

HOKOTEHI NEWSLETTER

Tchuhe a Takarore (December) 2020

Ta imi Moriori, tēnā kotou, hokomenetai me rongo

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. This year we have lost a number of our precious rangata mātua and as the year end draws near we reflect and give thanks for their support and pride in being Moriori.

Shirley King

Shirley King passed away peacefully in Christchurch in November after a long battle with illness. Shirley's farewell was held at the Woolston Working Men's Club on 30 November at which Mana Cracknell officiated. Our deepest condolences go out to all her hūnau and friends who will miss her dearly. Shirley joined us on Rēkohu for the signing of the Deed of Settlement at Kōpinga in February this year. She enjoyed spending time at Kōpinga and catching up with many of our people.



Violet Ringrose-Harris

Our beloved whaea Violet Ringrose-Harris sadly passed away in August surrounded by her hūnau. Violet and her sister Pat travelled to Rēkohu in February earlier this year to witness the deed of settlement signing and apology from the crown. A very kind lady, full of life & laughter and her love of pink! It was a pleasure to have her join us and we will treasure fond memories with her.



Eyvonne Kerehoma

It is with much sadness that we bring news of the passing of Eyvonne Kerehoma (nee Solomon) at her home in Blenheim in October. Our deepest condolences to the hūnau pani. You are remembered fondly in our hearts whaea.



Moe mai rā e kui

MORIORI CALENDAR

December is known as Tchuhe a takarore on the Moriori calendar. "Tana ki mo ru kukuria Mahuta ta upoko o Maruroa" - said to be the time to touch the head of the sea-bird kukuria

FROM OUR CEO

Kioranga kotou

That was a year! Take a bow ...

As we head to the sounds of bells a jingle it is time to reflect on the year that was. The year of COVID and all that it brought. One day the world looked as we knew it, and next it changed. At some points we would wake to a whole new set of conditions to adapt to and re-shape the way we worked once more. Amidst financial insecurity and a vastly changing environment our work is always focused on Moriori renaissance.

I am proud of the work of the team through these challenges. Most recently we have seen a fantastic turnout and a fun day for the Rangata Matua dinner, we had a great AGM just a couple of weeks earlier and we have seen so many highlights including wananga on a range of subjects you will read about in this newsletter. One that I particularly enjoyed was on the



regenerative framework which is where we look at how we organise our effort so that health is at the centre of everything that we do. Health of our people, our places, the earth and the water. For if we do not maintain and promote health, then what have we?

Our team has shrunk through the year. Watch out for some new employment opportunities with us. We of course wish Alec and Sue (our biodiversity Rangers from Taia) all the best in the years to come and eagerly await their return. We remember Kate and now wish Dani all the best for their futures as they look to move out of the office and into other challenges. We remember our Henga colleagues and their contribution when the Lodge was open.



And for the season to come. This is Teresa and Ronan's new vegetable garden at Kaingaroa and it shouts out to me of the smell of summer, the season of family and time for a restorative break.

Enjoy. Stay safe – and see you in 2021.

Me rongo
Tony Blackett

RECENT EVENTS

Rangata Matua Christmas

This year our lunch for rangata mātua was master-minded by Dani McQuarrie who organised a sensational spit-roast (cooked by the ever-patient Tony



Blackett and his wife Justine). Lunch featured island kai along with an array of tempting desserts.



The day was a celebration of our rangata mātua and their contribution to our community and began with a reflection on those who have passed on in 2020.

The lunch was also an opportunity to farewell and thank our latest Police team of Iain and Jess Burns who have steered us safely through lock-down and the last few months. They have made a positive difference in the community in a very short time and will be missed. We look forward to meeting the new team over the next few weeks and supporting them in becoming part of the island community.

Women's Wellness Day

Hokotehi hosted a wonderful day in the sun with events for women and families. The idea started as a spring clean out the wardrobe project and evolved into a day of shared kai, workshops on well being and nutrition and a wonderful cooking demonstration from the talented chef, Jacqui Lanauze, who made local foraged greens pesto with a ginger and kawakawa spritzer – divine.



AGM 2020

The annual general meeting 2020 was held at Kōpinga Marae on Rēkohu 15 November. We saw a great member turn out and some great questions raised.



Before the AGM we were lucky enough to host Rob and Norm Hewitt, who gave a raw and emotional talk on their journeys through mental health, suicide and survival. Both amazing men with incredible stories of strength and survival. We thank Rob and Norm for journeying to the island and supporting the Rēkohu community.

Dark Skies Workshop

During lockdown Hokotehi made an application to the International Dark Skies Association for sanctuary status for the Chathams. The idea was circulated amongst the community for comment and discussed with the Chatham Islands Council, who would have to formally endorse this.



In November we were fortunate to have highly experienced astronomers visit the island and run an interactive workshop at Kōpinga, home to a large sky-gazing telescope. Professor John Hearnshaw (University Canterbury and proponent of the Aoraki Dark Sky Sanctuary), Nalayani Brino (VP Royal Astronomical Society of NZ) and Gareth Davies (Director Waiheke Island Observatory) gave presentations at the marae. The application will proceed now under the wings of Tourism Chatham Islands and the local Council. We hope it will become a positive addition to the astro-tourism market developing in NZ.



Bio-Circular Waste Economy

Hokotehi is a research partner with Scion Research in a project that examines the waste being generated on the island both in terms of what is thrown out and what is brought in unnecessarily. The project has an emphasis on finding compostable replacements for polystyrene and plastics soon to be phased out.

Researchers came to the island in October to run a community workshop and talk to fish factories, Ports Authority and Air Chathams – all of whom have been very supportive of any moves to being a more resilient community and even a plastic-free island!

Dr Marc Gaugler from Scion and Para Kore researcher, Harina Rupapera were joined by Scion propagation technician, Colin Faulds, who provided advice on propagation of native plants and restoration of coastal landscapes. This project is a spin-off from the CRI partnership that Hokotehi developed 3 years ago.



Ta Rē and Tikane Workshops

Kiwa Hammond and his family have been on Rēkohu this last week running informal language wānanga and working with staff on developing programmes for enhancing our understanding of tikane. These are part of our wider language strategy and we hope to have more of these in the North and South islands in 2021. Look out too for workshops on tupuware – the Moriori long staff.

PROJECTS....

Treaty Settlement Update

Following the signing of the Deed of Settlement our Bill was introduced to parliament just before lock-down. This means the Bill has not had any readings but we anticipate these will commence in early 2021. Members will receive notice as soon as we have some confirmed times. We hope to be able to get as many as possible to attend the third and final reading.

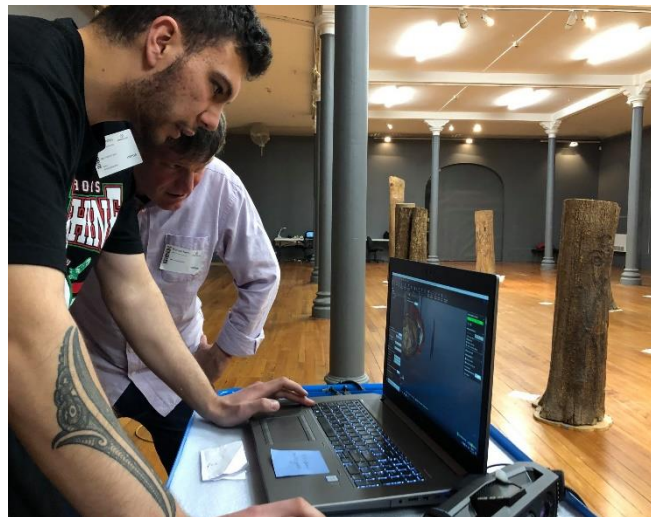
Otago Museum – Scanning of Rākau Momori

NZ Lotteries Board provided funding for a comprehensive project to assess the condition of 20 rākau momori at Otago Museum. The trees have been in the museum since the 1960s after being removed from the island by David Simmons. As far as we know they have never been on display but despite being well cared for need more conservation attention.



The new curator Māori at Otago, Geard O'Regan, assisted with getting the etchings recorded using photogrammetry and Richard Hemi from the Otago Survey School assisted with laser scans. Nirmala Balram from Te Papa completed a conservation assessment report. The photogrammetry work revealed previously unrecorded etchings on some of

the trees – one trunk has 3 additional images never seen before.



We are very excited by the results of this work and hope it will contribute to a project that deepens our understanding of the trees and their beautiful rākau momori.

FAREWELL TO ALEC & SUE

Four years ago this dynamic duo joined us to start work as our Tchieki Henu (Biodiversity Rangers) working to carry out the work associated with the Kōpi Management plan in the groves along the east coast from Rotorua to Taia. They were not daunted at the prospect of moving into houses that needed urgent repair or by isolation and immediately set about repairs and renovations to the houses in Kāingaroa and Taia. Thanks to their hard work and ingenuity we have two homes now that we can be proud of. Alec and Sue also helped oversee the clean-up in Kāingaroa at the old factory, dump site as well as safe removal of the old shacks on the foreshore. They have become a much loved and respected addition to the Kāingaroa community and will be much missed.

They return to NZ to see more of family and grandchildren and no doubt days of fishing and hunting. Thank you both for your legacy and for your tireless work for Hokotehi and the island environment.



MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

He uri nō Rekohu (Horomona Rehe),
nō Arowhenua (Kaahu)

Ko ēnei ngā angitū o te tokotoru nei kā uri o te whānau
Horomona Rehe me te whānau Kaahu.

He mokopuna o Elizabeth (nee Solomon) rāua ko
Maurice Donaldson nō Te Umu Kaha. Kā tamariki o
Aaron rāua ko Marie Donaldson.

Te Teira Kahu Rehe Donaldson – Finished up a stellar
year at Te Kura tuarua o ngā Tamatāne (Timaru Boys
High). He received his 100 caps for the first school's XI
football team, the Kamahl Metcalf Trophy for all round
contribution to football, South Canterbury footballer of
the year, the Matariki Trophy for most Academic Senior
Māori student with distinction in English literature and
PE and to top it off, he received the University of Otago
Māori entrance scholarship for 2021. Te Teira will be
studying a Bachelor of Land Surveying and continuing
on with his football.

Ana Ngamare Jayde Donaldson – About to complete
her final exam for her first year of NCEA at Te Kura
tuarua o ngā kōhine (Timaru Girls High). This year she
received a distinction award for excellence in te reo
Māori and History. Ana has had a fantastic year playing
netball, football, futsal and volleyball for her kura and
recently performed solo playing guitar and singing at a
end of year performance for Starbound Studio's. Ana's
focus for 2021 is to study hard in all her subjects,
involve herself in her sports and interests and achieve
high in all her endeavours.

Kera Whakarawa Te Mārie Donaldson – recently
finished 2nd overall in her agegroup for school
athletics. She has had a successful year of football,
playing for her local club Timaru City. She is a proud
member of her school's kapa haka group, Te Waka
Kōtahi, nō Highfield primary school. Kera has been part
of the group since she started at Highfield school at age
5. Next year she heads into year 8, her final year of kura
tuatahi. in 2021 and her goal is to take on as many
leadership opportunities as she can as well as enrol in
te reo Māori at Te Kura.

Nō reira, e kore au e ngaro, he kākano i ruia mai i
Rangiātea. Ekea kā Tiritiri o te moana.

Me rongō

Kia Ora hūnau,

We recently had the NZ National 17U basketball
champs and our family had a bit of success. Our
daughter Jayzelee Waihi won her final and was
awarded MVP. Our nephew won his final and awarded
MVP. Whilst first cousins also won MVP honours.
Jayzelee has committed to a NCAA Division 1 college
Wichita state in Kansas for next year and Kazlo is
currently being recruited by a few division one schools.
Our son Azra was also in the team but was injured.

Added to that our other daughter came second at the
15u nationals and our other nephew Hyrum Harris
played for the Manawatu jets who came second in the
nznbl.

All our hūnau hokopapa to Moriori through our
ancestor Te iwirori Karauria.

Me rongō

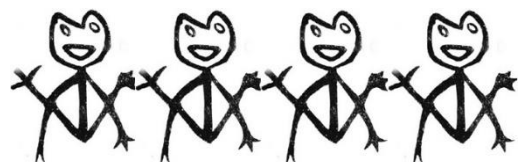
Myzpah Waihi



2021 Te Keke Tura Grants

Hokotehi has education grants available for tertiary
study in 2021. 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.

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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