



TE MANA O
Ngāti Rangitīhi
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Kōrero o te Tiamana

Tēnā koutou katoa,

The past three months have been very busy for Te Mana and our Iwi. From the commemorations of the Tarawera Eruption, to the start of our Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations, and the great Whakapapa Wānanga last month, along with other hui and events outlined in this pānui.

What is really pleasing for me as Chair is to see that this Treaty Settlement process is bringing our Iwi closer together. We're learning about who we are and our place as Ngāti Rangitīhi. That's exciting.

The recent Claimant Hui was a fantastic example of that. It was encouraging to see some familiar faces who haven't been at a Hui for some time. We all had an opportunity to share kōrero about our own whānau claims, and we have had some good debate and really useful discussions. While everyone had their own stories, they seemed to be similar.

We want all of our whānau who whakapapa to Ngāti Rangitīhi to get involved in the Treaty Settlement process. There are a number of opportunities for you to ask questions, whether through our Hui-a-Iwi, which will be held every two months, or direct to Trustees and the office at Te Mana.

We have also established a rōpu of Observers who will support the Negotiators and effectively keep an eye on what is happening. I wish to thank them for their mahi so far and look forward to working with them on this journey.

I'd also like to acknowledge those previous Trustees who got Te Mana to this position. It is a credit to their mahi and the Iwi that our mandate puts us in a strong position to negotiate. Much of this newsletter has been devoted to our Treaty Claim and that's because we want our Iwi to be well informed about our progress. As our Negotiators and Trustees move forward with this mahi, we are constantly reminded of the term 'Kotahitanga'. We're all in this together.

Keep warm and safe. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Hui-a-Iwi on Sunday 21 August.

Ngā mihi,

Leith Comer
Chairman

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitīhi Trust



Rohe Visit

The Chief Negotiator visited our Rohe in May

Our next
Hui date



Hui-a-Iwi Summary

Our most recent Hui-a-Iwi was held on Sunday 19 June. It was a chance for claimants to kōrero on what they wanted from their claims and their redress aspirations.

The Hui began with an update on our Treaty Negotiation process. We heard about the research mahi that Anthony Olsen and Bruce Stirling are working on, and got an overview of the draft Chapter One of the Ngāti Rangitīhi story. This is a key piece of mahi for our Claim. Chapter One is about the significance of our Iwi and our rohe, and provides Ngāti Rangitīhi with strong credentials to take to the Crown.

In regard to Crown Acknowledgements, we heard about the Provisional Acknowledgements that Anthony and Bruce have compiled, which now need to be addressed by the Crown. The Chairman talked through the confiscated land acknowledgement, which we want from the Crown.

The Chair outlined an example of when our Iwi was led to believe that land given to us at one point was payback for siding with the Crown. However, the evidence now shows that was not the case.

Also at the Hui-a-Iwi, we heard from nine claimants who spoke to their individual claims. Some people spoke on behalf of claimants that have passed on. They were all acknowledged.

The Hui ended with Te Arawa Kaumātua Pihopa Kingi sharing some of his thoughts and encouragement. He said, "Kia kaha ki a koutou i runga i tō mātou whakawhanaungatanga. These things won't happen unless we are closely related and working with each other."



Treaty Observers' Report

Kia ora whānau,

I want to use this opportunity to introduce the Treaty Observers and our role as we negotiate through the Settlement process.

At our initial Hui-a-Iwi, there was a consistent request for Iwi members to be involved in the process outside the Negotiating Team and the Board. From that, a team of Observers was established and tasked with the role of shadowing the Negotiators at every stage of the process.

The team is made up of those who wanted to represent their whānau whanui, those who may have missed out on being a Negotiator, or those who joined as a succession plan – to learn the process, so they would be prepared if there was to be further land claims in the future of Ngāti Rangitīhi. As a Te Mana Trustee, I was chosen to lead this team.

Our team has a range of skills that can enhance and tautoko the mahi of our Negotiators. We will also act as the communicators, informing and answering any pātai from our people. We want our whānau to have confidence that we are overseeing this process, to ensure the best outcome for our people.

The process has been very inclusive of our team to this point and the Negotiators and technical team have already surpassed our expectations, given where they are in the process.

This is an exciting time for our whānau.

Ngā mihi,
Donna Semmens

In each newsletter, our Observers will give an update on the Treaty Negotiation process to ensure we are keeping you all informed. This quarter, Paul Warbrick has provided an update:

“Over the past two months, I have been encouraged by the opportunity to attend our TOW negotiations as an Observer for our Claims process. It has been an interesting journey, as my experience with the Crown has always been through my job as an Iwi Advisor for DOC.

Changing pōtae to sit and observe proceedings has been extremely rewarding, more so in the learning of the Rangitīhi history, where there is so much to learn and so much untold. It has been an opportunity I am extremely grateful to be part of.

The Negotiations process is a tricky space, and one must operate with diligence and detail. I am confident we are on track, and that the support of our experts has been useful and fruitful. Their experience at our side is very important as Ngāti Rangitīhi navigate through the Claims process.

However, more important is how we, as the Iwi, participate. I encourage all Ngāti Rangitīhi whānau to take every opportunity to participate, wānanga and support this journey of redress. If there was ever a time to be united as an iwi, now is the time to show unity.”

Treaty Settlement Update

Our negotiations have well and truly begun, and as noted earlier, our team of Negotiators made their way to Wellington in June to meet with the Office of Treaty Settlements. Those representing Ngāti Rangitīhi are Leith Comer, Kenneth Raureti, Tiipene Marr, Peri Perenara and Delwyn Rondon. One extra position remains open. Donna Semmens, along with five Observers, also attended the Hui on June 23.

We are currently building our story that will be told during the negotiations. For example, we will remind the Crown that in the days of our tipuna, Te Awa o Te Atua was a thriving area with kaimoana and a wharf that was big enough to allow for ships to berth. Over time, that was lost to Ngāti Rangitīhi which had a big impact on our Iwi.

Our Hui have been going well and the Crown has been open to hearing our whakaaro. We hope to host the Minister of Treaty Negotiations in Matatā at some stage in the near future.

Further updates will be available on our website www.ngatirangitihiiwi.nz



Our team in Wellington - Negotiators, Technical Team and Observers



Whanaunga gathered at Rangitihi Marae for the Whakapapa Wānanga

Whakapapa Wānanga

Over the next eight months we will be running a series of Whakapapa Wānanga so we can share and learn more about our Iwi.

Last month, two of our major Ngāti Rangitihi trusts - Ruawāhia 2B and Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi - came together to share resources to host and celebrate the first of these Wānanga.

Thanks to our local caterers Louise Kerrison and whānau, we woke on June 11 after a long day of Tarawera eruption commemorations, to a hearty breakfast before the Wānanga got underway at 8.30am.

What a sight to behold! By 10am there was standing room only, with more than 100 whanaunga having travelled from Kaitaia, Tāmaki

Makaurau, Hamilton, Rotorua, Tauranga, Hastings and Gisborne - with the majority being Kuia and Kaumātua.

Anthony Olsen led the Wānanga with the support of Keri Tawhio and Te Mana staff. We worked through handbooks and had some one-on-one sessions before wrapping up at 5pm.

It was a hugely successful day and so important for our whānau whānui spiritually. These Whakapapa Wānanga enable us to walk together on this journey to Settlement, on behalf of our tipuna and future generations of Ngāti Rangitihi.

Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for dates of upcoming Wānanga.

Digital preservation of the Rangitihi Marae

Rangitihi Marae will soon be preserved in a first-of-its-kind digital replica. In April, the Institute of Environmental Science and Research visited our Marae and spent a day taking a number of 3D scans, inside and outside. The scanner records up to 1 million measurements a second.

While the image opposite looks like a standard photo it is actually hundreds of photos put together. The result of this will be an exact digital replica of the Marae, that you will be able to 'walk' or 'fly' through on digital devices - similar to how a computer game would appear.

While moving through and around the Marae, you will be able to click on certain features to find out more information about them or their story.

We will keep you updated on how this exciting project progresses.



A view of the Whareniui taken using the 3D scan technology



In Brief

Iwi gets Te Reo funding

We have been successful in securing \$148,000 of funding from Te Taura Whiri (the Māori Language Commission). The funding is for community-based learning initiatives in Te Reo. Te Kaunihera Whānau, a council of Ngāti Rangitihi whānau representatives from within and outside the rohe, have been meeting to discuss the rollout of the project.

Charitable Trust Grants

April 2016 Grant recipients were:

- Whaiora Patrick - Bachelor of Arts - \$300
- Bridget McIntosh - Certificate in Art & Design - \$300
- Tanira Raureti - Matata Rugby & Sports Club - \$1,129
- Munro Elliott-Brooking - NZ Grappler Regional & National Brazilian Jiu Jitsu - \$395
- Jarna Lee Savage - Bachelor of Nursing (Māori) - \$300

The Charitable Trust holds quarterly meetings to consider applications. The next meeting is on Monday 18 July. We will notify those who will be offered grants toward the end of July.

Tau kē Whaea Cathy!

Dr Cathy Dewes will represent Te Arawa on Te Mātāwai. She was selected unanimously by iwi across Te Arawa. Te Mātāwai will help the Government to develop Māori language strategies to increase the number of people who speak Te Reo.

Update your contact details to have your say in the future of our Iwi

If your contact information has changed recently, please call the Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust office on (07) 322 2452 or send an email to administrator@ngatirangitihi.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.



Members of the Raureti whānau on their hikoī to commemorate the 130th anniversary. Credit: Kereama Wright Facebook page


130 years on


Friday 10 June marked the 130th anniversary of the eruption of Mount Tarawera, a disaster that claimed about 120 lives and destroyed several villages in our rohe.


To commemorate the significant anniversary, Ngāti Rangitihi along with Tūhourangi and other Te Arawa, made an annual pilgrimage to the top of Mt Tarawera. It was a chance for our people to remember our ancestors, many who suffered greatly in the eruption, and to reconnect with our maunga.

The eruption lasted for about six hours on the morning of June 10, 1886 and changed the landscape forever. It claimed the famous pink and white terraces, which were lost under water in Lake Rotomahana. The settlements of Te Tapahoro, Moura, Te Ariki, Totarariki, Waingongongo and Te Wairoa were also buried or destroyed.

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**Our next
Hui date**



**21
August**