Important steps in the innovation process often come from a greater understanding of the past. The Mira Szászy Research Centre for Māori and Pacific Economic Development is currently working with elders of the Te Waimate/Taiamai areas, led by John Alexander of Northland to collect and document the region’s oral, social and economic history. This will help preserve the spoken testimony of the history and traditions of the people of the Kaikohe-Bay of Islands area, and will be used to support claims made to the Waitangi Tribunal. Pictured here with Dr. Manuka Henare, the Project Research Director, are Rereata Makiha and Hohi Tarau, students of the University of Auckland Business School. This project is being managed by Uniservices, which is responsible for the University of Auckland’s contract research.

These images are film stills from the Te Waimate/Taiamai project meeting.