

Te Runanga o Ngaiterangi

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Planning for Progress—2009 onwards!

Nga mihi ki a koutou katoa!

It has been a busy year this year. Notwithstanding that we progressed forward with securing our Deed of Mandate, we also managed to conclude the vesting of title for Mauao, we took Uncle Kihi to Wellington for his swearing in ceremony to the Tribunal, we held a new election for our Iwi Runanga and now we have a whole new group of trustees. We now need to consider what lies ahead of us for 2009.

With the elections now over, the aspirations for us to progress forward will be delayed until government officials have reviewed their current policies regarding Treaty settlements. Our plan for development will centre around ourselves. We need to decide what we want from the settlement process and what we plan to do to ensure that we secure a settlement that is robust, and enduring—given the restrictive political environment that exists with re-

gards to Treaty Settlement—this is the pragmatist speaking!

Our next stage of progress will require planning, analysis and research. In terms of research, we have sought CFRT funding to engage Shadrack Rolleston to undertake a scoping project for us. Shadrack Rolleston is Jenny and Peter's son, and he has almost finished his PhD in environmental planning. We look forward to harnessing his skills in this project.

The interim Te Hononga—Hapu Forum members and the Runanga trustees have reviewed our collective agreement regarding our specific roles and responsibilities. All going well, this agreement will be signed early in the new year, enabling the confirmation of hapu representatives to the important role of progressing our Treaty settlement. Once Te Hononga is fully established, some of their key tasks will involve the completion of a work pro-

gramme (with reference to terms of negotiation and negotiations); the completion of a re-dress strategy and the drafting of a negotiations brief. Once we have completed those tasks, we will work to advertise for, and engage negotiators.

There is no doubt, that we are only as strong as the people we have representing us, and it is therefore imperative that we all work together for this great cause. *Watch this space for updates next year.*

As the year draws to a close, we wish you and your whanau 'a joyous time together for Christmas and the new year!' *It will be an important defining year for us next year, and everyone plays a role in making 2009 a great success.*



Meri Kirihimete

Treaty Settlement Process—Stages

- Claims—Waitangi Tribunal Hearings
- Mandating Process (Deed of Mandate)
- Pre Negotiation—Terms of Negotiation
- Negotiations
- Agreement in Principle
- Deed of Settlement
- New Act of Legislation
- Post-Settlement Governance

We are aiming to settle our grievances against the Crown by **2010!**

New Political Terrain

In the previous panui, we discussed the current political terrain regarding Treaty settlements. The elections have since come and gone and we now have a new Prime Minister at the helm—John Key, representing a new political party—National. *What then does the National Party have planned for us in the new year?* Firstly, the appointment of Chris Finlayson as the new

Minister of Treaty Settlements is a starting point. Georgina Te Heuheu is likely to be included in the role in some capacity around progressing our settlement. The Maori Party also has a role to undertake in the Treaty Settlements process. As a result of the coalition agreement between National and the Maori Party, Dr Pita Sharples will feature prominently in his role as the

Minister of Maori Development. We will also need to work closely with Te Ururoa Flavell as our local MP. It is not clear what role Te Puni Kokiri, the Office of Treaty Settlements and/or Treasury will perform in terms of operationalising aspirations for Treaty Settlement, but once we know, we will need to work closely with their officials.

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Mauao Peninsular

We have been successful in accessing funding from Crown Forestry Rental Trust (CFRT) for two Geographic Information Systems (GIS) projects. The purpose of these two projects are to assist claimant groups to depict historical events or issues using a series of customized maps. Trust staff will work with eligible claimant groups and historians to identify research information that is required to be captured in a digital format and then used to produce maps for settlement purposes.

The two projects are as follows:

Crown Asset Audit - This project involves identifying all

Crown Assets within the Ngai Te Rangī area of interest.

Sites of Significance - This project involves us identifying sites of significance within the Ngai Te Rangī area of interest. These sites may include pa sites, urupa and land that remains in Maori ownership.

At the last Te Hononga hui CFRT representatives met to discuss these projects in further detail. There was also discussion about the engagement of an appropriate GIS mapper, however, a final decision on this will be made at the next Te Hononga hui early in the next year.

Ripeka Timutimu

Te Heke o Te Rangihouhiri—20th Anniversary 2009

Te Heke o te Rangihouhiri—this term is synonymous with the arrival and subsequent occupation of Ngai Te Rangī within Tauranga Moana. The settlement of our Treaty claims as whanau, hapu and Iwi is therefore a continuation of our history within the broader landscape of who we were prior to pre-European settlement, what happened during the arrival of European's to Tauranga, and what has since taken place since then.

The best way we have to connect ourselves to this, 'our living history' is to retrace that important event. With that, we plan to commemorate *Te Heke o te Rangihouhiri* in 2009. Why

2009? Part of the reason we have chosen this time is because it is the 20th anniversary of the first *Te Heke o te Rangihouhiri* (retracing trail). In 1989, our koroua, kuia and wider whanau undertook the journey visiting significant sites during the trail.

The *Heke* in 1989 began here in Tauranga, our ope went through Matata, Whakatane, Opotiki and then through to Gisborne, and finally settling at Whangaara for the night. The second day began there with a korero about our relationship with Ngai Porou, which then led on to the relationship Ngai Te Rangī had in Torere, with our Ngai Tai whanaunga.

Our return home also involved a stop in Maketu to korero about Ngai Te Rangī's settlement there as well. Whilst Ngai Te Rangī is now well and truly established as Hapu and Iwi in Tauranga; our journey here began with this significant historical event.

Te Heke o te Rangihouhiri 2009—20 Year Commemoration

Are you interested in participated? REGISTER your interest with Ripeka Timutimu by emailing ripeka@ngaiterangi.org.nz.

We are planning on going towards the end of March/early April 2009. Final details will be available in January 2009.



Uncle Ching & Uncle Putahi at Whareroa hearing 2006