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## TE AWA TUPUA

*Nga wai i inuina a  
Ruatipua era  
Nga manga iti e  
honohono kau ana  
Ka hono, ka tipu, hei  
awa  
Hei Awa Tupua*



“Kia mau ki te mana o nga wai,  
purutia, kia ita!”

Ta Archie John Te Atawhai Tairaoa  
13<sup>th</sup> January 1937 – 21<sup>st</sup> September 2010



*Those are the  
drinking  
fonts of Ruatipua  
The small streams  
that run into one  
another  
And continue to link,  
and swell until a  
river is formed  
The Awa Tupua*

## Te Awa Tupua Settlement

The Whanganui Negotiation team has been working hard behind the scenes to give effect to the aspirations outlined in the Whanganui Approach to Settlement. This has been developed over time through a series of Hui ā Iwi specifically about the Awa Tupua Claim.

Timing in an election year is critical. We have been working actively with the Minister of Treaty Waitangi Negotiations, the honorable Christopher Finlayson and the Office of Treaty Settlements to bring this long standing claim and its negotiations to the forefront of the Crown. A paper is currently being prepared for consideration by Cabinet.

The Wider Negotiation team has also continued to meet. Their role is to critique proposed discussions, communicate information and gather feedback from throughout the rohe.

Updates are also provided at the Trust Board Office and on the website [www.wrmtb.co.nz](http://www.wrmtb.co.nz).

This is an open process and if at any time you wish to contribute you can do so. Please contact anyone of the team.

**Remember we can't update you if we do not have a current address for you. Ensure your details are up to date by phoning 06 34 58160.**

## WRMTB Website

A portal for Whanganui uri to use to access information and organisations that are there for us. Please feel free to send updates or panui that you believe Whanganui uri will benefit from.

You can do this by email [wrmtb@wrmtb.co.nz](mailto:wrmtb@wrmtb.co.nz) or calling the office (06) 34 58160 if you have suggestions that may also enhance the website in anyway please also let us know. We are always looking to improve our communication.



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# Te Awa Tupua Settlement

## SETTLEMENT DESIGN

Roles and Responsibilities include;

### Lead Negotiator

- Undertake Lead Negotiation
- Meet with the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations
- Keep abreast of key issues that may impact on the claim
- Participate in key workshops with Crown officials

### Technicians

- Regularly attend workshops with Crown Officials, Lead Negotiator and Legal advisor
- Maintaining the relationships between the Wider Negotiation team
- Communicate progress through Hui a Iwi
- Prepare clear and transparent summaries for the wider negotiation team to share with their collectives

### Wider Negotiation Team

- Provide constructive critique and suggestions on the matters raised through the negotiation process
- Ensure that information is distributed throughout the Iwi

### Runanga Hui A Iwi

- Ensure our people receive updates on the progress
- Provide an opportunity for feedback on the matters being discussed

Following are the principles that guide the negotiations;

**Tikanga** the maintenance and practice of kotahitanga, manaakitanga, rangatiratanga, tangatatiakitanga, wairuatanga, whanaungatanga, Maintain our tikanga based disciplines.

**Commitment** collectively to an agreed shared vision for Te Awa Tupua.

**Communication** maintaining the flow of relevant information to Ngā Uri o Te Awa Tupua in a timely manner alongside strong processes that permit information to flow back to the claims team.

**Other key areas within this context include** Engaging with Rangatahi, as our future (Succession). Providing the means for Kaumatua to be involved who are unable to attend hui face to face interaction, technology and all other relevant mediums.

**Accountability** making sure that those involved in the mahi share information and represent the views of their hapū, marae, tupuna rohe.

**Diversity/Autonomy** under the collective Vision and Principles we agree to work together, although each component is able to maintain their diversity and autonomy in terms of hapū, tikanga & matauranga.

**Leadership** ensure there is sound leadership and an appropriate mix of tane/wahine.

**Decision Making** effective decisions are based on: Transparency, Honesty, accuracy, Clarity, Accountability, Inclusiveness, Collective responsibility and Safety

**Resourcing** being smarter with what we have, maximising our resources to engage in the process

**Acknowledge our past** so that we can proactively move forward/Learn from our mistakes

The overarching principles being:

### Trust, Communication, and Pathways for Participation



## Whanganui ki Otautahi

*After the devastating Canterbury earthquakes, Whanganui was compelled to mobilize and support as many Whanganui uri as possible*

We have all heard, seen and some of us lived with the devastation of the Earthquakes that have rocked Otautahi over the past 12 months.

The February earthquake caused the most devastation and impacts upon our whānau particularly those residing in the eastern suburbs.

Our Iwi Trusts and Incorporations were fast to offer their hand of support and provided financial support directly to our whānau in Otautahi and to the Ngai Tahu fund.

In order to understand the needs a couple of us set off down south to meet with the whānau and get an assessment of the needs first hand. As a result of this visit the Trust Board has teamed up with Te Whiringa Muka Trust who have provided some significant financial support to implement a Otautahi Earthquake Response Plan

The fund had been used to get some coordination working on the ground in Otautahi and networking back to a co-ordinator here in Whanganui. Their primary role was to find and support our Whanganui Whānau who needed help as a result of the earthquakes.

Tiriana Smith has been working part-time in Christchurch liaising with whānau. Rose Matthews took over from Pirihiira Cribb who was working with the whānau from the Whanganui end.

Aaron Rice-Edwards is coordinating funds from the Whanganui Trust and will work closely with Tiriana to ensure that those resources are utilized in the best way possible.

To the majority of the response has been around connecting people up with the financial assistance that the Government has provided. So far we have made contact with 100 whānau and we are sure there are many we still have not managed to find.

With the continuing earthquakes the circumstances are still difficult for whānau. After the recent earthquakes some have reverted back to using chemical toilets, living with exposed cracks and the continuous nerves of uncertainty.

This mahi has created opportunities for Whānaungatanga and connections have been made enabling the whānau to support each other. A 'River Rat' barbecue was one of the initiatives facilitated by one of the whanau recently as a way to get everyone together.

So if you have whānau that still require support but haven't been in touch please contact the office and we will use our whānau networks to see how we can help.

**WE TAPED UP OUR CAR TO HELP FIND PEOPLE THAT MIGHT PASS US ON THE STREET, IT WORKED!**

### HOW YOU CAN DIRECTLY HELP WHANAU IN CHCH

Please consider

- Doing a whanau collection for them and surprise them by sending it through.
- Phoning up for a korero regularly, how was your day and is there anything we can do. Even having a karakia with them.
- Inviting and supporting them to come for a holiday



## EYE ON IT

### Pacific Voyagers



We would encourage you to follow the 'voyaging waka' that set sail from Aotearoa to Hawai'i Tuesday 12 April 2011. Which our very own **Hannah Rainforth** aboard Te Matau a Maui as a crew member for the entire 3 month voyage. The waka can be tracked on the website

<http://www.pacificvoyagers.org/voyage/track-the-voyage/>.

Doing this without a compass or GPS but by the stars and other natural signs the members report that they hope that their estimated bearings will hopefully not too far off! Our thoughts are with the crew members. **She writes in her profile:** *Hana has never been out of sight of land before but this voyage has called her on many different levels from an interest in sailing and stars, to deeply supporting the kaupapa of caring for our oceans, to being increasingly uncomfortable with flying for the sake of leisure due to the carbon footprint. She is passionate about protecting wildlife (both terrestrial and aquatic). "Like the land environment, the ocean needs us to alter our behavior so that it can thrive again. We need to change the very use of plastic, and alter its prevalence in our lives. I want to keep working to protect the world's biota and help people be inspired to change their behavior."*

**WHILST HOME YOU CAN STILL TRACK THE JOURNEY AND PICTURES OF THIS AT THE PACIFIC VOYAGERS SITE. REAL INSPIRATION FOR OUR RANGATAHI**

## Whanganui & the Taku Taimoana Bill

Concluding this year's celebration at Pakaitore January 28th 2011 a contingent of Whanganui whanau went to te Kaihau-a-Kupe to light a fire symbolising and recognising of our Whanganuitanga in relation to the Taku Taimoana Bill. Through the submission process Whanganui formally stated that;

### WHANGANUITANGA

Whanganui Iwi, Hapu history and law show the river, sea and land are interrelated in terms of creation that links all our Taonga together.

The authority which Whanganui Iwi and Hapu exercised to safeguard and protect our Taonga is a fundamental component of Whanganuitanga.

That relationship and authority was clearly reaffirmed in article two of

Te Tiriti o Waitangi of which Whanganui Iwi signed on the 23 May 1840 and the 30 May 1840.



### WHANGANUI IWI STATEMENT

Whanganui Iwi met on the 25th of August 2003, and unconditionally stated that;

Whanganui Iwi opposed any moves to extinguish our tuupuna rights and title to the seabed, foreshore and all natural resources by the Crown, the government and it's agents or any group, people or individuals

Whanganui Iwi had not at any time relinquished their tuupuna rights and title and objected to these being extinguished by the Foreshore and Seabed Act 2004.

### THE WAY FORWARD

Repeal the Foreshore and Seabed Act 2004 providing the ability of Whanganui Iwi to incorporate the Seabed and Foreshore in the current Whanganui River Claim negotiations and related Land Claims.

Whanganui Iwi believe that the Foreshore and Seabed is intrinsically linked to the Whanganui Iwi River and Lands accordingly the repeal of the act must provide and protect the connectedness of this relationship.

**The new Takutai Moana Act 2011 now gives the ability for the foreshore and seabed to be incorporated in the Whanganui River Claim negotiations and related Land Claims.**

## RANGATAHI SUMMIT

This year the Rangatahi Summit, our Hikoi to Matua te Mana will take place from the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2011.

The cost per Rangatahi is **\$50.00**.

Please contact Sheena Maru at the office or Chaana Morgan at Ngati Rangī if you have Rangatahi interested in joining us.

Whānau tautoko is also kindly **appreciated**.

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