

FEBRUARY TO APRIL 2024 PĀNUI

NGĀTI RUAPANI MAI WAIKAREMOANA

The negotiation settlement process challenges your thinking, which is beneficial as we want to avoid a generic settlement.

We aim to initial a Deed of Settlement by the end of this year and keep you informed about the progress. We will first focus on the matters that take time and explore practical ways to keep you connected and updated. Meanwhile, your hapū representative will present a monthly report at the hapū hui, and shortly after that, we will issue a monthly pānui. We understand that it may not be feasible for you to travel, so we are exploring options to keep you connected. We will keep you posted on what that will look like.



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Post Settlement Governance Entity (PSGE)

Your trustees have worked hard this quarter to ensure the PSGE reflects your aspirations and our discussions. While we understand that we still need to talk to others, our starting point is that the PSGE will operate by the tikanga and kawa of Waikaremoana and sit alongside our marae and Tribal. Collectively we will adopt a Waikaremoana-centric approach.



“Establishing the Post Settlement Governance Entity (PSGE) and the Conservation Reserves requires time-consuming collaboration with Tūhoe, the Department of Conservation (DoC), Te Arawhiti, and legal experts.”

Conservation Reserves

We have been exploring the possibility of returning DoC reserves to Waikaremoana. We have been very direct with DoC that they should return reserves because we, by whakapapa, are the kaitiaki of these lands and will do a better job. We propose that some of these reserves be put into the Te Urewera Act and some in the Reserves Act. Both options enact our kaitiaki responsibilities to the whenua and open up opportunities to sustainably develop the whenua, be it housing or working the whenua.





Deferred selection and right for first refusal properties

We have closely examined the parcels of land that are part of the agreement in principle, and we firmly believe that these lands should be returned to us without any conditions, such as the right of first refusal and deferred selection property status. Our historian has already found evidence that demonstrates breaches of the treaty, and our lawyer is using this evidence to strengthen our case for the return of these blocks – watch this space.

Historical Account

The historical account is nearing completion and the first 7 chapters are ready for review by an Emeritus Professor.

Negotiating the chapter content has been vigorous and challenging. Your team, which includes Neuton, Bimbo, Tumanako, and Bruce Stirling (Historian) has worked tirelessly to complete the work.

Patunamu Forest

The due diligence on Pātunamu Forest has been completed and included a detailed report by Mark Morrice Limited, insight from an investment committee and a member of the CNI forestry group. There are some challenges with new regulations, and of course, we are aware of the impacts on forestry throughout the motu due to cyclone Gabriel. We need to make sure that although Pātunamu will be a commercial asset we are doing good and right by our obligations back to papatūānuku.

We want you to join us on the settlement journey! Check out the different ways you can get involved.

We promote hapū hui for updates on the previous month's activities. Waikmako has theirs on the first Sunday, and Te Kūha has theirs on the last Sunday of the month, but dates can change. Subscribe to their Facebook pages to stay updated.

A monthly pānui like this one, will be distributed soon after the last hāpu hui via email and accessed on our website.

We are working on a series of webinars to ensure a greater reach and connection with our whānau. We will let you know when they will be running soon.

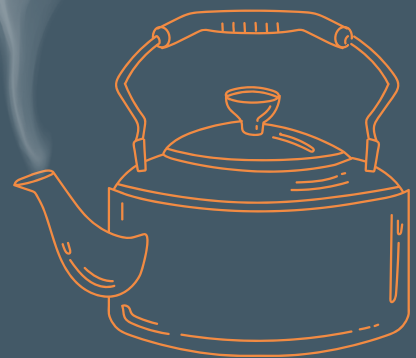
We are hosting a community hui later in the year, including a community day and updates from Ngāti Ruapani mai Waikaremoana - when we have the date we'll let you know.

Connect with us online, or come and see us at the office

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THE DOOR IS FOREVER OPEN, AND THE TEA IS ALWAYS READY! OUR GOAL IS TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE IS INCLUDED IN THE SETTLEMENT JOURNEY, NO MATTER WHERE YOU RESIDE.



Trustee Hui, 22nd of April 24
Negotiation Hui, 29th of April 24