

Te Whakahōnore Kaumātua

Honouring Our Kaumātua



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E Ihoa o ngā mano, Matua, Tama, Wairua Tapu me ngā Anahera pono, me te Māngai, Te Ārepa, Ōmeke, Piri-wiri-tua, hei tautoko mai, āianeī ake nei, ĀE, Āmine.

Tihei mauriora, ngā whānau tangata o Aohanga Incorporation,
Tihei ngā tāngata o Te Hika a Pāpāuma Hapū,
Kei te ingoa tupuna tūturu papakāinga, Ko Takarei Pikari,
te hunga wairua.

With aroha, I introduce my great-grandfather, Takarei Pikari,
who has passed over to the great spirit world, long past.

Ko Jacqui Tamatea-Turi ahau. Ko Takarangi Edward Turia tōku hoa rangatira.
Ko au te awa, ko te awa ko au.

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

My Background

I am the seventh of sixteen tamariki, born into Christianity and nurtured by my koroua kuia. I attended St Joseph's convent, Ruapehu College and Victoria University. For much of my working life, I have worked for the Ministry of Justice.



I became a campaign manager for the Labour Party during Helen Clark's reign. I was also the campaign manager for the Labour Party candidate with the Education portfolio, for the Taranaki - Parihaka rohe. Although it was very challenging, I feel privileged to have been a part of the whole experience.

Later, I transferred back to the Ministry of Justice Regional Prisons, working out of Remutaka, Mt Crawford and Arohata prisons. I worked as a senior social worker, eventually becoming programme manager for another four years, and then I retired from Justice. I moved to Australia and became self-employed, staying there for ten years. We returned at the request of our daughter, whose husband had passed; she needed awahi to nurture our mokopuna. Home again, both my husband and I were employed at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, Papaioea.

My Dreams and Aspirations for Aohanga

I would like to share a dream I have for us. I have spoken about this dream at several AGMs now. A colleague once told me, a dream is a dream if you keep talking about it. So, Whānau, put your dreams on paper, and maybe they will become reality.

Proposal

I would like us, Owners/Shareholders, to establish another group. This group would become a diversification group totally separate from the Committee of Management, who look after our farm, the workers, and Whānau katoa. All this needs to be done in discussion with our Committee of Management members, under the diversification model, if it is agreed to. Housing will be my number one priority, along with forestry, including the planting of native trees, and conservation of our foreshore and seabed. I have put pen to paper and hope for a positive outcome.

Thank you for the opportunity to consider my proposal. I am looking forward to this year's AGM to present my passion to our Shareholders.

Arohanui Whānau, ngā mihi Māngai ai.

Nā Jacqui Turia