



He Pitopito Kōrero

Tēnā koutou ngā whānau o Wakatu. Ngā mihi aroha ki a koutou katoa. Anei ngā pitopito kōrero tuarua o te wā 2004. Nō reira rau rangatira mā tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

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If the year to date is anything to go by, we're in for another busy year!

Our year started off with a hiko ending in the Awatere with the Tohu team, 9 Americans, 2 Brits and some top selling wine retailers, restaurateurs and wine writers.

The Tohu sales team boasts some new faces and you can meet, or at least see them on Māori Television on May 14 as well as the Discovery Channel on Sky, so tune in. They will also feature in this month's issue of Tūmai magazine.

Other new developments include:

- Our first container of apples under the KONO brand left our shores recently heading to Migros in Switzerland. Migros is the largest supermarket chain in Switzerland. The chain has committed to 10,000 cases of braeburn under the KONO label. Migros are one of our long-term mussel buyers and this is the first time they have bought apples from us.

The goal of KONO is to create a strong, indigenous brand in the global marketplace that sets our food and beverage products apart from our competitors.

The brand tells a story about who we are, and provides a point of difference for our food basket.



First shipment branded as KONO®



- Tāngatawhenua entities associated with the Incorporation have formed a strategic tourism working group to pull together a plan for entry into the tourism sector.

The group is looking at opportunities to participate in this industry. Visitors coming into the country want to interact with the environment and its people - particularly Māori.

The developments in Marahau create real opportunities for our people to set up their own complementary businesses.

The tāngatawhenua entities include Ngāti Rārua, Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Koata, Te Ātiawa, Ngāti Rārua Ātiawa Iwi Trust, Wakatu Incorporation and Abel Tasman Kayaks.

- Closing submissions for Wai56 were heard in February, in Nelson. 19 April was the date to submit responses on closing submissions.
- Iwi Chairs met last month to discuss a collaborative strategy in areas of mutual interest.
- The Incorporation sponsored two of our scholars to attend the *Te Tau Ihu Economic Summit* in Nelson. Moana Numanga, based at Waikato, and Wiremu Farmer, at AUT in Auckland, both participated on the rangatahi leadership panel.

The Summit, which was organised by the Ngāti Koata and Ngāti Tama Iwi trusts, focused on Māori achievement, innovation and leadership. Wakatu Incorporation Chairman, Paul Morgan, was one of the keynote speakers at the Summit, as was our Project Manager, Rōpata Taylor.

- A "coffee table" book of our history as outlined in the Wai56 claim has been recommended as an interesting, user-friendly resource for our owners. The authors of *Te Tau Ihu o Waka - a history of the tribes of the northern South Island* are Hilary and John Mitchell, and this should be available late November 2004.



CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

BACKGROUND

There has been a long history of coastal erosion at Marahau. Over the last 30 years Wakatu's beachfront has dramatically deteriorated and at least 25m of foreshore has been eroded.

Until recently (about 1960) the beachfrontage was continuous from the Marahau estuary in the north to the Otuwhero estuary in the south. The beach has now been split midway into two parts by the rock revetment that was constructed through the 1970's to protect the road and houses opposite from the significant erosion.

Erosion to Wakatu's property is caused by a longshore movement of sand towards the south. At the southern end of our land, where it meets Marahau Road, there is an average net long shore transport of approximately 200 - 400 m³ of sand per year over the last 30 years.

The eroded material is transported in a southerly direction and deposited in the Otuwhero Inlet area.



THE SOLUTION

Wakatu set the objective that any solution to stop the erosion of our land had to preserve the existing beach along the seaward boundary.

After extensive investigation and consultation with resident groups and TDC engineers, the proposed solution obtained a Resource Consent in May 2003. The consent allows us to excavate up to 13,000 m³ of sand in three stages over a five year period from a specified area in the Otuwhero Inlet. The first stage of 5,000m³ will commence in May 2004.

The sand will be transported to the beach and placed along the foreshore as illustrated. This will result in a re-aligned, stable beach, which is in equilibrium with wave forces and which provides improvements for the whole community.

SAFETY ISSUES

Residents and visitors are asked to take care during the period of construction work. This will be ongoing and includes vegetation clearing and heavy vehicle movement. Please also display caution when accessing Otuwhero Inlet at mid-tide after excavation works.

TIMING

May/June 2004

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