

WISHES OF “HAPPY RETIREMENT” TO IAN & JULIE TANGNEY

Allan and I would like to acknowledge the huge contribution Ian and Julie along with Ian's parents Jack and Daphne have made to the Kiwifruit Industry in the Western Bay of Plenty. This is certainly the end of an era for a pioneering family.

The Tangney's moved from Gisborne to the Bay of Plenty in the 70's with a view to getting into kiwifruit growing. In 1967 Ian was planting new orchards in Te Puna and they eventually ended up in Katikati. In 1979 they had started developing a Kiwifruit Orchard in Beach and Pukekura Roads and soon after that built their own Packhouse and Coolstore. The Tangney family were part of the foundation of four families who had the foresight to build a bigger Packhouse and Coolstore which is Apata.

We have had the privilege of knowing the Tangney family for over thirty five years, including Ian's parents and sister. Ian was one of our first Coolstore Managers when Ian and Julie first joined Aongatete decades ago. Ian was around when we started to realise what inventory management was all about, not just taking the first pallet off the rack, and of course the science of refrigeration and how to optimise the use of machinery. Julie was around at the inception of track and trace which then became EDI.

We were delighted to have them back a few years ago and will certainly miss them enormously. We wish to take this opportunity to thank them most sincerely for their wonderful and extraordinary contribution to Aongatete and the kiwifruit industry.

We wish them all the best in their retirement and hope they thoroughly enjoy their time with their grandchildren.

Nell Dawson—Aongatete Operations Manager

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AONGATETE NEWS



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IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR FIVE TEAMMATES

Sitiveni Vaipulu; Koli Vaipulu; Samuela Taukatelata; Sione Teulaka and Halani Fine

Tragically as you know, Aongatete lost five of its team on Tuesday 2nd of August. The impact of this is far reaching for the families and friends of our men and our team here at Aongatete. We'll always remember Sitiveni; Koli; Samuela; Sione and Halani and things will never be quite the same for Aongatete again.

We would like to thank everyone for their unconditional support. The level of care and assistance has been amazing and quite humbling. Support and donations have poured in from the community and the wider Kiwifruit Industry as well as Aongatete Staff and Growers. Condolences and donations came from a wide spectrum and included those involved with the RSE scheme throughout New Zealand and many other associated industries and friends. There were no barriers – people just gave with their hearts and helped where they could. It was incredible to be supported by so many wonderfully caring people.

We would like to acknowledge all our Aongatete Staff who rallied together in an amazing way to look after family members and each other – their Team work has been outstanding.

- Sitiveni (Steven) had worked for Aongatete for over 8 seasons and was extremely clever with machinery. Service providers such as “Sinclair” were frequently highly complimentary about Sitiveni's management of the strapping machine, tray erectors and their management systems. Steven had a family of two girls and three boys. They range in ages from 21 down to 11.
- Koli (Sitiveni's son) had come out with Sitiveni to also earn money for his siblings back home in Tonga and had worked for Aongatete for the last two seasons. He was also saving to build a house.
- Samuela had been with us for two seasons. He had three young children ranging in ages from 9 to 1. His wife is Sione's sister.
- Sione had just purchased a vehicle for his wife and he was also saving for his young family. He left behind a young wife and one year old child.
- Halani was studying to be a counsellor and had temporarily moved from Auckland to Tauranga to further his education. He was a youth leader in his church and was working to save money for studying.

Aongatete has pledged to honour the promises of these men and have set up a Trust with appointed Trustees to help meet the educational requirements of their families.

For those that would like to make a contribution and have not yet had the chance, the details to do this are via:

Bank Deposit to: Westpac: 03 1550 0017661 02 Aongatete Coolstores Ltd
Cheques to: Aongatete Trust (Tongan Appeal) or

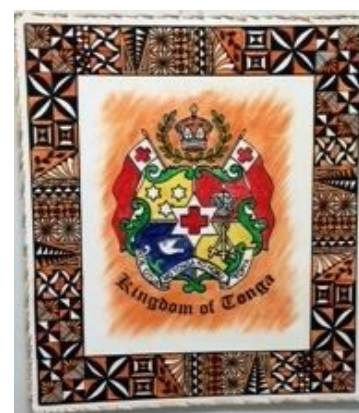
Cash: Appropriately labelled to the reception at the main office.

“To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die”

THOMAS CAMPBELL

Allan & Nell Dawson

(Photos of our team mates overleaf)





Psa-V MONITORING

With the sap about to start flowing we will be seeing Psa-V symptoms showing. All Growers must be vigilant in their tool hygiene as this can help reduce in-orchard spread of inoculum. During winter pruning you may see old infection on previous years canes, it is a good idea to remove these now before sap flow starts, as this will distribute it around the plants vascular system.

Frequent orchard monitoring will ensure that any infection is detected as early as possible. Early detection and early intervention is the most effective method for controlling and minimising the impact of Psa-V on your orchard. Psa will be found more predominantly on the males or low, cold, damp regions within your orchard, this will be via leaf spot, exudate and cane death. Aongatete's experience is that Chieftain Males will often show less susceptibility to Psa compared to other male clones, as well as resulting in an improvement in fruit size and so it is recommended to graft over any weak males to Chieftain in Hayward Orchards.

Aongatete's experienced Psa Management Team will be gearing up for our first round of monitoring and removal this season. Aongatete offers services in both Psa monitoring, with our knowledgeable team ready to help. If you would like any of these services, please don't hesitate to get in touch with your Grower Services Rep or our Technical Team.

Ethan England—Hort Technical Team Leader

GAP

By now you should have received your GAP Manual from Zespri. We highly recommend you familiarise yourself with this and all the recent changes as per the user guide. Perhaps also conduct a self-assessment before your annual inspection to identify any areas of non-compliance.

Just a reminder too that if you are a new Grower wishing to do your own GlobalGAP that you need to register with Zespri as an M.S.O. (Management System Owner).

Janice Whitehead—Aongatete GAP Auditor

FROSTS

The frost season is upon us again. Please check your sprinklers, pumps, filters, and/or fans and give your frost fighting systems a test run before you need them while allowing time for maintenance.

Remember you are required to have resource consents for water to be used for this purpose and this will be checked as part of your GAP compliance.

Urea and Thermomax spray programmes are also used in marginal areas where no other options are available. Aongatete will be resuming our Text warnings from 31 August. If you would like to be added to our text list please contact Madeleine on 07 5520916 ext 706.

For those who have grafted to G3 this season remember to be especially vigilant in protecting your grafts. A good frost can destroy your winter's work.

Tracey Chinnery—Grower Services Manager

AONGATE—SPONSORS OF "WORLDS' SURFING CLUB

In supporting the community and local talent, Aongatete are delighted to encourage and assist Libby Bradley to compete in the "Worlds Surfing" events. At a NZ Camp pre-event preparation weekend held earlier this month, the NZ team of which Libby is part of broke the NZ record in the 4 x 50 obstacle relay! We wish Libby and the team all success and look forward to hearing their results.



Left Photo:
The team including coaches, management & physio.

Right Photo:
"The team after we broke the NZ record! 4x50 Obstacle" - Relay Team

