



Kaihautu Korero

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A newsletter for Te Arawa descendants about the direct Treaty settlement negotiations with the Crown

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Kaihautu Korero is produced every six weeks by Nga Kaihautu o Te Arawa Executive Council. It aims to inform Te Arawa descendants about the direct negotiations the council is undertaking with the Crown to settle the historical Treaty of Waitangi claims of its affiliate iwi and hapu. Because of the high demand for information *Kaihautu Korero* will be supplemented by *Kaihautu Korero Update* every three to four weeks.

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Message from the Chairman

Tena koutou katoa

E mihi atu ana ki a koutou e noho mai ra i runga i o tatau marae maha.

The KEC is once again poised to achieve some very significant milestones in 2006. At the time of publication, the KEC had concluded the final consultation hui on Post Settlement Governance (PSG) Arrangements.

This is a very important phase in the whole settlement negotiation process. If you have not done so already, I urge you to obtain and read the consultation document, even if you were unable to attend at least one of the consultation hui.

Furthermore, I encourage you to convey your suggestions to the KEC by way of written submission. Submissions must reach the KEC office by 5 pm on Monday March 27.

The KEC is also negotiating with the Crown the details of a Deed of Settlement (DOS) which falls out of the Agreement in Principle (AIP) settlement offer signed in September last year. It is currently working through a first draft of the DOS along with accompanying schedules.

Clearly there will be many more drafts of the DOS, each of significant size, but the KEC is determined to have a final DOS ratified by the end of September this year.

Another major work stream is the registration programme. The KEC is working with the Te Arawa Maori Trust Board to bolster its registrations, as well as running its own registration programme to reach as many of the descendants of the iwi and hapu of Te Arawa under Kaihautu as possible. I encourage you and your whanaau to register with the KEC immediately.

Eru George
CHAIRMAN



Affiliate views sought on proposed entity

The time is nearing completion for those iwi and hapu affiliated to Nga Kaihautu O Te Arawa Executive Council (KEC) to have their say on proposals for a post settlement governance (PSG) entity. This is the body that will receive, hold, manage and grow the settlement assets on behalf of the affiliates.

A 21 page consultation document outlining the Executive Council's preliminary views on PSG arrangements was distributed in January 2006 to all those registered with the KEC. Copies have also been available at the KEC office. That consultation document summarised a significant amount of work

undertaken by the KEC, including meeting with other successful iwi organisations to hear first hand what has worked for them, and what has not.

The affiliate iwi and hapu were urged to attend at least one of seven consultation hui held within Te Arawa rohe, and in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch in early March 2006.

That was opportunity for them to hear a presentation from the KEC, and to provide initial feedback on the proposals (see page four for Hui schedule).

Affiliates took that opportunity to express their views on the proposed structure, proposals around voting and

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election processes, and eligibility requirements for elections to the Kaunihera. Comments received at the consultation hui were very positive.

It is not too late to have your say on this issue. Written submissions on the proposed PSG arrangements must be received at the KEC office by 5 pm on March 27. The KEC urges you to make a submission on those arrangements.

The KEC will consider all written submissions and the views expressed at the hui in developing the proposed PSG entity. After reviewing your submissions, the KEC will propose a final PSG model (which will take account of your submissions) for your approval later in the year. An appropriate legal structure must be established before the Crown will

transfer the settlement assets, so the establishment of a PSG entity to receive assets is critical.

Your input into the construction of that entity is just as critical.

The current settlement offer has a financial and commercial redress package that includes a \$36 million quantum, exclusive rights to secure up to 49,000 hectares of Crown Forest Licensed lands and an unlicensed forest block, some schools, four geothermal wells and other Crown assets.

The offer also includes the return of twenty-three sites of cultural significance to affiliate iwi and hapu.

The KEC aims to seek the ratification of both the PSG entity and the Deed of Settlement concurrently by the end of September 2006.

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Making a written submission?

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Register today

Waitangi Day 2006 – a registration team comprising Nero Panapa, Caroline Sainty and Ella Taylor travelled to Australia to attend the annual Waitangi weekend festival at Logan on the Gold Coast.

The festival boasted a variety of entertainment including karate exhibitions, kapa haka, hip hop and R&B acts. There were also stalls galore selling fashion clothing, pounamu and bone taonga. Amongst the food stalls was the inevitable hangi stall, which was as good as any back home.

The festival was an opportunity to meet and register Te Arawa descendants

living in Queensland. Whanau were very interested in the settlement process and welcomed the chance to register and hear what was happening here in Te Arawa.

Registrations gathered on the day included Harry Ngatai whom many will remember from his teaching days at Rotorua Boys High School.

Application forms were also taken away for friends and whanau unable to attend the festival.

Whanau are urged to complete and return registration forms immediately. Registration forms are available on the web (www.nkota.org.nz) or see page 5 for details.



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Schedule of consultation hui on proposed Post-Settlement Governance Entity

Details of the consultation hui were notified through the Rotorua Daily Post, the New Zealand Herald, The Dominion Post and the Christchurch Press. Consultation hui were held at:

- Saturday March 4 at 10am, Waiteti Marae, Ngongotaha
- Saturday March 4 at 2.30pm, Waikohatu Marae, Rotoiti
- Sunday March 5 at 10am, Ruamata Marae, Rotokawa
- Sunday March 5 at 2.30pm, Te Pakira Marae, Whakarewarewa
- Wednesday March 8 at 6pm, Te Mahurehure Cultural Community Marae, Point Chevalier in Auckland
- Saturday March 11 at 10am, Te Tatau o Te Po Marae, Wellington
- Sunday March 12 at 11am, Te Amorangi Richmond Wellness Village, Christchurch

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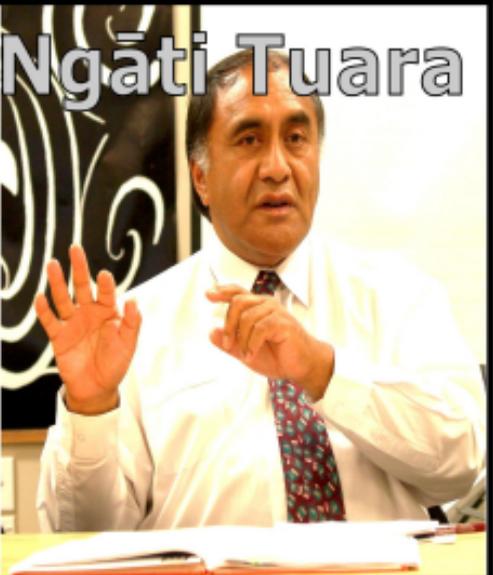
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Wahi

In this edition of Kaihautu Kōrero we profile Te Kahupapa and Te Hinahina, two sites located in the recreation reserve adjacent to the Waiteti Stream, and Te Akakahia at Lake Okareka, also known as Boyes Beach Recreation Reserve.

The KEC and the Crown are negotiating a Special Classification with the Rotorua District Council (Council), to cover three recreational reserves that are in Council ownership.

This special redress will acknowledge the traditional and contemporary values and associations of tangata whenua in relation to these sites as well as the Council's broader community interests.

The parties will agree protection principles for inclusion in the Deed of Settlement, to avoid harm to the tangata whenua values.

The Council must have regard to the protection principles when preparing reviewing or implementing a management plan or when developing general policies for the sites.

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Te Kahupapa and Te Hinahina

Ngāti Ngararanui and Ngāti Tura/ Ngāti Te Ngakau are two autonomous and distinct entities with a common internal boundary.

They have ever lived peacefully side-by-side, sharing a common history and are inextricably linked through whakapapa and intermarriage.

The eponymous ancestor Ngararanui was the third eldest son of Whakaue Kaipapa, the first-born being Tawakeheimoa and the second Tuteaiti.

Ngāti Tura are descended from Tura. There are conflicting accounts

of his arrival in Aotearoa and association with Ngāti Whakaue.

Ngāti Te Ngakau are descended from Te Ngakau, the great grandson of Hinetai, a child of Te Whatumairangi and grand-daughter of Tutanekai. Ngararanui has a long traditional association with part of the Waiteti Recreation Reserve encompassing Te Kahupapa. Similarly Ngāti Tura/ Ngāti Te Ngakau strongly associate with part of the reserve that includes Te Hinahina.

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Those associations are ones of a people with its main source of water.

A source of food resources and a mode of transport Water quality equates to quality of life.

Protection of the natural environment is directly attributable for the physical and spiritual health and wellbeing of the people.

Food gathering expeditions along the banks of the Waiteti Stream and its tributaries, and the shores of Lake Rotorua were every day events, much like visiting the local dairy.

For Ngāti Ngararanui and Ngāti Tura/Ngāti Te Ngakau, the recreation

reserve is a powerful physical and spiritual connection with their past.

A place of special recreational significance for their tamariki-mokopuna, to be protected for the benefit of the iwi and the wider public.

Ensure you have your say on the proposed post-settlement governance entity (see page 3 for more details)

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Te Akakahia

Okareka is a place of pristine beauty and serenity. The water quality is unequalled bearing a wealth of resources.

Koura and kakahi in particular were in plentiful supply as was food and materials from the nearby native forest. In this tranquil place settled the hapu of Ngāti Uruhina with others of their Tuhourangi relatives.

Prominent tribal historian and elder of his time, Mita Taupopoki, recounts that Okareka and the open ground surrounding the lake was a popular 'fern ground' where the much sought-

after aruhe was harvested in quantity. That area is known as Te Akakahia.

There were cultivations on the east end of the lake at Te Whakaki, at Te Kaharoa on the north shore, and at Taumahi on the south shore.

In addition was the settlement of Okareka itself.

Te Akakahia is at the recreation reserve at Lake Okareka now called Boyes Beach.

Tuhourangi's relationship with Lake Okareka as a whole is one of

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kainga tuturu, the history of a people with 'te wahi i tapahi ai te pito.' It is a relationship existing between tamaiti and whaea, mokopuna and kuia.

It is primarily the physical and spiritual health and wellbeing of the iwi under whose mantle of protection the very existence of the many hapu depended on. Tuhourangi comprises many hapu and has strong associations

with Lakes Tarawera, Okareka, Tikitapu, Rotokakahi and Rotomahana. The famous tupuna Tuhourangi was the elevated youngest son of Rangitihi.

He was the father of Uenukukopako, grandfather of Whakaue Kaipapa and great grandfather of Tutanekai and Hinemoa. Many kainga spread throughout the ancestral lands of Tuhourangi. Their history is the history of the Rotorua Lakes District.

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