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WAKATŪ

Nau mai te ao!

I ngā rā tata nei kua tae mai ngā rōpū i te ao, i te motu, hei tohatoha, whiriwhiri hoki i ngā take whakahirahira. Waihoki kua haere mātou ki te ao, ki te motu hei kohikohi i ngā whakaaro rangatira hei whakiingia i tō mātou kete hei oranga mō te iwi. Mauri tū mauri ora.

We welcomed the world!

Recently we have welcomed groups from overseas and locally to discuss and share important issues. Likewise we have gone out internationally and nationally to gather information to fill our 'kete' for the benefit of our business and people.

Hākari at Shareholder Meetings

The number of people coming to the hākari lunch at the AGM and SGM has increased year on year. More people attend the lunch than attend the hui and owners will have noticed the seating capacity at the lunch is limited. This creates difficulty in ensuring that everybody who attends the hui is fed. Providing kai for people at the hui is central to our tikanga. To ensure we can fulfil this important responsibility, at the AGM we will provide each person with a ticket to the hākari when they enter the hui. Please note this change and let your whānau know too – as we hope to avoid any embarrassment to anyone wanting to come to the hākari but not the hui.

Nominations for the Wakatū Board

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the Board terms of Rore Stafford and James Wheeler will expire at the 2017 Annual General Meeting in Nelson on Saturday 2 December 2017. The two retiring members are eligible for re-election for a further term of office, and have advised they will be standing for re-election.

Nominations for the vacancies must be made by a shareholder in writing to Kerensa Johnston, Incorporation Secretary, Wakatū Incorporation, PO Box 440, Nelson, and must be lodged by 5pm, Thursday 14 September 2017. Nomination forms can be obtained from Celia (celia@wakatu.org / 03 539 0811).

Please include brief details about the nominee, and include the signed approval of the nominee to his/her nomination. The information will be circulated to shareholders with the Notice of Meeting for the 2017 Annual General Meeting.

40th Celebrations, Friday 1 – Sunday 3 December

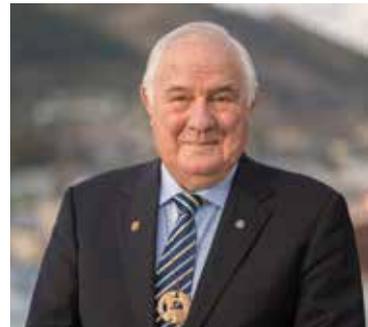
We are looking forward to seeing you in Nelson for this year's Annual General Meeting (AGM), to be held at Whakatū Marae on Saturday 2 December. The AGM is one of the highlights of our year as it's an opportunity to give our owners updates on what we have achieved, as well as let them know about our plans for the future. It is also a time for us to get together, spend time with each other and reinforce connections between whānau. This year's AGM weekend is even more special as we will also be celebrating the 40th year of the incorporation of Wakatū.

As well as the AGM, from Friday 1 December through to Sunday 3 December we will have a range of events recognising the 40th anniversary of Wakatū Incorporation – please visit our website for full details (www.wakatuu.org).

All owners are invited to the 40th celebratory dinner which will be held in Nelson on Saturday 2 December and, to assist with catering, we will be taking registrations for this event. To secure your seat, a small koha of \$10 per adult is required with children under 16 free but requiring registration. Please note that spaces are limited. To register, please email colleen.carew@wakatu.org or phone Colleen on 03 546 8648.

Please note that due to the variety of events being held over this period, we will not be offering an owner's bus tour this year but it will return in 2018.

We would love to see you at some or all of the events over our celebratory weekend, but there will be other opportunities to celebrate with us throughout the coming year, including in Wellington in 2018. We will continue to update the website as details are finalised. Nau mai, haere mai!





Intern Profile: Anaru Adams

Te Ātiawa, Ngāti Hauā, Ngāti Maniapoto

I am currently in the fourth year of my Bachelor of Laws and Social Sciences (Political Science) at the University of Waikato. In 2014, I received the Wakatū Tertiary Scholarship and have been involved with the alumni programme ever since. During the June semester break I was offered the opportunity to undertake an internship at Wakatū. I worked with the General Manager Tika, Simon Perfect, on completing a business maturity assessment with Kono (our food and drinks business) and I also undertook a legal compliance review of both Wakatū and Kono.

Highlights of my internship included:

- Being present during the rebranding of Kono, and seeing the dedication and care of the staff at telling the story of our tūpuna and the hekenga. Also, being present for the Matariki dawn ceremony.
- Visiting our winery, orchards and seafood factory and connecting with all parts of our business from sales and marketing to the staff based overseas (who happened to be visiting Te Tau Ihu during my internship).
- Working with staff across Kono to undertake an honest business performance assessment, and making recommendations for improvement.

Thank you to Wakatū and Kono and especially to the GM People & Culture, Rōpata Taylor, and the Manaaki team for putting everything together. I truly enjoyed my time with our whānau from Wakatū and Kono. They provided me with true manaakitanga; they truly humbled me and helped me connect to our history, land and our business, and filled my kete mātauranga.

Te Ture Whenua Māori Bill

The current reform is the most significant change to Māori land law in 20 years. It is the results of six years of consultation and a long conversation since 1998.

The changes proposed in Te Ture Whenua Māori Bill will affect Māori land owners and their engagement with their whenua for generations to come. Wakatū has participated in the review of this Bill along with whānau, Māori land trusts, Māori land incorporations and Māori Land Court judges.

The proposed Te Ture Whenua Māori Bill has been drafted to strengthen protections against the alienation of Māori land, change the succession and dispute resolution processes, and create and set out the core functions of a proposed Māori Land Service entity. Whilst these changes could be beneficial for some Māori land owners, they bring unnecessary complexity and cost for Trusts and Incorporations.

Wakatū continues to review the draft Bill and changes, and will consider its implications for you, our owners, once the final Bill is ready. A full update will be provided at the December 2017 AGM.

Alumni

Tertiary Applications

Walk in the footsteps of our tūpuna, become a Kaitiaki of our legacy.

Our scholarships are designed to build our leadership, connecting talented people to our rich cultural heritage and legacy.

We support a range of disciplines, with preference for studies related to our businesses. Studies in the applied sciences of viticulture, aquaculture and horticulture are a priority. Whenua is at the core of our legacy, and careers in property are critical to our future development. Studies in the area of te reo Māori and Māori economic development are also a priority.

How Wakatū scholarships work?

Each scholarship provides the successful applicant with financial support for fees and books, up to a maximum of three years. There are also bonus opportunities for studying Te Reo Māori and achieving academic merit. Study can be in New Zealand or overseas but must be through a recognised tertiary provider.

Who can apply?

Applicants must be Wakatū shareholders or descendants of Wakatū shareholders and demonstrate a strong desire to get qualified. To apply for a Wakatū scholarship please complete the online application from which a shortlist and interviews will be carried out. Applications will open on our website, www.wakatu.org, from 14 August and will close 31 October 2017. Please note that applications will only be available online. We strongly encourage you and your whānau to apply.

Ko ia kāhore nei i rapu, tē kitea

Communication

Wakatū is making a collaborative effort to care for Papatūānuku. We are reducing unnecessary paper usage, administration and postage costs and, where possible, we email our pānui to owners and interested parties. Over time, the intention is to provide an eco-efficient and environmentally responsible solution with our communication to owners in an electronic format. Toitū te whenua.

To be added to our email database please send your details to: celia@wakatu.org