

Rangitāne Settlement Negotiations Trust

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Update on Settlement Negotiations

The Rangitāne Settlement Negotiations Trust and the Crown continue to work steadily towards a December 2015 date for initialling a Deed of Settlement.

Many of the details of the redress package and Deed of Settlement have now been confirmed but there are some bigger items still being negotiated with the Crown, including those involving overlapping claims with other groups. If the Trust is to initial a Deed of Settlement in December 2015, those items will need to be worked through in the next month or so before Crown officials report to the Minister on the final redress package.

Once the final redress package is agreed and the Trust resolves to initial the Deed of Settlement, that Deed will go back to the iwi for approval.

That approval will be measured through a series of ratification hui

which aim to provide information to the iwi about the settlement for voting. Voting on the Deed of Settlement will be run by independent returning officers with voting available by post, at the ratification hui or online for all Rangitāne beneficiaries over 18 years of age.

If a Deed of Settlement is initialled in December 2015, we intend to run the ratification hui and process jointly with initial elections for the Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust. You will recall that Tū Mai Rā was previously ratified as the post settlement governance entity that will receive all settlement assets on behalf of Rangitāne o Wairarapa and Rangitāne o Tamaki Nui-ā-Rua.

More details about the elections will be provided by Tū Mai Rā in the coming months. In the interim, please ensure you are registered with Tū Mai Ra if you wish to stand, nominate, or vote in the elections.

*Tini whētū ki te rangi,
ko Rangitāne ki te
whenua.*

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Annual General Meetings

Date: 10am, Saturday, 21 November 2015

Venue: Pukaha Mt Bruce National Wildlife Centre, SH 2

All iwi members are encouraged to attend the 2015 AGMs for the Trust and the Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust. For further information please contact the Project Manager, Renika Siciliano.

The agenda and any other information will be advertised in due course.

Taranaki Iwi sign Settlement

To continue our updates on current settlements throughout the motu, we congratulate Taranaki Iwi who signed a Deed of Settlement with the Crown on 5 September 2015 settling their outstanding historical Treaty claims.

The settlement includes financial redress of \$70 million, along with the vesting of 29 sites of cultural significance to be vested in Taranaki Iwi. This includes a joint vesting of the Ngā Motu/Sugar Loaf Islands to Te Ātiawa.

Taranaki Iwi also have a deferred right of selection for two years over 29 commercial properties, and a right of first refusal over all Crown-owned land

in their rohe. Of note is that Taranaki Iwi will also have the right to appoint two representatives onto specific committees of the Taranaki Regional Council.

The Deed of Settlement also provides for 25 statutory acknowledgements and 14 deeds of recognition.

The bill is currently being drafted and is scheduled in Parliament before Christmas.

To view a copy of the full Deed of Settlement visit the OTS website at: <https://www.govt.nz/treaty-settlement-documents/taranaki-iwi>



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Rangitāne o Wairarapa
www.rangitane.iwi.nz

**Rangitāne o Tamaki
Nui-ā-Rua**
www.rangitane.co.nz

Heretaunga-Tamatea support Settlement

Following the initialling of the He Toa Takitini Deed of Settlement and recent ratification process, Heretaunga-Tamatea have voted overwhelmingly in support of the Deed of Settlement, which includes compensation of \$100 million.

The ratification results, which were released on 3 September 2015, showed 96.5% of those that voted were in favour of the settlement.

Currently about 7,000 people are registered with He Toa Takitini, which estimates that to be about 25 percent of the Heretaunga-Tamatea population.

As part of the settlement, the iwi plans to give each marae \$1 million in the hope that they will be able to set up for their future in the post settlement phase.

Of the \$100 million, the intention is to put \$50 million in a central governance body. An additional \$25 million is to go to around 23 marae (as above) and the rest will go to a model targeted at

regional development. Māori boarding school, Te Aute College, will also receive a direct contribution from the Crown via Heretaunga-Tamatea to the sustainable future of the kura.



He Toa Takitini is currently working with the Aorangī Māori Trust Board (and the Rangitāne Settlement Negotiations Trust) in further, separate negotiations with the Crown to form part of the Heretaunga-Tamatea settlement.

The Deed of Settlement will be signed with the Crown later this month.

We congratulate He Toa Takitini and Heretaunga-Tamatea on their efforts to achieve settlement and success to date.