

Rangitāne Settlement Negotiations Trust

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Honours for Manahi Paewai

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

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Trust's newsletter:*

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Manahi Paewai was made a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) in the 2015 Queen's Birthday honours.

As the iwi will be well aware, Manahi played a key role in the formation of Te Rūnanganui o Rangitāne and Rangitāne

o Tamaki Nui-ā-Rua. Since 2000, he has been manager of Cultural and Political Services Unit for the Tamaki Nui-ā-Rua Rūnanga.

Manahi has been deputy chairman of Mākirikiri Marae since 1992 and in 2004 and 2005 he led the presentation of the Wai 166, Rangitāne o Tamaki Nui-ā-Rua claim before the Waitangi Tribunal.

Manahi continues to play a crucial role in the negotiations phase of these settlements as cultural advisor to this Trust. We are humbled by Manahi's passion for his iwi and continuing efforts in that regard.

The Trust congratulates Manahi on this honour and acknowledges his efforts over many years to promote and develop our iwi.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koe e te rangatira!

Te Ture Whenua Māori Reform

Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 is currently under review.

The aim is to make it easier for Māori land owners to use and develop their land according to their aspirations, while ensuring appropriate safeguards for the retention of Māori land as a taonga tuku iho.

For the review of Te Ture Whenua Māori to be effective, it is critical that Māori land owners are involved. This can happen through attending the consultation hui and make submissions.

We encourage members and their whānau to attend the consultation hui to hear more about the proposed reforms and have a say on these important proposed changes. The changes are outlined on the Te Puni Kōkiri website - www.tpk.govt.nz

Submissions are due by **3 July 2015**. Following this, the bill will proceed to the Select Committee process.

For more information, contact: TTWMA@tpk.govt.nz or visit the Te Puni Kōkiri website.



Update on Settlement Negotiations

Hui-ā-iwi were held on 7 June 2015 at Pukaha/Mt Bruce for both the Trust and the Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust.

The turn out for the hui was very positive and we appreciate the ongoing engagement and support of the iwi.

Updates were provided at the hui on timeframes to Deed of Settlement ("DOS") and key workstreams for negotiations, including overlapping claims processes with neighbouring groups.

As we know, timeframes for settlement are never guaranteed and to date, have been quite fluid during negotiations.

The Trust is working towards December 2015 for the initialling of a DOS.

Key workstreams to reach DOS include:

- **Historical account**—a draft is being worked through between the Crown historian and the Trust's research team;

- **Finalising property redress**—the technical details in relation to redress properties are currently being worked through, including valuations and further due diligence. Replacement sites are also being considered as required;

- **Natural resources**—discussions with Greater Wellington Regional Council, the Crown and other iwi are underway to discuss natural resource redress. Discussions are also intended with Horizons Regional Council.

In addition to the redress specific workstreams, the Trust continues discussions with various overlapping iwi groups as appropriate. Those discussions have been very positive in recent times.

The Trust looks forward to the coming months and will continue to update the iwi.



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Rangitāne o Wairarapa
www.rangitane.iwi.nz

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

Progress of Other Settlements

The Office of Treaty Settlements' Quarterly Report is now available online at www.ots.govt.nz.

Fourteen significant milestones were reached with other claimant groups in the nine months ending 31 March 2015.

Amongst those milestones are Deeds of Settlement for the following groups:

- Ngāti Hineuru
- Ngāruahine
- Whanganui River
- Te Ātiawa
- Tauranga Moana Iwi Collective

Ngāti Tūwharetoa have also signed an Agreement in Principle with the Crown during this period, and a number of groups have settlement legislation through the House to finalise their settlements.

There are five groups in the Ikaroa rohe that are yet to reach a Deed of Settlement, including Rangitāne.

Ngāti Hineuru

By way of brief overview, the Ngāti Hineuru Deed of Settlement brings 25 years of negotiations to a close.

Ngāti Hineuru will receive financial redress of \$25 million plus a \$2 million cultural fund, and \$15,000 to erect pouwhenua in their district. The iwi will also receive a portion of the Esk Forest. Ngāti Hineuru will receive a further sum of \$16 million for redress previously negotiated as part of the Central North Island Settlement.

For more details on these settlement milestones and copies of all settlement documentation, visit the new Government website - www.govt.nz/treaty-settlement-documents/