

Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa-Tāmaki Nui ā Rua Trust

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Update on historical Treaty of Waitangi claims.

Kia ora koutou katoa,

The Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa-Tāmaki Nui ā Rua Trust would like to welcome you to this, our first Panui.

Kāore i kotahi te whakahaere o ngā tikanga ā iwi

He iwi āno me ōna tohunga me ōna tikanga me āna whakahaere

Hiki atu he iwi, pērā tonu. Nō reira, kia mau koe ki ōu ake.

Mā ō rātau uri e mau ō rātau nā kōrero.

Engari kia mau koe ki ngā kōrero a mātua, ā ōu tūpuna.

Inā ka tika, ka waiho mai ētahi mātauranga hei taonga mōu.

Translation

There was no one universal system of teaching in the Whare-wananga

Each tribe had its own priests, its own colleges, and its own methods

From tribe to tribe this was so. My word to you is: "Hold steadfastly to our teaching

Let their descendants adhere to their teaching, and you to yours

So that if you err, it was we who declared it unto you, and if you are right, it was we who shall leave to you these valuable taonga.

[Te Whatahoro Jury, 1865]

What hapū/marae make up the Trust?

In December, 2010, the following hapū/marae held elections to choose their representative who became a trustee of the NKKW-TNAR Trust:

Akura hapū karanga; Wairarapa Moana hapū karanga; Ngāti Hinewaka hapū karanga; Papawai Marae hapū karanga; Hurunuiorangi hapū karanga; Te Hika o Papauma hapū karanga; Ngāi Tumapūhia a Rangi hapū karanga; Te Ore Ore Marae hapū karanga and Tāmaki Nui ā Rua.

Tāmaki Nui ā Rua have 2 Trustees because of the number of marae, and the large area, they represent.

Why are they called hapū karanga?

Each marae/hapū are called ‘hapū karanga’ because they represent a number of hapū who have historically been associated with that marae/hapū through close whakapapa and whenua[land] links.

Who are the Trustees?



Back Row left to right: Ron Mark [Hurunuiorangi Marae], Haami Te Whaiti [Ngāti Hinewaka], Hayden Hape [Tāmaki Nui ā Rua], Robin Potangaroa [Te Hika o Papauma], Hone Oneroa [Akura]

Front Row: Pani Himona [Te Ore Ore], Kahu Pene [Tāmaki Nui ā Rua], Ian Perry [Ngāi Tumapūhia a Rangi, Chairman], Marama Tuuta [Papawai Marae, Deputy Chair], Mark Rutene [Wairarapa Moana, standing in for Kingi Smiler]

Important to note is that Trustees are elected to represent the entire claimant community and all claims.

What is the purpose of the Trust?

The Trust’s purpose is to seek a mandate [approval] from the people of Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa-Tāmaki Nui ā Rua, to enter into negotiations with the Crown to ensure a comprehensive settlement of all historical claims with regard to breaches of the Treaty of Waitangi.

Meetings to seek mandate will be held throughout the country. The Trust encourages everyone to attend. Notices regarding these meetings will be given at a later date.

How long has the Trust been running and what has it achieved thus far?

The first meeting of the Trust was in January, 2011. The majority of the work to date has been laying down strong foundations by which the Trust must operate [policies and procedures] and ensuring these are robust, transparent and that the Trust is answerable to you, the people. So far there has been 8 Trust Meetings. However, because of the amount of work involved, other meetings have also taken place by small groups tasked with specific jobs.

To date the Trust has secured Crown Forestry Rental Trust Early Preparation funding, of up to \$50,000, to assist the Trust to prepare for and engage in formal Deed of Mandate activities with the Crown.

A series of shared interest hui with the Rangitāne Settlement Negotiations Trust have commenced. Further shared interest hui with other neighbouring iwi are anticipated in the months to come.

Several Trust Wananga have been held with Grant Powell [interim Legal Counsel] and the Crown Forestry Rental Trust to:

- a. Finalize the Trust's Mandating Strategy document and Trust Deed to meet the Crown's requirements.
- b. Consider land banked properties and issues, in particular the Masterton Hospital site to be shared with the Rangitāne Settlement Negotiations Trust.
- c. Inform Trustees of the Treaty Settlement process and the resourcing required for the Trust to effectively engage in Settlement Negotiations with the Crown.
- d. Tendered and appointed a Project Manager to assist the Trust through the claims process.

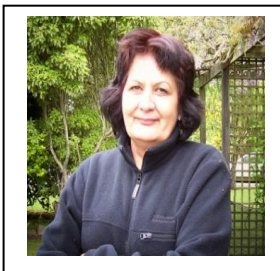
The Trust Project Manager



The Trust has recently appointed Robin Paratene as Project Manager. Robin has 10 years policy and operational experience, primarily in the Maori land and Treaty Settlement sectors. Robin is of Nga Puhi descent currently living in Wellington with his wife [Katie] and two sons [Frankie 7yrs and Billy 5 yrs].

Robin's appointment will draw on his Treaty sector knowledge and networks, project management and contract management skills and experience, and his familiarity with the Crown Forestry Rental Trust's funding policies and procedures.

The Trust Secretary



Diane Rewi is the Trust Secretary. She has done a wonderful job keeping the Trust on track. The secretariat responsibilities include undertaking all administrative and financial management duties, liaising with the Trust's key stakeholders, i.e. legal counsel, the Crown Forestry Rental Trust and the Office of Treaty Settlements. Diane also coordinates all Trust meetings and ensures that Trustees are kept informed at all times.

Treaty Settlement Negotiations Process

This is a lengthy process which may take 4 to 5 years to complete. However these things are unpredictable. We have just begun this journey and hope to enter the next phase of this process towards the end of the year. This will be the formal mandating process. Once you, the claimant community, agree that the Trust can negotiate on your behalf then all the evidence of this agreement e.g. all data from meetings held around the country, is presented to the Crown who then have to recognize the Trust as the group they will negotiate with.

It is understood that the Crown is working toward a 2014 date for settlement of historical claims. The Trust recognizes that this timeframe is ambitious [if possible] and will require considerable time, effort and resourcing on the part of both iwi and the Crown if it is to be achieved. However, the regular shift in Government priorities, the 2011 and other General Elections, and the resourcing constraints of Iwi groups and the Office of Treaty Settlements will challenge the Government's ability to achieve this target timeframe.

The Crown Forestry Rental Trust provides funding for claimants with interests that involve, or could involve, Crown Forest Licensed Lands. The Kahungunu ki Wairarapa-Tāmaki Nui ā Rua Claimant Community claim interests in Ngaumu Crown Forest, therefore, the Trust is currently engaged in early preparation processes to become an approved client of the Crown Forestry Rental Trust.

It is the intention of the Trust to provide regular updates of progress.

How do you contact the Trust?

For further information or queries, including registering as a beneficiary of the Trust, please contact:

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P O Box 756,

Masterton 5840


Or email the Secretary: rewi@xtra.co.nz

E mihi kau atu ana ki tō tātau kaipāruauro o te one whakarito, nāna i hanga te rangi me te whenua. Ki a rātau mā kua tīokaokahia ake nei e rātau te whārangi rau pūangiāngi, whakangaro atu rā ki ngā nohoanga matamata a rātau mā, ngā kanohi te urunga o te rā kua ngaro, kua ngaro i te rā nei. Haea te kākahu whakaruru, paea ki tua ki Paerau.

“We pay our respects to those who have passed on.”

Kāti, e kore e tawhiti te whakaaro ki ngā tūpuna kua whetūrangitia. Kua huakina mai i konei te mata nui a Kahungunu me ōna tūpuna, ōna marae, ōna papakāinga, onā māra mahinga kai, ōna pae maunga, ōna moana, ōna roto, ōna awa, whānau hoki, mai i te Wairarapa ki Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua.

“Our thoughts be with our tūpuna who sought excellence for their uri throughout time, and today the face of Kahungunu uri from Wairarapa to Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua with all its ancestral marae, mountains, river ways, lakes, food gardens, hapū and papakāinga pay deep homage.

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Ian Perry

[Chairman]

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Marama Tuuta

[Deputy Chair]