

# Rangitāne Settlement Negotiations Trust

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## Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust Launch

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

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

- Launch of Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā collation of evidence publication and website
- Update on Trust negotiations progress to Deed of Settlement with the Crown
- Ngāti Tūwharetoa sign an Agreement in Principle



In 2013, iwi members ratified the post settlement governance entity for Rangitāne o Wairarapa and Rangitāne o Tamaki Nui-ā-Rua, the Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust ("Tū Mai Rā").

On 6 February, Tū Mai Rā launched its new website and collation of claims material publication—*Ngā Kohikohinga Kōrero mō ngā Kerēme a Rangitāne*—at the Waitangi 175 celebrations in Masterton. These projects are the culmination of a long journey and a lot of hard work for many people.

The publication is a compilation of the key documents for the Rangitāne claims before the Waitangi Tribunal, together with key documents from the settlement negotiations. It is available for purchase as a seven volume hard copy publication but is also available online.

Despite the bad weather, the Waitangi Day event was well attended and Rangitāne members and the wider public were able to browse through the publication and check out the new website. The publication will be available for viewing at the two Rūnanga offices and at local libraries.

*For more information see [tumaira.maori.nz](http://tumaira.maori.nz) or  
[www.facebook.com/tumairatrust](https://www.facebook.com/tumairatrust)*



# Update on Settlement Negotiations

The Trust continues negotiations with the Crown towards a Deed of Settlement based on the redress agreed 'in principle' in March 2014.

We last updated the iwi in December 2014 at the AGM regarding key workstreams. Those workstreams remain the same and are focussed on those areas of the Agreement in Principle ("AIP") which were not fully developed or agreed at the time of signing.

One of the key workstreams which the Trust is currently exploring further is around water and natural resources. Of course, this is an area of particular importance for Rangitāne, and the Trust

is talking to the relevant Government departments and councils about what redress options are available for the awa and moana within the Rangitāne takiwā.

The Trust is also working with its historians and research team on the historical account to be included in the Deed of Settlement. Alongside this, further discussions around claimant definition will take place before settlement, including any necessary discussions with overlapping claimant groups.

A further hui-ā-iwi is scheduled for the first half of 2015. Details of that hui-ā-iwi will be available on the Trust website and Facebook as soon as confirmed.



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

## Ngāti Tūwharetoa sign Agreement in Principle

Ngāti Tūwharetoa signed an Agreement in Principle ("AIP") with the Crown on 6 March 2015 regarding their historical Treaty of Waitangi claims.

As we have previously for settlement milestones of other iwi, we set out below a brief overview of some of the key redress for Ngāti Tūwharetoa.

In 2008, Ngāti Tūwharetoa signed the Central North Island ("CNI") Forests Land collective deed of settlement, which records the agreement between CNI Forests Iwi Collective and the Crown to settle the historical CNI forests land claims. Through that collective settlement, Ngāti Tūwharetoa have been provided a portion of financial redress as part of their future comprehensive settlement. This part settlement/ payment is considered an 'on account' payment.

In addition to the on account payment received as part of the CNI Collective Settlement, Ngāti Tūwharetoa will receive a quantum of \$25 million.

That amount will have deducted from it the transfer values of any commercial

redress properties transferred to Ngāti Tūwharetoa.

In addition to the commercial redress, there are 24 cultural redress properties proposed for transfer, including:

- Aratiatia Flats 1 and 2;
- Broadlands Road Geothermal Scenic Reserve;
- Five Mile Bay Recreation Reserve;
- Hatepe Recreation Reserve;
- Karapiti (Craters of the Moon);
- Lake Rotokawa Conservation Area;
- Motuhare Scenic Reserve;
- Tokaanu Thermal Park Recreation Reserve;
- Waihi Road Recreation Reserve.

The AIP for Ngāti Tūwharetoa is available on the Office of Treaty Settlements website—[www.ots.govt.nz](http://www.ots.govt.nz).

The Trust congratulate Ngāti Tūwharetoa on this milestone and wish them all the best with their continued negotiations towards a Deed of Settlement with the Crown.