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Deed of Settlement Signed



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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 TE ARAWA SIGNS THE DEED OF SETTLEMENT

In 2003, Te Arawa Iwi and Hapu put their faith in Nga Kaihautu O Te Arawa Executive Council (the **KEC**) to negotiate a comprehensive settlement of their historic Treaty of Waitangi claims.

On Saturday 30th September 2006, that faith was rewarded with the signing of the Deed of Settlement by the KEC and Ministers of the Crown. It was a day of great celebration for us all.

Ministers Burton, Horomia and Ririnui were there to sign on behalf of the Crown. We were pleased that the Speaker of the House, the Hon. Margaret Wilson, was also able to attend. It was she who was instrumental in providing us the opportunity to enter into direct negotiations with the Crown. Thus began the journey that led to this momentous day.

Signing of the Deed of Settlement is the culmination of three years of hard work, the successful result of the efforts of so many people. I was so pleased to be able to publicly thank and acknowledge many of those people.

The presence of representatives from our neighbouring tribes Ngati Manawa, Ngati Whare, Tainui and Tuwharetoa is testimony to the importance of this settlement to the region. The settlement will see the Te Arawa Affiliates become amongst the largest landowners and landlords in the Central North Island. In attendance also were representatives of Ngai Tahu.



ERU GEORGE
Chairman

The day though belonged to our Affiliates. Their joy was evident throughout the day. In his speech Minister Burton acknowledged the association we of Te Arawa have with our maunga, our iconic peaks and how we shelter under their mana. To commemorate this he presented the Affiliates with a gift of seven photographs showing *Tarawera, Matawhaura, Mt. Ngongotaha, Horohoro Bluff, Maunga Kakaramea, Paeroa Ranges* and *Rangitoto*. These photographs will be a memento of the hard work of so many.

The support and faith of the Affiliates was justifiably rewarded by the announcement of a distribution plan. The KEC realises that it will be many years before Affiliates and beneficiaries will see tangible benefit from this settlement. Therefore the KEC resolved that the Kaunihera will upon establishment make available an early distribution of \$100,000 to each of the eleven Affiliates to assist with infra-structural development.

The eleven Affiliates are Ngati Ngarranui, Ngati Tura/Ngati Te Ngakau, Ngati Kearoa-Ngati Tuara, Ngati Te Roro Te Rangī, Ngati Uenukukopako, Ngati Tutenui, Tuhourangi Ngati Wahiao, Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa, Ngati Pikiāo, Ngati Tarawhai and Ngati Rongomai. Payment will be in

December 2006 subject to the Affiliates meeting certain criteria.

In addition, the KEC will pay \$5,000 to each Affiliate marae. Eligibility for this payment will not be particularly onerous. We recognise that marae are the oldest institutions in Te Arawa.

Having celebrated this achievement, we must now turn our attention to the next phase.

Over the next two months we will wind down the KEC. On 1st December we will establish the post settlement governance entity, the Kaunihera.

The legislative process is expected to take 18 months to 2 years to work through.

Once the legislation is drafted it must pass through 3 readings before Parliament, a process that will include consideration by a Parliamentary Select Committee. Only after a successful 3rd reading will legislation be enacted and the settlement assets transfer to the Kaunihera on behalf of the Affiliates.

In the interim we must consider how we can best acquire the Crown assets still remaining under the deferred selection process. The KEC is committed to ensuring appropriate structures are in place by Settlement Date, to receive the settlement assets.

The work has begun anew.

Eru George - Chairman

Deed of Settlement Signed

Celebrations take place at Te Pakira Marae as the Deed of Settlement is signed.

The day dawned misty with some fog hanging over Rotorua. Blue skies peeked through promising a good day ahead. At the newsstands the NZ Herald blasted out the headline “\$200 million settlement makes tribe a force”. That was sure to generate interest and it did.

At Whakarewarewa the marae was a hive of activity. Te Rau Aroha was bustling with the hau kainga intent on preparing the hakari for an expected 500 people. A huge marquee covered the marae area in front of the whare tupuna Wahiao.

An additional 400 plastic chairs provided seating for Affiliates and manuhiri alike during the formal ceremonies.

11.20 am and manuhiri from Ngati Manawa, Ngati Whare, Tainui and Ngai Tahu are powhiri onto Te Pakira Marae.

The speakers were eloquent, the whaikorero full of humour.

1.15 pm, Treaty Minister Burton leads the official party onto Te Pakira for the second powhiri. He is joined by Maori Affairs Minister Horomia,



Treaty Minister Hon. Mark Burton

Treaty Associate Minister Ririnui, local MP Stevie Chadwick and special guest Hon. Margaret Wilson, the Speaker of the House. Government officials from Office of Treaty Settlements, Land Information NZ, Department of Conservation and Treasury were accompanied by Trustees and staff



Hon. Margaret Wilson

from the Crown Forestry Rental Trust.

Following the powhiri the formal signing ceremony began. Executive Council representative for Ngati Ngararanui, Wallace Haumaha proved an eloquent and knowledgeable Master of Ceremonies.

His introductions of each of the guest speakers proved enlightening and entertaining.

Minister Burton spoke about the negotiations, and the pragmatism

and leadership shown by the KEC striving for a settlement that many would describe as 'fair in the circumstances'.

His presentation of seven mounted photographs showing the iconic peaks was received with surprise and pride.

Associate Minister Ririnui also spoke of the conduct of these negotiations and the nature of this comprehensive settlement.

He congratulated the Affiliates for their wish to move on beyond grievance mode.

Speaker Wilson was surprised but pleased at the opportunity to speak. She too talked about the process undertaken by the KEC that it set a precedent in terms of claimant groups being able to move quickly through this process. She made special mention of the "Telling Their Stories" forum.

It was a unique opportunity for Ministers to hear the grievance stories from the people themselves, as opposed to records passed on by bureaucrats.

Eru George spoke on behalf of the KEC and Affiliates. He took the opportunity to formally and publicly acknowledge the many people who shared in the work of bringing the

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Associate Treaty Minister Hon. Mita Ririnui

settlement to fruition.

Then the formal signing ceremony began with Ministers Burton's and Horomia's signatures being witnessed by Associate Minister Ririnui.

Each of the KEC representatives signed and had their signatures witnessed also while the songs erupted all round.

Finally the people were invited to add their signatures as witness to this historic event. More than a 100

people chose to sign, many prepared to wait for a lengthy period of time in order to do so. Others decided it was time for kai and headed off to Te Rau Aroha for the hakari.

As for Saturday night, suffice to say the celebrations went on into the wee small hours.



KEC Chairman Eru George

The Deed is signed...



...Celebrations begin



Distribution Plan Announced

History shows that the benefits of Treaty settlements often take many years to reach the Iwi and Hapu associated with that settlement.

At Te Pakira Marae on 30th September, the Chairman of the KEC, Eru George, announced a distribution plan the KEC hoped would provide immediate benefit to the Affiliate Iwi/Hapu of the KEC.

On 1st December 2006, the interim post settlement governance entity known as the Kaunihera will be established. Immediately following establishment the Kaunihera will make available to Affiliates, a grant of \$100,000 for infra-structural development. The KEC has approved four levels of criteria that Affiliates must meet in order to receive the payment:

1. Evidence that the entity is mandated to receive distributions on behalf of the Affiliate Iwi/Hapu;
2. A certified true and correct copy of its formally executed and attested Constitution;
3. The names, addresses and contact details of the persons currently holding the office of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer; and
4. Evidence of a current bank account in the name of the Affiliate with details of the authorised signatories.

To assist Affiliates wishing to establish such a governance entity, the KEC has developed a template for a Common Law Trust. The template is based on the constitution of the current KEC, one that has served the KEC so well to date. The template and an associated information package are provided as an option for the Affiliates to consider. Affiliates are not required to adopt the template and therefore establish such a Trust. They will however, be required to

establish a legal entity that fulfils the KEC's criteria.

In addition the KEC has resolved that the Kaunihera will make a further distribution of \$5,000 to each Affiliate marae. Again the KEC has approved criteria marae must meet in order to receive payment. Whilst not particularly onerous the KEC has developed what it believes to be robust criteria i.e.:

1. Evidence that the Marae is an existing and acknowledged traditional Marae of that Affiliate Iwi/Hapu;
2. A current Maori Land Court generated "MLIS Management Structure Details Report" detailing the Trustees in whose names that Maori Reservation is vested;
3. The names, addresses and contact details of the persons currently holding the office of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer of the Marae trustees; and
4. Evidence of the authorised signatories.

The second distribution recognises that Marae are the oldest institutions in Te Arawa.



Ngararanui representative Wallace Haumaha with the sample cheques

Our Iconic Peaks

At the conclusion of his speech to the people at the Deed signing, Minister Mark Burton presented seven photographs of the iconic peaks.

The gifts were received with surprise and some emotion.

The Minister commented on the emphasis the KEC Negotiators had placed on significance of these mountains to Te Arawa and the Kaihautu Affiliates in particular. He noted that the Te Arawa Affiliates sheltered under the mana of these iconic peaks.

The photographs depict *Tarawera*, *Matawhaura*, *Mt. Ngongotaha*, *Horohoro Bluff*, *Maunga Kakaramea*, *Paeroa Ranges* and *Rangitoto*.



An emotional time as affiliates receive photographs of our iconic peaks

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Registration

If your hapu, marae or whanau are having a gathering over the coming months, why not contact Nga Kaihautu for registration support.

We can provide support, registration forms and newsletters to assist in the registration of yourselves and/or your whanau.

Registered beneficiaries will ultimately benefit from this settlement.

If you have a hui, birthday, sports day, family reunion, marae working bee, land trust meeting or anything that involves a gathering for our people, phone our registration team on 0800 524 428 or email on registration@nkota.org.nz so we can help register your whanau. We would love to be of assistance.

Panui

If your marae, hapu or iwi would like to advertise upcoming hui or important dates, please email your details to registration@nkota.org.nz so we can include your notice in any upcoming newsletters.

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