

Our News

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New Chairperson

Our new Chairperson, Karen Tataiwhetu Vercoe, was elected at Te Pūmāutanga o Te Arawa Trust's meeting on Friday 25 September 2015. Eru George was appointed as Deputy Chair.

Unanimous agreement was reached at the meeting to revert to the original Trust Deed leadership model with the positions of Chair and Deputy Chair, rather than the Co-Chair model.

Karen said, "It is with humility and appreciation that Eru George and I were successful in our appointments as Chair and Deputy Chair respectively for Te Pūmāutanga o Te Arawa. As the



newly appointed Chair I am grateful to have an esteemed leader such as Eru George as my Deputy and appreciate his ability to provide guidance

and support to foster leadership succession".

Karen is of Ngāti Pikiao descent and runs her own business, KTV Consulting Ltd. She has extensive experience working with Māori organisations and brings expertise in business management and business performance. She has a Master of Management degree from the University of Auckland.

Karen will be based in the Te Pūmāutanga o Te Arawa office one day per month and will be available to meet with beneficiaries and stakeholders. Please phone (07) 347 4615 to make an appointment.

Te Pūmāutanga o Te Arawa Trust (TPT) Background

In December 2006, TPT was established as a legal entity to receive, hold and manage settlement assets negotiated on behalf of its Iwi/Hapū Affiliates. TPT Iwi/Hapū Affiliates are: Ngāti Kearoa-Ngāti Tuara, Ngāti Uenukukopako, Tuhourangi-Ngāti Wahiao, Ngāti Tuteniu, Ngāti Pikiao, Ngāti Rongomai, Ngāti Tahu-Ngāti Whaoa, Ngāti Ngararanui, Ngāti Tarawhai, Ngāti Tura-Ngāti Te Ngakau, Ngāti Te Roro o Te Rangī.

TPT is the parent Trust with two subsidiaries, namely Te Arawa Group Holdings (TAGH) and Te Pūmāutanga o Te Arawa Charitable Trust (TPTCT).

TAGH is a commercial company that has a long-term vision and mission of creating wealth and opportunity for future generations.

The Charitable Trust was formed in 2007 for charitable purposes to benefit Affiliate Te Arawa Iwi/Hapū. With rationalising TPT's business and also difficulties in obtaining sustainable external funding, TPTCT is now currently inactive. Nonetheless, we will keep an eye on opportunities should they arise.

Both subsidiaries are accountable to TPT.

Business Review

Over the previous 15 months our organisation has gone through a lot of change. To manage the business effectively, the Board has rationalised and restructured our operations.

Many staff resigned during 2015 because of uncertainty about TPT and TPTCT's future. Management had to focus on the core functions of TPT to try to reduce operational costs, so staff replacements were not made. Service providers were reviewed and we have found further ways to save costs.

We have transitioned our financial systems to a new automated system. We now have better access to information and have outsourced our financial support. Deloitte is providing financial and accountancy services, which has proven to be efficient and cost effective.

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There have been many staff changes over the past year. We acknowledge and thank all our current and former staff for their contribution to TPT and TPTCT.

Our current TPT staff are:

- General Manager: Wally Tangohau
- Operations Manager: Dawn Paewhenua (*Dawn came to us from CNI Iwi Holdings Ltd*)
- Administrator/Receptionist: Tahnee Ormsby (*Tahnee was previously at Korowai Aroha*)

Those who have moved on:

- Taria Tahana, General Manager, TPT, is now in a senior management role with Te Puni Kōkiri in Wellington.
- Bethany Pitman-Brewer, Executive Administrator, TPT, took up new challenges with Tipu Ora in Rotorua.
- Erana Jones, Office Administrator, TPT, followed her husband to live in Australia.
- Rickie Lee Kamariera, Project Coordinator, TPTCT, responded to the call of her people and headed back home.
- Christina Diamond, Project Manager, TPTCT, accepted an offer to work in Wellington for Hon. Te Ururoa Flavell.
- Greg Allen, Project Manager, TPTCT, took up new challenges with Waiariki institute of Technology.
- Nuku Jones, Finance Manager, TPT, finished out his contract and accepted a full-time position in Auckland.
- Henry Colbert, Special Projects Manager, TPT, concluded his contract in October 2015 with the end of the archival project.
- Aneta Morgan, Project Manager, TPTCT, finished her contract in October 2015, due to challenges TPTCT had in securing sustainable funding from external sources.

Matariki: Whakanuia ngā Koeke o Te Arawa

The seventh annual Matariki Dinner was held on 28 June 2015 at Holiday Inn, Whakarewarewa, proudly co-sponsored by TPT and managed by Te Arawa Lakes Trust.

The event drew over 200 koeke from throughout Te Arawa Rohe and was heralded as “the best held to date”.

Whakanuia ngā Koeke o Te Arawa 2015 featured live entertainment, dinner and a hula dancing contest before the annual Matariki king and queen of the ball were chosen.

The Matariki Dinner promotes recognition of the traditional

Māori New Year and is seen as an important time for family to gather and reflect on the past and the future. For us, it is also an opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge contributions ngā Koeke o Te Arawa have made and continue to make to the betterment of Te Arawa hapū and whānau.

The event is recognised as an annual highlight for many of our koeke, who are deserving of being spoilt. We also see benefits in the strengthening of Te Arawatanga and whakawhanaungatanga between hapū, whānau and various Te Arawa organisations.



Lady Kuia Morrison crowned Queen



Te Wano Walters crowned King



Rangatakapu o Te Arawa Emerging Leaders



Back: Taria Tahana, Hon. Te Ururoa Flavell, Anaha Hiini, Paora Warbrick, Rawiri Waru, Bryce Murray, Alex Wilson, Mikaere Norris, Kiharoa Milroy, Kopa Manahi, Aneta Morgan (Project Manager)
Front: Ana Morrison, Lana Northcroft, Glenda Curtis, Jo Doherty, Jasmine Waerea, Haehaetu Barrett, Rangitīria Tibble.

Sixteen future leaders of Te Arawa descent successfully graduated from the Rangatakapū o Te Arawa Emerging Leadership in November 2015.

The Marae-based wānanga covered all areas of leadership in cultural, social, economic, political and environmental settings.

Aneta Morgan, Project Manager for TPTCT, said the programme is about preparing the students so they feel comfortable in any setting.

Several Te Arawa leaders held sessions with students over the five weekend-workshops, including Hon. Te Ururoa Flavell, Sir Toby Curtis, Te Ariki Morehu, Malcolm Short, Punoho McCausland, Tania Tapsell and the late Mauriora Kingi.

“Rangatakapū o Te Arawa Programme has reinforced to me the importance of working together, as Te Arawa, for Te Arawa” – Graduate Nelson Meha, Ngāti Tamateatūtahi/Kawiti

Benefits of Registering with TPT

If you wish to register as a beneficiary to one or more Hapū or Iwi listed:

- Complete the registration form online at www.tpota.org.nz or
- Email office@tpota.org.nz or phone (07) 347 4615 to request a registration form.

Registration will enable you to:

- Vote at your Affiliate AGM meeting/s
- Participate in trustee elections for your Affiliate/s
- Participate in trustee elections for TPT Board of Trustees
- A free seasonal hunting permit within Kaingaroa forestry

Here are the number of registered beneficiaries who have been validated by koeke from their Hapū or Iwi:

Registered beneficiaries per Hapū/Iwi as at 11/02/16

No.	Hapū / Iwi	No. Registered
1.	Ngāti Rongomai	1472
2.	Ngāti Pīkiao	3718
3.	Tuhourangi	3573
4.	Ngāti Tahu Ngāti Whaoa	1653
5.	Ngāti Tararwai	1246
6.	Uenukukopako	2426
7.	Ngāti Tuteniu	1280
8.	Te Roro O Te Rangī	1760
9.	Ngāti Tura Ngāti Te Ngakau	625
10.	Ngāti Kea Ngāti Tuara	881
11.	Ngararanui	835

Number of TPT beneficiaries registered 10,823

Number of registered beneficiaries who whakapapa to more than one Affiliate 8,646

Total beneficiaries registered 19,469



Mana Whenua

In June 2008, the Central North Island (CNI) Iwi Collective signed a final settlement with the Crown. The CNI Iwi Collective comprise of:

1. Ngāi Tahu
2. Ngāti Rangitahi
3. Ngāti Whakaue
4. Raukawa
5. Ngāti Manawa
6. Ngāti Tuwharetoa
7. Ngāti Whare
8. Te Pūmautanga o Te Arawa Trust

The CNI Iwi Collective agreed to a tikanga-based resolution process to settle claims to 23 Crown Forest Licenced Lands (CFLs), relating to 176,000 hectares.

Unfortunately, over the following six years iwi could not reach agreement, so the process went to adjudication. The CNI Iwi Collective engaged three Panel Members to adjudicate whose job it was to determine mana whenua in nine Kaingaroa CFLs.

It was up to each iwi to present evidence to the Adjudication Panel for their claim of mana whenua to each of the CFLs. TPT claimed mana whenua interests to nine of the CFLs, however in 2014 the Panel found that TPT had proven mana whenua interests in only four of these.

Discussions are progressing with CNI Iwi Collective under a kanohi ki te kanohi process. TPT is trying to reach written agreement for our allocation in the remaining CFLs where we have an interest.

TPT is focused on completing its mana whenua allocation agreements for CFLs before 1 July 2016.

Forestry scholarship

If you are enrolled as a full-time tertiary student in a forestry related discipline and have tribal affiliations to TPT, you may be eligible to apply for the Kaingaroa Timberlands Kaitiaki o te Ngahere Scholarship. This scholarship covers the total cost of tuition fees for a period of four years or less, with paid work experience offered during the holiday breaks.

Priority is given to applicants with tribal connection to Kaingaroa Timberlands forestry land and those who have lived in the central North Island for at least two years. Applications close 31 March 2016.

More information can be found on the Timberlands website at www.tll.co.nz/employment



Annual General Meeting

Tapuaeharuru Marae,
1702 State Highway 30, Rotoiti
10:00am to 2.00pm

Cultural Redress Properties

TPT has completed a review of the Cultural Redress programme. A full list of the properties is provided in our 2014/15 Annual Report available at www.tpota.org.nz

Te Arawa teams to compete at Matatini 2017



Congratulations to all the Te Arawa teams who are advancing to Te Matatini 2017:

- 1st – Te Mātārae i Ōrehu
- 2nd – Ngāti Rangiwewehi
- 3rd – Tūhourangi-Ngāti Wāhiao
- 4th – Te Piki Kotuku o Ngāti Rongomai
- 5th – Te Hikuwai

TPT Office at 1141 Pukaki Street

Next time you are in town, pop in for a cuppa at our office at 1141 Pukaki Street, Rotorua. We would love to see you. TPT relocated to the new office in July 2015, which has provided cost-savings of about 50 percent over our previous location. Being able to bring TPT's archival records to the new office has also provided further cost-savings and means we have instant access to the archival records.

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