

HONOURING KAUMATUA Albert Taniwha Horsfall

Albert Horsfall, died at Gisborne Hospital aged 71 years, 2012.

"We met when he married Lois 45 years ago". His father asked me to find him a job on one of the Mangatu Block stations as a shepherd. This eventuated. Albert started on the Motu Farm Whakapaupakihi as a farm manager – "over the years I got to trust and know him for his work acumen". He quickly rose to become a senior manager on the Mangatu Block stations Wairere then Omapere.

Albert was a man who loved and understood the land; he was practical



and had excellent work intelligence. He was keen to do a job and perform at a high level. His confidence and expertise meant he was rarely challenged, and when this happened he was quick to provide the unchallengeable reasoning! A formidable but humble man.

When the vacancy arose at Owahanga for a Station Manger he applied, and with his faultless reputation, his application was successful.

He managed Owahanga from 1976 - 1988 before returning to the Mangatu Blocks as a Farm Supervisor and then as an elected Board member.

He fitted in well with the Owahanga community and shareholders. It was his farming knowledge of expansive hill country that enabled great goals to be achieved on Owahanga. His wife Lois and three children contributed greatly to his success.

That was his legacy.

*Kua heke na roimata mo Albert engari
kei te ora tonu rangatiratanga ono
mahi ahu whenua.*

George Evans