

Eke Pānuku

The Ngāti Rārua Atiawa Iwi Trust Pānui

Nga mihi nui mo te tau hou!



E te whānau whanui o Ngāti Rārua me Te Atiawa ki Motueka, tena koutou katoa.

We hope you've all had a great, relaxing break. We're back in full swing and are pleased to kick the year off with some great new benefits for registered NRAIT owners. We've also upgraded our education grants programme (see the summary table below), locked in the programme for Ohu Maatu 2014 (see below right), and are well underway with a project to update our owner database, led by Jackson Thomas (see p.2 for more on Jackson's mahi). For more information on all these initiatives, go to our website.

Owner benefits

Scholarships and grants

The newest addition to our funding is the Kip McGrath Study Support Grant, open to secondary school students wanting support in preparing for their NCEA exams.

Note: Applications for **scholarships** will be accepted in April and October, and for **grants** every month.

Award	Value of award	No. awards granted/yr	Duration of award	Eligibility
Supreme Scholarship	\$7,000/yr	1 award	Up to 3 yrs	Requires A grade average
Post-graduate Scholarship	\$3,000/yr	2 awards	Up to 2 yrs	Requires B grade average
Undergraduate Scholarship	\$2,000/yr	3 awards	Up to 3 yrs	Requires A grade average
Tertiary Grant	\$1,000	Limited*	Once	Any field of study
Adult Education Grant	\$1,000	Limited*	Once-max 3	Any field of study
Secondary School Grant	Up to \$500	Limited*	Once	NCEA level 1, 2 or 3
Kip McGrath Study Support	Up to \$500	Limited*	Once	NCEA level 1, 2 or 3
Sports and Cultural Grant	Up to \$500	Limited*	Once	National/International level

* Number of grants awarded each year is at the discretion of the NRAIT Board

Banking

Our relationship with BNZ has enabled us to put together a great benefits package for owners who bank with BNZ. These include discounts on the advertised home loan rate, reduced account fees on credit cards, lower interest rates on personal loans, and insurance discounts.

Mobile phone plans

NRAIT owners can now also access 2^o Mobile's "Share Everything" package (usually reserved for business customers), giving you and up to three others the ability to share your data and unlimited calling and texts. 2^o Mobile will also rebate 3% of all sales to NRAIT owners back to NRAIT, to go into our social/cultural benefits fund.

Home insulation

NRAIT has also teamed up with Absolute Energy in Nelson and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) to offer free ceiling and underfloor insulation to 10 NRAIT owner homes.

Spotlight

Ohu Maatu 2014

We're really excited about our Easter hui this year which will look a little different from what you're used to. We're keen to see a great turnout, so please encourage the whanau to save these dates.

APRIL TE AWHINA MARAE, MOTUEKA



5pm: Powiri, kai and korero on Tane Pukekohatu and Te Poa Karoro



10am: Transport to the Motueka River for activities, korero, workshops

2.30pm: AGM in the Wharenui at Te Awhina Marae

7.00pm: Drinks and off-site gala dinner, tamariki at the theatre



9am: Church service followed by visit to Te Uma

12.30pm: Community water forum

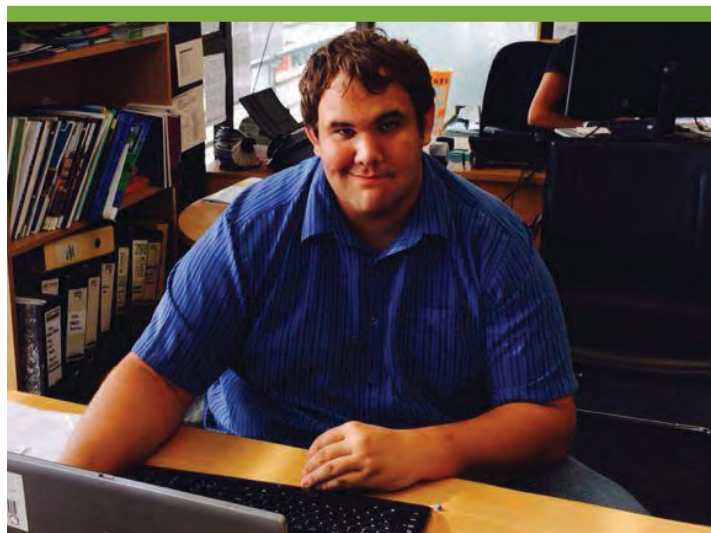
1pm: Lunch and family recreation and sports offsite

Transport

NRAIT will be providing a bus service again this year to help you all get to the annual hui. Details to come.



On the case



NRAIT welcomed new part-timer Jackson Thomas to the team this month to take up the challenge of tracking down the contact details of over 700 'missing' NRAIT owners.

Jackson's pathway into the NRAIT office started with a certificate in IT service and support which he did with the help of an NRAIT tertiary education grant. Jackson now has a Diploma in Information Systems, completed last year at the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology, and is glad to have the chance to test his skills on the NRAIT database project.

"Longer term, I'd like to work on creating computer applications and eventually I want to design and build computer games, but in the short term this role is great practical experience, and hopefully I'll be helping bring a lot of NRAIT owners back in touch with the whanau."

Jackson's job involves tracking down working phone numbers, emails and addresses for NRAIT owners who are 'gone, no

New on our website

- > [New benefits \(see Our Owners\)](#)
- > [On the case \(Te Whanake\)](#)
- > [Board blog on January Board hui](#)

Staying in touch

-  www.nrait.co.nz
-  facebook.com/ohumaatu
-  03 548 0770
-  info@nrait.co.nz
-  PO Box 13, Nelson

address' or GNA.

"We usually classify an owner as GNA when their mail is returned or an email bounces back. That information is then removed from the database and, until we get the correct information – which can often be very difficult – we can't contact them."

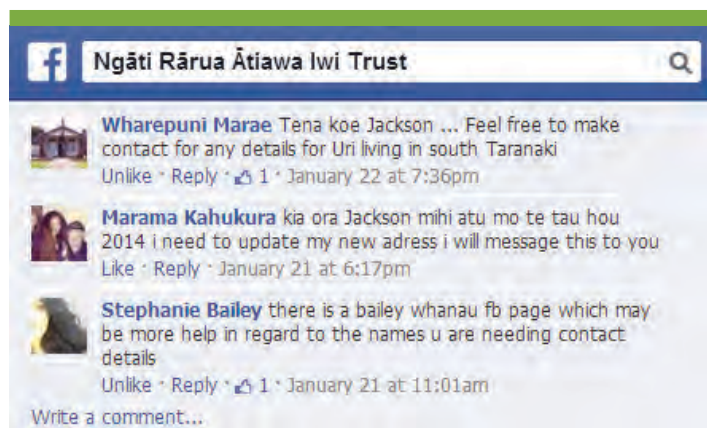
"In many cases owners don't even realise they've fallen out of touch. Often the best way to track them down is for me to phone or email other whanau who might be in touch with them and have their new address or phone number."

Can you help?

The most important contact information we need is an email address – to help us reduce the cost of printing and postage and to move more of our communications to email and social media.

To update your information or help provide details of other family members or likely 'missing' owners, email Jackson at temp@nrait.co.nz.

Jackson aims to reduce the GNA list by 50% by the time he's done. It's a big job, but he hopes owners will all get on board and help, as several have already done on our Facebook page. Kia ora to everyone who has made a contribution so far.



Career steps

Have you recently finished school or graduated from university? Thinking about how to make a move towards your chosen career? These internship and cadetship opportunities might be just what you're looking for.

Awaroa Partners Internship Programme

Awaroa is a communications consultancy in Wellington that partners with organisations like us to help improve how they communicate with their audiences. They're looking for a bright young graduate to join their team for 6 months in a paid internship programme. For more about the role and to apply, visit awaroa.com/careers.

BNZ Māori Cadetship Programme

The aim of the cadetship programme is to provide quality, relevant training to cadets over a 6 month period where they will work alongside experienced bankers in a variety of roles, projects and activities. The cadetships are for people who have a passion, background and knowledge of working with Māori and Iwi and a keen interest in a business or financial environment. To learn more about the cadetship programme call Ivan Tava on [03 548 0770](tel:035480770).

