

Rangitāne Settlement Negotiations Trust

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Mandating Update

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

*This is the second
newsletter for the Trust
as we continue through
the settlement
negotiations process
for Rangitāne o
Wairarapa and
Rangitāne o Tamaki Nui
-ā-Rua.*

In this newsletter:

- Update on the mandate hui carried out by the Trust
- Overview of what happens from here on in.

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

The Trust held eight mandate hui during January and February 2011 throughout the Rangitāne rohe and other central North Island locations.

The hui were held to get a mandate from the iwi to begin settlement negotiations with the Crown about the Rangitāne claims.

To do that, the Trust had to go to the iwi and explain, in a series of hui, who they are, what they aim to do in terms of negotiations and how those negotiations will be carried out.

Results

The turnout for those hui was overwhelming with a total of 465 people in attendance over the eight hui held throughout the motu.

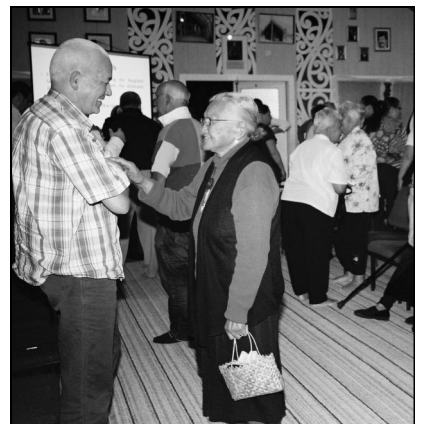
The results of the hui were 366 in favour of giving the Trust the mandate to negotiate historical Treaty of Waitangi claims, 0 against with 2 abstentions.

The Trust is extremely pleased with the results of the hui and could not have done it without the help of the Rūnanga for both Rangitāne o Tamaki Nui-ā-Rua and Rangitāne o Wairarapa.

Where to now?

We have been in awe of the great support for this kaupapa and the keen interest that our iwi are taking. The Trust is very excited to go forward into the next steps of negotiations with the Crown with such strong support behind it.

We now have to prepare a Deed of Mandate for the Crown to show the process we have gone through to get the mandate from the people. We will be discussing the overall timelines for negotiations with the Crown. We will also talk to the Crown about resourcing and timing at their end as the speed of these negotiations will depend on both the Trust and the Crown.



Negotiations 101

The Treaty Settlement Negotiations process is a lengthy one which the Trust is now only at the beginning of. As the Trust is at the beginning of this process, and would like to take the iwi along this journey with us, we thought it appropriate to set out, in simple terms, what the process involves.

Now that we have completed our mandate hui to demonstrate to the Crown that we have the support of both Rangitāne o Wairarapa and Rangitāne o Tamaki Nui-ā-Rua, we will prepare a Deed of Mandate for the Crown to demonstrate that formally. Once that Deed of Mandate is recognised by the Crown, we will enter into pre-negotiations.

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

From there, the Trust and the Crown will proceed into formal negotiations. This stage is obviously the most time consuming and the most in-depth, and therefore, it may be some time before this phase begins. The purpose of this phase, how-

ever, is for the Trust to negotiate an "Agreement in Principle" which will set out the key areas of redress which the Trust and the Crown have agreed on.

Once that document is prepared and signed off by both parties, the Trust and the Crown will develop the details of the settlement package to turn that Agreement in Principle into a full Deed of Settlement.

The Deed of Settlement must be approved by the iwi through a robust voting process. At the same time, the iwi must vote on the post settlement governance entity (PSGE) or entities. It is for the iwi to decide on and formally approve the post settlement governance arrangements. The Trust will not be the PSGE.

Although this is simply a brief overview, the Trust will take the opportunity in future newsletters to provide more background for the iwi as to how this negotiations process works. We will be working as quickly as possible however this process is one which takes years, not months.

For more information, check out the Trust website at www.rsnt.org.nz or contact us.

Iwi Involvement

We loved having feedback from our iwi members when the Trust was on the road for our mandate hui. It was very encouraging to have our kaumatua and kuia there with us along the way as well as some new faces, particularly outside of the Wairarapa ki Tamaki Nui-ā-Rua rohe.

But just because we have completed our mandate hui does not mean that the iwi have had their say. The Trust encourages feedback from our iwi throughout the negotiations process and there are a number of ways for you to give feedback.

First and foremost, please make sure you are registered with either or both of the Rūnanga so that we can reach you when-

ever we send out pānui or newsletters. You can register via the Rūnanga or their respective websites.

The Trust hopes to keep up that great momentum with hui-a-iwi during the course of the year and encourage our iwi to attend those.

We have also set up a new website specifically for the Trust. The website has information about settlement negotiations in general and for Rangitāne specifically. The website also has a link to our Facebook page! Facebook is a quick and easy way for us to get messages to you if you are a Facebook user so please do check out the page for updates.



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