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## **Te Whānau A Haunui Ahuwhenua Trust Update**

**Year 2** of our strategic plan implementation is well underway. Over the next few months we are carrying out assessments of the farm block to investigate the most viable options for further development beyond the current leasing arrangements with beef grazing belonging to external parties. These assessments will help us to decide what can be grown, built, planted or adapted on the block to give us the best return and to better utilise what we have as an asset at Waimangō. We will keep our shareholders and beneficiaries up to date as these projects progress, in the meantime here are the most recent updates and some photos of the farm block that show what we need to do in these projects to improve its current physical state and to move beyond a low risk/low return use.

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*Photos taken*  
*7th Sept 2017*  
*from the*  
*Waimangō*  
*Farm Block*

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Heres a snapshot of what's developed since our last update:

- TPK Whenua Fund Project Kicked Off
- Assessing Repairs on the Farm House & Need to build the farm's infrastructure
- Health & Safety at Waimangō – Developing new policies & procedures
- Aquaculture Developments in the Gulf – Preparing for our own mussel farming venture
- Draft Trust Deed – Reviewing a new Deed for the Trust
- Defending our rights and interests in the marine space in High Court
- Attending the initialling of the Deed of Settlement for Ngāti Whanaunga
- The Upcoming Annual General Meeting on the 29th October 2017.

## TPK Whenua Fund Project

We have finally started the Whenua Fund Project and are now beginning to work with our specialist consultants and advisers in undertaking the physical assessments of the farm block. Our assessments will cover the feasibility and / or viability of plantations from native plants and trees for:

- harvesting boutique honeys
- textiles (flaxes and other fibre plants)
- shelter belts, erosion and riparian margins
- building & furniture materials from timber
- bio-actives, food and medicines

The overall focus for these new plantations is to sustainably harvest organically grown sources of native plants and trees to produce a range of high value ingredients and niche market products. We will be incorporating a conversion program to remediate the soils as we have used phosphates on the land for many years to grow pasture for grazing and dairying. The expertise for these assessments have come from as far as Wanganui, the South Island and Te Puke, and are also helping us build our information and knowledge kete, with which to better inform our decision making now and in the future.



## **Assessing Repairs on the Farm House & building the farm's infrastructure**

As we move forward with the new developments, we are considering how to improve the farm's infrastructure including the farm house which is in need of a significant and costly upgrade. One of the challenges is balancing what we use our resources for, between doing upgrades and investing in initiatives that will bring us a better commercial return so we can reinvest in the farm. We also need to consider the potential long term need for people to operate our ventures in the future. Unfortunately there are no government schemes available to assist with the repairs to the farm house. We must fund this ourselves. But first, we need to ensure we can derive an adequate income to afford more houses and build the plant facilities and utilities needed for the ventures we are planning for.

## **Health & Safety at Waimangō – Developing new policies & procedures**

In accordance with the latest changes in NZ's health and safety laws, we are drafting new policies & procedures for the health and safety of those who are employed as workers by the Trust<sup>1</sup> and those who are on the farm or use farm equipment. Priority for the Trustees, is to ensure those associated with the farm are safe and healthy but also those that do work on the farm are informed, take responsibility for keeping themselves and others safe, healthy and work with us to ensure our duties and obligations are complied with.

## **Aquaculture Developments in the Gulf – Preparing to enter into our own mussel farming venture**

Westpac Mussels are completing the final stages of the application to Auckland Council for the mussel farming space in and around the waters at Waimangō. Once they are submitted and approved, we will be in a position to plan our investment and activity in the mussel farming joint venture. We are very excited about the opportunity this will bring to TWAH.

## **Draft Trust Deed – Reviewing a new Deed for the Trust**

The Trustees are looking at adopting a new Deed – it contains more up to date and detailed provisions and is a recommended standard version offered by the Māori Land Court. A copy of the draft is available for shareholders and beneficiaries from the Secretary: [twah438@gmail.com](mailto:twah438@gmail.com) and will be placed on the agenda for adoption at this year's AGM on the 29th October 2017 at Waimangō.- The trustees should approve and recommend the final version to the AGM.

## **Defending our rights and interests in the marine space at Waimangō: High Court & OTS**

Our application to the High Court is proceeding through the various pre-hearing processes with funding approved at the highest rate for our project management team (Tuia Group) and our legal team (Simon Berry's Office). We will soon be able to engage a historian as well to help us prepare our evidence and defend our position against those who also claim they hold an interest inside the area we have identified as being in our undisturbed ownership (Waimangō land boundaries) or where we have held and can prove we hold a customary interest (Ngāti Whanaunga ki Wharekawa boundaries). We may not have to go to a

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full Court hearing if the Crown decides we can enter into direct negotiations with the Office of Treaty Settlements. In the meantime, we can use the lodgement of our application with the High Court & OTS to 'ring fence' our pending settlement area with those new applications for mussel farming space around Waimangō Point. We believe this places us / TWAH in a very strong position to determine how the waters in and around us are managed and developed and restores our mana to protect and enhance the whenua and moana at Waimangō.

## Hauraki Initialling of Deed of Settlements

Members of Te Whanau a Haunui were at the initialling of both Ngāti Whanaunga and Ngāti Tamaterā. These are our main iwi connections in Hauraki and whanau members are encourage to enrol with both Iwi. While our whanau are fortunate in still having Waimango, the only continuously owned Maori land on the western coast of Tikapa Moana, and focus much of our energies there , we also believe we need to be contributing to our wider iwi in Hauraki.

On the 25th of August 2017 a group of us had the honour of attending and participating in the intialling of the Deed of Settlement of Ngāti Whanaunga alongside our cousins and other relations at the Auckland Museum inside the wharenuui of Hoturoa. It was an auspicious occasion and one that will be etched in our hearts and minds for a long time to come. There is still some work to do to get the Deed finalised however our thanks and congratulations were paid to the negotiators and those who helped get our Iwi this far in the process. The photo below expresses a lot of the emotion and pride we experienced at this milestone event. A big mihi also to Charles who spoke so eloquently on our and Ngāti Whanaunga's behalf at the ceremony. Ngā mihinui Charles.



Morehu Wilson, Hauauru Rawiri, Tipa Compain, Charles Royal



On the 8th of September 2017, John McEnteer and Liane Ngamane, negotiators on behalf of Ngāti Tamaterā, along with Antony Royal, Chair of Ngāti Tamaterā Post Settlement Governance Entity (PSGE) initialled Ngāti Tamaterā's iwi specific treaty settlement. This has also now been initialled by the Minister. The next step is for the settlement to be ratified by the members of Ngāti Tamaterā.



John McEnteer, Antony Royal, Liane Ngamane

Other settlements such as the Marutuahu and Hauraki Collective settlements are still to be initialled. We will see what happens once the new government is in place.

**Nau mai haere mai!!**

**Public Notice of AGM for Ahuwhenua Trust 2017.**

**Wharekawa 4B2A1B2**

Shareholders in the above block are invited to the Annual General Meeting  
to be held on Sunday the 29th of October 2017  
at 11am  
at Waimangō (400 Orere-Matingarahi Road).

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