

TAPUIWAHINE A12 TRUST

The land known as Tapuiwahine A12 comprises of 46.4781 hectares (114 acres) and is situated at Oparure close to Motiti Marae. This land does not have legal access from the road.

At a sitting of Maori Land Court at Te Kuiti on 14th May 1953 and upon an application from the Waitomo County Council, it was ordered that the Maori Trustee execute an instrument of alienation (a lease) on behalf of the owners of this land, in accordance with the provisions of part III of the Maori Purposes Act 1950. The minutes of the sitting of the Court show that the land was then owned by Pene Te Ruki and 12 others.

In September 1956 a report on this property was compiled by the Maori Trustee's lease inspector and 12 others. It was noted that a charging order for rate for 66 pounds and fourteen shillings had been made in 1935 and no rate paid since. The land had been recently inspected and it was all unimproved mostly in fern and scrub. There were no buildings and no sign of the land being occupied. Pene Te Ruki was present at the Court he is recorded as having agreed with the statement regarding the existing condition of the land.

The report also stated that the land was fenced on three boundaries but not all fences were stock proof. Approximately 30 acres was in wet flat. The balance of 55 acres was regarded as ploughable. It was noted that the total area had the appearance of severe reversion to scrub and fern with isolated clumps of gorse.

Ngatai Ngatai became the first lessee of Tapuiwahine A12. The lease commenced on 1 January 1958 for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for a further term of 21 years and providing of compensation for 75% of improvements. The initial lease rental was forty-five pounds and this was reviewed on 1 January 1968 to \$173.50. Under the provisions of Part XXV of the Maori Affairs Act 1953, which this lease was granted, 50% of the lease rental was accumulated in a sinking fund account to meet compensation to the lessee at expiry, therefore only 50% of the rental has been distributed to the owners and since 1996 100% of lease rental has been retained. Ngatai transferred his lease to Ian Douglas Coleman in 1969.

The lease was regularly inspected by the Maori Trustee's lease inspectors and reports show a gradual development of the land, hampered however, by the restricted finances of the lessees.

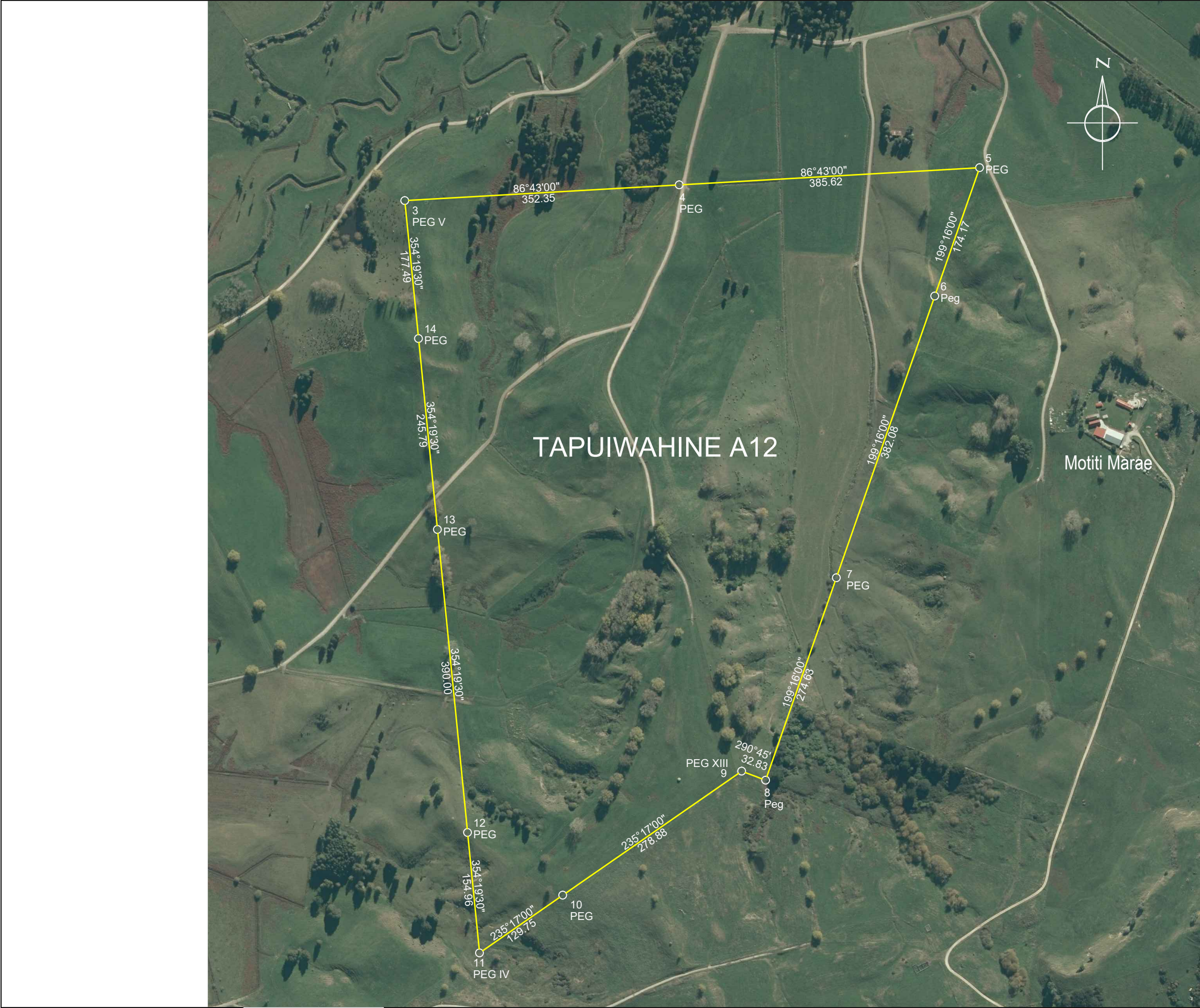
The renewed term of lease provided for the owners to resume possession of the land after the seventh year and in August in 1984 a letter from Maori Trustee was circularized to all owners seeking their view on this. Responses were received from Mata Sheehan M.W. Ruki, L.W. Abernethy, L.Mana, D.T.Ruki, P.P Ruki, P.P.Samuels, Takarina Rosills Te Amohanga, T. Adlam, T.R. Te Ruki and Richard Rerehau Ruki all to the effect that the owners should resume occupation of the (land) and have the lease terminated.

A meeting of owners was convened in Hamiton on 17 December 1984 and the wishes of the owners to resume possession of the land were confirmed by resolution. it was also agreed to form a trust (then under Section 438 of the Maori

Affairs Act 1953) and Potahi Patricia Samuels, Taka rosella Amohanga, Wilson Wirihana and Te Miri Te Ruki were elected advisory trustees to support the Maori Trustee as responsible trustee.

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All information contained in this History has been sourced from Trust records along with anecdotal information from owners. The Tapuiwahine A12 Trustees cannot provide certainty as to the accuracy of the information contained herein.



NZTM COORDINATES			
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WGS 84 Latitude and Longitude		
Point	Latitude	Longitude
	D/mins/secs	D/mins/secs
3	38 19 48.652 S	175 06 39.981 E
4	38 19 47.937 S	175 06 54.456 E
5	38 19 47.197 S	175 07 10.290 E
6	38 19 52.526 S	175 07 07.974 E
7	38 20 04.232 S	175 07 02.837 E
8	38 20 12.669 S	175 06 59.129 E
9	38 20 12.302 S	175 06 57.883 E
10	38 20 17.467 S	175 06 48.478 E
11	38 20 19.882 S	175 06 44.059 E
12	38 20 14.898 S	175 06 43.420 E
13	38 20 02.309 S	175 06 41.777 E
14	38 19 54.380 S	175 06 40.723 E

Boundary bearings shown are in terms of Mount Eden 2000 datum. Subtract 20 degrees to convert to magnetic bearings.

Boundary distances are in metres.

GPS Map - total meters between corner Bounday pegs

Peg 3 - 11	Peg 3-5	Peg 5-8	Peg 8 - 9	Peg 9 - 11
177.49	352.35	174.17	32.83	278.88
254.79	385.62	382.08		129.75
390		274.63		
154.96				

Total Mtrs	977.24	737.97	830.88	32.83	408.63
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