



Kōrero o te Tiamana

Tēnā koutou katoa,

We have had another busy quarter as we continue our negotiations with the Crown. Highlights have included visits by Treaty Negotiations Minister Christopher Finlayson on 27 July and Economic Development Minister Steven Joyce at the start of this month. We also held our second Whakapapa Wānanga on 8 October and have had good turnouts to our Reo wānanga and classes.

Recently our Settlement negotiators met with officials in Wellington and held hui in Matatā. We are happy with progress and believe we are on the right track.

For those who missed our hui-a-iwi in August, we have included a summary of the kōrero. At the hui, I reflected on our journey to Settlement, outlining where we are now and what we need to prepare for in the near future. We are working to have our Agreement in Principle (AIP) signed by June 2017, in order to get in before the General Election. We believe this is important, as we want this process to continue with pace regardless of who forms the next Government.

As we negotiate our redress package with the Crown, there needs to be continual hui with the Iwi to ensure we are getting the best possible Settlement for you, our Iwi. We plan to hold at least another two or three hui-a-iwi before we reach our AIP.

It is so exciting to see our young people achieving incredible things, and I encourage you to read the update on one of our Charitable Trust Grant recipients Leo Mitai-Wells on page 3 as he continues his impressive hockey career. Good to see one of our own also lead the All Blacks haka recently – ka mau te wehi TJ Perenara!

We are updating our contact database at the moment to ensure you're kept up-to-date, and so we can contact you by email with important kōrero. Have a look at the details of the update on page 4 of this newsletter and as always get in touch with the office or send me an email if you have any pātai.

Ngā mihi,

Leith Comer
Chairman

Minister's Visit

We were privileged to host the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations Christopher Finlayson on 27 July and show him around our rohe. Our Negotiating Team met Minister Finlayson at the Tarawera Landing, and took him by boat to Tapahoro, the Tarawera Outlet. On his return to Tarawera Landing, we were able to brief him on the Iwi aspirations for our maunga and Lake Tarawera including a 'Great Walk'. The Minister's visit came at a good time for our Iwi, as we continue our negotiations with the Crown for a comprehensive Settlement of all Ngāti Rangitīhi claims.

It was a pleasure to welcome the Minister to our home and share our story with him. Keeping up this kōrero will be an important part of our journey.



Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations
Christopher Finlayson and Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitīhi
Trust Chairman Leith Comer

Our next
Hui date



October

Hui-a-Iwi Summary

Our most recent hui-a-iwi was held on Sunday 21 August and was attended by 44 people.

Restoration of the Awa and Te Awa o Te Atua

In negotiations with the Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS), we would like to see a co-governance arrangement for Te Awa o Te Atua, similar to what is in place on the Rangitaiki. This would be a binding document, financed by the Regional Council but where we have equal say in the partnership.

Restoration of Language, Culture and Taonga

We have 19 Wai claims, two of them are taonga claims. As part of our Settlement, the Semmens whānau met with the Crown Negotiator at the Rotorua Museum to speak on the taonga 'Te Kahumamae o Pareraututu'. Sandy Hata spoke on behalf of the whānau.

Various Land Blocks around Matatā

We will be putting claims in for the Wildlife Reserve, from the river mouth through to Murphy's Camp and beyond, and the Pikowai and Matatā Campgrounds. Tiipene has asked people to let the Negotiators know of any other lands in and around Matatā that have not yet been included.

Restoration of Mauri of Mountain, Lands, Lakes

In our Settlement negotiations, we will be claiming the land towards the Tarawera catchment, referred to as the Lake Tarawera Scenic Reserve, which includes Te Pūha and Te Kanaihapa. We will also be claiming Waimangu, with a package to help us clean up our lakes (Okaro, Rerewhakaaitu, Rotomahana and Tarawera). Tapahoro is a significant pou for us and we will be claiming a strip of land on both sides of the awa to re-establish our place at Tarawera. Te Ariki was a principal Ngāti Rangitīhi settlement prior to the eruption and there is a 100-acre estate there, which Te Pūmautanga (TPT) settled on the basis of a 50/50 split with Tūhourangi.



Great Walk

Developing a 'Great Walk' around our tupuna roto and maunga has long been discussed as a tourism drawcard for our region and an opportunity for us to share the stories of our people and our rohe.



Economic Development Minister Steven Joyce during his visit to Tarawera

While we are still working through our negotiations, our minds are also focused on the future and what that might look like. As mana whenua of the Tarawera area, we are committed to restoring the ecological and cultural health of our rohe and we understand that strong collaboration with Tūhourangi, the Rotorua Lakes Council and the Department of Conservation (DOC) is required to achieve this.

It is also important that we work closely with the Ruawāhia 2B Trust. Te Mana acknowledges that where there are existing Trust lands, that their Trustees will make decisions over that whenua. We look forward to working with all iwi and Trust groups on this exciting project.

Together, we would hope to introduce pest and weed control in order to encourage the return of native species, restore the water quality, and support high quality sustainable tourism.

Prior to the eruption of Mt Tarawera in 1886 that blanketed much of the surrounding environment, the area was a popular destination for people coming to see the Pink and White Terraces, known as the eighth Wonder of the World. We hope

the area can once again become a major tourism destination.

Chairman Leith Comer was quoted in the Rotorua Daily Post last month and said "It's early days yet. Ngāti Rangitihi, Tūhourangi and DOC are looking at ways of how we can restore the mauri of the mountain, the land and the lake.

"We want to restore all of the pristine land and get rid of predators and restore birdlife. What is being looked at will enhance Ngāti Rangitihi, Tūhourangi and New Zealand. It will be wonderful."

In the past month, we have had the pleasure of hosting two Government Ministers to visit Tarawera and, despite the rain, both were 'blown away with its beauty and the potential'.

The Government will play a key role in helping to make a Great Walk a reality. All parties agree that it is important to focus on the restoration and protection of the environment at Tarawera, and that any development must be sustainable. As the Chair said, "You can't restore the beauty of the place and ruin it with ill-disciplined tourists". Watch this space!

Treaty Observers' Report

In each newsletter, one of our Observers will give an update on the Treaty negotiation process to ensure we are keeping you all updated.

This quarter, Karen Semmens has provided an update:

Recently I had the privilege of being an Observer at the Treaty of Waitangi Claims negotiation table.

Once I tuned into the Government "speak" I found the process to be like peeling an onion, layer upon layer being worked through, exposing critical points that require further work and for some parts, could change the direction of negotiation. It was obvious the depth of work involved and that had already been done.

What I observed was that the Crown Negotiators are genuinely engaged with, and supportive of TMO NR in their endeavour to gain the most positive outcome from these negotiations for Ngāti Rangitihi. The Crown more than once acknowledged and commended the TMO NR team for how succinct, well presented and progressive our Claim is. There are huge challenges yet to overcome that are being worked through collaboratively and in a timely manner.

Those in attendance acknowledged how critically important transparency during this process is by both parties, for Rangitihi to attain all rights to its lands, mountain, river, reo, taonga and culture. We only have one shot at this process. The outcome is pivotal to launching the direction of our whānau, hapū, iwi into the future for the benefit of generations to come.



The Institute of Environmental Science and Research team pictured with Trustee Tiipene Marr on the day of capturing the 3D virtual tour

Digital Preservation Update

The first stage of our digital preservation project has been completed. We now have a 3D Virtual Tour of our Rangitahi Marae, as well as a movie file of drone footage, photographs, and 3D models of taonga.

We are now working through the best way for this mahi to be available for everyone. This is a new way of using this technology and is the first time that the Institute of Environmental Science and Research have captured a marae. Te Mana hopes to host them on our website

for you to view; however, the files are very large. Another option is that we host them on a drive at the office or local kura.

Our plan is to add video and audio recordings as well as written stories to the 3D Virtual Tour. This will allow people to walk (virtually) from the waharoa and into the wharenui, which would be helpful for whānau who maybe unsure of our tikanga and kawa. It's an exciting project and we look forward to rolling it out soon.



Grant Recipient: Leo Mitai-Wells

In each newsletter, we will be profiling one of our Charitable Trust Grant recipients. This quarter, we give an update on Leo Mitai-Wells.

We are honoured to be supporting our own rising star Leo Mitai-Wells as he chases down his dream of becoming a full-time professional New Zealand hockey player.

With the support of our Charitable Trust Grants, Leo has taken part in the Men's Under 18 Hockey, the NZ Future Black Sticks Men's Squad Camp, and the Volvo International U21 Hockey Tournament in the Netherlands in July 2015 [pictured left].

After years of hard work and months of training with the Development Squad, Leo was called-up to join the Men's Black Sticks Squad for the Oceania Cup in October 2015.

The 21-year-old striker will head to India this December to compete in the 2016 Hockey Junior World Cup and as a Trust we will be supporting him for this trip.

Kei runga noa atu koe Leo!

Leo Mitai-Wells



Stay in touch. Update your details!

Update your contact details to keep in touch with the latest news.

If your contact information has recently changed, please call the Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust office on (07) 322 2452 or send an email to administrator@ngatirangitihī.iwi.nz to update your details.

If you know of anyone you think should be a Trust beneficiary, get in touch with us and we will send a registration form out to them.



Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Trust will be held on Saturday 26 November at Rangitihī Marae, Matatā, starting at 2pm. The Trust's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2016 will be presented. Financial statements will be posted two weeks prior and hard copies will be made available on request. Light refreshments will be provided. Any enquiries, please call us on (07) 322 2452 or email administrator@ngatirangitihī.iwi.nz

In Brief

Charitable Trust Grant Recipients July/September 2016

Maraea Grant	Bachelor of Arts	\$500
Maria-Catherine Roache	Bachelor of Health Science	\$300
Leo Mitai-Wells	2016 Junior World Cup Hockey	\$1000
Rota Elliott	INBA Natural Olympia World Champs	\$575
Honestly Morete-Watene	Junior World Taekwondo Championships	\$500
Cole Krech-Watene	Junior World Taekwondo Championships	\$500
Maxwell Watene	Junior World Taekwondo Championships	\$500

New Campground Manager


We have contracted a new Campground Manager at Tapahoro – Shayne Lukis. Shayne takes over from Brice Brown who has managed the campground for the last three years. No stranger to the area, Shayne is also a forest security contractor for the Tarawera Forest. He will live on site year-round.


Te Reo Activities:


- Po Kauhau Lecture**
 Ngamaru Raerino is our speaker at our next Po Kauhau lecture on Friday 4 November starting 5.30pm. His kaupapa is “Ngā karakia me te taha wairua”.
- Te Ataarangi**
 Come along to our Wednesday night classes (5-8pm) at the marae. Your kaiako is Rihi Houia. Bring a plate.
- Whakapapa Wānanga**
 The third Whakapapa Wānanga will be held on Saturday 10 December.
- Kura Reo**
 We are looking at running the next three-day Kura Reo towards the end of November. Once dates are confirmed we will post them on our website and Facebook.

Education Representative

The Trust is seeking to contract an Iwi member to attend education hui – particularly hui held in the local region. The work would be ideally suited to a retired teacher. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact the Te Mana Office by Monday 24 October.

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**Our next
Hui date**


**30
October**