

Rangitāne Settlement Negotiations Trust

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

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

- Update from the recent AGM held in November 2011;
- An overview of the research work which the Trust hopes to commence in 2012;
- Key dates for 2012 and the Trust's negotiations with the Crown; and,
- Introduce a new member of our Project Management Team.

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



Left: Manahi Paewai and Oriana Paewai accepting a copy of the RSNT Deed of Mandate on behalf of Rangitāne o Tamaki Nui ā Rua at the RSNT AGM on 13 November 2011.

Right: For Rangitāne o Wairarapa, Jason Kerehi and his daughter also receive a copy of the RSNT Deed of Mandate at the RSNT AGM

AGM Update

The Trust held its first Annual General Meeting at Pahiatua Marae, Pahiatua on Sunday 13 November 2011. An annual report was delivered to those present together which gave an overview of the Trust's work since its establishment in August 2010.

The report included an overview of the Trust's communications which has included websites, Facebook, newsletters and also Rūnanga hui/reports.

An update on the next steps for negotiations - including Terms of Negotiation, settlement objectives work and overlapping claims discussions - was also provided. Those workstreams will continue through 2012 and the Trust will continue to keep the iwi informed via the communications methods noted above.

The financial reports for the Trust were prepared by Phil Nock and audited by Cookson Forbes. Cookson Forbes have been appointed as the auditors for the next financial year which ends on 30 June 2012.

The Trust looks forward to a further hui-a-iwi in the first half of 2012 and will notify all those registered with Rangitāne o Tamaki Nui ā Rua and/or Rangitāne o Wairarapa. If you have friends or whānau who are not registered, we encourage you to contact the Trust or the Rangitāne Rūnanga via the contact details over the page.



Research Work

As part of the negotiations with the Crown, the Trust will carry out various research projects with the help of the Crown Forestry Rental Trust ("CFRT"). The Trust is currently liaising with CFRT to confirm the various research projects to be carried out.

At this stage, it is envisaged that the research projects will include the following:

- A gap-filling research project to highlight what work the Trust needs to support its negotiations with the Crown, particularly for cultural redress;
- A mapping project for the Rangitāne sites of significance within the re-

gion; and,

- Preparations for the historical account—a draft will be included in the Agreement in Principle.

To support that research and the Trust's preparations for negotiations, the Trust is also holding whakapapa wānanga to fully understand the Rangitāne links to various marae, hapū and sites.

The Trust is also working with CFRT regarding the inclusion of Rangitāne in the Wai 2180 - Taihape Tribal Landscape Overview Report. This report will touch on the Rangitāne o Tamaki Nui ā Rua interests in the Taihape District Inquiry.



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Rangitāne o Wairarapa
www.rangitane.iwi.nz

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

Key Dates/Milestones

The Trust is currently waiting for the Crown to provide a full updated workplan with timeframes for key milestones in the negotiations process.

It is expected that the workplan will be with the Trust by early-mid 2012 at the latest.

- Overlapping claims hui with He Toa Takitini begin - February 2012
- Overlapping claims hui continue with

Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa—
Tamaki Nui-ā-Rua - March 2012

- Research commences - April 2012
- Hui-a-iwi - April/May 2012
- Terms of Negotiation - June 2012
- Agreement in Principle - June 2013

The above dates have been updated based on the Trust's most recent discussions with the Crown.

RSNT Contacts

The Trust welcomes Rachel Hall (right), of McCaw Lewis Lawyers, to the Project Management team.

Rachel has considerable expertise in Waitangi Tribunal matters and has recent experience in providing legal and strategic advice in specific iwi negotiations with the Crown.

Rachel will be the key contact for iwi members regarding the settlement negotiations while Renika Siciliano is on leave. Renika is on leave as of 2 February, returning to the office later in 2012.

Rachel's contact details are on our newsletter to the left and are also available online at the Trust website -www.rsnt.org.nz.

Our five trustees are Tipene Chrisp and Jason Kerehi for Rangitāne o Wairarapa, Richard Jones and Mavis Mullins for Rangitāne o Tamaki Nui ā Rua and John Sproat, the Independent Trustee and Chair.

The Trust also continues to receive specialist advice from Aidan Warren of McCaw Lewis Lawyers and also David Tapsell, of DT Law.

