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E nga iwi e titiro mai nei Tena ra koutou katoa Me mihi atu me mihi mai E te rau e haere atu ra haere atu ra

Wellington Tenths Trust is in the planning stages of develop-ments in Adelaide Road just north of Village at the Park on one of the original Wellington town acres. This development involves



building a set of town houses as rental properties so we can retain not only the land but get a good rental income from it. There are other Wellington Tenths properties in Adelaide Road and Waripori Street which are ready for re-development when time and money allows. The Trust has begun talks with Wellington City Council (WCC) over the future of Granville Flats in Island Bay. The flats are owned by WCC who let them for social housing. It was built in 1975 and probably need earthquake strengthening. While WCC have done major refurbishment of its social housing stock in many parts of Wellington, such as Newtown Park, Central Park, Regent Park and others with help from central government, Granville Flats stand out now as being in poor condition. Although the Wellington Tenths Trust interest is in the land only, from which we get a reasonable rental, it is certainly in the Trust's and the City's interest to get this property upgraded and for it to continue as social housing well into the future. There are some 100 units in the block so it is not a small stock. There is also some preliminary concept designs for a joint venture development along with Equinox Group on land the joint venture owns at 2 Lambton Quay. There will be more to come on this in the coming months.

E te kuía powhírí e Mereíwa korua ko te rangatíra e George haere haere haere kaore korua e maumahara. E te katoa tau maí ra. Katí

UPDATE FROM THE CHAIRS

The year began with the passing of kaumatua who have over many years supported our Trust and Wellington Tenths Trust. In particular Aunty Mere Broughton & George Tamarapa were both based in Wellington for much of the period when we were working on the Waitangi Tribunal Claim. They both assisted the Trusts at our AGMs and many events providing strong cultural input. Aunty Mere spent many years

with Mental Health in the Hutt and was always on standby 24 hours a day to assist with crisis situations. Their aroha & strong sense of duty was appreciated by us all.

The 6 months since our AGM have been productive for us in that we have been working on what next in the development of our land in Palmerston North. Trustees spent a full day working on the strategic plan for land development prior to Easter & focused on increasing the asset base value by looking at each property and considering how we can make the best developments in improving them & ensuring that there is a mixed portfolio which includes residential, retail & commercial businesses. Trustees look forward to presenting the plan at the Annual General Meeting in August 2016.

I have been very involved with the Te Ture Whenua Maori Land Reform Bill & there is a report included in the newsletter specifically talking about the Bill. Suffice to say it is a much better Bill as a result of our extensive work with Government.

The Trust has formed an Audit & Risk Committee with Aisha Ross as Chair. We have appointed an Independent Member Euan Playle & other Trustees on the committee are Paula King and Wiki Michalanney. The main function of the committee is to oversee the audit process of our accounts and operations.

Erini Shepherd and Mere Tahuparae-Luinstra have continued to pursue owners who need to succeed to whanau shares and we have had a real positive uptake. We are wanting to continue this good work & get better information from whanau especially bank account details, email addresses & IRD numbers. Keith Hindle and Vicki Hollywell have taken on more of the day to day accounting functions & we are making good cost savings there. Tracey Betham is enjoying her role as Secretary to both Trusts & Business Manager at Te Raukura and she is the editor of the newsletter & ensures we keep you all connected. Gilbert & Cherie Douglas are ensuring that Nga Tekau operates to a high level & we are entering further discussion with Capital and Coast District Health Board on the contract we have for alcohol and drug services.

E Te hunga ora anei etehi panui ki te whakamarama a tatou haerenga Tena koutou katoa Mauri Ora, Hui e taiki e



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TE TURE WHENUA MAORI BILL

We have been working closely with Te Puni Kokiri and the Ministerial Advisory Group to ensure that the proposed Te Ture Whenua Maori Bill does not impact negatively on both Trusts. We have a team of Trustees reviewing and considering the amendments as we have them made available. As always we have Bruce Farguhar from Bisson Moss providing us with advisory support and Bruce and I had a good session with the officials drafting the legislation to ensure our concerns could be resolved. It would be fair to say the officials were helpful and realised the worth of the advice that Bruce provided to them and this was used to amend the legislation. This has given us a strong level of comfort with the latest draft of the Bill.

You will recall we had grave concerns regarding the proposed Bill and that the costs associated with change and the difficulties we would have in reaching the proposed thresholds making it impossible for us to operate as we have been. The major concern was that under the new Bill we would have been worse off than we are with the current legislation and the Maori Land Court. Owners have also raised concerns around the availability of historic information especially the minute books and the whakapapa contained. The Minister Te Ururoa Flavell has taken those real issues on board and with the support of Cabinet has made major concessions and amendments to the earlier Bill proposal.

We have had real access to most iterations of the proposed Bill through our membership of FOMA the Federation of Maori Authorities so we are now comfortable with where the Bill is at. We will be making serious submissions to the Select Committee and will attend the Committee in Wellington.

A great unknown is how the Government intends to structure the Maori Land Service they will establish through this Bill and it is expected to take up to five years to be completely up and running. This new service and its infrastructure is something we want to shape along with officials from Te Puni Kokiri, Land Information New Zealand, and the Maori Land Court so that our wealth of experience can be expressed in the new services, functions and operation.

The Bill is expected to be introduced into the House after Easter so that the Select Committee process can start and be completed within the six months required. The Select Committee will travel the country to allow Iwi to participate easily. Once done it is expected any further amendments as a result of that process will be done and the second and third readings completed before December 2016.

Liz Mellish

PIPITEA JOINT VENTURE



Signing of Pipitea JV Restructure Agreement

Many will remember the old Wellington Tenths offices at 9 Pipitea Street which was demolished as part of the footprint for Pipitea House (also known as Pipitea Plaza). The 5 star green building was completed in 2011 with 10 storeys and some 16,500 square metres of office space. The tenant is the Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB) along with other New Zealand Government security services - because of the tenant Pipitea House often features in television news. The building is valued at around \$90 million. Since the last annual general meeting Wellington Tenths Trust has increased their interest in the Joint Venture from 25% to 50%. This change in ownership improves the cashflow from this investment significantly.

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LITTLE WONDERS AND VILLAGE AT THE PARK

Village at the Park is built on the old Athletic Park and is an interest to Wellington Tenths Trust owners. Little Wonders Early Childhood Centre and Village at the Park show the benefits of a good joint venture. The Hurst-Pratley group, our joint venture partners, brought with them not only experience and expertise in retirement villages and later in early childcare centres, but also they brought family and rural values that would readily match with Wellington Tenths Trust. Ian and Doug Hurst came from a farming background around Oamaru. Ian an ex All Black and his son Ben an ex Canterbury rugby player, would always be comfortable on the old Athletic Park. Terry Pratley brought the practical building experience and Geoff McPhail the accounting background.

We are approaching the end of development at Village at the Park in around 2021. That will also be the end to the need to plough profits back into construction of the Village. There are two more 3 storey blocks (D & E Blocks) and another 16 or so villas to build to complete the development. When that is finished we will move into a new phase with our joint venture partners.

When Little Wonders opened at Village at the Park in early 2012 many would have wondered what it was doing in the midst of a retirement village. Now it seems a perfect fit, particularly when you see those older folk from the Village coming to read to the children. Little Wonders is a purpose-built facility on Rintoul Street. It sits near where riots took place during the 1981 Springbok tour. For the 100 children in the centre they will be unaware of that ancient history as they prepare for their primary school years. The Education Review Office in 2013 noted that the centre's curriculum aligns closely with the strands of Te Whaariki, the national early childhood curriculum. The kids at Little Wonders reflect the multicultural mix of the surrounding community. They are all comfortable in a bicultural/bilingual environment singing in Te Reo and English, but also in other languages.

The new extension to Little Wonders currently in construction will house 50 of the 4–5 year olds leaving 90 of the younger ones in the original block. The staff at Little Wonders are well led and managed with Ben Hurst taking ownership responsibility and with Centre Manager, Sarah Jimmieson providing inspirational leadership. The joint venture of Village at the Park Lifecare Ltd owns 80% of the shares in Little Wonders with Ben Hurst holding the other 20%. Little Wonders pays rent and a dividend to its shareholders. Village at the Park Lifecare is 50% owned by Wellington Tenths Trust.



The new extension to the Little Wonders Early Childhood Centre



The Walking Tours and Waka Tours are taking off in leaps and bounds with bookings secured for this year and next. This is great news for the tours team that have spent a lot of time putting the tours together and making sure that everything is right. If you or your whanau/ friends or school, or even your team at the office are interested in a walking or waka tour then book online <u>www.wharewakaoponeke.co.nz</u> or email admin@wellingtontours.maori.nz for further information. We have walking tours every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays and waka tours by arrangement.

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BUYING AND SELLING SHARES

We often receive queries from owners who are interested in buying or selling their shares in the Trusts. We've received some legal advice from our advisor Bruce Farquhar and there are a number of legal requirements and restrictions that you need to be aware of:

Over the years as the Trust has developed and become more profitable Beneficial Owners have witnessed a substantial increase over that time in the value of your shares.

Over this period of growth many Beneficial Owners have queried whether they have the ability to unlock the value in their shares by way of selling their shares or using their shares as security to secure borrowings.

The starting point when considering this issue has always been the kaupapa of Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993 ("the Act"), that is land is taonga tuku iho of special significance and to promote the retention of land in the hands of its owners, their whanau and their hapu.

- A share in the Trust is considered in the same light as if your name was on the Title to the land and the same restrictions apply in the event you wish to alienate your share.
- Your share can only be offered to and received by a person that sits within the definition of preferred class of alienee. This is defined pursuant to the Act as:
 - Children and remoter issue of the alienating owner;
 - Whanaunga of the alienating owner who are associated in accordance with tikanga Maori with the land;
 - Other beneficial owners of the land who are members of the hapu associated with the land;
 - Trustees of persons referred to above; and
 - Descendants of any former owner who is or was a member of the hapu associated with the land.
- Any financial institution that were to use the shares as collateral would also need to understand the alienation provisions of the Act which are

prohibitive in that the ability to sell the shares is limited.

- The shares are closely held and cannot be alienated to any person outside of the preferred class of alienee. They are not like shares in any other type of investment such as a share in a public company for example. It is a limited market governed by the legislation.
- However, in the event that a sale is negotiated as between the parties with the purchaser being within the classification of preferred class of alienee as defined by the Act the next step is for the sale to be approved by the Maori Land Court.
- This requires the seller to apply to the Maori Land Court and the Maori Land Court will consider the alienation in a very thorough investigation and if it is satisfied it will issue an order accordingly.
- The Maori Land Court in its determination takes care to ensure that a whanau is not being disinherited of its future rights. This is a fundamental difference with say a share in a listed company and the Trust as there is no open market place for the trading of shares which signifies the importance placed by the Maori Land Court on the ownership of the shares and reflects the kaupapa of the Act.





Kia kore koe e ngaro taku Reo Rangatira!

He mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa.

l timata tā mātou kura po i te Rapare te ra tekau ma tahi o Hui Tanguru. Ka nui te mihi ki te whānau o Hikoikoi i whakatau i a mātou te whānau o Tōku Reo Charitable Trust me Te Ataarangi.

Ko tēnei tā tātou wiki tuaono! Kei te akongia ngā kupu me te reo o ō tātou tipuna. Kia kaha ki ngā ākonga i runga i tō koutou haerenga ki te ako ki Te Reo Māori me ōna tikanga.

> Mauri Ora Sharee mãua ko Moana

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TE RA O TE WAITANGI AT TE RAUKURA

Te Ra o Waitangi was commemorated in Te Whanganui-a-Tara on Saturday 6 February 2016 at our iconic building Te Raukura. The day opened with karakia and a blessing of twenty pake specially crafted by Te Roopu Manaia Weavers for our wahine kaihoe. There were many considerable hours spent weaving these taonga and the aroha, and wairua, and the korero that was entwined into the pake were felt by those that were fortunate enough to wear them on the day. Whanau, the Mayor of Wellington City, and Councillors were present for the blessing and it was a wonderful moment to see the hard work of the weavers showcased. The pake were worn that day on the water and for a harakeke fashion show, and will be worn just as proudly when our wahine are out on the waka for future events.

Our waka Te Rerenga Kotare and Te Hononga were out on the water for the waka exhibition as part of the formalities in the morning, and later Poutu was out again under the guidance of our experienced kaihoe providing opportunities for manuhiri to have a paddle in a waka. As expected the waka tour was full of those keen to have a go and it is great to see others and our own experience what we do on a regular basis.

Te Ahi a Tahurangi kapa haka were fabulous supporting the event throughout the day with their waiata, haka and poi. There was a guided walking tour to Te Aro Pa for those that were interested in learning the history of Te Atiawa/Taranaki whanui in Te Whanganui-a-Tara from an indigenous perspective, and of course there was plenty of Maori inspired kai available from Karaka Café along with the old sausage sizzle stall that the Hikoikoi Waka Ama Club ran as a fundraiser for their Club. We also acknowledged that our building Te Raukura celebrated its birthday, first opening its doors to us all five years ago.

Live music outside the café drifted around Whairepo Lagoon and the surrounding area and completed what was a wonderful day. We're already excited about plans and ideas for Te Ra o Te Waitangi in 2017 and we'd welcome seeing all our whanau here at Te Raukura.

Photo captions Left: Some of the 20 pake made and worn by our wahine kaihoe



Mere Tahuparae-Luinstra (Executive Assistant) and Ripeka Retimanu (Karaka Café)



Te Ahi a Tahurangi kapa haka

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FILMING WITH PIO

Well known comedian, actor and TV star, Pio Te Rei was onsite filming at Te Wharewaka on 3 March with his crew from Scottie Productions. They came for a day of filming on our waka as part of a series to be aired on Maori TV called Te Araroa -Tales from the Trails, and Te Wharewaka is one of the places of interest on this trail. They interviewed our very own Kaihautu, Tuparahuia Pita, on how he became part of the tours team at Te Wharewaka o Poneke and they also did a piece on the Chefs inside Karaka Café and the marvellous kai that they create. Tupara has captured his experience on what it was like to film with Pio...

"We were on the waka in the morning but by the time we got out on the water to film the wind had already picked up too much so we filmed in Whairepo Lagoon and around the bridge area so that we didn't lose any of the cameras (or camera people) overboard! While out on the water we talked about our waka, our tours and what it's like being where we are in Te Whanganui-a-Tara.

After lunch the film crew grabbed a crocodile bike for the camera to have a platform to ride on so that they could film me and Pio going for a walk around the harbour to Oriental Bay. As we went on our hikoi we talked about some of the stories about Wellington such as how the islands (Matiu, Makaro and Mokopuna) got their names and also some of my story of how I became a part of our tours. We finished our day walking back to the whare and taking some still shots of us walking and looking out to the

harbour. The day concluded and I left Pio and the rest of the crew to enjoy the afternoon under Wellington's sun with a wine in front of the café."

Pio was genuinely impressed with the facilities here at Te Raukura. He has visited many times before to deliver keynote addresses however not in this same vein and you could see his real appreciation of being in a place like ours. Pio told us that some of the footage will be on the Tales from the Trails series but might also be included on Air New Zealand flights reaching a far broader sector – we look forward to seeing Tupara on TV and/or on a flight in the very near future!

TUI SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS

With a new job and wedding plans for 2017, Te Aroha programme

participant Tui Makoare considers life to be 'on the up'. Tui was offered not one but two full-time employment opportunities in the past month and secured one of those at Downtown City Mission (DCM), but more importantly for Tui, he now has the means required to cover the costs of a wedding planner as he moves towards another important step in his life.

Tui was the first of three participants on the programme to secure fulltime employment within a week of participating in Te Aroha Programme. Of the eight participants on the programme a further two have secured part time contracts with the remaining three considering options including higher education. A number of guest speakers provided inspiration through the week long programme with a consistent message coming across



Neavin Broughton & Tui Makoare at this mihi whakatau at Downtown City Mission

from all speakers - have a goal and work hard to achieve it! For Tui. his goal was to work in a field where he actively contributes back to the wider community. The programme focuses on identifying peoples' strengths and then creating pathways to employment opportunities that align with those strengths. Tui said "I didn't realise that empathy was a strength - caring for people is just something I do." Tui accepted a role with DCM where they provide financial, housing, health, food, and dental support services for people in need. He considers his new role the perfect opportunity to give back and make a difference in the lives' of others. We wish him well in his new role and our Cultural Engagement Facilitator, Neavin Broughton attended the mihi whakatau at his new job. We still get to see Tui along with his partner who both remain active kaihoe on the waka.

Tuparahuia Pita and Pio Te Rei being interviewed

for Te Araroa – Tales from the Trails

DRAGONBOATING CHAMPIONS



It seems the Aussie and New Zealand teams were no match for the Hikoikoi Waka Ama Dragonboat Team paddling themselves to victory at the recent Wellington Dragon Boat Festival held in March in Wellington.

The team entered and won the premier race of the event, the Open Mixed Team race, just by a whisker going to video footage to confirm, but that was all that was required!



Winners of the Wellington Dragon Boat Festival – Hikoikoi Waka Ama Club

There were plenty of other successes at the event as well, Chris Fox, our Waka Ama Coordinator was the recipient of the Coach of the Year award for her tireless work that she does as a coach. The secondary schools team St Patricks Silverstream whom Chris coaches also won their division, and not resting there, the corporate team Chris coaches had a goal to make the final of their race, and they achieved that. Chris jokingly said that the only thing missing was a win from an all female team entry into the festival and that might be her goal for next year – knowing Chris this might become a real possibility!

The festival this year was based right outside Te Raukura on Odlins Plaza which meant we were right in the midst of it and it was a nice link to the Wharewaka and our waka. Dragonboaters had the opportunity to book a waka and/or walking tour, and the tours were fully booked ahead of the lead up to the racing - on social media and from the dragon-boaters themselves there was a lot of positive feedback from those who came to Wellington and experienced being on a waka for the first time – they quickly found that it is quite a different paddling technique is required on a waka compared to a dragonboat.

The office is full of trophies and the team and coach should be well proud.

KAUMATUA TALENT QUEST

Late last year our kaumatua that meet on Mondays at Hikoikoi entered the Kaumatua Talent Quest which was held at The Porirua Club, in Porirua. This is the third time that our kaumatua group attended the event for a night full of performances from kaumatua groups from around the region.

Wai Taylor told us that the theme for the night was country and western and in line with this our kaumatua did a Mexican skit.

Setting the scene on the night, there was a bar, card tables, hillbillies, and who should come into the bar but three cowboys on their horses (Russell Cook, Rick Tau and Wai!) They were on the hunt to find their beautiful Juanita (aka Ron Butler). Poor Juanita had been kidnapped by the Mexicans and it was the job of these three cowboys to bring her back home. Luckily Juanita was just out in the audience with her bright red lipstick a dead giveaway!

The skit was hilarious and a great night out was had by the kaumatua who had practised for weeks at their Monday kaumatua hui at Hikoikoi (held each Monday at 10am).

Everybody played their part and dressed in appropriate styles for the occasion. Whilst there were no prizes handed out the kaumatua were absolutely fantastic and should according to Wai be starring in future Wellywood movies – if only Sir Peter Jackson was talent spotting there that night!

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