

Trust Update – 2024/2025

Tena korua tahi anei na taku ripoata.

Nga Karangaranga maha o nga whenua e kii nei ko Owahaoko A East, A1B Trust Tena koutou, tena koutou, a tena ra koutou katoa.

Nga tini Aitua ku a wheturangi tia haere hoki ki te waahi okiokinga ma tatou te tangata takoto mai, takoto mai, takoto mai. Ko tatou tenei e kawe nga purapura korero ki a koutou katoa tena ra koutou katoa.

I would like to acknowledge the contribution of all Trustees, those that have passed, and the present who have worked tirelessly over the past several years under an enormous amount of duress, work pressure, time pressures, emotional pressures.

I would also like to acknowledge Jane Farnell for her commitment to the trust by supporting the Administration section of the Trust Business and coming on board at short notice.

The Cabin, or 'Whare Whakaruruhau', with plans to launch the Trust's tourism package to international and local tourists unfortunately with COVID this initiative has been severely impacted on. We are now starting to re-engage with the hope of utilising Whare Whakaruruhau' during the coming 2025/2026 seasons.

The Trust has generated most of its income from its honey, harvested since 2013, as the Trust owns some of the honey produced off its land.

The Trust has considered producing honey for retail, and to produce honey-based cosmetics.

The Trust subsequently sought advice and decided to concentrate initially on honey sales in the NZ domestic market, before focusing on exporting

Following an enormous amount of work by all Trustee's, Beehive Keepers, the industry was and remains significantly impacted on, by COVID which resulted in a number of businesses closing down.

The trust is currently reviewing options to re set the Honey Business for the coming season.

The decline in the level of income earned by the Trust, has been significant. Over the past several years the trust has had to reduce the business arm considerably.

However, over the past year and by reducing our out going spending the Trust financials have started to slowly improve which has been the most significant achievement to date, this was driven by Jane Farnell our trust administrator along with other initiatives driven by the remaining trustee's.

Another Financial milestone will be finally achieved in December 2024 at which point Owahaoko will have no significant over heads to cover which will allow the trust to re set our business arm and to start looking at other business opportunities through 2025 into 2026.

While re setting our business as we head into 2025 one of those goals will be to re set and continue with the Owhaoko Kaumatua Grants towards the end of 2025.

The Owhaoko Trust has been working closely with Tiki Hutching to ensure that we have a well detailed Conservation plan in place to look after our Nature, Our People (Landowners) Our Future – as our people disappear the Land remains.

We have now agreed on a way forward that will involve a significant amount of Mahi across the Owhaoko (A Block Lands), thank you Tiki.

E hiahia ana ahau ki te whakaae

He Rangatira nui (Arapiu Seymour) Moe mai ra e te Rangatira Moe mai
He Wahine whakamiharo (Kate Anderson) Moe mai ra e te Whaea Moe mai

Trustee's that have since departed – Tere Lambert and Annie Ross

Te mutunga o nga mea katoa - Fred Nicoll, and Jane Farnell thank you both so very much for your tremendous support and commitment as the past 3 years has been the most challenging 36 months I have ever experienced.

No reira ko etna nga pitopito korero e pa ana ki ahau Naku iti na
Trustees of Owhaoko.