

RONGOWHAKAATA CHARITABLE TRUST

PANUI No.31

April 2009

Tena Koutou Nga Uri o Rongowhakaata - Cooler days and nights, the homes fires alight, the trees shedding their leaves, the calling card of Autumn and the harvest of the late Summer fruit and vegetables; the grapes, feijoas, walnuts, kumara, the last of the crops of sweet corn, squash, apples, pears, tomatoes, kamokamo, taewa, and watermelons. Yes back home here in Manutuke, we've been well and truly blessed with the annual bountiful and abundant supply of the sweet and succulent fruit and vegetables of summer together with the celebrations at Easter finds us all very well indeed.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

NGA MARAE

Whakato Marae

He Rau Aroha: Our respects and condolences to the families of the late:

- Tokorua Riki, a pakeke, and staunch supporter of our claims hui and wananga.
- Erana (Billy) Brown, a vibrant wahine toa, who touched so many people in a myriad of ways.

*"Haere korua ki to matua tipuna,
haere haere haere."*

Restoration: Whakato whanau are undertaking restoration work on their whare tipuna Te Mana o Turanga and this is progressing well.

"Kia kaha Scotty and team."

Te Kuri a Tuatai Marae

Marae Summer Camp: Te Kuri a Tuatai have secured an ongoing "Summer Camp" contract with the organisers of the "Rhythm and Vines" New Year festival. This is a lucrative contract for the Marae and provides other opportunities of fundraising for the Marae and the Marae Whanau.

*"Ka mau te wehi
Waka, Lisa and the whanau."*

Te Pahou Marae

AGM Notice: Te Pahou Marae will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Sunday 31 May 2009 commencing at 10.30am.

"Whanau Nau mai Haere mai"

Manutuke Marae

ANZAC Service: The annual ANZAC service will be held at Manutuke Marae on Saturday 25 April 2009 commencing at 9am.

Ohako Marae

Considering plans for future projects.

KAPA HAKA

Schedule of Events

- **Tairawhiti Regional Nga Manu Korero:** 7-8 May 2009 at Tolaga Bay Area School & Kuranui, Tolaga Bay
- **Primary/Junior Tamararo (Qualifier for the National Primary 2009):** 6 June 2009 at the Showgrounds Event Centre, Gisborne.
- **Senior Tamararo:** 5 September 2009 at the Showgrounds Event Centre, Gisborne.
- **National Primary Kapa Haka:** 1-5 November 2009 in Gisborne. Venue to be confirmed.
- **Turanganui a Kiwa Schools Cultural Festival – 25th Anniversary:** 16-19 November 2009. Venue to be confirmed.

RONGOWHAKAATA CHARITABLE TRUST (The Trust)

REVIEW OF THE TRUST

Governance Issues

The Trustees of the Trust are working with TPK on the recommendations contained in the KCSM Report.

Trust Deed

Consultation Hui will be held with Rongowhakaata Iwi to review the current RCT Trust Deed.

DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN

The Trust is responsible for developing and implementing a range of interventions and initiatives on behalf of Rongowhakaata and to meet these responsibilities the Trust has developed a Draft Strategic Plan (the plan) which can be located on the Iwi Website www.rongowhakaata.com. The plan is for all of Rongowhakaata and is to be confirmed at the Hui a Iwi on 30.05.09. Your input is important and if you have anything to say, written comments and feedback can be sent by email to the Trust: trust@rongowhakaata.iwi.nz or by post to: Rongowhakaata Trust CMB 24 Manutuke 4053 before 18.05.09.

TRUSTEE ELECTIONS 2009

Notification of RCT Elections for 2009

The term of office for the current RCT Trustee Representatives for Manutuke Marae and Ohako Marae will expire at the 2009 RCT Annual General Meeting. The Election process will be advertised at a later date.

FISHING

Customary Fishing: Rongowhakaata are participating in the Turanganui-a-Kiwa Regional Customary Fishing Forum (The Forum). The Forum is to provide an environment where tangata-kaitiaki can come together to discuss customary interests within te rohe o Turanganui-a-Kiwa. The Forum meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 5.30pm at the Ministry of Fisheries Offices in Turanganui-a-Kiwa. The Forum's focus is to manage our aquatic and environmental resources sustainably and to:

1. Promote and support the diverse management aspirations of each hapū within te rohe o Turanganui-a-Kiwa.
2. Preserve, practice and enhance the traditional values of kaitiakitanga, manaakitanga and whakawhanaungatanga.
3. Engage with organisations, government agencies and other entities on issues pertaining to all aquatic life.
4. Seek high level input and participation into fisheries management processes and strategies.

EDUCATION

Education Grants

2009 Ngarimu VC and 28th (Maori) Battalion Memorial Scholarships:

Applications are now available for 2009 Ngarimu VC and 28th (Maori) Battalion Memorial Scholarships are now available to Maori students currently studying at a tertiary level. A manakura/leadership scholarship is also available to those seeking to make a significant shift in their lives as well as contribute to the wellbeing of their whanau, hapu and Iwi. Application forms are available from the offices of the Trust or from the Ministry of Education website.

2009 Arai Matawai Education Grants:

Applications are now available from the offices of BDO Spicers Gisborne for Shareholders or their sons and daughters for full time study at a NZ University, NZ College of Education or a NZ Polytechnic. **Applications close 30.04.09.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HUI/WANANGA DATES & VENUE

- **Rongowhakaata Claims Hui**
29.04.09 Ohako Marae Hui and site visit with Department of Conservation commencing at 9.30am.
- **Rongowhakaata Claims Wananga**
02.05.09 Pahou Marae
13.06.09 Whakato Marae
- **Rongowhakaata Customary Fishing Wananga**
16.05.09 Manutuke Marae
- **Rongowhakaata Hui a Iwi**
30.05.09 Te Kuri a Tuatai Marae
- **Nga Marae o Rongowhakaata**
Te Pahou Marae Hui a tau: 31.05.09 at Te Pahou Marae commencing at 10.30am.
- **Community Events**
ANZAC Service: 25.04.09 Manutuke Marae commencing at 9.00am.

Turanga Health Clinic: Health Checks and Mirimiri held once a fortnight on a Thursday from 9am to 12 noon at the offices of the Trust. The next Clinic is on 30.04.09.

RONGOWHAKAA WAITANGI TREATY CLAIMS 2009

A special panui is attached for the report on the status and progress of the negotiations of our Treaty Settlements for the Turanganui –a-Kiwa Deed of Settlement.

Stan Pardoe
Chairman

If you have any questions, comments, ideas or news to share, or wish to register or update your address, please contact the Rongowhakaata Trust Office at:

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RONGOWHAKAA WAITANGI TREATY CLAIMS 2009

SPECIAL REPORT

TURANGA MANU WHIRIWHIRI

Management of Treaty Settlement Negotiations for Deed of Settlement:

Recap from Panui 30

- Turanga Treaty Claimants had to act as one Collective Team for the Negotiations of the Turanga Treaty Settlements. The name of this Entity is “Turanga Manu Whiriwhiri” (TMW) comprising of the following Claimant Groups:
 - Rongowhakaata including Nga Uri o Te Kooti Rikirangi Whanau.
 - Ngai Tamanuhiri.
 - Te Pou a Haokai representing Ngariki Kaiputahi; Te Aitanga a Mahaki; Whanau a Kai; Te Whanau a Wi Pere and Te Whanau a Rangiwahakataetae.

RONGOWHAKAATA NEGOTIATORS & CLAIMS COMMITTEE

Work In Progress

The Rongowhakaata Negotiators and Claims committee have been working diligently on all issues relevant to the Rongowhakaata claims negotiations.

The Rongowhakaata Negotiators meet with the other TMW Negotiators every Friday to work through different aspects of the Claims Negotiations for the Turanganui-a-Kiwa Deed of Settlement. Every 2nd Friday the Negotiators meet with the Crown officials (OTS) either in Wellington or Gisborne.

RONGOWHAKAATA CLAIMS WANANGA

The Rongowhakaata Negotiators and Claims Committee have organised a series of Wananga to be held each month to inform and involve Rongowhakaata Iwi in the Negotiations process for the Turanganui-a-Kiwa Deed of Settlement.

Report on the two Wananga held to date:

Te Hau ki Turanga Wananga: The following resolutions were passed at the Te Hau ki Turanga Wananga held at Manutuke Marae on 7 March 2009.

- Separate out the settlement of all Te Hau ki Turanga matters from the Gisborne Agreement In Principle process forthwith
- Rongowhakaata to enter into direct negotiations with the Crown on Te Hau ki Turanga as soon as possible
- Working group to prepare a Te Hau ki Turanga settlement plan for Rongowhakaata iwi approval by 30 April
- Rongowhakaata inform all parties and stakeholders of its intentions in regard to Te Hau ki Turanga by 15 March

Post Settlement Governance Entity (PSGE) Wananga:

The Post Settlement Governance Power point presentation presented by Meka Whitiri at the Post Settlement Governance Entity Wananga held at Ohako Marae on 4 April 2009 is as follows:.

Rongowhakaata Wananga: Post Settlement Governance Entity (PSGE) Ohako Marae, 4 April

Hui Outline

- Purpose of Hui
- Recap of the Claims process
- Now till end of Dec 09
- PSGE & Relativities
- Workshop
- Report back & summary
- Next Steps

Purpose of Hui

- To inform, engage and seek input from Rongowhakaata Iwi on a Post Governance Settlement Entity (PSGE)
- To inform, engage and seek input on the question of ‘Relativities’

Claims process to date.

- Claims lodged
- 2002/3 Hearings
- 2005 Deed of Mandate
- 2007 Terms of Negotiation
- 2008 Agreement In Principle
- Dec 2009 aim to have Deed of Settlement signed
- 2010 Ratification

Now till end of year

- From AIP we have divided into work streams
- Rongowhakaata negotiators are involved in each work stream
- Seeking regular input and engagement from our people
- How? through Wananga and panui

Post Settlement Governance Entity

- 1: What is a PSGE?
 - - A body that receives the settlement assets
- 2: As part of signing the Deed of Settlement we need to agree to a Governance Entity to which settlement assets will be vested
 - - In determining a PSGE arrangement we need to factor in relativities (the splits)

PSGE Options

- All In
- Rongowhakaata Stand alone
- Rongowhakaata plus 1

Pros & Cons of Options

Option	Pro	Con, Risk or Challenges
All In	Economies of scale	Governance arrangements Distribution formulae
Rongowhakaata only	Intermediate Return	Who? Are we ready?
Rongowhakaata plus one	Combination of the above	Combination of the above

All In Option

- Questions
 1. What would be its function?
 2. Governance arrangements – who and how many?
 3. Distribution formula – who would get what?
 4. Other considerations?

Rongowhakaata Stand Alone

- Questions
 - 1. New or existing ?(Rongowhakaata Trust)
 - 2. Role – what would be the function of the Entity?
 - 3. Governance representation – who and how many?
 - 4. What skills and capabilities would be required of the Governors?
 - 5. Other considerations?

Relativities (splits)

- AIP pg 21, if more than 1 PSGE entity the Crown would prefer 3 mandated groups to agree to split if unable than Crown will do it
- Tribunal Report pg 750 “16.7.2 Relativities”
 - *“In an effort to encourage the claimants to focus on the overall value of a Turanga settlement rather than engage in divisive internal competition over comparative settlement values, we cautiously suggest the following division in the overall settlement sum for Turanga:*
 - *Te Aitanga a Mahaki 46% (3% Ngariki, 7% Te Whanau a Kai, Te Aitanga a Mahaki 37%)*
 - *Rongowhakaata 37%*
 - *Ngai Tamanuhiri 18%”*

Relativities Questions

- Do we support the Tribunal’s position?
- If not, then what should the split be?
- What is the rationale for the difference?

Workshop Questions

- 1. Identify your PSGE option
- 2. How do you see it working?
 - It’s function
 - Governance arrangements
 - Distribution formula
 - Other considerations
- 3. Relativities – what are your views?

Next Steps

- Panui will go out to seek input from Rongowhakaata iwi who are unable to attend wananga or live at home
- Based on the views received, the Negotiators on behalf of Rongowhakaata will make their position clear by mid April

In Summary

The Rongowhakaata Negotiators and Claims Committee would like input and views from Rongowhakaata Iwi on the following:

- The Post Settlement Governance Entity – the body, group that will receive the Settlement Asset.
- The Relativities or “splits” of the Settlement Asset – more information can be found on Pg 21 of the Agreement In Principle (AIP) document. The AIP document is on the Rongowhakaata Website.

Please read the information provided in the PSGE presentation and forward your views, comments by email to trust@rongowhakaata.iwi.nz or in writing to the Chairman of the Rongowhakaata Negotiators and Claims Committee, CMB 24, Manutuke 4053.

A Rongowhakaata Negotiators and Claims Committee Wananga is to be held at Te Pahou Marae, Tuaraki Road, Manutuke on Saturday 2 May 2009 and an update will be given on the PSGE position.

CLAIMS CO-ORDINATOR COMMENTS Claims Process Progress and the iwi

The Claims Committee/Negotiators have reached critical stage in the whole claims process. As the timeline above indicates it has been a long drawn out process from it first steps in 2002 but now is the time for whanau, hapu, iwi Rongowhakaata to step up and make known their feelings, aspirations, opinions as part of the process. The recent wananga at Manutuke and Ohako Marae were a positive step in that direction – they were well attended but more importantly people were able to express their opinions and feelings openly and honestly. These hui are important as they draw the negotiators back to the grassroots and in the long run it will allow iwi Rongowhakaata knowledge, experiences, values and practices to underpin the collective data that will be drawn into its Deed of Settlement in December 2009.

Further local wananga will address a range of significant issues and developments that will become a part and parcel of the Deed of Settlement. However, with so many of our whanau living outside the rohe members of the team will once again seek to canvas the views and opinions of the Taurahere later in the year. Obviously when all the data has been gathered the next stage will require the Claims Committee/negotiators to process this data and mediate the differing interests into a broad consensus that fully and accurately represents the view of whanau, hapu, iwi Rongowhakaata. The process of consulting the iwi will continue as ratification of the document that will represent the collective will of iwi Rongowhakaata – the Deed of Settlement – will take place and voting will occur.

RONGOWHAKAATA KAUMATUA / THE RONGOWHAKAATA CHARITABLE TRUST (The Trust)

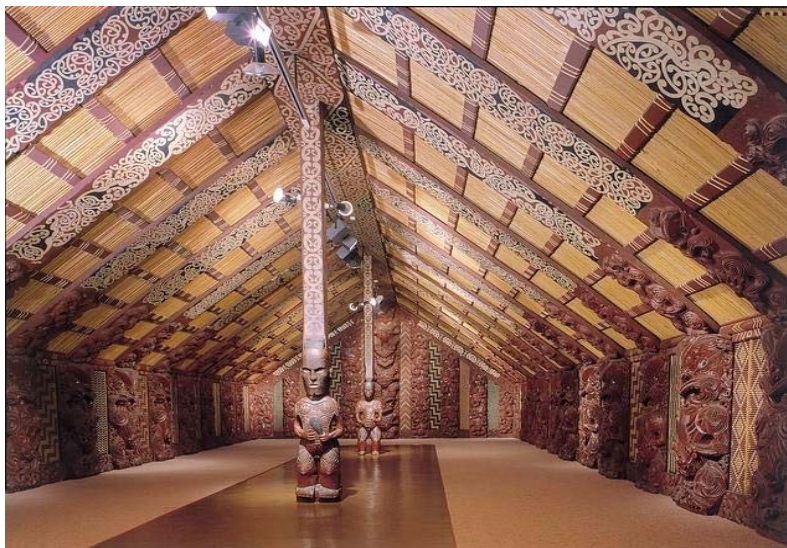
The Kaumatua have become an important source of knowledge and advice and are part of the Claims Committee deliberations and discussions. They have a major role in shaping the framework emerging from the past years as well as helping define the way in which we move forward. Along with RCT a very necessary series of partnerships also encourage other hui, wananga and hiko/visits to places and events tha directly or indirectly relate to the claims process.

WANANGA – these are planned for the first Saturday of each month and will be advertised through local media as at present. The likely agenda will be posted then as well plus all other details. Come along and have your say – at this stage it is an opportunity to listen as well as to speak.

PANUI – The Trust and the Claims Committee generally work together to deliver news to the iwi and this is supplemented by electronic email and when possible the iwi website on the internet.

FEEDBACK – Written comments/ feedback about Claims issues help to define our whakaaro but for those living away from Gisborne we are interested in defining and strengthening our links to Taurahere so if you think you want to help contact the **Claims Committee, C/- the Trust Office , CMB 24, Manutuke 4053** or email trust@rongowhakaata.iwi.nz asap

**Manawa-Ote-Rangi (Buff) WAIPARA -
Claims Co-ordinator**



Te Hau ki Turanga