



## He Pitopito Kōrero

Tuatahi, ki ngā mate i huri noa i te motu, haere atu rā. Tuarua, ki ngā maunga, ngā awa me ērā o ngā whenua kua takahia e ngā mātua tāpuna – Tēnā koutou. E te whānau o Wakatu, koutou rā ngā mokopuna o rātou – Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

### Special edition

This is the time of the year we send out the applications for next year's scholarships and this edition of Pitopito Kōrero is dedicated to promoting our scholars and our scholarships.

Wakatu Incorporation has sponsored the Janice Manson Memorial Scholarship at the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology which targets the Arts. Please ensure that all of your moko and whanau are aware of this scholarship opportunity. For further details, please contact NMIT, Ph (03) 546 2495, [www.nmit.ac.nz](http://www.nmit.ac.nz)

### Our scholars are succeeding

At our recent mid year shareholders meeting in Wellington the owners got to hear back from one of our scholars, and we have included extracts from her korero. Mary Burke is 18 and is currently studying Law and a BA at Otago University. She comes from Oamaru and is of Te Ātiawa, Ngāti Toa, Ngāti Wehiwehi and Ngāti Raukawa descent.

Mary is an achiever and has worked hard to get to where she is at this stage of her life. She said, "My skills

developed at High School have set me up for life. I'm currently in my first year at Dunedin's University of Otago studying a double degree in law and design, majoring in art history. Also I aim to graduate with an LLB/BA/BASpc. This will open up a variety of employment options, the main focus being company law and production design and advertising with a potential outlook for a partnership firm for interior / exterior design. Along with taking several management and commerce papers, I'm also taking Māori history papers as the Treaty will be a main focus of my law degree.



Mary Burke

These degrees relate back to the Wakatu Incorporation whether it be company management or product designer and advertiser, or like Ms Ikin as an associate director."

Mary goes on to say, that the scholarship has given her the opportunity to study for a double degree at the best law school in NZ and allows her to spend more time studying with less stress on her financial situation. Mary expressed her gratitude to the Incorporation for granting the scholarship and finished off by saying, "I encourage all of you here today to spread the word about this fantastic opportunity to both students and people who could help

with funding. Because without this we would be keeping a tremendous thing secret."

**Please note: Applications close on 31 October for all scholarships.**

### No secrets here

We bring this special edition of He Pitopito Kōrero to you to make sure as many people as possible are aware of our scholarship programme. We are sending out this newsletter with the accompanying applications, which close 31 October.

The range of scholarships are also advertised on our website [www.wakatu.org](http://www.wakatu.org)

The Outdoor Educational Scholarships have been expanded to include the *Spirit of Adventure* (1 place). This is a 10 day youth development programme for 15 to 19 year olds. They must be in full time education.

**Kaihoe Waka** (1 place). Māori nautical studies. This is live-in 1 weekend a month over 10 months. Applicants must be over 16 and not attending school.

**Mokoia Island** (10 places). We are proposing to support a week long course for a group of our tamariki from 9 years and upwards. This is for boys keen to learn taiaha, Māoritanga, whakapapa, tikanga & discipline.

We continue to support **Outward Bound** (2 places) as these courses have made a big difference to the lives of the people who have attended them. Read on to "hear back" from two recent attendees later in this pānui.

Application forms for next year's **Associate Directorship** programme are also being mailed out.

### Outward Bound – changes lives

Two of our young scholars who attended Outward Bound courses at Anakiwa in the Marlborough Sounds speak of their life-changing experiences - we hope these will inspire you or members of your whānau to apply for one of the 2 places available in the next intake.

Hollie Smith says... "was a life-changing experience for me, waking up to the reality of what life has to offer if you are organised and determined... I am extremely honoured to have received the scholarship and experience such an amazing feeling of satisfaction from the wānanga. I appreciate what Wakatu was able to do for me, and hope to be able to return the favour in the future."

Hēmi Mather said "...helped and challenged me mentally and physically, pushing me beyond my comfort zone....benefit me for the future and throughout my adulthood and career....Thank you again for giving me this opportunity."

### Māori biz awards Great opportunity!

Our people have a long history in the business world, but often our adaptability and spirit is not acknowledged in the business community. Often, our businesses' affairs are conducted somewhat differently from others.

In our culture there are a myriad of factors that make a successful business. Profit is considered in relationship to our tikanga – our values, principles, and practices.

This year, we are the inaugural sponsors of Whakatā ā Pae (new dawn of a long beginning); the first Māori Business Award component of the annual Commerce Nelson Business Awards. It celebrates the business diversity within our community.

Values such as manaakitanga, whanaungatanga, and kaitiakitanga will all be principles considered in the judging of the award.

Small and new businesses are especially encouraged to enter. This is a great opportunity to focus and promote your business.

Entries close 4pm, Monday 8 September, and applications are available from Commerce Nelson, email: [ba@commerce.org.nz](mailto:ba@commerce.org.nz)

**Ahakoā he iti, he pounamu**

### The Wakatu taonga

In the April issue of He Pitopito Kōrero we advertised a smaller taonga stylised on the board taonga and offered it for sale to our shareholders along with a range of Wakatu branded clothing.

The decision to make these products available was in response to the many requests from our owners for the Wakatu taonga and branded product.

We have since made all available at cost price, sourced from local people.

The whalebone taonga is carved by well-known local carver Brian Flintoff. The only charge for the taonga is for Brian's time – no charge is made for the whalebone and no profit is made on the taonga. The only add-on cost made to Brian's carving charge is postage.

Taonga's cost \$112.50 (incl GST), and a charge of \$3.90 will be added for postage.

To purchase, please contact Wakatu's office.

We have also had a number of requests from owners for the korero behind the taonga. This korero now goes out with each taonga.



### Korero of shareholders' taonga

The enclosing circle of the taonga illustrates the family-type operation of the Incorporation.

The head at the end of this circle is a spiritual representation of the people involved in the Incorporation.

The shape of the cut out space represents a wave rising up at the cutting edge of a tauihu slicing through the sea.

The bottom of the taonga represents a new fern frond (koru) ready to burst into growth as it is fed by the parent fern, illustrating the vitality of its structure and the importance of traditions to the Incorporation.

### Wakatu Branding

Clothing: Don't forget we have a line-up of Wakatu branded clothing available for purchase. This can be viewed on the website [www.wakatu.org](http://www.wakatu.org), at our office, or at the next shareholder meeting.

- A. Women's polo .....\$29.25
- Men's polo .....\$29.25
- B. Black/red peak cap .....\$12.95
- C. Black cap .....\$15.20



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