

Rangitāne Settlement Negotiations Trust

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Post Settlement Governance Update

In our last newsletter, we mentioned the Working Party set up to progress discussions around the post settlement governance entity (“PSGE”) for Rangitāne.

The PSGE is the entity that will receive any redress/assets transferred from the Crown under the Deed of Settlement. The PSGE must meet the Crown principles and, most importantly, must be ratified by the iwi members before the PSGE can receive any redress.

The Working Party has met to discuss the various options available for the PSGE as well as the surrounding structures that might be put in place to fit the needs of the iwi and encompassing the tikanga of Rangitāne o Wairarapa and Rangitāne o Tamaki Nui-ā-Rua. The Working Party, and the Trust, have now had the chance to look through those options and some of the detail involved. Before any further steps are taken on this mahi, the Trust would appreciate the opportunity to hear from the iwi regarding the PSGE.

The PSGE will represent Rangitāne iwi members and it will be the iwi that has the final say on whether any PSGE proposed by the Trust is suitable. With that in mind, the Trust has planned an iwi workshop to fully discuss some of the key details for any PSGE.

We encourage all iwi members to attend this iwi workshop.

Hui-ā-Iwi—PSGE Workshop

Āhea: Saturday 20 July 2013, 10am-2pm

Kei hea: Pahiatua Marae, Pahiatua

Kaupapa:

1. Mihi Whakatau/Karakia
2. Overview of Working Party process to date
3. Overview of PSGE—Matters to be discussed
4. Group Sessions— Specific PSGE Matters for Discussion
5. Summary of iwi views on all PSGE Matters
6. Next steps/timeframes
7. General Business

*Tini whētū ki te rangi, ko
Rangitāne ki te whenua.*

*In this edition of the
Trust's newsletter:*

- PSGE update
- Hui-ā-iwi details
- Negotiations Update
- Overview of the Tūhoe Deed of Settlement.

*Ngā mihi ki a koutou,
ngā uri o Rangitāne.*



Update on Negotiations

The Trust continues its formal negotiations with the Crown with regular meetings to discuss all aspects of the settlement process.

Overlapping Claims

Alongside the negotiations with the Crown, the Trust also continues to engage with the Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa - Tamaki Nui-ā-Rua Trust ("NKKWTNAR") on issues of overlapping hapū and marae.

At the moment the two Trusts are undertaking a series of four hui to discuss those hapū and marae which both Trusts claim an interest in. These discussions are important for the wider settlement negotiations as they will contribute to the final claimant definitions for both Trusts.

The claimant definition for Rangitāne will set out the tupuna, hapū and marae for Rangitāne. Some of these may also have whakapapa connections to other iwi, including Ngāti Kahungunu, and those relationships will also be reflected in the Rangitāne claimant definition.

Research

The Trust has recently appointed its mapping contractor, Stuart Halliday, to assist the Research Team with its various research projects.

Our Research Team continues to work on a number of research projects designed to directly support the negotiations with the Crown, including a sites of significance project and preparation of historical account themes.



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Rangitāne o Wairarapa
www.rangitane.iwi.nz

Rangitāne o Tamaki
Nui-ā-Rua
www.rangitane.co.nz

Tūhoe Deed of Settlement

To continue our updates on other recent settlements, on 4 June 2013, Tūhoe signed their Deed of Settlement with the Crown.

Tūhoe have likened the journey they took to signing the Deed, to a Wharenuī with the Tāhūhū (ridge beam) symbolising the settlement itself. Four posts support the Tāhūhū:

- Pou Matāho (at the front before the verandah);
- Pou Tāhū (just inside the wharenuī)
- Pou Toko Manawa (centre post); and
- Tū a Rongo (at the end of the whare).

Pou Matāho represents the history and the pain and suffering of Tūhoe as it is the pou outside and unprotected from the elements. The Crown and Tūhoe then meet on the verandah, slightly protected from the elements, and move through te tatau pounamu and into the whare. Pou Tāhū represents the compact made at Ruatāhuna in 2011.

The relationship continues and evolves as the parties “walk” through the whare to Pou Toko Manawa which represents the elements of the settlement including Te Urewera. Finally Tūhoe and the Crown reach Tū a Rongo a pou dedicated to Rongo, the god of peace and goodwill. This symbolises the offering by the Crown and the acceptance by Tūhoe of the apology for the wrongs done.

The settlement includes specific redress with respect to Te Urewera, significantly it will no longer be vested in the Crown but will have its own legal “personality” and be established as a legal entity in Te Urewera Act. Te Urewera will be administered by a board which is made up of members appointed by Tūhoe and the Crown.

Also included is a mana motuhake redress package which incorporates a social service plan focusing on improving the social circumstances within Tūhoe.

The financial and commercial redress package is \$170 million.