



NGĀTI RUAPANI
mai Waikaremoana
2023 PĀNUI

A scenic view of a forest with a waterfall, partially obscured by a green text box. The background shows a dense forest of trees in various shades of green and brown, with a waterfall cascading down a rocky ledge. The sky is bright and slightly hazy. In the foreground, there are some out-of-focus tree branches and a small white object on a thin stem.

Wow, what a year it's been! We've had our fair share of unexpected events that have hit us hard. The most difficult one was losing Hemi Waiwai at the beginning of the year. It was unexpected and a real shock, but it pushed us to continue the legacy he left behind. Then, Cyclone Gabrielle came through and caused some serious damage and destruction. We then had a change in government, and we are still working through what this may mean for our settlement – we are hopeful that we can keep the path we are currently on.

Meanwhile, we have been working in the background. Check it out!



Kara Puketapu-Dentice



Nicky Kirikiri

Commercial REDRESS

Nicky and Kara are leading the commercial redress workstream. These past few months, they have conducted due diligence on Patunamu Forest and the properties offered to Ruapani under the right of first refusal and deferred selection.

What they have learned so far -

We must assess the Patunamu Forest as both a profitable investment and a potential liability. We cannot afford to overlook the risks associated with this venture. Furthermore, as potential equal partners with Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa, we must establish a sturdy working relationship to ensure our interests are protected and our investment is successful.

Ruapani asserts that certain properties were acquired unlawfully and must be returned. Despite being offered an opportunity to buy back through the right of first refusal or deferred selection process, we contend that ownership of these properties should be restored to Ruapani without exchanging pūtea. We are actively investigating this matter.



TAKA TAKA

Tumanako Waiwai

Cultural REDRESS

Tumanako leads this kaupapa with other trustees, who have agreed on the following place name changes.

- Ngā-Hina-o-Te-Pūwera, no point or bay
- Te Hopu Ruahine, ref. 1925 W. minutes
- Puna-hokio, no Te
- Puna-te-ao, no Te. Ref. EB. volume 2 – Table No. 26
- Tūwai

Furthermore, the group has been actively participating in the following initiatives -

We must investigate our shared interests in Onepoto with Tūhoe, the Crown and the Department of Conservation. We are determined to achieve an outcome that benefits Waikaremoana, so our relationship with Tūhoe is key.

It would be valuable for Waikaremoana to establish relationships with government agencies. Connecting with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the Ministry of Police can bring about great opportunities.



Neuton Lambert

Historical ACCOUNT

Neuton is leading, with the support of Wesley and Tumanako, in this role. Good progress has been made on the historical account. Here's what has been done so far.

The group has effectively negotiated 10 out of 12 chapters. The remaining 2 will be worked on in 2024. Additionally, the historical account background section is beginning to take shape, and Neuton will be working with Te Iwa Rangihau on this.

Our segregation oral history research project is ongoing. The team is still working on interviews and aims to finish this in early 2024. This project provides historians with critical information for writing the Underdevelopment chapter, and it is a record for the Uri o Ngāti Ruapani mai Waikaremoana.



Te Ori Paki

Governance

REDRESS

One important aspect of our work is the establishment of the Post Settlement Governance Entity. This entity is responsible for receiving and managing the settlement package. Certain components are required by the Crown to be included in the Deed of Settlement, and then there are our aspirations, and that is what we have been focusing on.

Some of you have told us that you don't want this entity to operate on its own, and tikanga, kawa, and Waikaremoana are how they should operate. We heard you and have told the crown your aspirations. It will be a first for the crown, so negotiations between the crown lawyers and ours will be frequent until we get it right!

Meanwhile, your negotiation group has made a start, but we still need to engage and see what others are feeling. Additionally, we need to speak with our Tūhoe whānau at some point in the future to understand their thoughts on the matter.



Bimbo Turipa

TOMORROW 2024

After the break, we will -

- set up additional engagement hui to update you and see how you feel about everything.
- continue due diligence on the settlement negotiation process.
- consolidate the trustee's online presence for those outside the wharua who cannot attend for practical reasons.