

# Rangitāne Settlement Negotiations Trust

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

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

## Terms of Negotiation

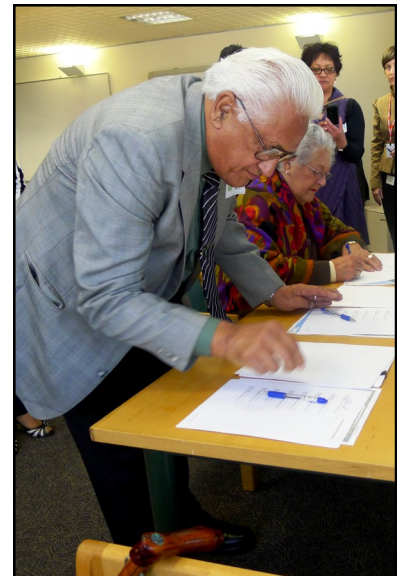
The Trust signed Terms of Negotiation with the Crown on Wednesday 29 August. The Terms were signed at Bowen House in Wellington with Minister Christopher Finlayson, Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Settlements, and Chief Crown Negotiator, Ross Phillipson.

Present for the Trust were all five Trustees, Uncle Jim Rimene, Auntie Hanatia Palmer, Hinekura Reiri, Stephen Paewai and advisors David Tapsell and Renika Siciliano.

The signing of the Terms of Negotiation marks the second important milestone on the path to settlement of the Rangitāne o Wairarapa and Rangitāne o Tamaki Nui-ā-Rua historical claims. The Trust will now begin negotiations with the Crown towards a Letter of Agreement. The Trust hopes to reach Letter of Agreement with the Crown by February 2014.

As part of this next phase the Trust will commence a number of workstreams:

- Research around Rangitāne interests, particularly those outside of the Wairarapa ki Tararua District Inquiry where research is limited;
- Overlapping claims discussions with groups, including Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa-Tamaki Nui-ā-Rua Trust (NKKW-TNAR), He Toa Takitini and Rangitāne o Manawatū;
- Crown asset audit project and property project, including reviewing cultural sites for potential redress;
- Setting the overall settlement objectives for the Trust and the iwi.



## Hui-ā-Iwi

The next hui-ā-iwi will be held in September to report back to the iwi following the signing of the Terms of Negotiation and speak about the next steps for the Trust as negotiations with the Crown commence.

**Āhea:** Sunday 30 September 2012, 12pm pōwhiri with formal meeting commencing at 1pm (following lunch)

**Kei hea:** Mākirikiri Marae, Dannevirke

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the iwi visit the Rūnanga  
websites -*

**Rangitāne o Wairarapa**  
[www.rangitane.iwi.nz](http://www.rangitane.iwi.nz)

**Rangitāne o Tamaki**  
**Nui-ā-Rua**  
[www.rangitane.co.nz](http://www.rangitane.co.nz)

## Recent Treaty Settlements—Whanganui

Whanganui Iwi recently signed a framework agreement with the Crown setting out certain key elements which will form the basis for a settlement of historical claims of Whanganui Iwi relating to the Whanganui River. The agreement sets out the key matters that have been agreed to date including:

- Recognition of the status of the Whanganui River (including its tributaries) as Te Awa Tupua, an integrated, living whole from the mountains to sea;
- Recognition of Te Awa Tupua as a legal entity;
- Vesting of Crown-owned parts of the riverbed in the name of Te Awa Tupua;

- Appointment of two persons to a guardianship role to act on behalf of Te Awa Tupua and protect its status and health and wellbeing;
- Development of a set of Te Awa Tupua values, recognising the intrinsic characteristics of the river and providing guidance to decision-makers; and
- Development of a 'Whole of River Strategy' to identify issues for the River, consider ways of addressing them, and recommend actions.

The detail of the agreement and further redress is still to be negotiated between Whanganui Iwi and the Crown. Further details of the framework agreement is available on the OTS website - [www.ots.govt.nz](http://www.ots.govt.nz)

## Updates—NKKW-TNAR and Our Team

### NKKW-TNAR

Following their mandating hui in February and March 2012, NKKW-TNAR have sought a mandate from the iwi and now seek formal endorsement of that mandate from the Crown. To do so, they must advertise their mandate for submissions. Submissions close on **Monday 17 September 2012**.

It is likely that the Trust will make a sub-

mission and we have raised this with NKKW-TNAR.

### Our Team

The Trust welcomes back Renika Siciliano as Project Manager and thanks Rachel Hall for her mahi as Project Manager over the past six months. We also wish Rachel all the best whilst on her maternity leave as she is expecting baby number three very shortly.