



Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Trust

PĀNUI

Kirihimete 2020

Kōrero o te Tiamana

Tēnā koutou Ngāti Rangitahi whānui,

What a year it's been, and what an end to the year. We signed our Deed of Settlement with the Crown on 5 December, the culmination of many, many years of hard work by our people, our negotiators, Trustees and our tūpuna before us.

If you were unable to attend the signing ceremony, we have put together a highlights video for whānau, as well as a video of the pōwhiri and speeches on the day. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the videos.

We were able to reach this milestone thanks to the 91.79% of iwi members who voted, saying 'yes' to the Deed of Settlement package that had been negotiated for Ngāti Rangitahi. This was huge for us.

It is great to end 2020 on such a high note, especially after the incredibly tumultuous year that has been.

COVID-19 posed a great many challenges, but together with the Charitable Trust, we were able to offer support to Ngāti Rangitahi

whānau where we could, especially those vulnerable and at risk, including our kaumātua. I thank everyone who assisted us with our COVID-19 response efforts.

My hope is that the New Year brings with it more good news, and that our whānau continue to get involved in our haerenga.

I look forward to 2021, when we move into a new era of our settlement journey: the post-settlement era. This will include having our settlement pass through Parliament to become law, and the election of new Trustees for Te Mana.

I thank you for your continued support. It is a privilege to serve you as your Chairman.

Ngā mihi o te Kirihimete me te Tau Hou!

Leith Comer

Chairman – Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Trust



2020 upcoming events at Rangitahi Marae

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 13 February 2021 TBC*
1pm-3pm

STRATEGIC PLANNING HUI

Early 2021*



*Dates to be announced as soon as they are confirmed



Pānui feedback

The Trust is keen to hear your thoughts on these pānui. 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



All Blacks hosted at Ngāti Rangitihi Marae

The Marae Trust was pleased to host the All Blacks at Rangitihi Marae on Monday 21 September. TJ Perenara, who has whakapapa to Ngāti Rangitihi, brought along his teammates, who together performed the haka and were welcomed onto the marae by whānau. It was an unforgettable night for our tamariki, our kaumātua and all of our whānau who were there.

After the All Blacks finished the haka, it was time for a meet and greet with whānau. We shared laughs, took photos and tamariki met their sporting heroes. Later that evening, our kaumātua were able to witness the new All Blacks being presented their new jerseys in the whareniui.

Thank you to Marae Trustees, including Tally-Man, Rueben and Api Perenara, for organising this event and catering. Thank you also to the All Blacks for visiting and making everyone's night. Another big thank you to TJ Perenara for bringing the team to meet your whānau. As a role model for our tamariki, this kaupapa will have inspired them greatly.



Bringing our marae to life in 3D

The Institute of Environmental and Scientific Research (ESR), who have experience in providing visual information in 3D, have been creating an online 3D walk through the marae and its buildings. The primary purpose is to explain the buildings on the marae and the associated whakairo. We anticipate this will be ready to launch in 2021. Watch this space!

Your Iwi

Uptake on our database and communications system that we launched last year called YourIwi, has been strong. This is an online tool for iwi to maintain a secure tribal register and connect with its members.

Ngāti Rangitihi members each get a personal dashboard where you can see messages from the Trust. You can also send private messages to the Trust through YourIwi, and we can respond directly to you. You can keep your contact information up to date yourself as well.

If you whakapapa to Ngati Rangitihi and are not yet registered, **[CLICK HERE](#)** to register. Registration is easy!

Congratulations to Waimangu Volcanic Valley

Waimangu Volcanic Valley was recognised at the Westpac Rotorua Business Awards 2020, winning the “Build Back Better” award for its resilience and ability to adapt the business to the challenges COVID-19 posed.

“COVID-19 and the lockdown was a curveball no one expected”, says Waimangu Volcanic Valley General Manager, David Blackmore.

“In Rotorua, the tourism and hospitality industries were affected the most and we naturally became concerned about the impact the pandemic would have on our business, but more importantly the people that have made it what it is today. We knew then that we had to do everything we could to weather the storm coming.”

The team at Waimangu Volcanic Valley used the time to develop innovative ideas like the new art trail, which opened on 9 November.

They also worked closely with Tourism New Zealand to create #PLAYNZ which invites travellers to “virtually play” in locations and experiences throughout the country.

“We worked alongside our community to develop services and products that fit their needs, for example, a convenience store and ready-made meals to order,” says David.

“Because of the hard work from our team, we now have an attraction that appeals as much to our domestic and local manuhiri as it does to our international markets.

“And thanks to the overwhelming national message to support local, many have been exploring what's in their own backyard and I think people have been surprised at what they've found.”

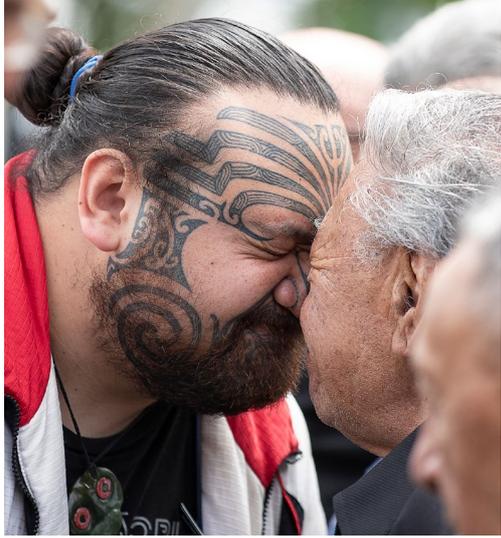
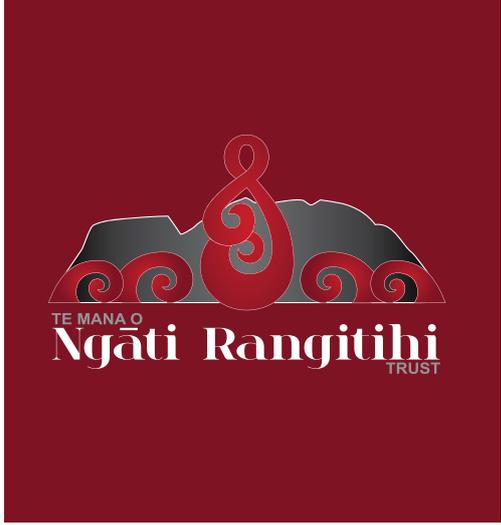
Register for free Waimangu visits

Did you know Ngāti Rangitihi registered beneficiaries can enjoy Waimangu Volcanic Valley for free any day of the year?

You must to use the **REGISTRATION FORM** on our website to book your visit.

Te Mana will then email you to let you know if your request to visit Waimangu for free has been approved.

You must be registered with Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust to take up this offer. If you are not yet registered, head over to our website to register **WWW.NGATIRANGITIHI.IWI.NZ**



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Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Charitable Trust update



GRANTS

Each year the Charitable Trust provides grants for activities that support our whānau to engage with each other, improve the health and wellbeing of our kaumātua, and support participation in sport, education, language and cultural opportunities.

Grants can currently be applied for under the following categories:

- Community
- Kaumātua
- Sports
- Tertiary education

Remember if you're applying for a tertiary grant for studying at Victoria University of Wellington, they'll match the grant funding as part of our partnership with them.

Change to Kaumātua Subsidy application criteria

You no longer have to attach a receipt to your Kaumātua Subsidy application form. All you need to do is fill out the form in full and attach your bank account number verification slip.

CLICK HERE for more information on grants and to apply.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

Following the nationwide move to Level 4 for COVID-19, the Charitable Trust mobilised funding to support the Te Mana COVID-19 response plan to support our kaumātua and vulnerable whānau with kai and care packages.

We appreciate the many calls and emails received with information to support the efforts to mobilise assistance as quickly as possible.

Government help remains available. If you need support you can access the **GOVERNMENT'S COVID-19 FINANCIAL SUPPORT TOOL**

A special mihi to our office team who led the response for Te Mana and for the many telephone calls, home visits and deliveries. Our team epitomise manaakitanga and we're very proud of their efforts.

2021 MEETING DATES

The Charitable Trust is working on a schedule of meeting dates for 2021 and will upload these to the website soon. We anticipate the first meeting will be late January/early February.

GRANT RECIPIENT PROFILES (POST JUNE 2020)

Education grant recipient: Joshua Semmons

Joshua Semmons is an aspiring surgeon currently studying a Bachelor of Medicine at the University of Otago. Joshua received a \$500 grant from the Charitable Trust which was particularly useful for costly medical student resources.

"As a student any extra money helps to get you through the study periods," says Joshua. "I used most of the \$500 on subscriptions to online medical resources which I've found very useful. I couldn't afford it otherwise, so it was perfect really."

Joshua found applying for the grant worth the effort and encourages those who are eligible to make themselves heard.

"I would say you've got to put yourself out there, find as many resources as you possibly can and don't feel bad about applying for a grant or feel like you don't deserve it. If you've got the ability to get extra resources, then you deserve it and you should try and get it."

"Thanks so much to the Charitable Trust for the grant – it helped me a lot with quite an important resource, and it's made my life a lot easier."

Kaumātua Subsidy Recipient: Brian Davis

Brian Davis applied for and received a \$200 Kaumātua Subsidy from the Charitable Trust to assist with medical expenses.

"It's awesome, I didn't think I would get anything! I heard they would look at my application and if possible they would help me and I'm rapt with what I got!"

His advice to others is simple: "If it's available and you are entitled to [apply], well why not?"

Brian is proud of his iwi for looking out for kaumātua. "Giving us these grants is a great support," he says.



Brian

Charitable Trust Grant Recipients July 2019 - June 2020

EDUCATION

Sarah Marr	\$500	Michael Playle	\$300
Merania Kahukiwa	\$500	Te Aomihia Tumai	\$500
Troy Huriwaka	\$500	Alishia Mansell	\$1,000
Shaquille Graham	\$500	Chrissie Keepa	\$1,000
Daniel McKinnon	\$1,000	Diana Scott	\$300
Courtney Hemi	\$1,000	Georgia Barker	\$500
Simon Davidson	\$1,000	Claudia Thomas	\$500
Karamea Watene-Taurerewa	\$500	Jessica Wiperi	\$300
Eva Tione	\$500	Taiarahia Wharepapa	\$500
Douglas Johnson	\$300		
Alice Marett	\$500		
Ari Huriwaka	\$500		
Darcy Stoneham	\$300	COMMUNITY	
Jessica Hemopo	\$300	Kāhui Kaumātua	\$940.81
Waimarie Hunia	\$500	Michael Playle	\$2,670
		Sophie Minarapa	\$1,704

KAUMĀTUA

Monika Barker	\$200
Mahora Whiston	\$200
Ani Waaka	\$200
Elizabeth Pukeroa	\$200
Tame Minarapa	\$200
Rose Gillies	\$200
Helen Smith	\$200
Fiona McIntosh	\$200
Ema Kalman	\$200
Raymond Hunia	\$200
Erina Pakeha	\$200
Ann Bergman	\$200

SPORTS

Kerryn Rota-Saintly	\$500
Stacey Niao	\$500
Nino Mason	\$500
Nicholas Watene	\$500
Kane Watene	\$500
Maxwell Watene	\$500
Cole Krech-Watene	\$500
Cody Tarei	\$500
Ahipukahu Edmonds	\$250
Darcy Stoneham (Raureti-Rae)	\$195
Carlos Savage	\$500
Decklyn Falwasser	\$250

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!**



Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Trading Trust update

FAREWELL TO RICHARD BARKER

Trading Trust Chairman **Richard Barker** has resigned to pursue an exciting new opportunity further afield in Australia. Richard joined the Trading Trust in 2017 and was later appointed Chairman. He has done an excellent job leading our Trading Trust and despite uncertain times around the world, he has given us confidence that we can manage our way through and preserve our tribal financial assets. His departure is a loss to Ngāti Rangitahi, however, we thank him for his services and will continue to stay connected with him. We wish him and his whānau well as they embark on their new adventure.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW DIRECTORS

After careful selection, we are pleased to have appointed **Graham Pryor** as the new Chairman and Director of our Trading Trust. Many of you will know Graham from his previous roles as Trustee, Chair and interim manager of Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Trust from 2009 to 2015. Graham was also one of three Treaty Settlement negotiators on behalf of CNI Iwi Collective. Graham brings more than 20 years' of strategic planning and accounting skills and a track record of achieving solid business results to the position. He has helped achieve great things for our iwi and we are pleased to welcome him back in an active role. There is no doubt he will do a great job as Chair.

Te Kapunga Dewes also joined our Trading Trust recently as a Director. We are pleased to have Te Kapunga on board and we know he will do well to help protect, grow and manage our Ngāti Rangitahi financial assets for the benefit of our iwi. Read more about Te Kapunga in our interview with him below.

Q&A with Te Kapunga Dewes

We spoke to new Trading Trust Director Te Kapunga Dewes on his recent appointment. Have a read to see what he has to say:

Q. TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOURSELF...

I have whakapapa to Ngāti Rangitahi through my koro, Raureti Mokonuiarangi. I was lucky enough to grow up alongside my parents and grandparents, spending a lot of time in Matatā with my grandmother Kura Dewes, as that was where she had grown up. I now live in Rotorua with my wife, who is a Maaka (Marks), also from Ngāti Rangitahi, with our four children.

Q. WHAT IS YOUR BACKGROUND?

I come from a wide and varied background with strong experience in senior management and the forestry industry. The past 15 years have seen me in General Manager or CEO roles of various companies, including holding trans-Tasman leadership roles, most recently as CEO of PF Olsen, and now as Chief Executive of Whenua Oho, a national Māori landowner advocacy service in forestry. I hold a New Zealand Certificate in Forestry from Waiariki, a degree in Forestry Science from the University of Canterbury, an MBA from the University of Waikato, and I am slowly working on a Doctorate in organisational behaviour.

Q. WHAT ARE YOU HOPING TO ACHIEVE AS TRADING TRUST DIRECTOR?

I am dedicated to helping protect, grow and manage the Ngāti Rangitahi financial assets for the benefit of our iwi. I'm really looking forward to helping lead Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Trading Trust into its next chapter and am always open to kōrero about different ideas from our Ngāti

Rangitahi members. Working with Ngai Māori to achieve our aspirations for our land, people and planet is personally very rewarding, and being able to contribute to my Iwi holds a very special place for me.

Q. HOW HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED WITH NGĀTI RANGITAHĪ IN RECENT YEARS?

I've started to engage more with some of my iwi and tribal connections, using my skills and experiences to help give back to our communities. I've helped create te reo revitalisation strategies with my mum, as māngai for Ngāti Rangitahi ki Tāmaki, organised te reo classes, marae noho and whakawhanaunga trips back to Matatā for Ngāti Rangitahi whānau who now live in Auckland.

Q. WHAT IS YOUR ADVICE TO RANGATAHI LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE TRADING TRUST?

I am a firm believer that rangatahi have a lot to offer, and have ideas that are as important as everybody else's. If there are any rangatahi who are interested in getting involved with the Trading Trust, then I'd encourage them to go out and get a wide base of experience in different sectors. We don't know where Ngāti Rangitahi will end up, so having a broad base of skills and experience will help us understand multiple viewpoints, and evaluate all options with our iwi, and for our iwi.

I believe in luck, and I believe the harder we work, the luckier we become. We all have skills and experience to bring to situations and while not everyone will have the right skillset for every opportunity, there are many ways to contribute if we are open to the opportunity.