

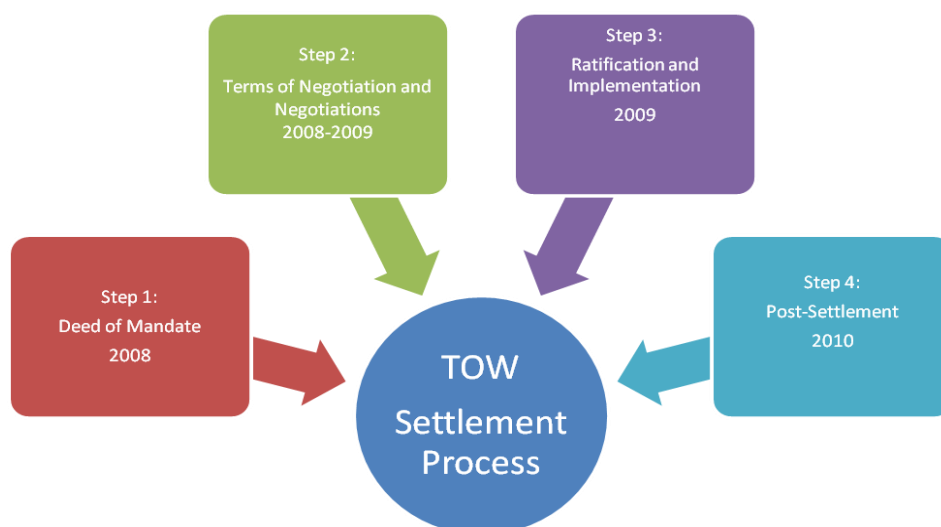
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JULY 2008 - PANUI 1 – TREATY SETTLEMENT UPDATE

Tena koutou

This is the first panui of many in the future, to provide you with an update on progress. Why – the reality is – we can't get to everyone so we need to find the next best alternative! Here is it – the humble newsletter.

Where are we at?



We are not yet at Step 1 in the negotiations process – Deed of Mandate. Once this is submitted, as outlined; we can then concentrate on heading into negotiations by signing off on terms of negotiations.

Deed of Mandate Progress

On the 26 April 2008 the formal outcome from the postal vote was notified In the Bay of Plenty Times. We obtained a 97.6% vote in favour of the resolution for “the Runanga to be the mandated entity for negotiating the settlement of claims for our Iwi”. Alongside the postal vote, information hui were held and where support was provided, it was noted. We had planned to submit a Deed of Mandate to Dr Michael Cullen, Minister of Treaty Settlements in May 2008. However, there have been delays as a result of some issues raised by some claimants.

As a result of considering the issues, the Runanga trustees put forward a number of resolutions to progress were put forward with a view to submitting a Deed of Mandate by the end of **31st July 2008**. To reach this end of month deadline, we need to work diligently and collectively. A timetable

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of meetings has been put together as outstanding issues such as the finalised structure, protocols, the formation of the Hapu Forum and hapu representation still need to be considered.

So people have asked what about claimants – where do they fit? It simply is not possible to establish a structure where 40-50 people are situated – it simply won't work. As a middle ground, we encourage claimants to align with their hapu to ensure that hapu representatives are fully briefed on all their relevant claim issues. In some cases, hapu may wish to establish or re-establish their own hapu committees, which claimants could be included. This decision is up to hapu to make.

New Working Group Member – Puhirake Ihaka

The Runanga Board appointed Puhirake Ihaka onto the Working Group as another Runanga representative at its July meeting. Welcome Puhirake!

NEW TIMEFRAMES - 31 July 2008 and Friday 8 August 2008!!!!!!

You know how I said the Runanga agreed to a 31 July 2008 timeframe for the Deed of Mandate. What I didn't say is that there was a willingness to go over that date if needed. Well, we don't have that luxury. On Monday 14 July 2008, Associate Minister of Treaty Settlements, Mita Ririnui confirmed that with the elections coming up in September, we risk being put in the back of the queue if we don't get our not only our Deed of Mandate in, but also our Terms of Negotiations. It was also emphasised that a terms of negotiations will also need to follow very quickly behind the Deed of Mandate. What does that mean? It means we have to get moving to fulfil these restrictive time frames. This newsletter is to inform everyone that we need to start thinking about finalising these documents and quickly. We need everyone to come with a constructive willingness to move forward and to reach our goals.

Other Iwi Examples

We recently heard that Ngati Raukawa has just been included in two separate agreements. They had their mandate recognised in April along with their Terms of Negotiation with the Waikato River agreement and also the CNI agreement.

The CNI agreement has progressed with mammoth speed as well. Speaking with a Ngati Porou representative on this Treaty settlement sub-committee last week has given us impetus to focus on what matters – and that is that we get the opportunity to talk with Crown representatives and quickly.

Schedule of Meetings

A number of hui are proposed over the next four weeks in order for us to meet the deadlines. Here are many of the dates; please ensure that your hapu representatives and claimants are available to attend. Your input is valued as we move forward to conclude this stage of our planning. A great idea came from our Nga Potiki representatives to hold a hui to discuss our structure, and we have put that idea to practice with the schedule outlined below.

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Meeting Timetable

Who Meets?	Kaupapa?	Venue, Date and Time
Working Group (WG) Hui	Deed of Mandate (DOM) & Schedule	Thur, 17 July, 2pm – 4.30pm Runanga Board Room
Hapu/Claimants Hui 1 (Facilitator)	Settlement Overview/Hapu Forum Structure/Hapu Protocols	Wed, 23 July, 10am – 4pm WHAREROA
WG Hui	Deed of Mandate (DOM) & Schedule	Thur, 24 July, 9am – 12pm Runanga Board Room
Runanga Board Meeting	Deed of Mandate & Schedule – Briefing by Mita Ririnui	Fri, 25 July, 9am – 12pm Runanga Board Room
Hapu/Claimants Hui 2 (Facilitator)	Review Hui 1 & DOM/Terms of Negotiations	Tues, 29 July, 10am – 4pm HUNGAHUNGATOROA
Hui a Iwi	Settlement Update	Sun, 3 Aug, 10am – 12pm OPUREORA
WG Hui	Review of Status/Terms of Negotiations	Mon, 4 Aug, 9am – 12pm Runanga Board Room
Hapu/Claimants Hui 3 (Facilitator)	Terms of Negotiations/Negotiators	Tues, 5 Aug, 10am – 2pm TE REREATUKAHIA
Runanga Board Meeting	Hapu Forum/Finalise Terms of Negotiations	Wed, 6 Aug, TBC Runanga Board Room
Deed of Mandate	Deadline: Monday, 28 July 2008	
Terms of Negotiations	Deadline: Friday, 8 August 2008	
Te Runanga o Ngai Te Rangi Iwi Trust AGM	Annual General Meeting	Sat, 23 August 2008 9am – onwards HUNGAHUNGATOROA

Once the Deed of Mandate is submitted, it will be important for hapu to confirm their representatives onto the Hapu Forum. If you could consider who your hapu representatives will be, please let us know, although not essential right now, your representatives will be important soon. Again, some hapu have confirmed their preferences for representations, but others haven't. Could you please bring written confirmation on your preferences along with letters of support, or else give Ripeka or Riri a call.

Letters of Support

If you have not already done this, and many of you have, could claimants and/or hapu provide letters of support for our mandate. It helps the cause. Send to Te Runanga o Ngai Te Rangi, PO Box 4369, Mt Maunganui or riri@ngaiterangi.org.nz.

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Mauao Title Vesting Legislation – Completed – Whareroa Marae – 28 June 2008

Congratulations to our pakeke, koroua, kuia and whanau who worked tirelessly to get this deal completed. It wasn't easy, and we still have work to do in the future. The great news is that we got the deal completed and there are many people to thank as a result. The day was great!

More Great News – Kihi Ngatai – NEW Waitangi Tribunal Member

Our koroua Kihi Ngatai will formally be recognised as a Waitangi Tribunal member soon. We don't have dates yet of when he will be sworn in – but we will let you know when we find out! Well done Uncle Kihi. Our warm and sincere congratulations to you and your whanau – we are all so proud!

First Te Runanga o Ngai Te Rangi Iwi Trust Elections (GET NOMINATING NOW)

Alongside this demanding set of timeframes are the first elections for our Te Runanga o Ngai Te Rangi Iwi Trust. Last week we met all marae chairpersons (or their delegates) to outline the process for the elections. We have eleven marae which form our Runanga structure. New representatives onto the Runanga must be endorsed by the marae chairperson. Ideally, a hui should be held to discuss a possible candidate and if there is more than one, there is an option of the hapu deciding at the marae meeting as to who will be nominated onto the Runanga as their representative, or alternatively the marae may have several great candidates and they may wish to submit several names. If that is the case, the Runanga will run a postal ballot for those marae to enable their registered members on the Iwi database to vote.

The closing date for nominations is **MONDAY, 21st JULY 2008 at 12pm!!!** If you are interested in being a delegate, make sure you contact your marae Chairperson for further information. Kua e whakama! The Annual General Meeting for the Runanga Trust is Saturday 23 August 2008 – further notice will follow.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Riri Ellis (Project Manager) on 5753-765 x210 or riri@ngaiterangi.org.nz or Ripeka Timutimu (Administrative Assistant) on 07-5753-765 x222 or ripeka@ngaiterangi.org.nz

Quote for Panui 1 - People do not decide to become extraordinary. They decide to accomplish extraordinary things – Sir Edmund Hillary.

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Send in your quotes and we will add them to the next newsletter!