

HOKOTEHI NEWSLETTER

Tahei (August) 2020

In August, it is the time to reflect and count the years that are associated with the Moriori 12 year calendar. The calendar is named for a now extinct plant called arapuhi that had 12 branches. The names for the 12 years are:

1. Hitanuku
2. Hitarangi
3. Hitara
4. Hitikaurereka
5. Hitikaupeke
6. Towhangaporoporo
7. Towhangarei
8. Muruwhenua
9. Murutau
10. Murukoroki
11. Muruangina
12. Putehāpā

These days we often associate this time of the year with thoughts of the cold weather coming to a close and hopes for spring. It is a transition time and perfect for thinking of the years ahead and what has gone behind.

Ta imi Moriori, tēnā kotou, hokomenetai me rongō

Ka nui te mihi ki a kotou kā hūnau Moriori. Moe mai kā mate Moriori, moe mai takoto mai. Our deepest sympathies go out to all those who have lost loved ones in the last few months.

PJ Pirika

The island recently mourned the death of young PJ Pirika, who was killed in a farm accident in New Zealand. PJ came home to Rēkohu to a very moving tangi held in Kaingaroa. This photo was taken during an arts wānanga in 2011. PJ was a much loved young man so full of spirit.



Our hearts go out to his whanau and extended family and friends in this very sad time. Moe mai ra

Welcome to the world...

Over the last few months we have had occasions to celebrate the arrival of new life in our community. Congratulations go to Kieran (Zin) Lanauze & Grace Parkinson of Rangihauate who welcomed precious Koden on 12th June. We wish you all the best for parenthood and hope you are enjoying this early time together.



Koden arriving on Rangihauate with Dad (Zin) and Mum (Grace)

CHAIR REPORT

Tēnā kotou ta Imi Moriori

I hope that this finds you all well or as well as can be in the circumstances the world is currently experiencing!

The rock lobster industry continues to experience difficulties with the markets into China opening and closing on the back of a resurgent Covid19. It is a particularly difficult time for many of our fishers and their families on Rēkohu with the uncertain state of the industry.

Covid19 has also impacted on the introduction of our Deed of Settlement Bill into Parliament. This was supposed to have happened in May this year but now will not happen until after the elections and hopefully before the end of 2020. That being the case, it is likely that our Bill will not complete all readings in the House - and therefore our settlement finalised - until towards the end of 2021. That is disappointing but can't be helped.

The AGM this year will be held on Rēkohu (15 November) and the Board has agreed to subsidise up to 10 airfares from members on the mainland to attend the AGM. Further details are provided in this newsletter on this.

Trustees will be having our next face to face meeting at 'Earthsong' in Auckland at the end of August. Earthsong is where our CEO Tony and his wife Justine were living prior to moving to Rēkohu in February. Earthsong is a community whose principles are based on collective decision making and sharing, and Tony informs me that they meet in a similar way to how hui are conducted at Kōpinga – in a circular manner. Homes are privately owned at Earthsong under a unit title system. So interesting parallels with pāpākāinga housing that we hope to establish at Kōpinga in the future. Our Trust Board is looking forward to experiencing Earthsong and observing how they operate and meeting their people.

Tony and Justine continue to settle very well into Rēkohu life and the Board and staff are very happy with the positive and constructive manner in which Tony has taken up the reins of the CEO job!

Hokomentai me rongō

Maui

CEO UPDATE

Kīoranga kotou,

This past month is one which reminds us of the value of health and well-being. So often taken for granted, we seem to have a number of our team, or those who are close to them, impacted by either illness or injury. At the same time it has been a sad month for some on the island. As matariki dawns we hope for new growth and new energy in support of health and wellbeing for our hūnau.

We have a collection of work underway supporting our current team and, at the same time, conversations with Government and other agencies looking at new large scale projects that we hope to gain support for. I will briefly outline these opportunities.

Re-cloaking Rēkohu

We have a substantial application with the 1BT (1 Billion trees) fund to plant up to 1.5M trees over up to 1500 hectares in Kaingaroa. The vision, as the name suggests, is that we restore marginal farmland to a

thriving endemic eco-system - and sequester carbon along the way. Our proposal features 90% natives with an allowance for some exotic species to supply local timber needs (fence-posts, firewood). If we are successful with this application it will see significant employment opportunities on the island across a range of nursery and forestry management including training opportunities.

'Place-of-Origin' red-meat brand

We are engaged in conversation with AgResearch, MPI and local stakeholders considering the feasibility of a local red-meat processing facility. This builds on work done in the past, however is brought into focus with the current ship not operating past 2023, the animal welfare issues of live-stock shipping, the cost of shipping and the impact on viability for farmers. These conversations are re-beginning now and anyone interested is welcome to call me for a conversation about it.

Marae connectivity programme

Kōpinga marae (along with Whakamaharatanga) is in the process of being connected up to a high-speed service thanks to TPK. We hope this will provide a better service for our marae based team and maurahiri alike.

Airport extension

Hokotehi was happy to support the recent successful application to the Provincial Growth Fund, (shovel-ready round) which has seen the 'longer and stronger' runway extension funded (\$36M). This will transform the capacity of our airport and we hope will enable more frequent and less costly fares for visitors and for islanders headed to NZ. Together with nearly half a million dollars for a permanent local tourism office we can look forward to more employment opportunity and for opportunity to tell the Moriori story to visitors.

We look forward to more good news about converting our energy system to local renewables, and to further conversations with officials that centre around the Chatham Islands Investment Strategy.



People change

Well – maybe or maybe not, but certainly they move on. As the year progresses we are moving towards fare-welling Alec and Sue Hutchings who have done a fantastic job for Hokotehi Moriori Trust and for the local Kāingaroa community in recent years. Don't worry – they are here for a while yet but towards the end of the year we will be locating new bio-diversity staff out at Taia to pick up on the progress that Alec and Sue have made. We will miss Alec and Sue but expect them to be regular visitors. We plan an internal transfer to the bio-diversity work that Alec and Sue are vacating. Look out for advertising for our property management role in the near future!

Me rongo

Tony

RECENT EVENTS

Youth Forum

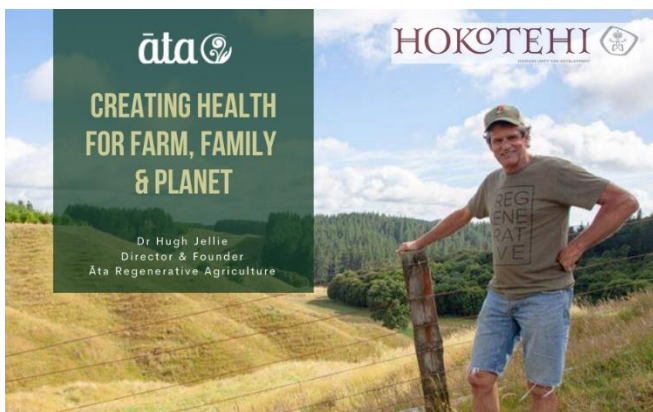
Now that we are able to socialise again, marae events are getting back on track. We held one of our regular youth forum events in July. The evening was well attended and focussed on looking at options for our young ones to be engaged in outdoor activities on the island. A small working party was formed to come up with a plan that includes mentoring as well as fun and regular activities.

Mum & Bubs

During the school holidays last month we had a 'madness and mayhem' session one wet morning at Kōpinga with activities and games for under 5s and a bit of respite for parents. We hope to

Regenerative Agriculture Forum

On 6 August Kōpinga hosted a forum with local farmers and other islanders interested in ecology and land

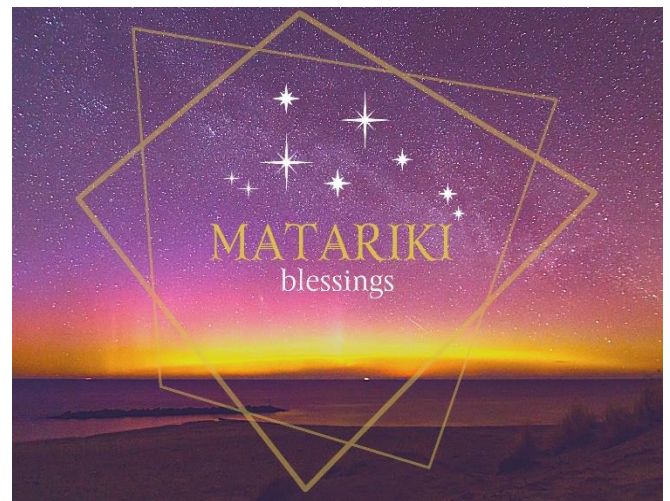


regeneration with Dr Hugh. Hugh is a vet with a strong interest in regenerative agriculture and has his own company, Āta Regenerative, which promotes education about soil health – ata.land. The evening was informative with lots of ideas shared.

Hokotehi will look at bringing Hugh back to run a local workshop over a few days. We look forward to welcoming him back to Rēkohu.

Matariki

Because of COVID restrictions on socialising we decided not to have our usual Matariki event at the marae this year. Instead we are taking some winter wellness food and rongoā products out into the island community. These will be delivered to members over the next week or so. A huge thank you to Loretta and Heidi Lanauze and Dani McQuarrie for your hard work making and baking.



Welcome Iain & Jess - Chatham Island Police

We recently welcomed Iain and Jess Burns to Kōpinga as they take up the role as our island policing team. We know they will be made to feel at home and wish them well for what we hope is a position for a few years.



PROJECTS

E-Stories

Hokotehi is working in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Cognition Education to develop 5 short stories on Moriori culture that will be published as web resources. These are being beautifully translated into Moriori by Kiwa Hammond. This will be the first time that ta rē Moriori is presented in an on-line story.

Te Papa is also leading the way with promotion of rē Moriori in its Moriori exhibition signage. Staff also use the Moriori karakii 'Manaka Mai' in the closing prayers at the museum. Thank you Te Papa!

Memorials

As we mentioned in the last newsletter Hokotehi is planning to design and install some special memorials at the marae and also on Rangihau (Pitt Island) to the ancestors to be repatriated and also one to commemorate Hirawanu Tapu – the scribe of the 1862 petition to Governor Grey. Funding applications are underway for a concept design of the overall memorial trail. When this has been prepared it will be shared with members to get your feedback.

Dark Skies Application

HMT has made tentative inquiries about getting Dark Sky status for the island as a sanctuary from light pollution. More details will follow on this but if we are successful we will be one of only a few communities in NZ that have this special recognition.



Pepe Pack

Development is well under way on our Pepe pack initiative - a pack with Moriori themed gifts to welcome our newest members to the imi. Initially this will be made available for all members' children aged 2 and under, and then scaled back to those aged 1 and under. Thank you to those involved in this special project,

especially Dani McQuarrie and Ashleigh Ryan who has been supporting us with Graphic Design work.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Flaxinators and Women's Wellness

HMT staff are running two events in the next few months. The first is a wellness day featuring local experts in healthy living, rongoā etc combined with a spring clean clothes buy, sell, swap on Sunday September 20.



The second event will see us making 'flaxinators' from fine muka flax – in time for race day and high fashion island styles. The date for this is not confirmed but watch out for notices on social media.

Kōimi Tchakat Repatriation

A repatriation of 110 kōimi tchakat Moriori from the Natural History Museum in London was scheduled for this year but has now been postponed because of global travel restrictions. Domestic repatriations from Otago, Auckland and Canterbury were proposed for later this year but will now happen possibly early 2021. These repatriations will be important events for our members to be aware of and take part in so we will update you all once we have more information.

HMT Annual General Meeting 2020



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MORIORI UNITY AND DEVELOPMENT



AGM 2020
Sun 15 Nov 12.30pm
Kōpinga Marae
RĒKOHU



Notice of AGM

Sunday 15 November 2020

1.00pm

Venue: Kōpinga Marae, Rēkohu

(Lunch to be served prior at 12.30pm)

The purposes of the AGM will be to:

1. Present audited financial statements of the Trust
2. Receive the Annual and Strategic Plans of the Trust;
3. Discuss and vote on any resolutions received in accordance with clause 15.3 of the Trust Deed. Any proposed resolutions must be received in writing by the Trust Secretary at the Trust Office, P.O. Box 188, Chatham Islands 8942, no later than **5pm on Sunday 4 October 2020**.

Agenda for AGM (1.00 start)

1. Karakii
2. Apologies
3. Receive Minutes of 2019 AGM
4. Matters Arising
5. Presentation of Annual Reports and Plans
6. Presentation of Audited Accounts for 2019-20
7. Appointment of Auditors
8. General Business
9. Karakii Hokomutunga

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RUIA FUND SEEKS BRAVE, CREATIVE RANGATAHI

RUIA Fund, an innovative programme designed to support rangatahi create their own wellbeing initiatives has opened its second round of funding. “We are encouraging rangatahi from all over Te Waipounamu, Chatham Islands and Stewart Island to be brave, be creative and innovative and put forward your ideas. RUIA is about rangatahi for rangatahi by rangatahi,” RUIA Fund Coordinator, Hora-Kairangi Nicholas said. “We are looking for great ideas that support rangatahi wellbeing, intergenerational leadership, succession planning, cultural development and the ability for all rangatahi to access initiatives that support them to grow and develop. “As a team we have set up the framework and brought the funders together – the rest is up to rangatahi. A decision panel of five rangatahi decide which initiatives receive the funding and how much,” said Nicholas.

The fund was launched in October last year and attracted 32 proposals from applicants aged between 12 and 24 years old. Of those, 16 initiatives were supported to develop their ideas. “The massive disruption caused by COVID-19 has meant most of the initiatives have had to alter or delay their plans, at least one has been able to pivot and develop an online solution,” Nicholas said. “The positive aspect is that we are now beginning to regain some momentum and are looking forward to a new crop of innovative ideas from rangatahi in this second funding round. Applications are open from 1 – 31 August.

Te Pae Māhuri received funding last year and is a Dunedin based group of rangatahi numbering more than 20 which has organised itself into what coordinator Kiringāua Cassidy (Ngāi Tahu) describes as a ‘rangatahi council’. COVID-19 hit at a time when their first event was being organised; a fun competition open to the public which involved making the biggest splash by jumping off a local wharf. “It was a Manu Comp open to all rangatahi, to see who can do the best bombs, judged on size and style. It was to be a fun way to bring us rangatahi together through whanaungatanga, meet new people and strengthen our bonds, before focusing on more serious mahi,” said Kiringāua.

One of the more serious kaupapa of Te Pae Māhuri is plans to create informative videos about local Māori place names that helps people to pronounce them properly and educates them about the origins and significance of the names. “It came from local place names like Ōpoho and Taiari being continually mispronounced. These are our place names that people mispronounce every day, we want to spread awareness about respecting te reo and pronouncing these names properly. “Now we are moving back into normal life we will begin to hui again and get these initiatives back underway and start developing new ideas,” said Kiringāua.

RUIA Fund is a partnership between Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu (South Island Whānau Ora Commissioning Agency), Rātā Foundation and the Ministry of Youth Development, which brings their individual rangatahi funding streams under one umbrella to make them easier to access. “Ruia is founded on the principle that rangatahi should be part of the decision-making process with anything regarding rangatahi wellbeing. We will accept applications from rangatahi, whānau, groups and organisations that require funding to make their ideas and/or initiatives for rangatahi Māori age 12-24 years become a reality.

All applications should respond to at least one of Ngā Pou o RUIA (the RUIA principles):

- Whānau Ora – Wellbeing in the context of whānau
- Te Ao Māori – culture and Identity
- Mana-Tangata – leadership and self determination
- Wānanga – learning, connectivity, participation
- Auahatanga – innovation and enterprise
- Te Ao Tūroa – mahinga kai, natural environment and sustainability
- Te Pūtake – strengthening capability and responsiveness
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Applications and further information is available at: <http://www.teputahitanga.org/ruia>

Rē Moriori

Tira Koko (For tree or sprig planted and dedicated to Tane-Mahuta)

Manaka mai te tira i uta

Manaka mai te wheau i uta

Manaka mai te aka i uta

Manaka mai te tira i uta, ka uwauwe

Uea mai i ru uptake me re pu kerekere, kia mahuta ai

Tena taki mahuta te kawa

E tai na tutakina, takina, uea whenua



Te Keke Tura Grants

Hokotehi has education grants available for tertiary study. Grants for small cultural projects such as weaving courses, language courses etc may also be available providing they meet the criteria as set out in the Te Keke Tura Moriori Identity Trust deed.

Grants are available for children below the age of 18 but it must be for tertiary level study or equivalent course that meets the criteria of Te Keke Tura Moriori Identity Trust deed.

Grant criteria and application forms are available on our website www.moriori.co.nz or by emailing the office on office@kopinga.co.nz

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Registering Children

Ensure your t'chimirik don't miss out on opportunities!

If you have not added your children's names to your own registration application, we won't be able to contact them on their 18th birthday. Please check your children or moko are registered with us.

If children have been born after you registered please let us know and we can easily add them to the database. If you have children aged 18 and over who are not members (and who wish to be) please contact the office on 0800 MORIORI or email office@kopinga.co.nz

Membership forms are available from our website www.moriori.co.nz



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