



## MID YEAR 2021 NEWSLETTER

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mid Year Education Grants  
Now Open  
(closing 4 June 2021)
- Main Education Grants Intake  
Opens September  
(closing 2 October 2021)
- 2021 AGM  
Saturday 2 October 2021
- Rongoā Wānanga  
Saturday 27 November 2021  
\*\* Limited spaces \*\*  
(Register your interest by email  
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### OWNERS FIELD DAY – 27 MARCH 2021

Another successful owner's field day was held in the Awahohonu Forest. This consisted of a tour of the forest with commentary from the Trustees and NZ Forest Managers along the way.

Thank you to those that attended the day.



### AGM 2020

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the postponed AGM from 2020 had to be held via livestream. Unfortunately, attendance numbers via livestream were low, further demonstrating to Trustees the importance of face-to-face meetings with owners.

All going well, the 2021 AGM being held 2 October 2021 will be both in person at the Napier Conference Centre, as well as via live stream. The Trustees look forward to seeing many of you there.

### Young Animators Wānanga held 19-20 April 2021

This was a great opportunity for our rangatahi to connect to their whenua and its history. A total of 23 tamariki attended, aged between 7 and 17.

The wānanga was hosted by 'Young Animators Education' who ran a workshop that introduced the students to some of the resources needed to excel in the digital world of today.

Tamariki connected to the Toropapa stream, learnt about conservation measures of the past and created an animated version of the Tāne-o-Kura story (or their own conservation project).



### ĀWHETO FIELD TRIP

10 – 12 FEBRUARY 2021

Three scientists from Lincoln University - Manaaki Whenua (Landcare Research), which included Floyd Walker one of our whānau and previous education grant recipients, visited the forest with the predominant purpose of locating āwheto, understanding growing conditions and helping to protect this taonga.

They were also looking for interesting fungi and set moth traps and wax tag lines to monitor predator populations.

They were pleased to find 48 āwheto specimens in the forest, mostly near the Kakariki Hut. Samples have been taken away for further chemical analysis.

During the visit the scientists reported good birdlife in the forest and at the Toropapa Hut. Wax tags monitored showed no sign of predators.



### FARM UPDATE

Pasture covers on Tarawera and Gwavas are slightly below where we would like them for this time of year.

It has been unusually dry in the last 2 months, but the weather is still quite warm so any rain in the next few weeks should see the grass come away.

Good levels of supplements are on hand, and stock are in very good condition.

A new water supply on Tarawera has increased the reliability of stock water on a large portion of the farm, with further development of the water reticulation system still to come.

The application for irrigation consent (through the Tranche 2) continues to progress at Gwavas.

The Farm advisory group met at Gwava's on the 26 February 2021 to discuss the strategy for both farms, the next advisory group meeting is planned for July 2021.

