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THEIR STORIES WITH
THE CROWN**



**OUR SITES OF
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SPOTLIGHT**



**THE CROWN IS
WELCOMED TO
HINERANGI TAWHAKI**

TE WHAKAARARA O NGĀTI HINERANGI IWI

THE OFFICIAL PĀNUI OF THE NGĀTI HINERANGI IWI TRUST



WELCOME TO OUR IWI NEWSLETTER

Ngāti Hinerangi Iwi is well on the way to a Treaty of Waitangi settlement with the Crown, the Government entity addressing Treaty claims and the Office of Treaty Settlements. Helping us fund our journey is the Crown Forestry Rental Trust (CFRT). We have been fortunate to have Contract and Funding manager, Paula Cuff (pictured above in green) and her team, guide Ngāti Hinerangi Iwi toward a strong start.

With this newsletter and our new website ngatihinerangiwi.co.nz, launching soon, we'll keep you informed of meetings and events in the coming months. We'll also keep you updated with our progress. Keep an eye out for information on the Treaty settlement process, profiles on the people powering our waka, as well as information on how you can register and get involved.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN...

He honore, he kororia ki te Atua

Me whakahonoretia to tatou Kiingi Tuheitia. E noho ana ia i runga i te ahurewa tapu o ona matua tupuna,
Manakitia tona hoa rangatira a Atawhai me Te Kahui Ariki,
Rire, Rire, Hou, Pai Marie.

Ko Te Weraiti te maunga
Ko Waihou te awa
Ko Wairere me Waiteariki nga wai tapu
Ko Te Rohe o Koperu te whenua
Ko Ngati Hinerangi te iwi.

E nga kawai rangatira o Ngāti Hinerangi iwi. Nga hapu, nga marae, nga whanau, tena koutou katoa. E nga mate huhua, moe mai ra i Te Waahi Ngaro i te ringa kaha o te atua
Ratou te hunga wairua ki te hunga wairua, tatou te hunga ora ki te hunga ora,
Ko nga amorangi ki mua, Ko nga hapai o ki muri, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena tatou katoa.

In the three years since the first issue of *Te Whakaarara* in February 2011, we have made significant progress toward the Ngāti Hinerangi Iwi Treaty settlement negotiations with the Crown. Most notably, is the recognition by the Crown of the Ngāti Hinerangi Iwi Deed of Mandate in February this year after almost 10 years since we first filed our Treaty claim in 2004. This is a tremendous step forward. In this newsletter, you'll see a timeline of events taken toward gaining the Crown's recognition of our iwi Deed of Mandate.

I would like to congratulate our trustees, their families and our supporters, for their stoicism and determination to succeed against those who would have us remain suppressed under the Crown or another foreign iwi or hapu who have no whenua, history, whakapapa, urupa, or papakainga in our tribal rohe, Te Rohe o Koperu.

I would like to thank my family and the family of our negotiation team members, especially fellow negotiator, Hinengarau Rauwhero and her family, for standing solidly together in our fight to achieve the Crown recognition of the Deed of



Morehu McDonald
Chairman

Mandate for the Settlement of our Ngāti Hinerangi Iwi Treaty claims.

We also pay our respects to our kaumatua, Matuakore Koperu McMillan, who laid down the kaupapa of our Treaty claim against the Crown. Matuakore knew the Treaty claim would provide us with the link back to our own Ngāti Hinerangi Iwi identity as a separate iwi. He urged us to be strong, to engage with the Crown and iwi around us to reclaim our lands, our rivers, our moana, our forests, our maunga, our mana and our tino rangatiratanga given to us as our birthright; to restore our traditional knowledge base and whakapapa; and to reconnect us back to the wairua, the wisdom, and the inspiration of our tupuna.

We still have a way to go on our journey. We need to remain, like our tupuna, steadfast, united and resolute in our determination to succeed.

The purpose of our journey is to seek redress from the Crown for the historical injustices against our people whereby through Crown legislation, acts, inactions and omissions, we were systematically marginalised and impoverished and reduced to being virtually landless in our own tribal rohe within Matamata and Tauranga.

He korero whakamutunga tenei:

*"Mei ka uia mai tena ko wai koe,
Whakaahua atu ra he uri tupuna ahau,
No Whakamaungarangi, Kura, Tokotoko, Te Riha,
matamuri ko Tangata.*

*Ko nga uri o Tuwaewae, o Koperu, o Tamapango
Ko Ngati Hinerangi e hoa ma e."*

Nga mihi maioha, Morehu

TIMELINE

It's been an exciting journey so far and iwi members are being encouraged to get on board as Ngāti Hinerangi Iwi moves into the future. But before we move forward together, we must look back and acknowledge the events that have got us this far.

2010



Former minister of Maori Affairs, Dr Pita Sharples

-In June 2009, the then Minister of Maori Affairs, Dr Pita Sharples, approved funding for the Ngāti Hinerangi Iwi mana whenua report. The terms of reference was negotiated with Ngāti Hinerangi Iwi Trust (NHIT) in 2010 and the report was completed in January 2012 by historian Bruce Stirling.

-In November 2010, NHIT discovered the NZ Geographic Board had gained approval from other neighbouring iwi to proceed with renaming our maunga on the Maurihiro Block from Te Hanga to Stokes Peak. NHIT sent petitions objecting to the renaming of our maunga tapu to the Prime Minister, other Crown Ministers and the NZ Geographic Board.

-In May, NHIT succeeded in getting the NZ Geographic Board to reverse their decision and withdraw the proposal to re-name Te Hanga as Stokes Peak. Te Hanga was re-established as the true name of the Maurihiro maunga.

-In June, NHIT filed an urgent application to the Waitangi Tribunal against the Crown and the Raukawa Treaty settlement which purported to bring our Ngāti Hinerangi Treaty claims under them as a hapu and not a separate iwi in our own right.

-On 20th October, the urgency application was granted to NHIT by the Waitangi Tribunal. This was a crucial turning point in our Treaty settlement negotiations because finally, we were able to successfully argue our case with the Crown to be recognised as an independent iwi.

This paved the way for our goal of having our own separate Ngāti Hinerangi Iwi Treaty settlement with the Crown, a reality.

2011



Maurihiro Maunga

2012



The Wilson Whanau from Otaki who attended a mandating hui in Wellington.

-In July, NHIT succeeded in obtaining a Crown Letter of Recognition by Local District Councils of Ngāti Hinerangi as an iwi for consultation on RMA and other Council matters.

-In October, NHIT completed its Deed of Mandate Strategy Plan for the Office of Treaty Settlements and soon after, embarked on a series of information hui to speak to our people throughout the country - in Auckland, Hamilton, Matamata, Tauranga and Wellington - and we also travelled to speak with whanau in Sydney, Australia.

-Also in October, NHIT succeeded in obtaining Crown Recognition of Ngāti Hinerangi Iwi as a Large Natural Grouping. This was another crucial step toward obtaining official recognition from the Crown.

-In November, Crown ministers, Chris Finlayson and Dr Pita Sharples gave their endorsement of the Ngāti Hinerangi iwi Mandate Strategy Plan.

-This cleared the way for our people to vote on the N Ngāti Hinerangi Deed of Mandate which was carried out in November - December. Deed of Mandate voting hui was again held throughout the country and received a 97% approval rate.

-For the most part of the year, the Crown recognition for the Ngāti Hinerangi Deed of Mandate was held up by a Crown review process in relation to our Deed of Mandate.

2013

2014



Crown representatives are welcomed at Hinerangi Tawhaki Marae.

- In February, the Ministers of the Crown, Finlayson and Sharples, finally gave the Crown's official recognition to the Ngāti Hinerangi Iwi Deed of Mandate.

- Also in February the Crown and the Ngati Hinerangi Trust signed the Terms of Negotiations Agreement signalling the start of Crown negotiations with NHIT for the settlement of the Ngāti Hinerangi Iwi Treaty claims.

- In March, NHIT entered into Agreement in Principle negotiations with the Crown.

- The signing of the Ngāti Hinerangi Iwi Deed of Settlement is planned for 2015.

THE CROWN COMES TO OKAUIA

Whanau from Ngāti Hinerangi Iwi welcomed representatives from the Crown and the Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS) in Wellington onto Hinerangi Tawhaki Marae in Okauia near Matamata, in July. This was a chance for the negotiating meet before talks over the Ngāti Hinerangi Iwi treaty settlement begun.

The primary functions of OTS are to advise the government on generic treaty issues, including overall strategies for settling historical treaty claims. OTS advises and assists the claimant groups to ensure well-mandated, large natural groups of claimants are ready to enter negotiate. OTS negotiates with Maori on behalf of the Crown and implements plans in order to reach a mutually satisfactory settlement.

OTS ensures that the Crown undertakes research into historical treaty grievances and has its position represented at Waitangi Tribunal hearings as well as advising on the acquisition, management, transfer and disposal of Crown-owned property for Treaty claim purposes.

The OTS visit to Hinerangi Tawhaki Marae followed a day of touring around the rohe seeing the significant sites and sights our area has to offer including Wairere Falls, the Kaimai Ranges and our northern boundary marked by a unique rock formation named Nga Tamahine e Rua.

The group of negotiators and researchers had only ever seen the lay of the land on maps and Google so were thrilled to be able to see the area come to life.

While at the marae, they were then able to hear the stories of the region from the very people who grew up in the area. They were also able to hear from the people who had left the area for better opportunity, losing their connection to the land, their heritage and their culture. For some, it was an emotional experience and one we hope we all never forget.



The Crown tour party visit Wairere Falls.



The tour party looking out to Omokoroa, Tauranga.



Chief Crown negotiator, James Willis, and OTS officials arrive at Hinerangi Tawhaki Marae.

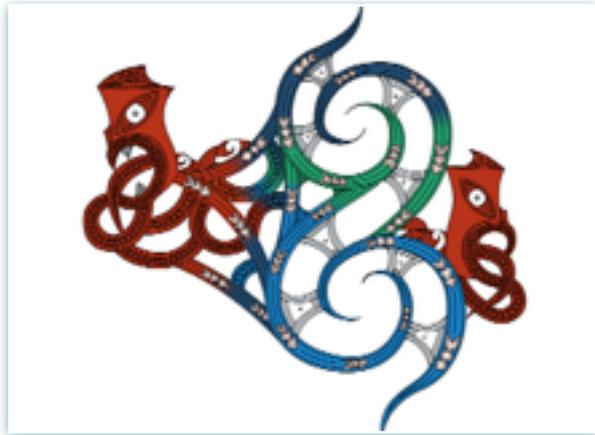


A full powhiri was held to welcome our visitors.



Ngāti Hinerangi Iwi members spoke about what the Treaty settlement meant to them.

THE NGĀTI HINERANGI TRIBAL LOGO



The Ngāti Hinerangi Iwi logo design is the embodiment of our tribal rohe, Te Rohe o Koperu. It's also based on our tribal proverb: **"He kainga kotahi ka mate te iwi, he kainga e rua ka ora te iwi."**

"A people with only one home (resources and food) will perish but a people with many will survive and flourish."

The two taniwha depict the efforts and foresight of our ancestors to establish two vital lands and resources of Ngāti Hinerangi.

The first area established was in the Matamata area running from Waiharakeke in the north to Okauia to Te Poi and to Haukapa in the south. Our ancestors also established Ngāti Hinerangi lands and resources in the Tauranga Moana area from Rereatukahia in the north to Waitekohe to Aongatete, to Pahoia, to Omokoroa, to Huharua, to Te Puna and to Pukehou on the Wairoa River. In between the two taniwha are the sacred lands, forests, rivers, and mountains of Ngāti Hinerangi. The principal rivers on the Matamata side are Waihou and Mangawhero. Also in between the two taniwha are the sacred mountains of Ngāti Hinerangi, Te Ara Pohatu, Te Weraiti, Maurihoro, Te Hanga, and Nga Tamahine-e-rua. The design shows a two-headed taniwha with one body representing the many hapu of Ngāti Hinerangi. In former times right down to the present time, Ngāti Hinerangi hapu and iwi, whether from the Tauranga Moana side or from the Matamata side have always provided sanctuary and assistance to each other no matter what. The designer of the logo is Matekitatahi Rawiri-McDonald, an Architect student at Auckland University.

WEBSITE LAUNCHING SOON

We're eager to connect not only with our whanau close by, but with those from all around the world. Ngāti Hinerangi Iwi Trust now has an [official Facebook page](#). And if you're reading this offline, just go to facebook.com/NHITconnect.

Our brand new website - ngatihinerangiwi.co.nz - is also about to go live soon and this will be the easiest and quickest way to register. On this page, you'll find full updates on our Treaty negotiations, events, hui and special celebrations. You'll also find more information on our iwi, rohe and our Ngāti Hinerangi Iwi trustees. Like our Facebook page and you'll be the first to know when this all goes live.