



## Newsletter – Winter 2020

### Whānau survey due to COVID-19

Thank you to those that took the time to complete the survey that was sent out with the last newsletter and on the website. The Trust is looking through the results and seeing what other ways they may be able to help beneficial owners and their direct whānau.

The Trust has also extended the **Pūtea Manaaki COVID-19 grant** (one off hardship grant) until 31 July 2020. For more information visit the website [www.teawahohonu.co.nz](http://www.teawahohonu.co.nz) or email [teawahohonu@gkl.co.nz](mailto:teawahohonu@gkl.co.nz).

### UPCOMING - ĀWHETO PROJECT

Āwheto is a taonga tuku iho (natural and cultural heritage) of the Māori people, but mātauranga (knowledge) on this resource is being lost in tandem with the disappearance of this treasure from the landscape. Āwheto (or vegetable caterpillar) is a structure formed when caterpillars of ghost moth species are infected by the fungus *Ophiocordyceps robertsii*.

In Māori culture āwheto has historically been used in rongoā (medication) and as an important dye source, and its value has been recorded in pūrākau (stories). However, discussions with younger generations of Māori have shown that mātauranga relating to āwheto, and knowledge about where to find it, is being lost. Te Awahohonu Forest Trustees are concerned about the loss of mātauranga and wish to reconnect young people with the taonga of their whenua (prized possessions of their land).

Te Awahohonu Forest Trust will be updating its owners with information on how they may be able to get involved with the Āwheto Project.

### NEW TO BUSINESS WĀNANGA

Are you interested in attending a wānanga to help you set up a business?

The Trust will organise a free 2-hour wānanga if they can get enough people interested.

For more details and to register your interest please visit the website through the link below –

[www.teawahohonu.co.nz/latest-news](http://www.teawahohonu.co.nz/latest-news)

### MĀORI BUSINESS GROWTH SUPPORT

Te Puni Kōkiri offer a wide range of support, information, and opportunities for Māori businesses. Visit the website for more information.

[www.tpk.govt.nz/en/whakamahia/maori-business-growth-support](http://www.tpk.govt.nz/en/whakamahia/maori-business-growth-support)

Remember to have a look at Te Awahohonu Forest Trust's Website and Facebook page for the latest news and updates.

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