



Kia ora whānau,



He Tipu is a collective kaupapa of ngā hapū o Tauhara to develop the former Taupō Native Plant Nursery into a self-sufficient, regenerative eco-center. While we initially acquired the site in a derelict state, we are proud of the extensive mahi which has been done to bring it up to a high standard. This mahi included:

- Site cleanup (removal of trees and rubbish)
- Glasshouse restoration
- House and office renovations (H&S improvements)
- Submersible wells
- Irrigation
- Soil health

We have recently moved into the start-up operations phase, recruiting for some key roles to be appointed in late February. The start-up phase has a focus on:

- Kai Koha – charity food supply through the establishment of large maara kai, hydroponics and a distribution center.
- Native Plant Nursery – to supply native plants and resources to the local Māori and community projects.
- Workforce Hub – which will provide the base for on-site workforce as well as a workforce for hire and an innovation hub.
- Training Centre – providing multiple training rooms and sites to support primary industry trades and careers as well as construction industry and associated professions such as project management, business, technology and innovation.

We are excited to see He Tipu develop and will continue to keep you updated as things progress.

Internship Programme

Are you interested in an internship with Te Pae o Waimihia? We are currently taking expressions of interest!

We are currently investigating an Internship Programme which would focus on providing members with the following experiences:

- Governance practices and duties
- Project management
- Business development and business management

This work experience would be paid, part-time, weekly work - potentially 10 – 20 hours per week. The programme would run for 6 - 12 months for any individual.

The intern would need to be in relevant study, or have recently completed a qualification to be included in the programme. Favourable subjects include (but are not limited to):

- Business Administration
- Project Management
- Māori Governance (Toi Ohomai is offering a fee-free Māori governance programme in Rotorua, Taupō, and Tauranga with the next intake in February 2023.



He Ahi Update

He Ahi (Eco-Industrial Park) is the 45 hectares of industrial land Te Pae o Waimihia purchased from Contact Energy in 2022. It sits next to He Tipu and is our development project to promote the use of renewable energy, kaupapa Māori and other environmental and climate outcomes – while still producing a profit.

Land and buildings will be developed to meet customers specific requirements and leased to them on a long-term basis. Practices such as smart, renewable energy consumption, waste management and recycling, and responsible water use and discharge are examples of what will be required of such businesses.

The activities to date have included:

- Securing land for the entrance and previously owned District Council land.
- Completing geotechnical assessments, environmental assessments and survey work.
- Assessing the stormwater impacts and 50 - 100 year flood potential.
- Designing the most suitable scheme for the land.
- Designing the stormwater system and fire protection measures.
- Checking all the consenting and design requirements as part of district and regional town plans.
- Contracting the services of a landscape architect for the parks over all landscape design.

We have recently commenced construction (pictured below) for the first tenant TNUE Limited. There is potential for over 40 lots available for local and international industrial and commercial businesses. The park and these businesses will provide employment and different career paths for our people and will help lift the local economy.



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