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Thomas Rutene Manager Dairy Support Unit Ropiha Road



Thomas and Aimee Ireland
Dairy Support Unit, Ropiha Road.

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The mokopuna of Jim and Gypsy Rutene and parents William and Susan Rutene of Masterton, Thomas found his way to Mangakino via the dairy industry grapevine.

A graduate of St Patrick's Masterton and Kuranui College Greytown, Thomas worked on a sheep and beef farm in Chester Road Carterton as a general farm hand before moving across the Tazz to Caboolture in Queensland, Australia. Residing with whānau from the Wairarapa, Thomas worked at Meramist a multi-species abattoir where horse, sheep, beef, camel and ostrich were processed for human consumption and exported to overseas markets.

During his spare time he played rugby and touch for Morayfield and basketball for a local social club.

After ten years in Oz, Thomas returned home in 2006 to the Wairarapa and took up employment with Alandale Dairy Limited at Woodside, Greytown.

Employed as a farm assistant and with a desire to progress within the dairy industry, Thomas took up a number of industry training courses which helped him gain the knowledge and skills needed which, after six years, rewarded him with a Stock Manager/2IC position. It was by every means a motivated learning experience where Thomas discovered his passion for

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Justice reform advocate **Kim Workman** awarded the 2015 J.D. Stout Fellowship

Professor Lydia Wevers, the director of Victoria University's Stout Research Centre of New Zealand where the former policeman and public servant will be based, says Mr Workman combines a lifetime of grassroots engagement with reformist thinking.

The Fellowship is funded by the Stout Trust and was established to foster research in New Zealand society, history and culture by providing the Fellow with an opportunity to work within an academic environment for the year of tenure.

Mr Workman of Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa and Rangitaane is well known for his work on criminal justice, corrections policy and Māori development. He has been an outspoken advocate for justice reform and worked in a number of Government Ministries.

Professor Lydia Wevers says she is excited about the appointment. "We are delighted to be hosting Kim and supporting him in the writing of his book. One of his referees said that Kim combines a lifetime of grassroots engagement with the helicopter view of the reforming thinker and I'm sure this combination of qualities will make for a well-balanced and thought-provoking book."



During his Fellowship Mr Workman will be working on a book on the development of the criminal justice system in New Zealand, Criminal Justice, the State and Māori, which will document the history of Māori in the criminal justice system and examine the relationship between punitiveness and neoliberalism.

Kim explains: "After seven years of advocacy and policy work with Rethinking Crime and Punishment, I developed a passion for writing and wanted to do something that would make a more permanent impact on discussion about the criminal justice system."

Kim, a founder and advocate for the Robson Hanan Trust, which administers the Rethinking Crime and Punishment and Justspeak initiatives, will withdraw from active advocacy and writing for the Trust at the end of this year.



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the great outdoors and applied himself to fully appreciate all aspects of modern farm management and improved practises.

Making informed decisions is part of the job, maintaining farm gear and equipment is also part of the job and all manner of fencing whether putting up new or repairing the old sits alongside the health and wellbeing of all on-farm stock, along with the confidence to solve problems that pop up unannounced.

These are but a few of a long list of skills and attributes that Thomas has under his belt as a result of good on-farm training and Dairy Industry Training units.

But it was prominent Ayrshire judge and past Chairman of NZ Dairy Event, Selwyn Donald, that had a chat to Chris Berry about Thomas. Selwyn farms near Wairarapa Moana

and was impressed with the work Thomas was doing for him. He had a very good work ethic, good attitude, good all-round knowledge and encouraged Chris to give Thomas a call. That phone conversation paid off and it was only by chance that an opening on one of the Pouakani farms was available.

Seizing the opportunity, Thomas made the effort to visit Mangakino and was rapt at what he saw and being a descendant to Wairarapa Moana, a degree of pride encouraged him to meet with Chris. Thomas with partner Aimee Ireland were both employed and with all the whānau in tow, moved to Mangakino May 2014.

Thomas manages the Dairy Support Unit on Ropiha Road.

"Man, I'm proud to be here. I looked up on the website and a career on the farms? Yeah... very good."

A man of very few words but they mean a lot.

“The Stout Fellowship is too great an opportunity to be squandered – the subject matter will require my undivided attention over the next twelve months.”

“I have chosen 1985 as the starting point for this book, although it will be just as important to track how the system behaved from 1840 onwards. The criminal justice system has been through thirty years of tumultuous change, stemming from the market reforms of the 1980s. It has been characterised by changes in policing practise, shifts in sentencing and criminal justice policy and legislation, increased punitiveness and a changed political and public attitude toward the place of human rights in New Zealand society but it hasn’t all been negative – the 1990s saw a radical reform of the youth justice system, the introduction of restorative justice and improved responsiveness to victims. In more recent times, there has been increased diversion of offenders away from the formal criminal justice system.

“The impact for Māori has been significant. Most contemporary writers track Māori over-representation in the system back to the urban Māori migration of the 1950s. In 1986, I was the District Manager of Māori Affairs in Rotorua and as the Regional Social Impact Co-ordinator for Government restructuring, witnessed the devastating effect on Māori and the subsequent over-representation of Māori both as victims and offenders. We have since seen movement toward the increased social exclusion of a ‘dangerous’ underclass, the marginalisation of the poor and increased inequality.

“There is very little written about this period and the Stout Fellowship provides an opportunity to take a year out and examine that period in depth. The research will consider the State’s response to growing Māori over-representation, efforts by Māori to address the issues and the changes in public policy and attitudes that have led to the issues we face today.”

The success of this research will be measured by the extent to which it can promote dialogue about alternative models of criminal justice, the role of tino rangatiratanga (Māori self-determination) in reducing crime and social harm and the potential to reduce Māori over-representation in the system within an indigenous paradigm.

Report from Will Workman, hapū karanga representative for Wairarapa Moana on the Ngāti Kahungunu Ki Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui ā Rua Trust (our treaty settlement negotiations entity)

The Trust AGM was held on 6 December. As this article was prepared before that date, an update on activities there will need to follow. However the 2014 Annual Report (to 30 June 2014) is available on our website. Some of the highlights of the past year include:

- Hon Chris Finlayson, Minister of Treaty Negotiations, visiting the Wairarapa three times in the past twelve months, including Wairarapa Moana. The Minister has a strong interest in our claims and an impressive knowledge of the grievances and their impact upon our people
- Completion of a comprehensive submission identifying what is required to restore our economic base as well as written submissions on commercial and cultural redress, special factors and the Ngaumu Forest
- Site visits throughout our rohe
- Developing relationships with Crown officials, local government, local business, other iwi and within our own communities

The annual report also highlights the size of the settlement being negotiated, area of interest, and the claimant group. It is clear that we have the second largest treaty claim in terms of land loss and the consequent destruction of our people’s wealth and structure. We may need four redress mechanisms to compensate for the loss of our natural resources (generally Treaty claims settlements include one or two). We must be aware of the diverse and various aspirations of the nine hapū karanga and their constituent hapū when we discuss cultural and commercial redress properties.

The Trust has had to undertake much more work than originally planned. This came at a cost and the Trust’s financial statements show circa \$51,000 for this year. The Trust is seeking further funding from Te Puni Kōkiri, the Crown Forestry Rental Trust and possibly the Office of Treaty Settlements. But we are moving forward and a first-offer from the Crown for settlement is imminent, with Agreement in Principle negotiations expected to be concluded within six months. Given how long we have waited, this is a really exciting time for the Trust and beneficiaries.



KRISSE SMITH

Krissi Smith GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Krissi is a visual communicator with a passion for typography, service design and interdisciplinary learning.

As a recent graduate of the College of Creative Arts (CoCa), Massey University, Krissi has just joined the team at Locus Research. Previous to this, she spent the last four years living and learning in the Capital. Throughout her time at Massey, Krissi actively sought to push boundaries, work in a multidisciplinary manner and discover who she is as a designer. She believes that design is more than creating pretty pictures. It's about pushing boundaries, stepping out of your comfort zone and finding those precious insights in order to create world-class design.

In her final year at Massey University, Krissi worked on a research and user-centered project, based around pregnancy – and how communication design can be used to help first time New Zealand, prenatal mothers have a smooth experience through their pregnancy and find a strong confidence in their abilities. On top of this, she completed an internship, participated in Lux Festival 2014, spoke as a guest speaker at the Wairarapa Moana Annual General meeting and worked part-time as an Undergraduate Teaching Assistant at the university.

Returning home, Krissi is incredibly excited to finish off a busy year with a bang, as she joins Locus Research with a fresh energy and passion for design.

Locus Research-Product Development

Whāia te iti
kahurangi,
ki te tuohu
koe me
maunga
teitei

Pursue that
which is
precious,
should you
waver, let it
be to a lofty
mountain

A glowing accolade after four years at Massey University Wellington, where Krissi gained a Bachelor of Design (Honours) – Visual Communication Design (Graphic Design). She also gained a further qualification in 2013, which gave her the title MISTD, which was an assessment of her work by the International Society of Typographic Design.

Not one to rest on her laurels, she took on extracurricular and involved herself in an iwi creativity exhibition and completed an internship at Signal41, an advanced analytics company. Presented her art work (Potion Forest) at the 2014 Wellington Lux Festival, a city-wide celebration of light that turns Wellington into a dazzling display of illuminating art work.

Throughout the summer of 2013-2014, Krissi worked at a design company in Tauranga, called Onyx Design where she gained industry experience while still studying, which she described as "An amazing experience". During the second semester (this year) she held a position at Massey University as an Undergraduate Teaching Assistant in a third-year class called 'VCD Business'.

Friday 8th of November was the opening night of her final exhibition at Massey University, which formed the final part of her Degree. June 2015 Krissi will graduate and will receive the title of 'Krissi Smith, BDes Hons; MISTD'.



Potion Forest, a lighting installation of an enchanting, playful and hypnotic experience. Photo courtesy of Jojo E Photography.

Krissi is the daughter of Delwyn and Mark Smith, the mokopuna to Millianne Thompson and great mokopuna to Earl Te Rohe Karaitiana and Turuhira McClutchie. Krissi has a whakapapa to Rangitāne and Ngāti Porou and was a Wairarapa Moana scholarship recipient 2011 to 2013.

By her own admission, she is a design lover, one willing to explore and learn and a devoted coffee drinker. Her portfolio can be viewed at – <http://krissismith.wix.com/portfolio>

"With your help, I have been able to freely discover who I am as a designer – so thank you!"

Nō reira Krissi



(Photo courtesy of Mary Nunn (nee Grant))

A Walk Down Memory Lane

Gladstone School

On 4th June 1876, the school was originally opened with an end-of-year school roll of seventeen children. A single room building measuring no bigger than a small cottage was quickly over crowded when all were in attendance. However, during that early period it wasn't unusual for the older pupils both boys and girls to miss school to help at home and on the farm. When this occurred, their absence was very noticeable. But it was also the most favoured excuse for the older ones to 'wag school'.

The 1887 school roll recorded Rita Pou as the first Māori pupil enrolled at the school with the Nikora whānau and Tahana in 1889. 1897 recorded the Rangi whānau and the first Namana names appeared on the roll in 1899.

In the mid 1930s the school roll was described at 48 [pupils] with only 11 children being Pākeha and the rest Māori.

Today, Gladstone School serves the surrounding rural areas of Te Wharau, Maungaraki, Ponatahi, Longbush, Ahiaaruhe and Te Whiti.

Hurunui-o-rangi Marae Committee.

Gladstone School Pupils 1915

Back Row: Miss Turner, Mary Namana, May Foreman, Bill Namana, Robbie Cooper, Allan Grant, Mr Hugh Dodds, Robert Grant, Meha Mita, D. Liddington, M. Henderson, Effie Foreman, Miss I.E. McCaul (later Mrs Dodds).

Middle Row: Margaret Butler, Tui Hemi, Bob Hadfield, V. Reid, ___ Namana, I. McGregor, E. Liddington, Ella Cook, Grace Jackson, Jessie Grant, Eva Day, Nellie Foreman, P. Henderson, Tom Namana, C. Armstrong, Tommy Jackson, Jack Cooper, Tangi Taylor.

Front Row: Albert Karaitiana, Queenie Andrew (Anaru Tuhokairangi), Lizzie Cowan, D. Hadfield, ___ Liddington, Frank Day, Charlie Mita, J. Day, John Cowan, G. Day, ___ Liddington, N. Henderson, B. McGregor, I. Cooper.

Shareholder/Beneficiary Search

The Incorporation has had mail returned to the office for the following shareholders or trustees. If you are able to provide any relevant information or contact details, please call Ngaere Webb on 06 3702608 or 0800 662 624.

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Aaron Stephen Butler

Naomi Burns

2014

Highlights from AGMs



Manuhiri whānau being farewelled from Te Rangimarie Marae, Masterton.

A large number of locals gathered at Papawai Marae for the pōwhiri to shareholders and whānau who had arrived for the 2014 annual general meetings of the Incorporation and Trust. It was clear to see that this time provided an opportunity for everyone to catch up and for some to renew old acquaintances.

A change of plans on the Saturday saw Hurunui-o-rangi Marae whānau host their morning at the Carterton Events Centre instead of the Marae.

The activities started with a pōwhiri followed by morning tea and then presentations on the history and rebuild of the Marae. Four buses then departed on a tour of sites of significance taking in the north east of Carterton, Gladstone, Te Whiti and Manaia. Attendees were provided with a booklet to complement the tour and at the completion the buses stopped at Copthorne Solway Park for lunch. Due to the number restrictions of 200 at Copthorne Solway Park a light lunch was also provided at the Carterton Events Centre.

The Trust meeting was opened by Chairman Te Miha Ua-Cookson commencing at 1.10pm and was completed by 2.35pm. Krissi Smith was invited to present on her journey as a scholarship recipient – read more on Krissi in this issue of the Mailer.

Concern was voiced over non notification of change of auditor for the Trust. As explained the approved auditor had withdrawn from audit services and trustees decided to go with Moore Stephens Wairarapa Audit to ensure the

financial statements were completed on time for the printing of the annual report.

The resolution to amend Rule 24 of the Trust's Constitution was passed. This means that the 2014-15 financial year will end 31 May 2015 and will coincide with the Incorporation's end of financial year.

At the closing date for nominations to the two vacancies on the Trust Board, only two nominations were received so there was no need to undertake an election and Mihirangi Hollings and Anaru Smiler were confirmed as new trustees.

General business included:

- memorial to the pioneers that went to Pouakani from Wairarapa;
- funding to other Wairarapa Marae;
- the panels presented to Pouakani Marae at the 2013 AGM;
- Pouakani Marae AGM to be held 8 November 2014, all welcome.

Trustees will further consider the general business items during the year.





From Top Left: Whānau at Copthorne Solway Park; Sisters (front) Judy Jameson and Kristine Chaplin; AGM.

The Incorporation business commenced with the election of two members to the Committee of Management. Anne Carter, Te Horipo Karaitiana and Ron Mark were standing for the two vacancies and the successful members were Anne Carter and Te Horipo Karaitiana.

The Chairman was asked to explain the change of auditor during the year. Dixon&Co Taupo had resigned from providing auditing services and Crowe Horwath was appointed to complete the 2013-14 audit.

The proposed regular and special dividend totalling \$2million was approved and will be distributed in December. After some discussion the special Marae development grants of \$30,000 each to Pouakani, Kohunui, Papawai, Hurunui-o-rangi, Te OreOre and Te Rangimarie Marae were approved.

The special resolutions to amend the Constitution to allow extended postal voting and introduce electronic voting was approved.

Next year's Annual General Meetings will be held in Masterton on October 3.

General Business items were raised and will be addressed by the Committee of Management.

To all those involved in the preparation and support of the AGMs your participation is much appreciated; to our shareholders and whānau your attendance and involvement is very much valued; and to our whānau and supporters at Papawai and Te Rangimarie Marae a special thank you for providing accommodation, meals and hospitality to Wairarapa Moana shareholders and whānau.



new

**WMI Director
Anne Carter**

**Anne of Ngāti
Kahungunu and
Ngāti Raukawa
descent was**

**appointed as a Director to the
Wairarapa Moana Incorporation in
October 2014.**



Anne has thirty years' experience in the New Zealand public sector, working in a number of Government departments ranging from the Department of Māori Affairs, Te Puni Kōkiri, the Office of the Auditor General, Women's Affairs, Youth Affairs, and the Department of Internal Affairs.

She has held senior leadership and management roles, including as Chief Executive of the Ministry of Youth Affairs from 1999-2003. She was head of the Local Government and Community Branch of the Department of Internal Affairs from 2004-2010.

She has completed two leadership and organisational development programmes at the Stanford Graduate School of Business and the New Zealand Institute of Directors Governance Essentials Course.

Anne's previous Board memberships include the Public Sector Training Organisation, the Equal Employment Opportunities Trust and the Wairarapa Moana Trust.

Anne has been a Commissioner with the Local Government Commission since 2011 and is currently a member of the Governing Body of Te Wānanga o Raukawa.

Photos – From Left:

Departing Farm Operations Manager
Chris Berry wearing his Taonga;
Mangakino Whānau.

Manaena Sisters – Manaena Whānau Trust.
Jack Te Whaiti and Warren Hunter.
Aunty Lou Cook and Rutu Namana.

Wairarapa Moana Trust

E ngā mana e ngā reo e ngā karangaranga maha tēnā koutou.

September and October were busy months for Wairarapa Moana Incorporation board members and Wairarapa Moana Trust trustees and staff. The pre-AGM hui across the country were well received and feedback about our work outputs were positive overall.

Wairarapa Moana trustees were particularly pleased with how the Whakakaha Paepae Wāhine programme was received across the country. This initiative is demonstrating to us all how important it is to plan and support programmes for our people to learn more about our tikanga and kawa.

At the Carterton hui it was great to see and hear from some of the wāhine attending the inaugural karanga course. It was clear that this type of approach (wānanga, structured, well resourced) benefits our whānau and is a method we should not only continue to support but should learn from and use to plan other necessary programmes in due course, for example, a Whakakaha Paepae Tāne programme.

Another part of our work programme that was well received included the new 'bridging fund'. I'd like to remind our whānau to consider the one-off fund seriously if you need a tohu to further enhance your prospects in the workforce. This may be through a first aid course, a type of driving licence, a health and safety course or something to get you on the job ladder. We are always searching for ways to

improve job opportunities for our people, so if you have any ideas you would like us to consider please contact me with your suggestions.

I would like to farewell Justina Webster and Helen Morris who have resigned from the Board of Trustees. Helen served us well for the last year but due to heavy work and study commitments has had to leave us. Justina has provided considerable time and energy over the last three years to ensure our strategic planning and our commitments to each portfolio have been achieved. She has been a committed and diligent trustee and we all wish her well in her future endeavours. We welcome our new trustees Anaru Smiler and Mihirangi Hollings who both bring a wealth of experience and talent.

Finally, oku nei whakaaro, my thoughts go to all whānau who have lost loved ones since the last Wairarapa Moana Mailer. At these times most whānau take the opportunity to think about what really matters in life and one thing is for sure, we can't overlook the strengths of a happy and healthy whānau. So with that in mind, let us all consider how we can best contribute to the health and happiness of our Wairarapa Moana whānau.

Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa.

Te Miha Ua-Cookson

Chair, Wairarapa Moana Trust

Wairarapa Moana Merchandise

Wairarapa Moana has a selection of clothing merchandise available for purchase.



Men's and Women's Polo Shirts

Colours: Black and White
All sizes. Price: \$28.00

Men's and Women's T Shirts

Colour: Black
All sizes. Price: \$20.00

Men's and Women's Sleeveless Vests

Colour: Navy Blue **All sizes. Price:** \$55.00
Warm inner lining; Full front zipper;
Two side zip pockets; Wind Resistant

Umbrella

Colour: Green and White
Price: \$20.00

Black Caps: \$10.00

Black Beanies: \$15.00

To place an order, please refer to the office contact details on the back page of the Mailer.

new WMT Trustee

Anaru Smiler

Anaru is of Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa, Te Aitanga-a-Mahaki, Rongowhakaata, and Te Ati Awa descent. His links to Wairarapa Moana are through his father, Kingi Winiata Smiler, and his grandmother, Margaret Wikitoria Smiler (nee Black).

Anaru lives in sunny Papamoa with his wife and two surviving children, having recently migrated there from windy Wellington.

Anaru has a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Victoria University in Wellington. He currently works as a Kaiarahi Ahuwhenua at the Federation of Māori Authorities (FoMA) and has programme management oversight of a number of projects investing in Māori capability development in agribusiness.

Anaru has over 14 years' experience working within the policy & regulatory environments in both New Zealand and the United Kingdom. Before taking up his current role with FoMA, Anaru was a Senior Analyst at the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and was a key driver in the development of MPI's Māori Agribusiness Programme.

Anaru is also the Chairman of the Pipitea Marae Charitable Trust and is overseeing the next stage of cultural and commercial development of one of New Zealand's significant Marae. He has a passion for Māori economic development and well-being and appreciates the huge shoes he must fill to continue his whānau legacy!



new WMT Trustee

Mihirangi Hollings

I am a moko of Rihari and Peggy (nee Carroll) Haira, the oldest of four children born to Mike Hollings and Pirihiara Haira and the proud māmā of (soon to be four years old) Kōtuku Hollings. Like many of my generation, I have whakapapa links to various parts of the country including Rangitāne o Wairarapa and Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – heoi anō, ko te Wairarapa taku ūkaipō.

I spent my early years growing and learning here in the Wairarapa and credit this place as giving me a solid foundation to be able to go out and explore the world. After many years ki wiwi ki wawa (travelling), I've returned home so that my son can experience a part of the world I grew up in and to also give back to the whānau, hapū, iwi that have played a huge part in my journey.

I have a Bachelor of Commerce and Administration, majoring in Management as well as Public Policy that paved the way for a career in the public service. I'm currently working as a Senior Advisor in the Ministry of Education's Parents, Families and Whānau team – my dream job because I get to support the positive actions whānau take to realise their education dreams.



WAIRARAPA MOANA: The Lake and Its People

Wairarapa Moana: The Lake and Its People, is available for purchase by shareholders and their whānau through the Wairarapa Moana office at a cost of \$35.00 each, post free in New Zealand.



Contact: (06) 370 2608 or 0800 662 624 or
Email: info@wairarapamoana.org.nz

The Walk Down Memory Lane photos have been well received and have generated considerable interest among our readers. The photos refresh fond memories of an event and of people and requests for copies from whānau are proving very popular. If you would like to contribute a photo to this segment please provide a copy accompanied with a detailed description about the photo. The office contact details can be found on the back page of the Mailer.

Farm update

Dairy: Not Just a Career but a Life

The peak of the dairy season is upon us.

The grass has started to grow after a slow August, the weather has been wet and we have seen above average rainfall with below average temperatures. Add these trying conditions to the low payout and we have a very different season to last year. The pivots remain turned off as soil moisture levels remain high. This will be monitored daily. WMI ensures the irrigation system is run efficiently and where water is not required it is not applied. We have limited water resource and it is important it is used to maximise the return on the investment on the system.

Production is on track and the focus for the team is cost control under these challenging conditions. Payout is \$5.30 at present with further downside predicted. This is off an \$8.40 high last season. This change in payout means different decisions will be made at different points during the season. At present, external feed input has been reduced and in majority of farms, removed. This is part of the cost-control process. At this point of the season the financial result is on budget with the main variable being payout which is out of our control.

The 345 development project is complete and was completed on budget and on time. There were some complications for the two farm teams as they shared the first completed shed for a few months until the second was commissioned on the 2nd of October. The first shed was put through its paces with double the cows being milked through it. The shed stood up to the challenge and confirmed the management team made the right decision choosing the DeLaval system.

The development plan for Kaharoa (the new block taken over 30th June) has begun. This will improve the value of the property and the operating efficiency of that property.

Chris Berry finished on the 23rd of October and attended his final AGM on the 18th in Carterton. The AGM presented an opportunity for the Committee of Management to thank Chris on behalf of WMI for the work he had done during his six years with us. The local staff and community also had a chance to farewell Chris with a hangi and a few presentations at the local in Mangakino.

Kevin van der Poel starts on the 1st of December and will be a great replacement for Chris bringing a wealth of experience. Although Kevin does not start until the 1st of December he has taken time out of his current role to meet the team at WMI and make sure he is up to speed when he officially starts.

From Top:

New house on farm 3; New shed on farm 3;

New house on farm 4; New shed on farm 4.



Wairarapa Moana Farms Operations Manager — Kevin van der Poel

Kevin was born in Taranaki and during the late seventies shifted with his family to the Waikato.

After graduating college with UE, Kevin trained to be an electrician and qualified with Advanced Trade honours. After three years of overseas travel Kevin returned to New Zealand to build a career in dairy farming in the Te Awamutu area, starting as a farm worker and finishing seventeen years later as a major shareholder in a 156 hectare property at Parawera.

Looking for new opportunities and new challenges Kevin and his family moved to the USA to manage the development of a Pasture Based Dairy Farming operation in Missouri. During their eight years there, the business developed into a 5,000 acre, 3,500 cow multiple property operation. The business now employs a general manager and a total of twenty-five staff.

Kevin was responsible for the research, development and implementation of the business plan in America which included developing three dairy farms, support properties for cropping and winter grazing and a young stock grazing operation. He managed the business for the first two years and put in place good management practices, improved productivity and skilful and effective teams.

Kevin also managed a 1200 cow dairy farm and helped oversee two 600 cow dairy operations in Georgia, all of which were split calving and irrigated while children Hayden and Hannah finished out their schooling in America.

Kevin and his family returned to New Zealand 2013 and wanted to stay close to the Te Awamutu/Hamilton area. He managed a 217 hectare 940 cow dairy farm and oversaw an adjacent 127 hectare 500 cow dairy farm in Ngahinapouri, about 17kms south west of Hamilton. During the last two seasons both properties have exceeded expectations and experienced record production each year.

During his career in dairying both as an owner operator and with experience in the corporate sector, Kevin has worked diligently alongside shareholders and key stakeholders and has achieved outstanding results productively and financially whilst overseeing multiple farm developments. Kevin commenced his new position with Wairarapa Moana 1st December 2014.

Kevin van der Poel



FUTURE LEADERS SCHOLARSHIPS 2015

FUNDING

Wairarapa Moana Trust tertiary scholarships are available to students who are studying diploma, degree, post graduate, trade training and apprenticeship courses.

The closing date for applications is **31 March 2015**. Inquiries and application forms are available from the office.

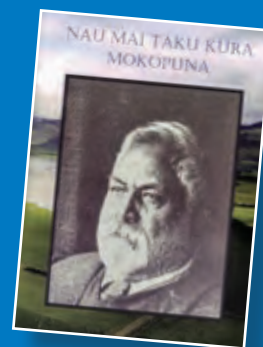
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Wairarapa Waiata Tawhito CD

The first major Wairarapa Moana investment in the revival of our cultural icons was launched in 2007 and continues to be sought after by whānau.

The collection of customary waiata, karakia and tauparapara from Wairarapa contain the unique stories and words of our ancestors. They also tell our whakapapa and philosophies and are a vital cultural resource for all Wairarapa tangata whenua. Set yourself a personal challenge to learn as many of the waiata as you can!

Copies of the CD are available for \$10 from the Wairarapa Moana office in Masterton.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

The Wairarapa Moana office will close Monday 22 December 2014 at 1.00pm and re-open Monday 12 January 2015

We wish you and your whānau a happy and safe holiday



50 Unclaimed Dividends

Shareholder Bank Account Details

Payment of dividends to shareholders living in New Zealand is made by way of Direct Credit to shareholders bank accounts. These shareholders no longer receive cheques.

Shareholders living overseas will continue to be paid by cheque unless the shareholder holds a New Zealand bank account and elects to have the dividend paid into the New Zealand bank account.

Cheques must be presented at the bank within six months of the date of issue.

A Direct Credit Account Form is available from the office if you need to provide new bank account details because you have changed your bank or your account has been closed.

Bank account details are required to be verified by the bank. The office cannot accept bank account numbers over the phone, fax, email or written by letter.

Contact Ngaere Webb for all shareholding inquiries with Wairarapa Moana Incorporation.

Here is a selection of Unclaimed Dividends. If you are able to provide any information that can help us to make contact with these shareholders or their descendants please contact Ngaere on 06 370 2608 or 0800 662 624 or ngaere@wairarapamoana.org.nz

MOREHU TE AUMARU HOKAMAU
TERRY MATENGA
ASHLEY GRAHAM HALBERG
TIARI NGARORI KINGI
TAINA KINGI
DAVID ROWAN RIMENE
JAMES HURUNUI
JOSEPHINE TE OTI PURA
MEIHANA O'DONNELL
JACK O'DONNELL
DOROTHY JOY VICKERS
SHANE DOUGLAS LUCAS
RUTA COURTNEY
KUINI HINEPA WATENE
AGNES MIKE JEPSEN
HINE MIHI PEPERE
HAMUTANA (SAM) PHILOMEL TUHAKA
DAVID NGAHINE NORMAN
RAWINIA RAKAPA TUTAKI
DARREN LEE KINGI
HUKI LESLIE MATENGA
SARAH HARAWIRA HADFIELD ESTATE
TANGOPAKIHA BABINGTON
MARIA CHESLEY
ROBERT IVOR HEMI TE MIHA
JAMES ERROL TAUEKI

MALCOLM MASON
GERARD JONATHON ANTHONY WALLEN
BRENT THOMPSON
MAURA HAWEA
TE HATA PIRIPI MATENGA
BARRY TREVOR THOMPSON
ANNIE POUND
JOHN MATENGA
NICOLA THOMPSON
IWINGARA HAWEA
PAUL WILLIAM RETTER
TE PAKIKA WIREMU RAUTU
RUTH MAGDELENE WHYTE
NGAMAMAE AROHA PIWARI
NGAIRE ANN YORSTON
TUMOREHU REIHANA
RANGI NGAWIKI
NGARETA WALKER
GEORGE TE AWA
KUINI REWI
JOSEPH RODNEY WAAKA
AIRINI JENNIFER SAMUELS
RAEVE NE PAREAWA COWAN
PETRINA WHANAUPANI COWAN

If you have an article or pānui to be included in the Mailer then contact Henare at the Masterton office 0800 662 624.

Mailer Closing Dates

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Mailer Distribution Dates

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Tuesday, June 9, 2015



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