TE TĀWHARAU O TE WHAKATŌHEA

TĀWHARAUTIA *Te Whakatōhea*

HAKIHEA 2023

OPENING FROM

Vaughan Payne, Chair

Ngā mihi o te wā.

As Establishment Trustees we would like to warmly welcome and congratulate our successful candidates as our Initial Trustees of Te Tāwharau o Te Whakatōhea.

A significant milestone, role, and exciting opportunity to implement our settlement in a way that unites Whakatōhea, pursuing our wawata 'Kia Rangatira ai ngā uri o Te Whakatōhea - to revitalise and build prosperity for Te Whakatōhea'.

We would also like to thank all of our candidates for having the courage to stand. We were blessed to have such a strong group of candidates to choose from. Whether we are Initial Trustees or not, our future relies on all of us working together for the collective benefit of our mokopuna. E roi Te Whakatōhea i te roi a Tinirau. Divided we are weak, united we are strong.

Tāwharautia Te Whakatōhea!!

The last task for the Establishment Trustees is to convene the first Annual General Meeting which is when our Initial Trustees will be confirmed following the swearing of Te Oatitanga / The Oath and we the Establishment Trustees will retire. It has been a pleasure working with fellow Establishment Trustees who have all had significant leadership roles in getting Whakatōhea to this significant milestone. Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou ōku rangatira.

The AGM notice will follow early in the New Year.

As this year draws to an end and we take the time to reflect on our past and our whānau that are no longer with us, we can look forward in anticipation for an exciting future ahead for Whakatōhea. In the meantime, we hope that you find the time to relax and enjoy time with whānau and friends.

Noho ora mai

Vaughan Payne
Establishment Trustee Chair
Te Tāwharau o Te Whakatōhea

INITIAL *Trustees*

The election process started with the call for nominations on the 28th of August 2023 and was completed on the 13th of December 2023 with the final results announced.

A total of 17 Candidates put themselves forward for the four general seats and four of the six hapū seats required an election as there were more than two Candidates.

Whakatōhea thank all the Candidates for stepping up and putting themselves forward to provide such a great pool of talent to choose from.

The 16 successful Candidates, on swearing in the Oath / Te Oatitanga at the first AGM for Te Tāwharau o Te Whakatōhea will be confirmed as the Initial Trustees.

Visit the website to view full Initial Trustee profiles: tewhakatohea.co.nz.

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TE WHAKAPŪMAUTANGA I TE OATI TAPU A TE KAITIAKI KUA PŌTITIA... THE *Oath*

All Candidates were asked to declare on the Nomination Form that: "If elected, I agree to be bound by the terms of Te Tāwharau o Te Whakatōhea Trust Deed, Te Oatitanga, any other relevant Trustee obligations and to publicly swear on an oath to do so"

Below is Te Oatitanga in both te Reo and English.

Ko ahau, ko ...., ka whakaae ki te pōtitanga hei Kaitiaki ki Te Tāwharau o Te Whakakatōhea, waihoki ko tēnei ka oati:

Ko ahau ka whakaae kia paiheretia ki ngā ture whakaae o te Puka Ture I Te Mana Motuhake (Trust Deed). Kei te mātau ahau ki ōku nei herenga hei Kaitiaki me te whakaoati i konei ka ngākau pono ahau, ka ngākau tapatahi ahau, ka whakapau ahau i ōku nei kaha katoa, ka mahi ahau mō te painga, mō te oranga tonutanga o Te Whakatōhea iwi whānui. Mōku ake; ko Te Whakatōhea kei runga, ko Te Whakatōhea te tuatahi i ngā wā katoa, i aku mahinga katoa. E kore rawa ahau e ngākaukino, e kore rawa ahau e mahi tinihanga hei takatakahi i te mana me te oranga tonutanga o Te Whakatōhea iwi whānui. E kore rawa aku mahinga katoa e haukukume kia whai hua ai ki tētahi atu uri kotahi o te iwi o Te Whakatōhea, e kore rawa aku mahi e haukukume kia whai hua ai ki tētahi atu hapū, whānau, rōpū kotahi rānei o te iwi o Te Whakatōhea whānui.

Tēnei rā [ ] o [ ] 20.
Tāmoko .....
Tāmokotia ki mua ki te aroaro o:
.....
[Tuhia te ingoa o te Kaitiaki i tāmokotia ai tēnei oati tapu ki mua ki te aroaro o:]

I, ..., accept election as a Trustee to Te Tāwharau o Te Whakatōhea, and in doing so declare:

I agree to be bound by the terms of its Trust Deed. I understand my obligations as a Trustee and confirm that I will faithfully, impartially, and to the best of my ability, act in the best interests of Te Whakatōhea. I will put Whakatōhea first and will not be unfairly partial to one beneficiary or group of beneficiaries to the detriment of any other.

Tāwharautia a Te Whakatōhea

Dated
Signed

NGAI TAMAHAUA

Courtney Papuni

Dawn TeHereripine Hill

NGĀTI RUATAKENGA

Damian Papuni

Linda Aroha Papuni-Grave

NGĀTI PATUMOANA

Te Puritanga Jefferies

Bradley Walker

NGĀTI NGĀHERE

Arihia Tuoro

Te Kahautu (Dudu) Maxwell

NGĀTI IRA

Renay Jones

Amber Leah Rakuraku

TE ŪPOKOREHE

Miranda (née Pukepuke) Horan

Victor Hape

GENERAL SEATS

Nadine Gray

Te Ringahuia Hata

Marsh Moore

Marcelle Pio

LEGISLATIVE *Steps*
FOR THE WHAKATŌHEA SETTLEMENT TO BE PASSED INTO LAW

- Whakatōhea Bill introduced into parliament 13 June 2023
- Whakatōhea Bill First reading 17 August 2023
- Public submissions opened 31 August 2023, closed 31 October 2023
- Māori Affairs Select Committee to hear public submissions dates tbc
- Māori Affairs Select Committee Report to Parliament dates tbc
- Second and Third readings
- Royal assent

Whakatōhea whānau filled the Parliamentary gallery to hear the First Reading on the 17th of August 2023.

Pictured are some of the whānau that joined us to hear the 1st reading. Quick to follow was the Māori Affairs Select Committee calling for Submissions starting 31 August and closing 31 October 2023. The Māori Affairs Select Committee will make the submissions available to the public in the New Year.

The same Committee will then advise the dates when the submissions will be heard. Once the committee have heard the submissions it will then write a report back to Parliament which will include recommendations on the Bill. At the 1st reading some parties did note that they would like to hear more on the aquaculture component of our Settlement, which is the first of its kind to be included in an Iwi settlement. Given that the Settlement has been signed between the Crown and Whakatōhea, Te Tāwharau o Te Whakatōhea do not expect any change to the settlement package.

The 2023 General Elections and the change of Government does mean that we do not expect to receive the 2024 legislation programme and any confirmed dates for the Whakatōhea Settlement Claims Bill 2nd and 3rd readings until the parliament resumes in mid February 2024.

The final step when the Governor General gives the legislation "royal assent" is when Whakatōhea Settlement Claims Act is passed into law, and the Settlement assets can then be transferred to Te Tāwharau o Te Whakatōhea.

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