

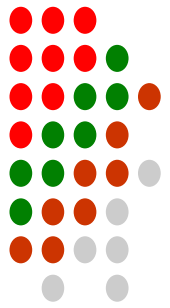
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TUAROPAKI

*"Forever challenging our potential
Tuturu whakamaua kia tina"*

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ADDRESS

We are delighted to advise the Maori Land Court has appointed Nachelle Griffiths and Alister Millynn Tuaropaki Trustees

Owner News

Annual General Meeting of Owners will be held on *Saturday 11th November* at the Mokai Marae, commencing 10am.

Education grants: 165 applications were approved, with grants paid totaling \$34,000.

Scholarship applications close 20 May 2006. Application forms are available via Tuaropaki website or through our office.

Chairman's Message:

Tena koutou e te Whanau whannui. Kaare mutu nga mihi kia ratou, te hunga hua rupeke atu ki te waahi mutunga kore. Kia hoki mai ano gan mihi kia tatou te hunga ora, no reira e te whaanau, tena tatou katoa.

We are saddened by the recent loss of our of an esteemed leader—Ranui (Ginger) Kapua. He was literally a giant among those who knew him. A gentle soul who loved life and his endearing character was his kindly attitude toward people. As a young man, he hunted wild game with the legendary hunters from Mokai; he moved to Taupo where he owned his own business, managed musicians, represented NZ as a NZ Maori All Black (kick everything above the grass, was his motto). More importantly though, he and Auntie Ivy raised 17 children and it is understood that there are 158 descendants in the Kapua dynasty at present—what a wonderful legacy. He also served on land and Marae trusts in the region and his final achievement was to become a Senior Apostle in the church he loved most, the Ratana church.

His life on earth will be remembered by us all for he was a legend and his stories will be told by generations to come.

Tumanako Wereta

Mataara Wall and Ranui (Ginger) Kapua at the blessing and unveiling of the Mokai II plaque by Blanche Kapua and Lila Andrews



MOKAI II OPENING CEREMONY

25th February 2006 marked a milestone for Tuaropaki with the official opening ceremony of Tuaropaki's second power station, Mokai II. The ceremony was held overlooking the power stations, with some 700 guests present.

Construction of Mokai II commenced in 2002 and the project was finalised in June 2005. Both Mokai I and Mokai II uses equipment supplied by Ormat. Mighty River Power is a 25% shareholder, and continues to operate as Tuaropaki's Operations Maintenance contractor.



Mokai II Power Station with glimpse of Gourmet Mokai glasshouse behind

Business in brief

New Dairy Shed : Construction has commenced for a new 64-bale rotary shed with yard space for approximately 700 cows. The shed is scheduled for completion June 2006.

Glasshouse: Gourmet Mokai is considering expanding the glasshouse operations and leveling of further land has commenced.

Tuaropaki Communications:

- Tuaropaki Communications has completed installation of a satellite earth-station at Albany, enabling an improved service to be provided to customers.
- Tuaropaki has entered into an agreement with Australian communications company, BroadbandNet, wherein Tuaropaki sells to BroadbandNet access to its satellite, enabling them to sell satellite services throughout Australia. Both companies will benefit from working together through the sale of services and by sharing knowledge of the communications industry.



Ormat Chairman Lucien Bronicki with Tuaropaki Trust Chairman Tumanako Wereta and Tuaropaki Power Company Chairman Brian Jones at the symbolic planting of a totara tree, marking the avenue of friendship; 100 totara trees gifted to Tuaropaki from Ormat of Israel.

If you wish to contribute towards future newsletters, please let us know.

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