

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.*

Update on Negotiations

As you will all be aware, the Trust was working towards signing the Terms of Negotiation in mid 2012, and moving towards an Agreement in Principle ("AIP"). However in March 2012 the Trust received a letter from the Crown signalling that priority will be given to Iwi progressing settlement legislation through the House and concluding Deeds of Settlement. This is as result of the Crown facing further financial challenges.

The Trust is extremely disappointed that we will not be entering into substantive negotiations towards an AIP this year. We do still hope to have the Terms of Negotiation signed this year and have submitted a draft to the Crown for consideration and feedback.

The Trust is also working closely with OTS on a revised workplan to see the Trust through to the end of this year/early next year. There are a number of workstreams that can be progressed in the interim to ensure that the Trust is in the best possible position to enter into negotiations when resources at the Crown end become available.

We will be in touch with the iwi, once the workplan has been finalised and when we have clarity around the date for signing the Terms of Negotiation.

Hui-a-iwi

The Trust is holding a hui-a-iwi on **Sunday 17 June 2012** at Pāpāuma Marae, Pongaroa.

This will be the first hui-a-iwi following the AGM on 13 November 2011 and will update the iwi in more detail on the settlement negotiations as well as various overlapping claims hui that have been held recently with He Toa Takitini and Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa-Tamaki Nui-ā-Rua Trust.

Āhea: Sunday 17 June 2012, 11.30 am Powhiri with formal meeting commencing at 1pm.

Kei hea: Pāpāuma Marae, Owahanga Road, Pongaroa

Kaupapa

- Update on Settlement Negotiations;
- Update on overlapping claims matters;
- Te Hika o Pāpāuma— approval of clause to be included in Treaty settlement documentation to better reflect the relationship between Rangitāne and Te Hika o Pāpāuma
- General business

Should you have any queries about the Hui-a-iwi then please contact the Project Manager, Rachel Hall.



Overlapping Claims

As mentioned in previous newsletters, part of the Treaty Settlement process involves addressing issues of overlapping claims and areas of shared interest.

The Trust has begun these discussions with both Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tamaki Nui-ā-Rua Trust and He Toa Takitini.

Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa-Tamaki Nui-ā-Rua Trust ("NKKW-TNAR")

Unfortunately the Trust has been unable to meet with NKKW-TNAR this year due to NKKW-TNAR progressing through the mandating process.

We understand that NKKW-TNAR are now awaiting formal endorsement of their mandate from the Crown.

It is hoped however that a meeting will have taken place prior to the hui-a-iwi so an

update can be provided to the iwi on discussions and developments.

He Toa Takitini

The Trust recently met with He Toa Takitini for the first time to update each other on their respective Treaty Settlement negotiations and to discuss how to deal with shared interest matters.

As most of you will be aware He Toa Takitini holds the mandate of the hapū and marae groups within the Heretaunga– Tamatea region, basically the region between Hastings and Takapau.

The meeting was positive and the two groups have agreed to continue dialogue on how to address shared interests in the context of Treaty settlement negotiations.



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Rangitāne o Wairarapa
www.rangitane.iwi.nz

**Rangitāne o Tamaki
Nui-ā-Rua**
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Recent Settlements Update

Te Hiku o Te Ika

In November 2011 the Crown and three iwi of Te Hiku o Te Ika (Te Aupōuri, Ngāi Takoto and Te Rarawa) agreed that the Deeds of Settlement setting out collective and specific redress are ready to present to the iwi for ratification.

The redress includes a financial quantum of \$75.92 million, the transfer of Crown owned farms, co-governance arrangements with respect to Te Oneroa-a-Tohē/Ninety Mile Beach and individual redress funding to assist the iwi with projects of cultural significance.

Ngāti Ranginui

On 6 April 2012 Ngāti Ranginui initialled a Deed of Settlement with the Crown—the first of three Tauranga iwi to do so.

The deed was initialled in a ceremony at Huriā Marae in Tauranga and includes a financial redress package of \$31 million and also the return of the Omanawa River Conservation Area, Mangaone Stream Conservation Area, Taumata and Te Awa Ngamuwahine. Like other Tauranga iwi, Ngāti Ranginui suffered significant loss of land through raupatu.

Further information on these settlements can be found at www.ots.govt.nz

What is a Historical Account? The first in a series of snippets on aspects of Treaty Settlement Negotiations

The historical account is one of the first and most important items in a Deed of Settlement. It sets out the factual and historical basis for the Crown acknowledgement and apology that follows.

The historical account is an agreed statement between the Crown and the claimant group that sets out the events that form the factual background to the claims against the Crown. It refers to the Treaty relationship between the Crown and the claimant group and the events that lead to the breakdown of that relationship.

For Rangitāne a key part of the historical account will be around Rangitāne identity and the failure of the Crown to recognise and protect Rangitāne identity. As a result of the Crown's failure Rangitāne argue that the iwi have experienced marginalisation as tangata whenua in their own takiwā.

The Trust will be working on the historical account during this interim period to ensure that the historical experience of the relationship between Rangitāne and the Crown is appropriately reflected in the Deed of Settlement and subsequent settlement legislation.