



Kōrero o te Tiamana

Tēnā koutou ngā uri o Ngāti Rangitihi.

We are past the shortest day of the year and looking back, we have achieved some major milestones for our Iwi in the last few months.

We reached one of them on 22 July, when Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust and Tūhourangi Tribal Authority signed the Deed of Undertaking at Waimangu Volcanic Valley. This was a historic moment and signals a reset where both of our iwi can put our differences behind us, despite the mamae of the past.

Thank you again to all who have voted on our Post-Settlement Governance Entity (PSGE) and associated resolutions. The results were very positive, with 92.16% of valid votes cast supporting the establishment of a new Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi PSGE and Trust Deed. We were also pleased to receive the Ministers' approval of the results on 28 August 2019 and we are on track to gain your approval to transfer Te Mana's existing assets to the new Te Mana PSGE and dissolve the existing Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust at the upcoming Special General Meeting (SGM) on 29 September.

You may well have heard about YourIwi, the new online tool we're using to connect with you. If you have yet to register with us, now is the time. And if your whānau have not already registered, please encourage them to register so that they can take part in our settlement journey.

Keeping you up to date on all matters is a priority for us and I encourage you to read this pānui, follow our **website** and **Facebook page**, and to login to **YourIwi.com** for regular updates from the Trust.

Mauri ora!

Leith Comer
Chairman

Upcoming events at Rangitihi Marae

Whānau Day

29 September 2019
10.00am

Special General Meeting

29 September 2019
2.30pm

Annual General Meeting

7 December 2019
1.00pm



Our next hui:
Special General Meeting

Treaty Update

The votes on our Post-Settlement Governance Entity (PSGE) and associated resolutions have been very positive, with 92% supporting Resolution 1 and 2, and 88% supporting resolution 3. The Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations and the Minister for Māori Development have also announced that the results show sufficient support for the three resolutions.

These are the next steps in our settlement journey:

- **29 September 2019** – We are holding a Special General Meeting (SGM) to gain your approval (by show of hands) to transfer the existing Te Mana assets to the new Te Mana PSGE, and dissolve the existing Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust. Following approval from registered adult members at the meeting, the existing Te Mana will be officially replaced by the new Te Mana PSGE, who will take on the mandate to negotiate the Ngāti Rangitihi settlement. We need at least 25 registered adult members to reach quorum at the SGM, so it is important that you attend if you are able to.
- **December 2019** – Initialling of the Deed of Settlement by initial trustees of the new Te Mana PSGE.
- **First quarter 2020** – Deed of Settlement ratification process by members of Ngāti Rangitihi. If approved by Ngāti Rangitihi, the Deed of Settlement is then signed.



Historic move sees Ngāti Rangitihi and Tūhourangi working together for return of lands

On Monday 22 July 2019, Te Mana and Tūhourangi Tribal Authority signed a Deed of Undertaking to jointly negotiate with the Crown for the return of the lands at Waimangu and Otūkapuarangi.

“The land we’re negotiating is the land we once shed blood over. Now, through the Treaty Settlement process, we are choosing to work together for the return of land for the mutual benefit of both Ngāti Rangitihi and Tūhourangi.” - *Leith Comer*



Introducing YourIwi

We have recently started using a new database and communications system called YourIwi, an online tool made for iwi to maintain a secure tribal register and connect with its members. Ngāti Rangitihi members will each get a personal dashboard where you can see messages from the Trust, news and pānui, scholarship and grant opportunities, and read about Settlement mahi. You can send private messages to the Trust through YourIwi, and we can respond directly to you. You can also update your details yourself.

Our YourIwi team will be at the Whānau Day on 29 September to show you how to use YourIwi, help you register and answer any questions you have.

Already registered with Te Mana and want to use YourIwi.com?

You will receive an information pack in the mail with instructions on how to set up your personalised YourIwi account. This will include a member ID and password for registration.

If you are not yet registered but whakapapa to Ngāti Rangitihi it is now much easier to register! Click [here](#) to register.

Bring our Marae to life in 3D

Ngāti Rangitihi staff along with the trustees have been seeking ways to provide better connections for its people with our marae and whenua at Matatā. The iwi was approached by scientists in the Institute of Environmental and Scientific Research (ESR) who have experience in providing visual information in 3D. They recently came and presented their technology to our kahui kaumātua to ascertain whether they accepted a project that provides, amongst other things, an online 3D walk through the marae and its buildings. The primary purpose would be to explain the buildings on the marae and the associated whakairo.





Service Records located

A much larger number of Ngāti Rangitihi service records have been located as part of our settlement research. The Crown and our historians are now in the process of completing individual service records for each serviceman with links to our Iwi. As far as we are aware, this is the first time service records have been completed via a treaty settlement. Each service record will include the names of the parents, the actual service record (where they served, rank etc.), a photo of them in uniform if it is available, and, if they died in action, where they are buried and a photo of the grave site. Once we have completed these files, we will contact each whānau to consider if they want the files acknowledged in the Ngāti Rangitihi Historic Account, among the most important documents in a Treaty Settlement.



Congratulations to Darrin Sykes, MNZM JP CMIInstD

Darrin Sykes of Ngāti Rangitihi and Ngāti Awa has recently taken on the role of Deputy Chief Executive Organisational Services, for the Office for Māori Crown Relations – Te Arawhiti. With more than 25 years' experience in governance and executive leadership roles with Government, Crown entities, Iwi and Māori entities and more, Darrin hopes to constructively support the Government's work with Māori in a post Treaty settlement era in his new role.

“My message to Ngāti Rangitihi rangatahi is: set your aspirations high and be the best that you can be in your personal life with your whānau and also with your career.”

Whānau Day

Our annual Whānau Day is taking place on Sunday 29 September, the same day as our SGM. We encourage all Ngāti Rangitihi to join us! Make sure you register so we know numbers. Contact info@ngatirangitihi.iwi.nz to register, or phone 07 322 2452.

10am	Pōwhiri
10.15am - 11.15am	Kōrero with Anthony Olsen on sites of significance and hapū of Ngāti Rangitihi
11.15am - 11.30am	Kapu ti
11.30am - 1.00pm	Tiipene Marr takes whānau on a tour of Matatā sites of significance
1.00am - 2.30pm	Hangi
2.30am - 3.30pm	Special General Meeting



Kaumātua at Te Puia

In July, our kaumātua had the opportunity to visit the Te Puia, in the historic Te Whakarewarewa Geothermal Valley on the edge of Rotorua. Feedback all round was that it was a fantastic opportunity to experience the world famous Pōhutu geyser, mud pools, hot springs and silica formations.

Are you registered?

Make sure you are registered to vote on our initialled Deed of Settlement early next year, whānau! As a Registered Member of Ngāti Rangitihi you can also:

- Apply to Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Charitable Trust for funding support
- Get hunting access to the Kaingaroa and Rotoehu forests through a recreational access permit
- Vote in Trustee elections

You can register on our website, via YourIwi.com or by calling the Te Mana office on 07 322 2452.

Newsletter feedback

The Trust is keen to hear your thoughts on these newsletters. Let us know what sort of stories you would like to see in future editions.

To share feedback with the Trust, email us at: info@ngatirangitihi.iwi.nz.

Charitable Trust Update

New grant forms

Our Charitable Trust grant forms have undergone a makeover. We now have separate forms for each of the different funding categories: Community, Kaumātua, Sports, and Tertiary Education.

The new forms are easier to use and clearer about what information is required based on the type of funding you are applying for. Find out more and download the forms [here](#).

It's important that you submit an application at least a week ahead of the next Charitable Trust meeting to ensure the Trustees have the necessary amount of time to receive and consider each application. For the next round of grants, all applications need to be received by **Monday 30 September** to be considered at the Charitable Trust meeting on **Monday 7 October**.

Kaumātua change of age

We are pleased to announce that we have reduced the age threshold for the kaumātua subsidy from 70 to 65. Only one subsidy can be provided per calendar year. If you're 65+ and you haven't received a subsidy this year, submit your application and medical receipts (up to \$200) now.

Grant Recipient profiles

Kerryn Rota is an aspiring hip hop dancer who recently participated in one of the most celebrated dance events with more than 4,000 of the world's best dancers – the Hip Hop International Dance Championship, in Arizona. With her Masque nine-person crew, Kerryn took out 3rd place. "I was really nervous, but my favourite moment was to be on the finals stage," says Kerryn. She encourages everyone not to be shy to ask for help. "If there's something you love, it's ok to ask people for some help to support you to reach your goal."



10 years ago, **Troy Huriwaka** decided to go back to university. "I found myself talking to my people at the marae and the pa, and I just knew that I want to go back and study," says Troy. Leaving a well-paid job, moving to Wellington and working part-time to finance his studies at Victoria University wasn't easy, but with the support of his whānau, today, at 55, he now has a BA in Māori Resource Management. "I've studied this having in mind that I would love to work with my iwi one day."



The education grant came at a perfect time with the family moving house. "If you're not sure if you're eligible for a grant, call the people at the Trust," says Troy. "For me they have made the difference." Troy's advice is: "Never think it's too late. You're never too old if you want to learn something new."

Charitable Trust Grant Recipients May-July 2019

Education	
Merania Kahukiwa	\$500.00
Troy Huriwaka	\$500.00
Shaquille Graham	\$1,000.00
Kaumātua	
Monika Barker	\$200.00
Mahora Whiston	\$200.00
Ani Waaka	\$200.00
Elizabeth Pukeroa	\$200.00
Tame Minarapa	\$200.00
Ngāti Rangitihī Kahui Kaumātua	\$940.81
Sport	
Nick Watene	\$500.00
Kane Watene	\$500.00
Cole Krech-Watene	\$500.00
Maxwell Watene	\$500.00
Nino Mason	\$500.00
Kerryn Rota-Saintly	\$500.00
Stacey Niao	\$500.00

Receive a free t-shirt

If you've received a grant from the Charitable Trust, tag Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust in a post with a photo on Facebook so we can see you taking part in all the exciting opportunities our whānau are involved in. Everyone who posts or emails us a photo of yourself participating in your funded activity, and a short description, will receive a Ngāti Rangitihī t-shirt. Ngā mihi whānau!

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