

Chairman's Report – April 2017



Kia ora tatou,

Josephine Tui Karanga's passing has been a big loss to her whānau, hapū, iwi and the Whakatōhea Māori Trust Board. Jozie gave almost 9 years of service on the Trust Board, doing the best she could for her people. As a valued member, chairperson of Te Pou Oranga o Whakatōhea and vice chair of the Whakatōhea Māori Trust Board, she will be remembered for her dedication, honesty, integrity, reliability and humility. Strong debater when required and firm in her discussion whilst putting the welfare of her people foremost at all times.

*She will be Remembered with Affection, Arohanui,
Haere Ra Jozie.*

DAIRY FARM

This season has been one to forget, from an impossibly wet spring to very dry December to mid-February, severely impacting milk production. One can only hope for better conditions next season.

- Milk production target for the 2016/17 season is 283,000kgMS, based on wintering 770 in-calf cows.
- Milk production has been a battle since 1st September and is now 21% behind target season to date (STD). Production is forecast at 221,000 kgMS for FY17. Which is disappointing.

World Milk Price had stabilised over the past few global dairy trade (GDT) auctions but crashed 12.4% at the latest auction on 7th March to US\$2,782/ton. Fonterra recently announced an increase in their advance rate of \$0.37/kgMS, but have retained the final milk price forecast at \$6.00/kgMS (plus a dividend of \$0.40/share). The advance rate is now budgeted to be \$4.95/kgMS to 30th June, \$1.60/kgMS higher than the original budget of \$3.35/kgMS. Despite milk production being down 21% STD, revenue is predicted to be \$150K higher to 30th June.

AQUACULTURE

- February 2017 – 32 new backbone structures were installed ready for reseeding as soon as the weather calms down.
- 138 mussel lines installed. All these lines loaded with mussels with the majority being spat (Nia Nia)
- 14 crop lines. Ready to harvest July / August for the local market. Approximately 450 tonnes of mussel. 64 WMOL spat lines will be harvested. 60 grow outlines (crop lines) reseeded and will be ready to harvest for the local market July / August 2018.
- The balance of the spat seed sold to Sanford.

- E. 3rd party has 60 lines that will be harvested and the seed transported to the coromandel for 3rd party reseedling program.

POINTS OF INTEREST:

Local Market	Value Chain
July / Aug 2016 – 2 crop lines – 40 tonne	1 spat line – 6 months - \$25,200
July / Aug 2017 – 14 crop lines – 420 tonne	1 export line – 20 months - \$32,508
July / Aug 2017 – 60 crop lines – 1800 tonne	1 domestic line – 24 months - \$50,400

MUSSEL FARMING CYCLE IN THE WHAKATŌHEA ROHE MOANA AS WE KNOW AT THIS TIME.

- July / August – All spat lines hug and ready for the arrival of the spat.
- September / October – The main spat settlement period – Nov. Late settlement.
- February / March – Adding extra floats to the lines to support the growing mussels weight and installing new lines, new back bone structure for reseedling.
- April / May / June – Strip spat lines, reseed grow out lines (crop line) clean and prepare spat lines to be hanging out in.
- July / August / September – All spat lines ready for spat run. Harvest mussel crop lines for the local market .

TREATY

The Whakatohea Pre-Settlement Claims Trust is supported by negotiators; Jason Pou and Maui Hudson, project manager, Arihia Tuoro, Administrator, Gina Smith, Communications officer, Tayla Hill and support services of Whakatōhea Māori Trust Board and CEO Dickie Farrar.

WPCT is currently travelling the motu presenting the components of negotiations and asking for feedback and aspirations to enhance what we as Whakatōhea can seek in settlement and more importantly to help build our future.

Components of the Settlement:

- Raupatu Settlement
- Comprehensive settlement
- Reconciliation
- Cultural preparation
- Collective revitalisation
- Commercial and financial redress
- Special Factors

The negotiating team are in the process of negotiating and building a relationship with the crown and government agencies to raise the quantum and see what further contractual engagement can be put in place.

The settlement is about honouring our tipuna and the consequences of the raupatu. It is also about honouring our uri and creating a better future for whānau, hapū and our iwi. Our strategy for the settlement is based on reconciliation with society, regeneration of capacity and accelerating Whakatōhea vision for prosperity and wellbeing.

Recognition of Whakatōhea rangatiratanga with the support of an enabling settlement package will help Whakatōhea to assume greater responsibility for Iwi and regional development.

Nāku noa nā Robert Edwards

Chairperson, Whakatohea Māori Trust Board