



Message from the Chair

E mihi nei ki a koutou ngā hapū, nga whānau o te Whakatōhea. On behalf of the Trustees and staff of Whakatōhea Māori Trust Board, I wish you all a safe and peaceful holiday season.

As we reflect on the past year, we have done so knowing it has been another difficult year, and I would like to acknowledge and thank the management team for their contribution with managing the challenges this year.

Dairy

Fonterra Cooperative Group announced an opening forecast of \$4.25 kgms payout for the 2016-2017 season of which the Farm Committee has taken steps to form a strict budget. We are not out of the woods yet as many farms must achieve \$5.00kgms to break even.

As to the Global Dairy Trading (GDT) auction, prices are volatile, they rose to 6.6% the month of August and quickly dropped again the following month. The best plan is to keep to the budget, push through another 12 months of hard work and continue prudent decision-making.

Dairy Partnership

Waikeke Farms Ltd and Te Waiti Land Trust are joint venture partnerships and have done fairly well this year. Te Waiti Land Trust managed to return a dividend to the Trust Board of \$10,000 per partner for the 2015-2016 season.

Forestry

Waiteata 1, Waiteata 2, Mangatai and Parakinapa make up the 1/25th Partnership and for the last 20 years the focus has been on tending, growing and protecting this forestry investment.

More recently the price for logs has gone up in value and the management committee recommended to the partners to harvest the forestry and sell the land in the next financial year. All parties have agreed to do this.

Kiwifruit

For our kiwifruit blocks, we have had an average year for Ōpōtiki flat land orchards and we are nowhere near the full potential. Growing kiwifruit on this type of land is very difficult given the high water level as kiwifruit do not like wet feet.

Aquaculture

Over the last year the entire Mussel whānau (WMTB, ESF & WMOL) have had a 100% focus on the mussel farm operations, installing spat lines, harvesting the spat and on-selling the spat to 3rd party Sanford.

In February 2016, the opportunity arose to purchase a purpose built boat 'The Northern Quest' with a team of three and an anchorage in the Coromandel. The opportunity was too good to believe and an agreement was signed to lease the vessel for six months with the right to purchase at \$2.3 million

This year has been a great year for Eastern Sea Farm as it achieves its first profit of \$32,616.

ESF has leased 80% of the longline space to WMOL and retains the other 20% which is currently being leased by Pare Hauraki, Sanford and Gulf mussels.

WMOL set a very hectic program with the intention of installing 162 new backbone structures by the end of August 2016 in preparation for the mussel spat run.

Key Highlights

- Installing new spat lines and harvesting spat from the previous year
- February 2016 purchase of the Northern Quest at \$2.3 million
- Eastern Sea Farms achieves its first profit - \$32,616
- Installation of 162 new backbone structures

What we will do next year

- Support the expansion of the marine farm
- Initiate consents for new water space
- Promote the marine farm prospectus

Toi Ora – Environment

High level strategies

- We are active partners and kaitiaki (stewards) of our natural resources
- Planning support to Marae and hapū
- Alignment of local, regional and national strategies
- Implementation of the Te Tawharau strategy

Key Highlights

- Completed submissions to the Regional and Ōpōtiki Council annual plans
- Supported the Ōhiwa harbor strategy by appointing a representative to the governance board and working group
- Participated in planting programs on farm and with marae.

What we will do next year

- Engage with kaumatua and kuia regarding environmental sites of significance
- Engage with district and regional council on resource consent management
- Participate in regional and local district planning

Culture

- We would like to acknowledge the leadership of Te Kahautu Maxwell who had the dream of delivering a Kura Reo for Whakatōhea this year.
- The Whakatōhea Maori Trust Board was awarded funding from Te Taurawhiri i Te Reo Māori (Māori Language Commission) to deliver a Whakatōhea based project called “Tohekura” – te Kura Reo o te Whakatōhea.
- This Kura Reo was the first of its kind for Whakatōhea and was delivered on 10th – 16th July 2016, at Terere Marae.
- Historically we have supported the Ōpōtiki District Council with their plans around developing the Motu Trails Cycleway and more recently the council approached Upokorehe to ask for their support.
- The proposed new trail will begin east of the Waiotahe Drifts and head towards the Waiotahe River, connecting with Ohiwa Harbour Road.

- Bruce Pukepuke proposed the idea to the Taumata Kaumātua hui Thursday 2nd June, and all were in favour.

Cultural Values Assessment

- One of the key focus areas in Ōpōtiki at present is the Harbour Development Project, and is being led by the Ōpōtiki District Council.
- One activity that has been completed this year is the Cultural Values Assessment.
- This assessment documents the connection of the area to the Iwi's historical, cultural, customary, and environmental values that must be taken into consideration during any development.

Key Highlights

- Delivering on Whakatōhea Kura Reo
- Over 100 whānau attend
- Taurira want to attend another event
- Completion of the Cultural Values Assessment

What we will do next year

- Support the progress of Whakatōhea Treaty settlement history and stories
- Work with the Komiti Whiriwhiri gather research for curriculum development
- Progress the recording of waahi tapu and pa sites Develop and initiate the Digital Natives Academy.

Te Pou Oranga o Whakatōhea

- As a Board, we moved to approve the rebrand of Te Wheke Atawhai and change the name to Te Pou Oranga o Whakatōhea.
- The original name was not of Whakatōhea and the move to upgrade logo, banners and signage along with the uniform proved a great hit with the community and staff.
- As a Board, we have watched the progress of our services and we have been very pleased with the results.
- The decision to purchase and design a new data management system has enabled us to track client intake, their progress through our services and the changes that are occurring for each of them.
- The last two years we have had a focus on integrating our services to be seamless and this started with moving the social and health team to a new building we purchased a number of years ago.
- We have also been working with two other GP clinics to consider integrating into one medical practice and signed the Pae Ora Trust Deed in August 2017.
- So far, Toi Ora Health has agreed to participate along with Jeremy Luxton the local physiotherapist, and the local pharmacies.

Key Highlights

- Rebranded our logo, staff uniforms, and presence
- Investigated integrating our services
- Review systems and processes of a restructure
- Implement a new data management system

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Education – Matauranga

- Igniting Aspirations in Whakatōhea. This program was designed to create a space for rangatahi to dream, share their aspirations for the future and start a process of effective self-management and goal planning. 2017 Term 2 Igniting Aspirations in Whakatōhea was launched at Ōpōtiki College.
- 70 Rangatahi over 2 days attended a series of presentations and activities that were developed to help support our rangatahi to think and create aspirations for their futures.
- The 12 week programme consisted of strength based workshops that helped to develop individual goal planning and address barriers each rangatahi may face on their journey towards achieving their goals.
- “Te Pou Oranga o Whakatōhea ECE provides clear shared vision and values that reflect whānau aspirations. The Education Group Management team overview guide the centre operations and teachers practice. The curriculum and teachers practice strongly reflects the values, aims and aspirations of Whakatōhea. Children and teachers are immersed in the values of Te Ao Māori, and Te Reo and tikanga Māori are highly evident.

Key Highlights

- 70 Rangatahi attended a series of workshops to create aspirations for their futures.
- WEAP planner is supporting 33 College students 16-18yrs to achieve NCEA 1 & 2
- Transition of eight Pouāwhitia students back into mainstream schooling at Ōpōtiki College Term 3 2017
- Exceptional Education Review Audit 2017

What we will do next year

- Combine Pa Harakeke and Te Aria Toka Pre-schools into one location.
- Increase the size of Whakatōhea Pre-School to accommodate an additional 90 tamariki

Health Centre – Hauora

- Babies are born full term with healthy birth weights
- They are enrolled in early childhood education and well prepared for school
- Whānau and rangatahi are supported by connected health, social and education services both in the community and in schools

Key highlights

- We have an enrolled population of 2,600 patients.
- We employ three doctors and three nurses.
- We have employed a new manager for the centre, Teina Hudson

- This team will be locating soon to the Ōpōtiki Health Centre to work closer with the other two GP practices in Ōpōtiki to provide integrated services and to improve access for whānau to a range of health services.

What we will do next year

- Move the Health Clinic into Ōpōtiki Health Centre
- Support the establishment of an integrated primary health model between Whakatōhea, Toi Ora, Dr. Lailani Mondares (Church St Surgery), Ōpōtiki Physiotherapy, Ōpōtiki Pharmacy, Kerry Nott Pharmacy and the DHB.

Social – Manaakitanga

- In the past year, 1060 people have accessed a range of social services including; social work in schools, housing repairs, rangatahi support services, safe and nurturing homes (victims and perpetrators of domestic violence), elderly support services, parenting and care for pepi, tamariki; and whānau ora services.
- Satisfaction survey of these services are indicating quality service provision.
- The greatest challenge faced by workers is the lack of warm dry housing. Whānau need significant support to keep their rental properties and we are providing budget services to assist them to keep on top of costs of living, rent, power and food.
- Methamphetamine addiction is on the increase in our community and the impact on whānau is devastating.
- While we have invested heavily to train our workforce in co-existing mental health and addiction problems, addressing meth addiction is still a challenge.

Key highlights

- 1060 people have accessed our services
- Five of our mental health whānau have written and presented their Slam poetry at the Whakatane art gallery in front of over 70 people.
- TV 3 reporter visited our mental health peer support group and a programme that went to air on “the Nation” discussing the justice system needing to recognize and respond to the mental health needs of clients.

What we will do next year

- Work with the community and other services to address methamphetamine use
- Work with DHB on proposal for funding for supported accommodation for pre-post rehabilitation services

Acknowledgement

I want to first acknowledge the loss of Jozie Karanga. This was a loss for the Trust Board as she provided the element of calm resolve and patience for many important occasions.

She played a major role on many Boards and we will remember her dedication to her Iwi and the community.

I would also like to acknowledge her contributions at this Board table and within Te Ao Māori.

