko where the high yielding fodder beet crop failed twice in the spring and had to be resown in swedes. Following this the rain and cyclone conditions in April caused massive damage to the maize crop being grown for the dairy cows. This resulted in 60% of the crop being blown over and unable to be

harvested. So out of 160 tonnes planned we only ended up with around 64 tonnes. The cost of replacing this feed has been around \$24,000 but it is important that the cows are well fed and we start the 2017/18 season off on the right foot. Considering all of the “ups and downs” the overall result for the year is still looking like being the best for the Incorporation for a number of years. This is a testament to the strength of the business and to add to this the outlook for the coming years is also positive. Across the main sheep and beef markets there is some stability being forecast and we can expect much of the same next year. Early scanning results on the ewes are positive and all stock are in excellent condition. On the dairy front the payout for this season increased slightly to \$6.16 / kg MS and the forecast for next year is up again to around \$6.50/ kg MS. Bring on 2017/18.

*Darren McNae, Agribusiness Advisor*

### **Myrtle Rust**

As you're aware we will be planting 20,000 manuka seedlings late August. *Stephen Lee, Manuka Farming New Zealand*, our manuka supplier has emailed us this:

*“As a valued client of MFNZ, I thought I would provide you with an update on your order with us in light of the recent Myrtle Rust detection in certain parts of the North Island.*

*Here is what I can tell you:*

*The exact behaviour of myrtle rust in New Zealand conditions and what impact it will have on Mānuka is currently unknown.*

*Bees can transfer myrtle rust spores from plant to plant.*

*Bees can transfer spores into the hive. However, myrtle rust spores have not been observed in honey.*

*Our best information from the Australian experience, tells us that transmission of any spores out of the hive is considered unlikely and low risk. The honey season is over, and while MPI does not expect much movement of hives in the coming months we recommend that beekeepers not move their beehives until further information is gathered on bees as possible myrtle rust vectors. I have been in discussion with the nursery we use - Nga Rakau Nurseries. **Our plants (i.e. your order) are safe from Myrtle Rust infection as of now.** As at May 12, the Nga Rakau Nurseries have been exercising full compliance of NZPPI's (New Zealand Plant Producers Incorporated) Myrtle Rust Risk Management Protocol."*

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#### **Education Support.**

Education grants and scholarships are once again available to Te Uranga B2 Incorporation owners and their descendants. Based on feedback from owners at the AGM and the values survey conducted in 2016, we have re-established and expanded the type of education support that we are providing.

The Committee of Management continues the tradition of commitment to our people's education – particularly by acknowledging the importance of a good educational foundation and accessing opportunities through tertiary education. The Incorporation is making three types of grants and scholarships available: early childhood education grants, compulsory school (Years 1 to 13) grants and tertiary scholarships. Applications for the grants and scholarships will open on 1 July, and forms will be available on our website and on request from our Administrator at Balance Chartered Accountants.

*Jonathon Kilgour, Committee of Management*

#### **2017 Ahuwhenua Sheep & Beef Awards Dinner**

The Ahuwhenua awards was once again attended by many; this year attended by more politicians than I have seen in previous years, probably because of this year's general elections.

"Welcome to the winterless north." says Kelvin Davis (Labour) as he shook my hand - a gust of cold wind rustled my fur wrap and rain began to fall upon Whangarei's ASB stadium.

I thought this year's finalist were diverse and the judge's task was not an easy one. Omapere Rangihamama Trust near Kaikohe took out the win with judges commenting on their "clear strategy, contribution to education and overall farm performance"

Congratulations to the other two finalist RA and JG King Partnership of Puketawa Station near Eketahuna and our relations from Pukepoto Farm Trust near Ongarue.

Next year's Ahuwhenua Awards Dinner will be held in Christchurch.

*Donna Tuwhangai, Committee of Management*

#### **Birth – Bodhi-Jack McLeod Chadwick-Packer**

Welcoming our newest member to the team at Upoko sheep and beef farm – Bodhi-Jack is the long-awaited arrival of our shepherd Casey Chadwick and shareholder Helen and big brother Hunter Packer.



The proud Māmā combo were lucky to conceive during their first round of IVF treatment, and Bodhi is the result of an unknown clinic recruited donor, for which the girls will forever be grateful. Casey is currently on maternity leave while Helen works in the logging industry for a local contractor.

Nau mai, e tama, ki te ao tūroa

**Comments and contributions welcome**

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Food supplied the blood of man; his welfare depends on the land*

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