

Uenuku Iwi Update

Uenuku Charitable Trust

Children of the Rainbow

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SNOWBOARD CHAMPS: Ella Hawira, Eli Brown, Tui Wikohika and Richard Shanks (absent) won the North Island Primary School senior snowboarding championship.



TIME OUT: After a busy season, Raetihi School Snow Academy gets some R&R during a trip to Mt Hutt in Te Wai Pounamu in September.

Uenuku rules snow slopes

Uenuku skiers and snowboarders have been carving out a name for themselves as some of Aotearoa's top snow athletes.

In September, Raetihi School Snow Academy struck gold at the North Island Primary School championships with its senior snowboarding team being named the best in the motu. The team was Ella Hawira, Eli Brown, Tui Wikohika (all 10 years old) and Richard Shanks (12).

Tui was also named junior snowboarding champ.

Raetihi School deputy principal Jane Welburn started the Snow Academy 18 months ago but this is the first year the children have had race coaching throughout the season. Ruapehu Snow Sports had

provided 15 full coaching days this winter, Miss Welburn said.

"I'm so proud that they won on their mountain," Miss Welburn said. "We want these kids to have the opportunity to represent their area on their mountain, and to take their place on the winners' podium."

A week after Raetihi School won its gold medals, Uenuku was named the iwi champion in the inaugural Aotearoa Iwi Snow Championships on September 8, after both its primary and secondary school teams won their championships.

Many Uenuku individual competitors also won their events or were placed in the top three.

HE MAIMAI AROHA

Tangi atu rā ngā tini aituā,
koutou kua riro ki tua o Paerau e
ngau kino nei e te mamae. Taku
aroha noa i te mūrau a te tini, te
wenerau a te mano. Moe mai i
roto i ngā ringaringa o te Ariki,
oti atu e. E ngā mana, e ngā reo,
e ngā kanohi ora o Uenuku
koutou hoki ngā mātāwaka e
takahi nei i te whenua hei tutuki
i ngā wawata o rātou mā. Mauri
ora ki a tātou katoa.

From your Uenuku board of trustees

Congratulations firstly to our talented young athletes, the champion skiers and snowboarders who have done Uenuku proud on their own maunga.

The support and encouragement of their coaches, teachers and families must be acknowledged.

It is exciting and uplifting for us as an iwi to hear about successes such as these, and to realise that this is just the beginning of a very bright future for many of these hard-working youngsters.

The Uenuku Charitable Trust has been extremely busy since our last newsletter in August. We continue to work closely with the Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS) to progress the settlement of Uenuku treaty claims.

To this end, the Trust has met several times with OTS in recent weeks, including at a hui with Tamahaki and Ngā Hapū o Uenuku on September 14 at Makaranui. This hui was called by Uenuku Charitable Trust to discuss

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how Uenuku groups can come together for the purpose of settling Uenuku claims.

OTS has confirmed that Large Natural Grouping (LNG) status has been awarded to the “Central Whanganui” cluster, and Uenuku Charitable Trust seeks to work with all of our whanaunga on this kaupapa.

Uenuku Charitable Trust was established at the request of the iwi at a hui-ā-iwi on 1 February 2014 at Mangamingi Pā, to represent Uenuku iwi and to progress treaty settlements on behalf of Uenuku.

On 17 August, Uenuku Charitable Trust called a Pae Matua hui to enable Ngāti Rangī and Uenuku to meet kanoahi ki te kanoahi to begin talking about the issues facing us as whanaunga, especially in regard to Crown processes. This was a positive hui and it is acknowledged that this was just a beginning.

The hui prefaced the Rangipo North 8 hearing of the Māori Land Court on 25-26 August in Ohakune, during which the applicant, Uenuku Charitable Trust chairman Aiden Gilbert, presented evidence in support of Uenuku interests. A large number of Uenuku uri gave supporting evidence. The hearing will resume in Waiouru on 28-30 October.

In late August, Uenuku Charitable Trust met a number of times with other iwi involved in the Tongariro National Park (TNP) settlement to discuss collective representation and to establish a set of values in regard to the kāhui maunga. OTS attended a TNP hui at Turangi on 20 August but it is acknowledged that the September general election has delayed progress in this and other settlement areas.

On 31 August, a hui at Makaranui stood up the historic hapū Patutokotoko, of Manganui-a-te-Ao.



EXTRA GOOD: Tui Wikohika (front) and Eli Brown (back) show how it's done during the North Island Secondary School championships at Turoa. The Raetihi School 10-year-olds received a special invitation to compete.

Te Kurataiaha Wanikau Turoa (who descends from Turoa) was elected the Patutokotoko representative to the Uenuku Charitable Trust, and Edward (Fred) Clark (who descends from Hitaua) was elected the alternate representative.

On 12-13 September, Uenuku Charitable Trust's long-standing efforts to have the Taurewa Forest settlement returned to Uenuku moved a step forward. During a wānanga at Raetihi Pā for interested parties in Taurewa Forest, whānau called for Uenuku to resume control of the settlement and discussions were held around establishing a committee to achieve this.

Finally in this update, the Board wishes to welcome two new trustees: Kaylene Crossan, who is the new uri rep for the lower North Island, and Amoa Hawira, Uenuku's first rangatahi rep. The Trust is seeking two more rangatahi reps (18-35 years).

Please contact us about the process to elect your hapū, marae or claimant reps as trustees to the Uenuku board.

Mā te kotahi o te waihoe ka tae tō tātou waka ki uta.

KEEPING YOU CONNECTED

E ngā reo o te whenua waiwaiā mai i te Kāhui Maunga ki Tangaroa, whakarongo mai ki te reo iti nei e pā ana ki ngā mahi a ngā hapū me ngā mahi a te iwi.

Tēnā Koutou and welcome to the third edition of *Uenuku Iwi Update*. The Uenuku board of trustees is delighted to bring you this edition of our regular newsletter, which aims to keep you informed and updated on our organisation, our work, our community and upcoming events.