



- Lambs sale weights have improved remarkably this season in comparison to the last decade due to better pastures and pasture management, animal health management of the ewe flock and their progeny.
- Good weaning weights of the cow herd progeny has been a result of our kaimahi closely monitoring cows and calves, prioritising feed and diligent animal health care.
- Fattening cattle have been fattened and sold at target weights and in record time frames compared to previous years.
- Although lambs prices have remained dismal this season, cattle prices have produced a good return. Lambs are being held to higher weights in an attempt to return more per head to try and offset the very poor prices of lamb.
- Our dedicated kaimahi have all been working exceptionally hard to improve stock production and management, they continue to improve the quality of pasture management and infrastructure of the farm,

- Achievements**
- Recent trade lamb sales - 20.7 Kg, last season saw a max weight of 18.9Kg.
  - Vetted in calf breeding cow results are at 97% this season compared with 92% last season.
  - The average weaning weight of this years weaners was 247 Kg in March showing great early weaning weights.
  - Obtained Certification for NZ Farm Assured - New Zealand Farm Assurance Programme that provides confidence and certainty to millions of consumers world-wide that meat and wool production from New Zealand's sheep, beef and deer farms is authentic, genuine, and safe.

- Events**
- Scheduled Hunting - April 22nd to June 2nd
- Opportunities coming up**
- Docking

**Committee of Management Thoughts**



“Ngā mihi ki a tātou, ngā uri o ngā maunga maha ki te Kaipara, koutou hoki nō ngā tini maunga o ngā hau e wha, ka mihi.  
My aspirations as a newly elected trustee is to build on the respective developed skill-set of past and current governing Trust Board members. To ensure that invested stakeholders’ Interests are managed for both growth and benefit”.

“To work towards the whenua providing for the whanau to assist with being self sufficient moving into the future. This encompasses many areas such as work opportunities for whanau, diversification for more income streams and maintaining our whenua for generations to come”.

“My aspirations and goals for Ōtakanini Tōpū from the outset of my appointment in December 2016 has always been to help develop and improve the sheep, beef and forestry business operation and to assist in improving compliance in administrative regulations and duties. To drive better returns to invest back into the whenua and infrastructure, to pay dividends, to continue on with the 2016 Environmental farm plan aspirations, fencing waterways and significant cultural areas, retiring fragile areas and restoring native. I would like to see diversification to create other streams of employment and income and strong communication and engagement with shareholders and whānau. Continue improving our strategic plan and a focus on succession planning, with the uncertainty of both economy and weather climates it is now as important as ever to have well prepared, skilled and experienced whānau ready to take the reins”.

“To bring back the standard of our whenua in order to retrieve the rich development and improvement we once had, by capitalising on our beef sheep and forestry.  
Apart from from our fencing waterways and Koiwi, we also need to look at replanting for preventative landslides in this now unpredictable weather climate.  
Somewhere in all of our korero there needs to be some form of a training scheme set aside to enhance our Rangatahi their rights as we are already struggling to find kaimahi amongst our own whanau.  
We are always striving on Improvement and Administrative Regulations to the best of our ability”.

“Since joining the board in 2019 I have always been strongly farm performance focused. I would like to see Ōtakanini Tōpū reaching its full potential in Sheep and Beef performance, recognition and renowned for producing outstanding quality stock.  
I would like to see acquisition of further land blocks and expand operations, this will also create diversity opportunities and alternate income streams. Capital growth is key”.

“My ultimate dream and aspiration for the farm is to see it evolve into a thriving business that can sustain future generations and that the whenua is flourishing and prosperous, while striving for excellence in every endeavor and strong in our values of COMMITMENT. In the near future, I would like to see an environment with increased shareholder and whānau engagement where they can come together for internships, events, workshops and overall experiences that will reconnect us to the whenua, the environment, and to one another”.

