

TE KAPU O WAITAHA DECEMBER 2021 PANUI

key announcements



TRUST AGM	Due to COVID reports within our immediate community the Trust has made the decision to hold its AGM 12th February 2022. We will prepare for a virtual hui enabling people the choice of attending whether in person or from their own homes. The Trust policy requires that all meetings and events will require a VACCINE PASS if attending in person. To avoid disappointment please have this ready if you decide to attend the AGM in person.
DRIVER LICENSES	We advise that grants for Learner Licenses has been fully allocated for this financial year. Funding however is still available for RESTRICTED and FULL. Whanau will need to contact Te Arangi at the office should they wish to access funding to help sit either their restricted or full license in 2022. In the meantime you can apply on the Trust website for a Discretionary grant to be considered for this funding.
TERTIARY GRANTS 201-2022	Hakaraia Education Grants & the Te Houhou Health Scholarship are now open and close 17 January 2022. No exceptions. Please do not leave your application to the last minute. Any application past the closing date will be declined. Whanau can apply online through the Trust website, or via TKOW mobile APP.
COVID - TE KAPU O WAITAHA COVID POLICY	New variants, and reports of COVID within our communities has meant a review of Trust COVID policy under the new traffic light system. All manuhiri will now be required to show their VACCINE PASS when visiting staff at the office, compulsory wearing of a mask, and scanning in at Reception still remains. VACCINE PASSES will also be mandatory for any large gatherings held by the Trust no matter where those are being held.
OFFICE CLOSURE AND RE-OPENING	The Office will be closed on 16th December, and re-opening Tuesday 18th January 2022. Te Arangi will remain available however for those applying for Grants and need assistance. To contact her during this time please email her on tearangi@waitaha-iwi.org.nz

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new appointments & up coming vacancies



GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE

The Trust would like to thank all those who put their expression of interest forward for the Grants sub-committee. Lyn Naki has been appointed and accepted this role for the next 3 years. Following the 3 year period, there will be another opportunity for whanau to apply, or re-apply. This opportunity will benefit growing governance capacity into the future, as well as enabling whanau to participate in the decision making of grant allocations.

POU ARAHI TAIAO - Funded by Jobs For Nature (Operations)

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mokoera Te Amo, who will be responsible for the oversight of Waitaha environmental strategy. He will also manage kaitiaki projects, and represent Waitaha on matters that affect us in forums with Local Government and other agencies. Mokoera will work closely with other Waitaha representatives on various boards, and committees such as Punohu (Mauao) and Maru (Local Government forums & Kaituna). This role was made possible through Jobs For Nature funded by DOC.

HOUSING CO-ORDINATOR

Veroni Leota, has accepted a secondment to the role of housing co-ordinator for a fixed term. This will help progress the plan that was developed on the back of the housing SUMMIT earlier this year. Rondell Reihana will also work alongside Veroni to support whanau by running workshops, preparation of paper work, and co-ordination of services and resources needed. The first meeting will be advertised in the New Year.

KAITIAKI - TE MAUNGA O OTAWA

Two Full Time Kaitiaki positions will become available in the New Year for kaitiaki on Otawa. The focus will be to ensure a safe passage for many species such as kokako, kiwi, and others, whose breeding, and survival is more often cut short by introduced predators. Hei manaaki te hikoi o nga kararehe e haere ana ki tena ki tena o nga waahi a Tane. To find out more; email mokoera@waitaha-iwi.org.nz

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A further position alongside Mokoera will be advertised in the New Year. This is a fixed term position for 2.5 years and is fulltime. A post will be uploaded to the Trust Facebook, and website when this is advertised mid January 2022.

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grants & scholarships

DRIVERS LICENCES

A total of 38 grants was approved for Drivers Licences to date. Congrats to all those who passed, and also an acknowledgement to Wally, tutor for the learner license course provided by License 2 Drive, Lyn Naki, parents and Te Arangi for the assistance and support.



PRIMARY-SECONDARY -HIGH SCHOOL GRANTS

Following input by whanau input to the Statement of Intent in 2020, the Board approved an additional grant allocation for Waitaha whanau with tamariki in schools. The purpose of the grant ranged from School Uniforms, to school stationary, and fees. To date 38 grants has been awarded to eligible Waitaha tamariki (included under parent/gaurdian on the Trust register).

In addition, we also contributed to the cost of kapa wananga for 4 Waitaha mokopuna attending Maungatapu Primary school.



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Te Reo Okere

We would also like to pay tribute to the late Papa Tapua Te Amo and Whareoteriri Rahiri who visualised and brought Te Reo Okere to life.

Takoto mai ngā pou korero ō te iwi, e kore kōrua e warewaretia

Te Reo Okere Wananga has now come to an end for 2021.

We would like to congratulate all those who participated in this journey together over the last eight months. A huge mihi also to nga pouako for their passion and commmitment to the kaupapa.

Plans for 2022 is underway . Expect a lot more hikoi, whakapapa, history, oratary, whanaungatanga, and 100% reo!.



HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED THE APP?

Just a quick reminder whanau if you haven't already, go and download the Te Kapu O Waitaha Trust App.

Follow the steps below;

1: Go into your app store/play store and search for "Te Kapu O Waitaha"

2. Download the App

3. Login with your Username (this is your email address you are registered with)

4. Press forgot password and follow the steps to create a new password

Furthermore if you do not have a smart phone you can login in via the web browser following steps 3 & 4 Link below.

<https://waitaha-portal.apped.nz/#/login>



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graduates 2021

We have multi-funded a number of Waitaha students through tertiary and trade apprenticeships over the past 7 years.

Many have graduated, and more recently those who have featured at other times as reported at the AGM, or panui.

We acknowledge that tertiary is by no means a walk in the park. Many have stuck it out over a period of 3 to 5 years in some cases.

Those who have graduated this year have already secured a future of full time work in professions that they studied long and hard for.

To name a few, Riria Mohi after 5 years has graduated in medicine, Xanthe Barton in commerce/accounting and will be working for KPMG, Liam graduated with a triple degree and is now working at Parliament buildings, we also funded the renewal of construction certificates for Khian, Teriti, and Cruize who were employed in plastering apprenticeships. There are many others whom we will report on at the AGM.

We wish all students a safe and well earned break over the summer months. Congratulations to all those who graduated this year.



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xmas break

With the AGM not happening until February, we wish all whanau a safe holiday over the Xmas break.

Stay diligent to ensure the protection against COVID at all times.

To Ngarohaere, Tiare, nga koeke, and all those who volunteer their time nga mihinui kia koutou katoa.

We look forward to catching up with you all at the AGM, if not before.

Once again stay safe, meri kirihimete, me te tau hou.

