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Upcoming Hui

October 10th

Hui a Iwi

Maungatapu Marae

10am - 12midday

October 11th

Hapu Cluster Hui for

Ngäi Tukairangi,

Ngäti Tapu and

Ngäti Kuku

Venue TBC

October 23rd

Te Hononga Hui

Venue TBC

Hapu Leadership of Settlement Imperative

Earlier criticisms of the Runanga taking over the settlement process during the mandating process have all but disappeared as Te Hononga (hapu forum) representatives forge a greater leadership role in progressing Ngäi Te Rangī's collective Treaty claims to settlement.

Brian Dickson, CEO of Te Runanga o Ngäi Te Rangī (TRONIT) says the existing Runanga board members wish to ensure that hapu representatives establish a strong foothold in the settlement process to conclude this difficult and arduous process.

Charlie Tawhiao, TRONIT Chairperson comments that, "the work put into developing protocols between Runanga board members and Te Hononga members has formed the basis of this solid foundation. The transparent

way in which this agreement was undertaken, and the ceremony held with our koroua, kuia, claimants, marae representatives and hapu representatives on the 18 February went some way to ensuring that everyone knew what has been going on. The appointment of an Independent Chairperson to Te Hononga has also been significant", he concludes.

Mita Ririnui, the independent Te Hononga Chairperson adds, "we are in the early days of preparing for negotiations, and we all need to maintain momentum, whilst being open to each others views to ensure we progress forward. The commitment made by hapu to this progress is essential to bringing us success in the process".

Ririnui outlines that, "the establishment of a joint committee of representa-

tives from both the Runanga and Te Hononga is strategic and ensures that some of the tougher issues are addressed by a purpose developed group with clear representative responsibilities to our people".

Despite our strong platform for progressing forward with settlement, Nga Potiki hapu has not joined with other Ngäi Te Rangī hapu in this process. "Their representatives may have their reasons for this, and we will keep the door open to Nga Potiki to join us", says Ririnui.

"The visit by the newly appointed Crown negotiator Patsy Reddy to Tauranga last week is a good sign that Crown officials are preparing to enter into negotiations shortly with Ngäi Te Rangī, Ngäti Ranginui and Ngäti Pukenga", says Tawhiao.

Pre-Negotiations Preparation Underway

In anticipation of the next stage of Treaty Settlements, we are looking to engage formally with the Crown by the end of the year. This would mean ensuring that our mandate matters are resolved, and that we have a clear appreciation and

understanding of the work required.

The next stages include the preparation of a terms of negotiations and entering into negotiations through early agreement in principle (AIP) work. Essential to

this work is the appointment of our negotiators. The joint committee members will work on specifications for negotiations, whilst hapu representatives will prepare settlement objectives. This work should start soon.

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Further Research Recommended in Scoping Report

Our own Shadrach Rolleston (Phd candidate) has been contracted to complete a scoping report to determine whether further research is required to assist with Ngāi Te Rangi's settlement aspirations.

Funded by the Crown Forestry Rental Trust, this initial work sets out a plan to prepare further research. His recommendations include:

[Katikati-Te Puna blocks reserves and twentieth century land alienation:](#) More research on the twentieth century alienation of the reserves at Otawhiwhi and Katikati. The extent of twentieth century alienations as well as the methods of alienation will be important to the hapū of Otawhiwhi and Katikati in terms of negotiations and claims to recover certain properties from the Crown. The Crown may have a number of properties and reserves at Otawhiwhi and Katikati. Research on the alienation of those lands to the Crown

is important in forming a strategy for their potential return.

[Matakana Island and Rangiwaea Island twentieth century land alienation:](#) There are a number of complex issues relating to twentieth century land alienation on Matakana and Rangiwaea Islands. These include the loss of land through: uneconomic shares, Māori Land Board alienations, rating, land administration and land consolidation. Research on twentieth century land alienations for Matakana and Rangiwaea Islands lacks robustness. There are briefs of evidence supporting particular examples, but only in a very limited manner. It would be difficult for the hapū on both islands to provide the Crown with a comprehensive outline of the alienation of their lands in the twentieth century. The report by Evan Aramaku provides a brief account of land alienation on Rangiwaea Island by the Māori Trustee through

uneconomic shares. However, the report is a general description of land loss only, and is not an exhaustive analysis of total twentieth century alienations on Rangiwaea and Matakana Island.

[Mount Maunganui peninsula land alienations from the Papamoa 2 block to Mauao:](#) While there is targeted block research or research on certain transactions, there is very little detail on the overall history and alienation of these lands. Yet for Ngāi Te Rangi, these are core tribal lands. Furthermore, this area is important because of the nature and process of the alienations as well as the Crown land holdings in the area. Having detailed information on the losses in this region will be important to any quantum calculation and request for the return of certain lands.

These are just some of the recommendations included in the report. Once completed, a final version of the report will be available to hapu representatives.

Tauranga City Council Gets Involved in Settlement

On Thursday 23 July, OTS representatives, met with members of the Tauranga City Council formed Tangata Whenua Standing Committee to update members on the negotiations process, and where each of the Tauranga Moana Iwi are at in the settlements process.

Many of the representatives were not familiar with the Treaty settlement process and questions raised were as diverse as relating to the platform to settlements on the whole, versus the possibility of the city benefitting from any

future settlement resources.

Of particular importance to us, is the possibility that the Council would make available properties which are surplus to their needs, or identified as part of the settlements wishlist by our people. Of course, Stephen Town, CEO for Tauranga City Council was quick to point out that these properties would come at a cost based on market values for properties. This was not ideal for Iwi and hapu, but it was a clear indication of what TCC was looking for.

This very real possibility begged the question of whether local government resources have ever been made available for settlement before, and the answer seems to be 'maybe', but that it is certainly not the norm.

The meeting resolved with a commitment by Council and OTS representatives to establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) based on those properties being available for settlement, if Iwi sought their return through the Treaty settlement process.

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