

Rangitāne Settlement Negotiations Trust

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

*This is the third
newsletter for the Trust
to update the iwi on the
the settlement
negotiations process for
Rangitāne o Wairarapa
and Rangitāne o
Tamaki Nui-ā-Rua.*

In this newsletter:

- *An update on the negotiations process so far;*
- *An overview of what the Trust may include in any Terms of Negotiation with the Crown.*

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

Negotiations Update

In March the Trust gave an update following the mandating hui which took place in January and February 2011.

Over the past few months the Trust has been in discussions with the Crown regarding the pathway forward for these negotiations.

Deed of Mandate

The Trust is working with the Crown to finalise the Deed of Mandate to formally submit to the Ministers.

Once the Deed of Mandate is formally submitted, it will be advertised in local and national newspapers to give the iwi the opportunity to make comments on it to the Crown. Te Puni Kokiri will look at any comments and prepare a report to the Minister before the Crown can formally recognise the mandate. It is likely that the submission process will take place during the next few months.

That will mean some changes to the timeframes originally agreed on with the Crown. The Trust is now looking at beginning formal negotiations towards Agreement in Principle in early 2011.

Pre-Mandate

As part of the Trust's Mandate Strategy to the Crown, the Trust agreed to carry out certain pre-mandating obligations.

One of the steps was to start discussions with overlapping claims, particularly Ngāti Kahungunu. The Trust has held one meeting with the Kahungunu ki Wairarapa-Tamaki Nui-ā-Rua Trust to discuss overlapping claims and hope to continue those discussions throughout the negotiations.

Next Phase

As we mentioned in our March update, the next phase of the negotiations process is 'Terms of Negotiation'.

As well as preparing and agreeing on the Terms of Negotiation with the Crown in this next stage, there are also some other key workstreams which the Trust is starting. These workstreams include looking at some key Crown sites within the Rangitāne area of interest, research planning with CFRT and overlapping/shared interest discussions.

We look forward to progressing these workstreams and will provide updates as we go into the next phase.



Terms of Negotiation

Pre-negotiations will involve the preparation of “Terms of Negotiation” (“Terms”). These are basically ground rules for the Crown and the Trust about how they should go about negotiations.

In general the Terms will cover the following:

- Who the parties are;
- The Rangitāne area of interest;
- The claims to be negotiated;
- Overall negotiation objectives;
- What isn’t going to be negotiated (e.g. foreshore and seabed claims);
- The extent of participation in any other Waitangi Tribunal Inquiries during negotiations;
- How any overlapping claims or shared interests will be approached;
- Dispute resolution policies between the Trust and the Crown;
- What is and what isn’t confidential between the Trust and the Crown, both in terms of the general public and other iwi;
- Claimant funding; and,
- General procedural matters.

The Terms will be confidential between the Trust and the Crown.

The Terms will state that neither party is bound until Deed of Settlement. Because Terms are not binding they do not need to be signed off by the iwi. That said, once the Trust has signed Terms with the Crown it will let the iwi know.

Some iwi choose not to enter into Terms with the Crown as they are not binding on either party, however they do provide a good basis for the negotiations with both parties on the same page.

Once the Terms have been agreed upon and signed, the parties will be able to start the formal negotiations process towards an Agreement in Principle. These negotiations will essentially be based on the framework set out in the Terms.

For more information on the Treaty Settlement Negotiations process, check out the Trust website at www.rsnt.org.nz or contact us.



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Rangitāne o Wairarapa
www.rangitane.iwi.nz

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

Iwi Involvement

As you know, the Trust is accountable to both the Rangitāne Rūnanga—Rangitāne o Tāmaki Nui-ā-Rua and Rangitāne o Wairarapa. Although the Trust is charged with the task of running these negotiations with the Crown, it is also important for the Trust to engage with the Rūnanga and the iwi as much as possible.

In May the Trust met with both the Rangitāne Rūnanga to discuss the overall objectives for the negotiations. The discussions were very positive and a great way for the Trust to continue its journey following the mandate hui.

This is one of many hui which the Trust will have with the Rūnanga during the negotiations. The feedback from the

Rūnanga is very important to the Trust, as is feedback from all iwi members.

Feedback from iwi members is always welcome and there are many ways this can be done, via:

- Either Rūnanga;
- Any of the five Trustees;
- The Project Management Team;
- The website—www.rsnt.org.nz;
- Facebook.

The Trust plans to have a further hui-a-iwi towards the end of 2011, subject to funding.

We encourage the iwi to check out both the Trust website and Facebook. Details of any hui-a-iwi will be published on both sites later in the year.