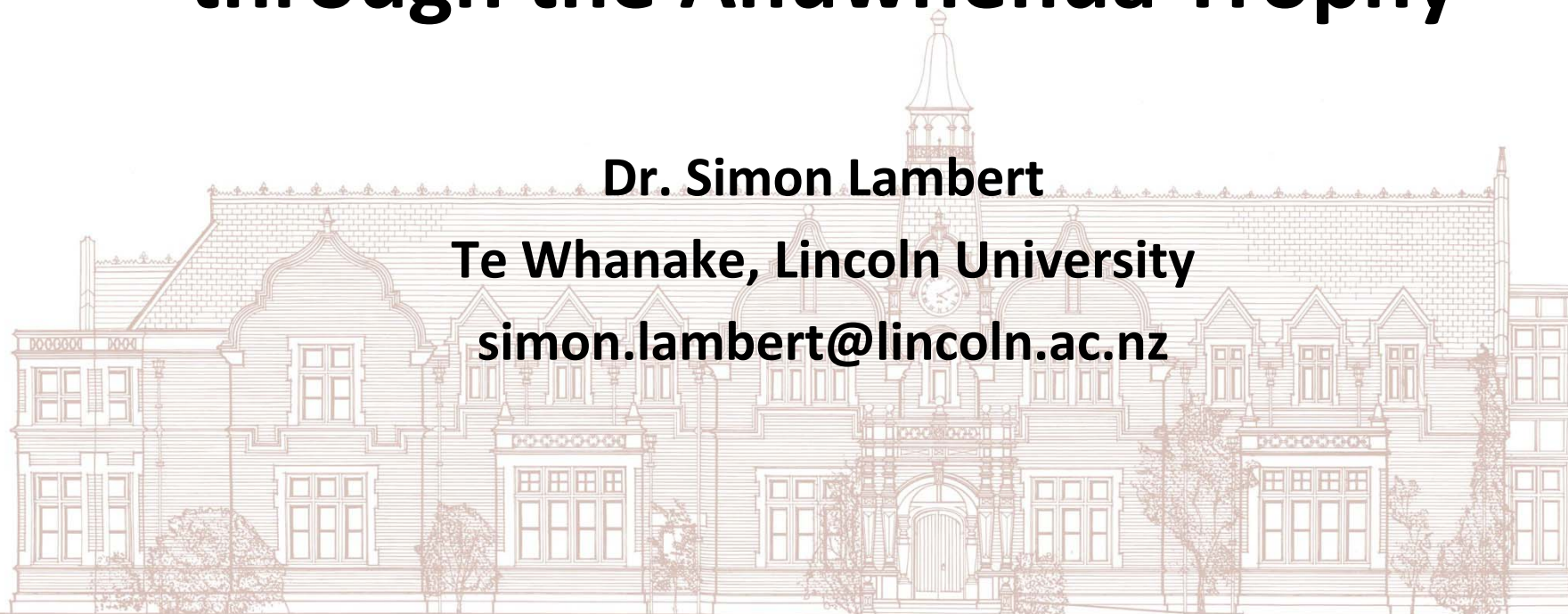


A short history of Māori farming through the Ahuwhenua Trophy

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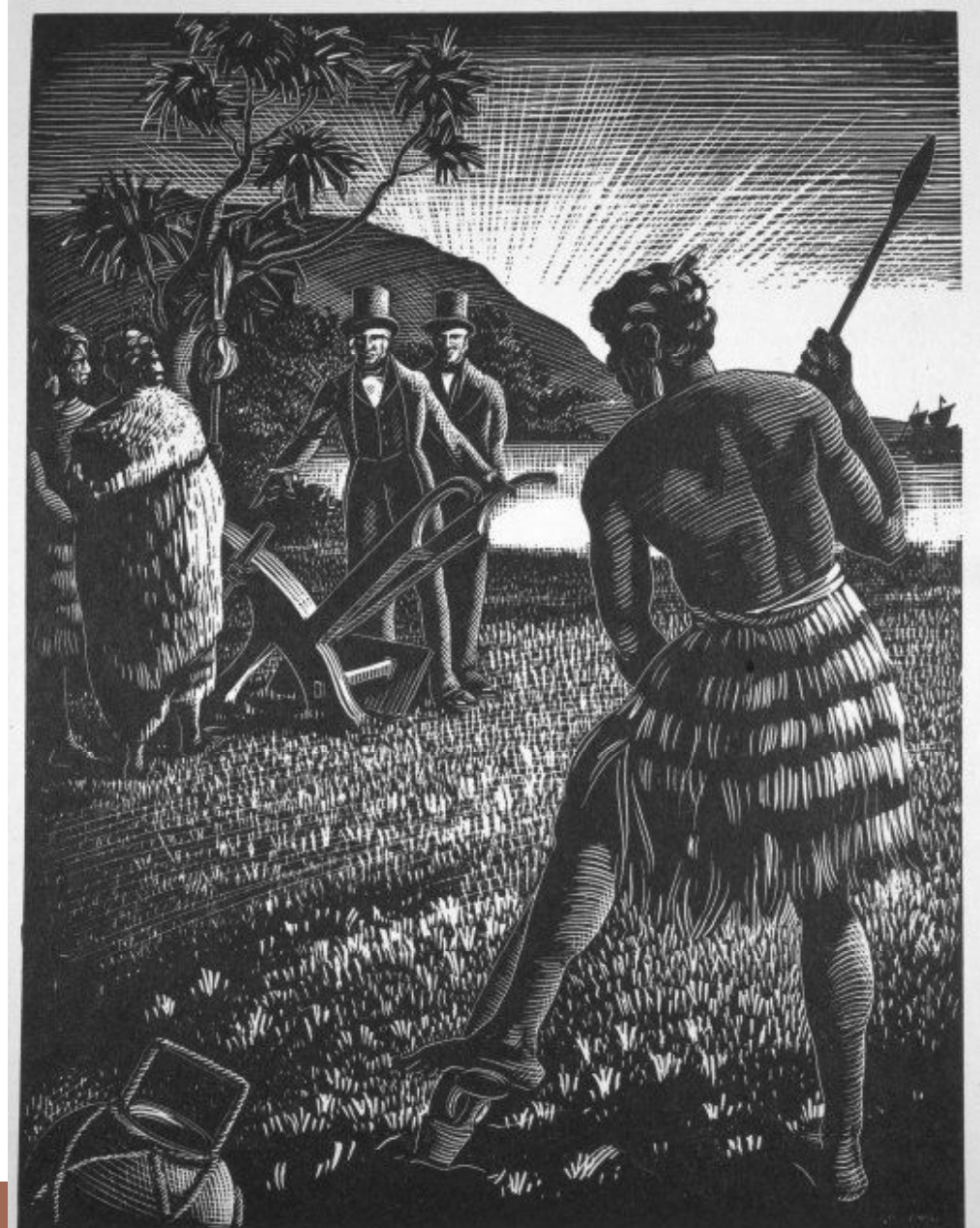
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farm 1. (Eng). pāmu. The family all lived and worked on the farm. *I noho katoa te whanau i runga i te pāmu, a , me te mahi anō hoki.*

2. mahi pāmu. The Māori Incorporations farmed their lands well. *I pai te mahi pāmu a nga Kaporeihana Māori i o ratou whenua.*



In the year 1820 the first plough arrived in the Dominion—and the first page of New Zealand's farming history was written!

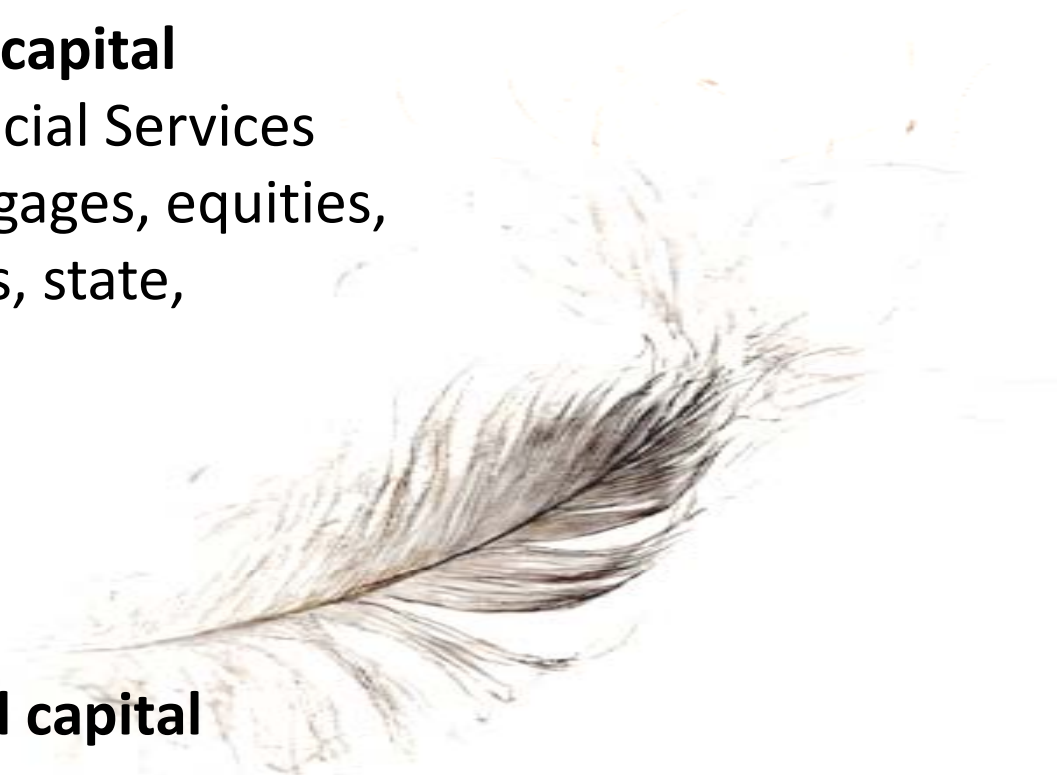
Crop	Origin	Earliest known use
Potato (<i>Solanum tuberosum</i>)	Andes	1769 (Du Surville)
Wheat (<i>Triticum</i> spp.)	Mesopotamia	"
Maize (<i>Zea mays</i>)	"	"
Cabbage (<i>Brassica oleracea</i>)	Mediterranean	1773 Dusky Sound (Cook & Furneaux)
Carrot (<i>Daucus carota</i>)	Central Asia	"
Parsley (<i>Petroselinum crispum</i>)	Mediterranean	"
Parsnip (<i>Peucedanum sativum</i>)	"	"
Pea (<i>Pisum sativum</i>)	Med/ Asia	"
Radish (<i>Raphanus sativus</i>)	Mediterranean	"
Turnip (<i>Brassica. rapa, B. campestris</i>)	Mediterranean	"
Peach (<i>Amygdalus persica</i>)	Central Asia	1814 ()
Cherry (<i>Prunus cerasus</i>)	Asia	early C.19th
Watermelon (<i>Citrullus vulgaris</i>)	Mexico	<1820
Pumpkin (<i>Cucurbita pepo</i>)	"	1820 Motuara (Bellinghausen)
Marrow (<i>C. ovifera</i>)	India/SE Asia	<1837
Cucumber (<i>C. sativus</i>)	Middle Asia	<1837
Grape (<i>Vitis vinifera</i>)	Mediterranean	1838
Lettuce (<i>Lactuca sativa</i>)	"	<1840
Watercress (<i>Nasturtium officiale</i>)	Americas	1850s
Tobacco (<i>Nicotiana tabacum</i>)	"	1867

- **Financial capital**

- Financial Services
- mortgages, equities,
- banks, state,

- **Ecological capital**

- Ecosystem Services (ES)
- environmentalism (e.g., Forerst & Bird Soc., Green Party)

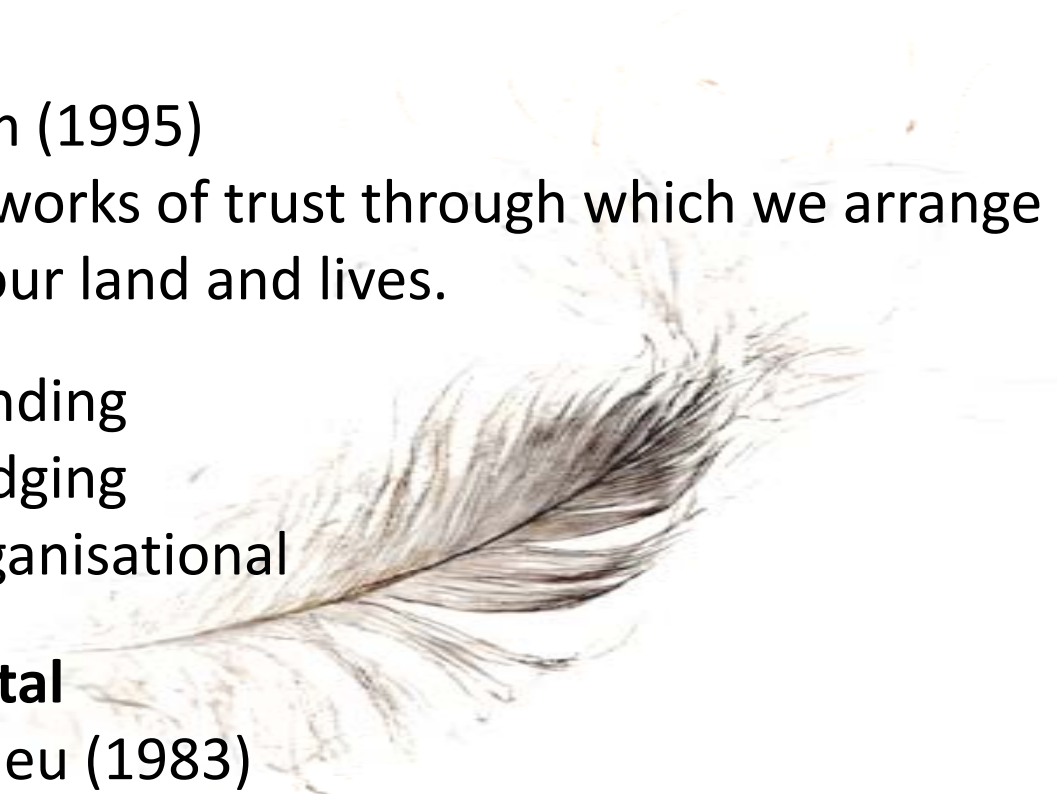


Social capital

- Putnam (1995)
...the networks of trust through which we arrange and develop our land and lives.
- Bonding
- Bridging
- Organisational

Cultural Capital

- Bourdieu (1983)
- “...a community’s embodied cultural skills and values, in all their community-defined forms, inherited from the community’s previous generation, undergoing adaptation and extension by current members of the community, and desired by the community to be passed on to its next generation.” (Saunders and Dalziel, 2009)



Te Ahuwhenua Trophy

- est. 1932 by Āpirana Ngata
- Original intent was for inter-iwi contest
- Precursor in 'Union of Ngāti Porou Farmers', 1920
 - Sheep numbers increased from 52,786 in 1900, to 65,619 in 1905, 132,356 in 1909 and an estimated 500,000 in 1927
- Kin-centric 'volunteer' labour



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CHRISTCHURCH-NEW ZEALAND



Taranaki dairy farm, 1920s



'Food for Britain' programme, Ruatōria, 1940s

Te Ahuwhenua Trophy

- Entrants were to be Māori settled on tribal land under Native Land Act (1931), s522.
 - Criteria were *“good husbandry, economy of management with a view to commercial profit, the cleanliness and neatness of the holding, and the progress made by the farmer in the development of the holding...”*
- 3 wāhine winners
- NZ Young Farmer-of-the-Year est. 1969
- Californian concept
- No women winners





Bill Swinton, Raukokore,
1932 inaugural winner



T.L. Jones, Dargaville, 1969



Matenga Kingi, Whangara, 1982

Te Ahuwhenua Trophy 1

PRELIMINARY ENTRY FORM
A

AHUWHENUA TROPHY COMPETITION

DAIRY SHEEP

FARMER: Surname
AHIPENE
KAIHU
Address (Maraetai Road, MANGAKINO.)
M SUPERVISOR: N.M. Davis
Location: Mangakino

	acres
Permanent pasture	146
Summer crop	
Winter crop	
Lucerne	
Temporary pasture	3
Homestead surroundings	1
plantation, shelter, etc.	5
other improvements	2
Unimproved	
TOTAL AREA	157
Effective area	150 a.c.

Remarks:
First settler in area to exceed 30,000 lbs of butterfat in a year.
Has an excellent wife who works on farm with him.
Ahipene is now 59 years old.

Signed



24 JAN 1969
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AFFAIRS

From: WANGANUI to: HEAD OFFICE

H.O. file: 60/8/68 D.O. file: 2/175 S.O. file:

Subject: AHUWHENUA TROPHY COMPETITION 1968

Date: 22.1.69 Previous ref.: Ours Yours: 5-12-68

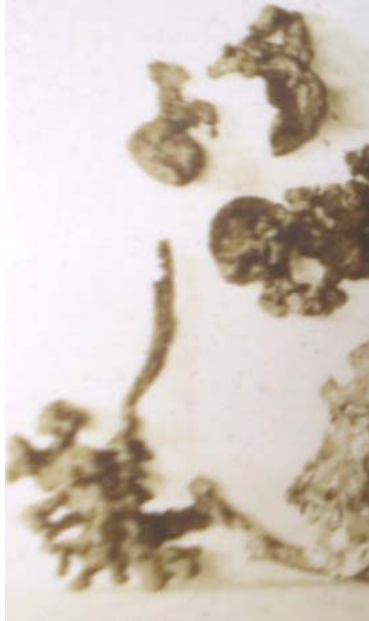
Enclosures checked

1. Consideration has been given to a suitable place to hold the ceremony, and after discussion with Mr Karatau's family and some of the Ngatiapa people, it would appear that the most appropriate venue for the presentation would be at the Whangaeahu Hall.

2. However, Jack Karatau himself is opposed to any special celebration and his parents are afraid that if we were to proceed with the proposal to have the presentation that he may not be present. Jack Karatau has intimated that he would prefer to have the cup presented to him at this office.

3. Mr J. W. Steadman of Palmerston North, was the winner of the Sheep and Cattle... does not wish to attend the presentation... (J.E. Cater) Wanganui district. It has been suggested that... presented to him at... during the visit... Committee last... in March.

J.E. Cater
DISTRICT OFFICER



This is a photograph, taken by Judge H. Carr,
of the remains of the Bledisloe Ahuwhenua
Trophy, which was destroyed by fire at Te Araroa.

1937.

1940s



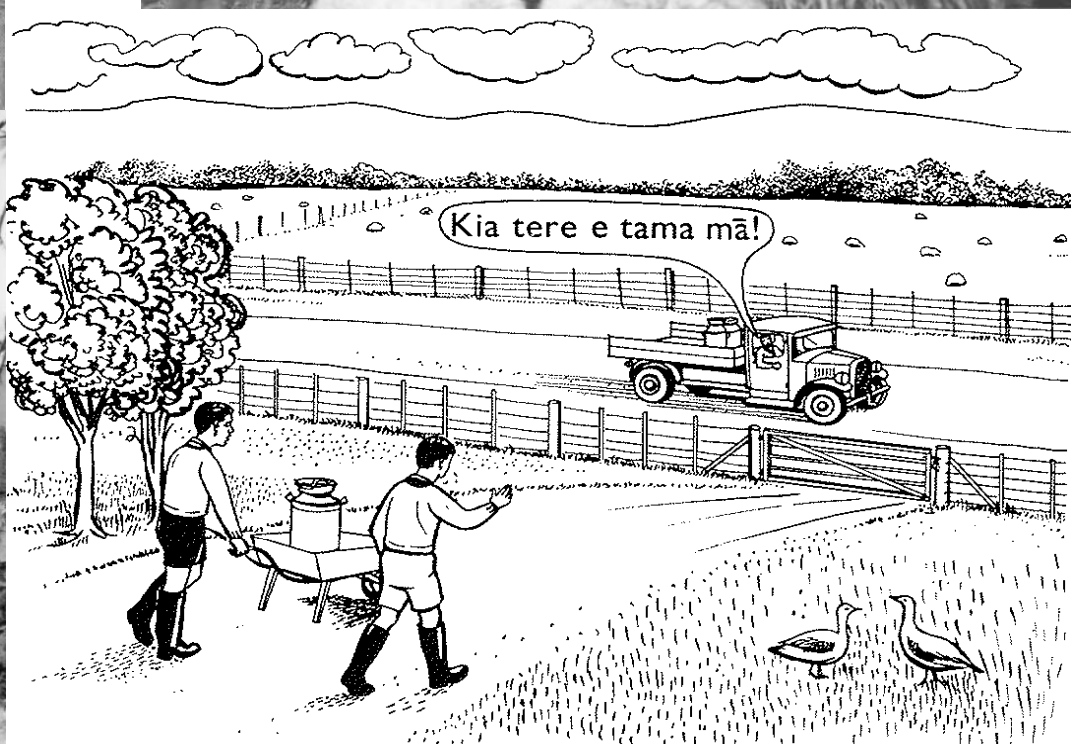


House built for a Māori farmer in Reureu, Whanganui District), financed from a state loan advanced for Maori land development in the 1930s.



...the earlier house.

1950s





**WOMAN
beats
THE MEN**

- Tatai Hall (1940) Te Teko
- Mrs. R. Beasley (1952) Pokeno
- Aumihi Stevens (1954) Okaihau
 - *“...[She] has developed a high-producing farm from swamp land overgrown with rushes. Excellent reserves of fodder are saved, but the owner is trying to do all the work herself. She badly needs permanent reliable labour to assist her in maintenance work.”*

1960s and declining interest...

- *“The costs incurred as a result of winning are too great for the sake of a piece of paper...”*
- *...the cost of ‘prettying up’ the farm to competition standards is too great, when money is needed for more essential purposes,*
- *...time so spent could be better spent elsewhere....*



The milking shed on Paul Toroa's farm (September, 1947)

- *Many entrants “don’t favour the Judges comments on their farms, albeit that these comments are aimed at improved farming practice and production....*
- *Poorer farmers are just not interested....Better farmers [have] more to do with their time....*



- *Many of the better farmers are Europeans with Māori wives. A good many others in this category are of little Māori descent [...]*”

“...collective disappointment and the inadequacy” of the departments \$50 contribution towards expenses (anticipated to be \$1,000 and included renovations of \$400)

The meeting decided to tax local people \$10 per household, giving approximately \$200. These costs were, for the locals, ‘unfair’ and did not give “present and potential competitors any incentive to take part in the competition.”

(A.H. Edwards, 1972, Rongomaipapa marae)

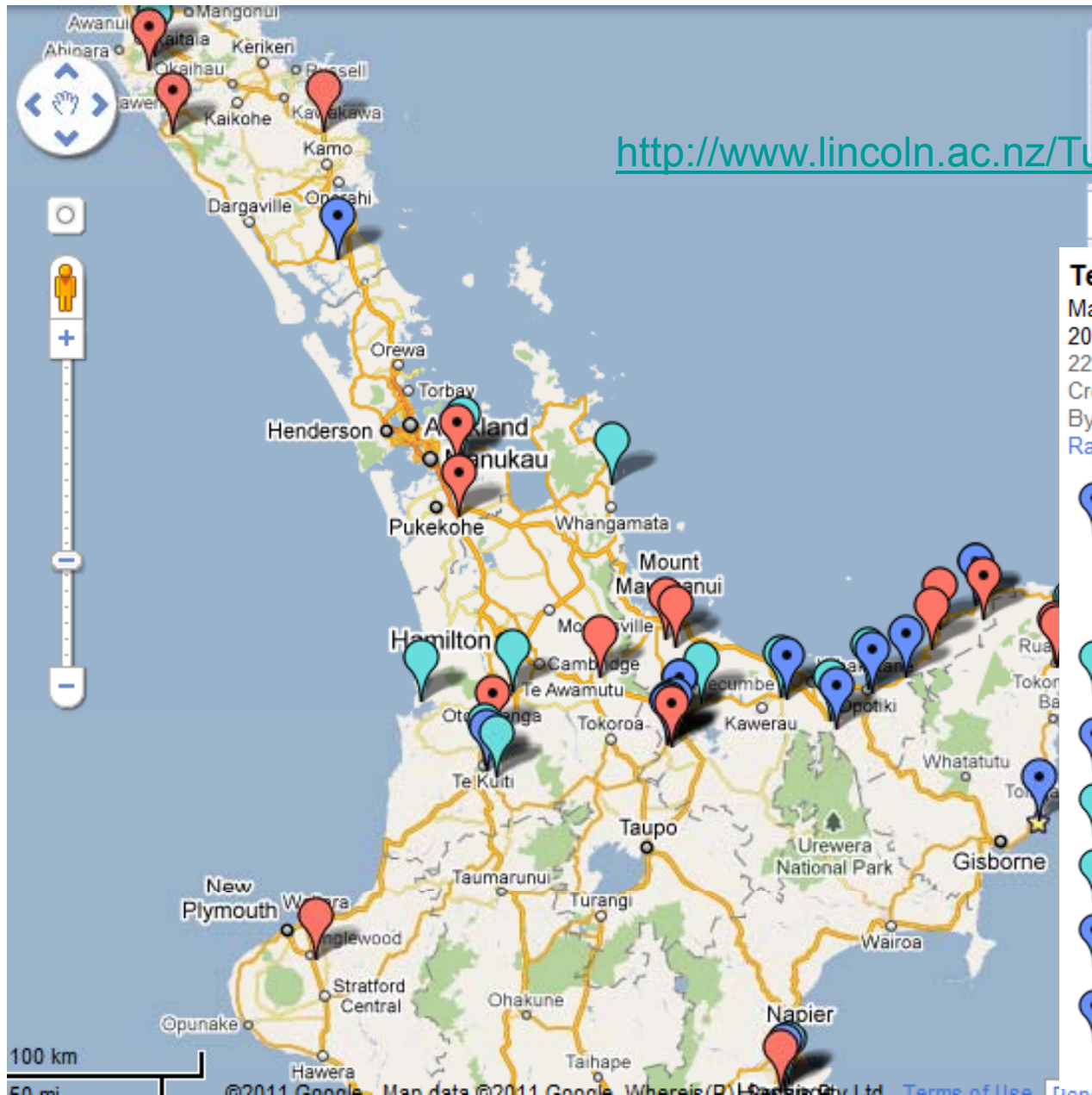


“The grant of \$50 is the same amount made available throughout the country to cover presentations where a morning or an afternoon tea only is involved. The presentation of the Ahuwhenua Trophy should not be an excuse for a hui; if the people want this then they must be prepared to meet the cost. The Minister will not be attending the function.”

conclusion

- Māori could not sustain Te Ahuwhenua.
 - i.e., Māori capital (financial, ecological, social and cultural) could not maintain the competition.
- Pākeha simply would not.
 - (Despite the great wealth of Pākeha, domestically and globally!)

<http://www.lincoln.ac.nz/Tui/Tui-Home/Maori-Farming/>



Te Ahuwhenua








Maori Farmer-of-the-Year trophy winners, 1932-1990; 2003-2009.

222 views - Unlisted

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-  [1932 William Swinton](#)
Raukokore, Bay Of Plenty. There is a picture of Bill Swinton receiving the trophy from Lord Bledisloe, with Apirana Ngata in the background. See photos bound between pages 192 and 193 of Ranginui Walk...
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3rd, Tarewa Kopae (sp?)
-  [1936. H.J. Dewes, Horoera](#)
-  [2nd, 1936, Robert Clarice, Tikitere](#)
-  [3rd = 1936, Pat Raharuki, Rotorua](#)
-  [1938 Whareparoa H \(sp?\)](#)
1st =
-  [1938, 1st = Jack Black](#)
Ruatoki. First equal with Whareparoa H (sp?) of Torea.

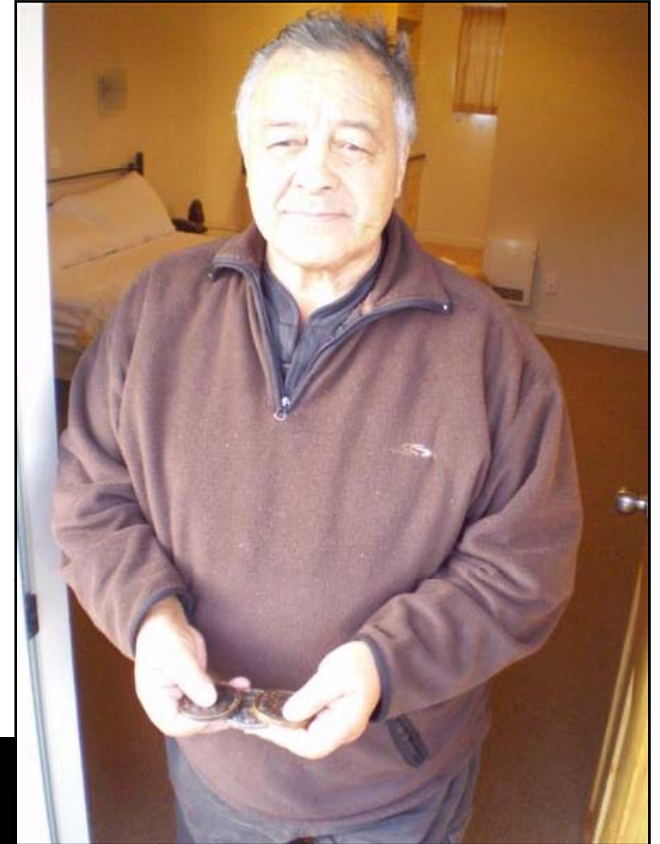
Te Ahuwhenua Winners and placegetters: 1932-2010

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Te Ahuwhenua Trophy II

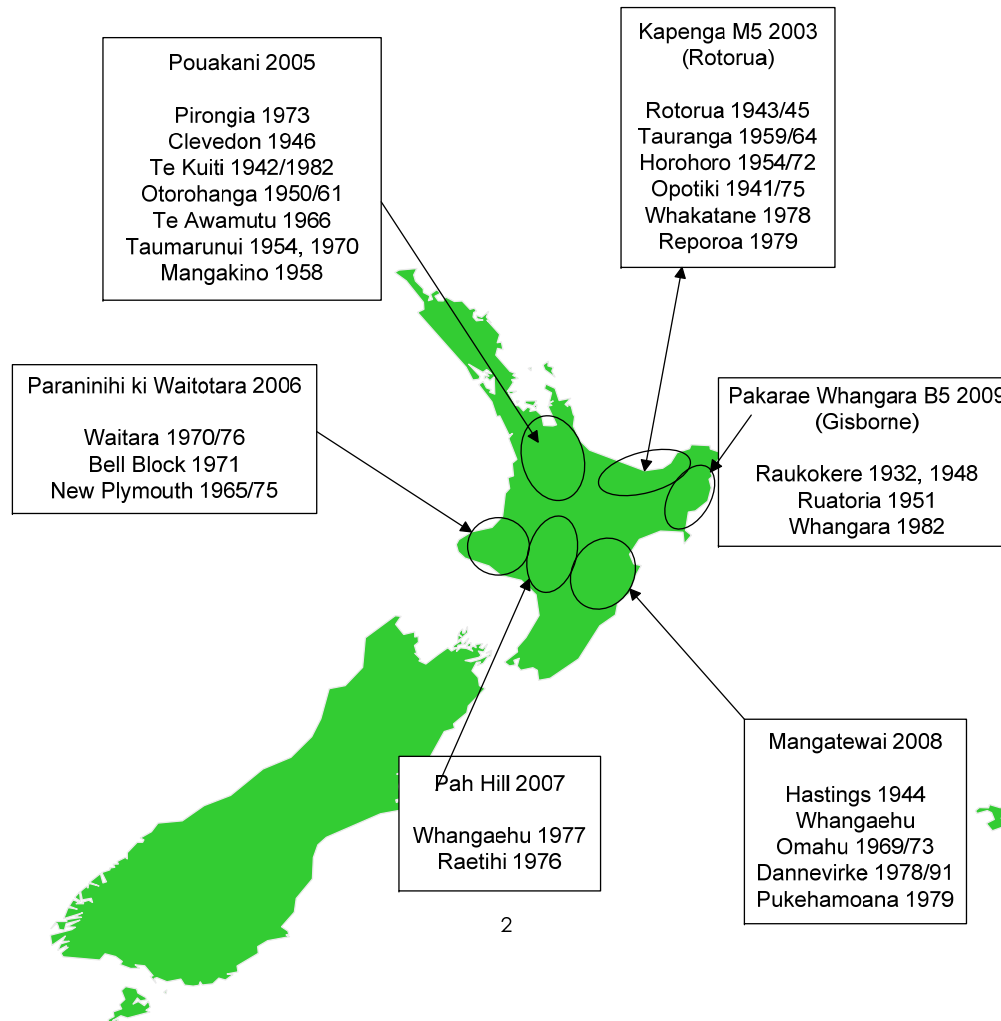
- 2003 rekindled...
- rapid expansion of 'Māori economy'
- (leveraged of our cultural capital...)
- 'Sleeping giant of the NZ economy'
- \$18b +







New Zealand's specialist land-based university



Maori assets and capital investment 2005/6



	Primary (\$m)	Secondary (\$m)	Tertiary (\$m)	Tot. Assets (\$m)
Māori Trusts	3,177			3,177
Māori Trustee land	725			725
Tribal treaty settlements			188	188
Māori businesses	355			355
Other	568		977	1,545
Tot. Assets	8,513	1,271	6,666	16,450
Maori proportions 2005/6	52%	8%	40%	100%
Tot. NZ proportions (2005/6)	10%	9%	81%	100%

Source: Te Puni Kokiri (2008, Table 2).

INCOME SUMMARY

IRD number:

This summary provides details of your income and tax deducted by the Māori Trustee on your behalf for the year ending 31 March 2010

TAX DEDUCTION DETAILS

Māori Authority taxable distributions

Total Māori Authority Distributions	\$0.06
Total Māori Authority Credits <i>(see note 1 overleaf)</i>	\$0.01

Distributable Income from the Māori Trustee Common Fund *(see note 2 overleaf)*

Māori Trustee Common Fund IRD Number: [REDACTED]

Total Share of Common Fund investment income	\$0.06
Less Share of Base Management Fee	\$0.00
Less Share of Supplementary Management Fee	\$0.00
Total Share of Gross Distributable Income	\$0.06
Less Trust Tax Credits <i>(see note 3 overleaf)</i>	\$0.02
Total Share of Net Distributable Income (after tax)	\$0.04

Total Distributable Income paid to 131,206 Common Fund account holders \$1,240,722.19

So what do we see?

- Colonisation
- Modernisation/Assimilation
- Resistance
- Resilience/Endurance
- Development
- 'Maori economy'



Waxing and waning capitals...

- Financial
- Natural
- Social
- Cultural

Thoughts

How to sustainably develop resources in an environment (ecological as well as political-economic and socio-cultural) that is non-linear, dynamic and complex, and interconnected!



The reliance on primary sector biotic resources for collective Māori income (and therefore support for cultural resilience) is challenged across all four capitals

- unsustainable in ecological terms...
- ...highly vulnerable in financial and social terms.

Thoughts

Given that contemporary development of Māori land and resources coincides with declining personal relationships with this land...



...what of cultural capital that is attached in some way to this land?

Kia ora
Pātai?