



Ngāti Koata, Ngāti Rārua, Wakatu, Ngāti Tama, Te Ātiawa

Panui No 12 - June 2008

*Tuia i runga, tuia i raro, tuia i te herenga tangata
Tihei mauri ora!*

Update on Agreement in Principle Negotiations

During April an offer was received from the Minister in Charge of Treaty Negotiations, Dr Cullen, on behalf of the Crown, to settle the commercial and financial aspects of all the Treaty of Waitangi claims of Tainui Taranaki ki te Tonga. This offer made by Dr Cullen followed some months of negotiations between Tainui Taranaki and the Crown.

The commercial and financial offer that was negotiated with the Crown represents a substantial package which includes the following;

- A cash quantum which can be used to purchase Crown property assets
- An ability to purchase Crown forest lands in Te Tau Ihu
- Securing accumulated rents from the Crown forestry rental trust
- A right to purchase certain Crown properties under standard sale and leaseback
- A right to purchase certain Crown properties under “rent free” sale and lease back
- A right of first refusal that applies to certain Crown properties

The next two months will involve negotiating the cultural redress aspects of the settlement and when this phase is complete, then together with the commercial and financial offer, will form the major parts of the Agreement in Principle.

At this time, it is planned for the Agreement in Principle to be initialled by Tainui Taranaki and the Crown sometime during late July or early August 2008. We will keep you posted of these dates in the next panui. Tainui Taranaki representatives will then conduct a national road show throughout the motu to present the Agreement in Principle for endorsement amongst our Harakeke. The national road show is planned to take place during August.

The Negotiating Team

In February 2008, the board of Tainui Taranaki ki te Tonga adopted a representative based model to conduct negotiations with the Crown towards an Agreement in Principle. This representative based model involved the five shareholders of the company appointing a five person core negotiating team which operates under a set of protocols and guidelines.

The current members of the core negotiating team are:

- Roma Hippolite for Ngāti Koata (commercial and cultural & leader overall)
- Lee Luke (cultural) and Tim Castle (commercial) for Ngāti Rārua
- Waari Ward-Holmes for Wai 56 (lead commercial and cultural)
- Fred Te Miha for Ngāti Tama (commercial and cultural)
- Sharon Gemmell for Te Ātiawa (commercial and lead cultural)

The core negotiating team is supported in its work by a range of specialist advisors and other Iwi claimants who have been through the negotiations process previously.

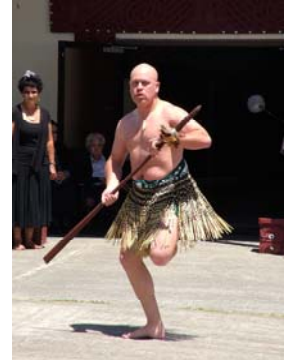
Key Dates for the Future

Sign Agreement in Principle	late July/early Aug 2008
National road show consultation hui	Aug 2008
Signing of a Deed of Settlement	2009

Official Signing of the Terms of Negotiations

Representatives from Ngāti Koata, Ngāti Rārua, Wai 56 (Wakatu Incorporation), Ngāti Tama and Te Ātiawa met with the Crown at Whakatu Marae in Nelson on Tuesday 27 November to sign the Terms of Negotiation. A full copy of the signed Terms of Negotiation is available on our website www.tainuitaranaki.co.nz on the downloads page.

As our manuhiri entered the marae grounds, the local college kapahaka group supported Ron Walker and the haka pōwhiri.



Uncle Barney Thomas was roped into the emcee role on the day – a big thank you Barney for keeping this hui on schedule!



The pae pae was very well supported by the ahi kā of Te Tau Ihu. Many of these whānau are at every hui held on the marae.

The Board of Tainui Taranaki ki te Tonga would like to acknowledge the assistance from:

- Whakatu Marae management and wharekai staff and helpers;
- Doc Nelson – Jazz and her tireless team of helpers who worked tirelessly before, during and after at the marae;
- Wakatu & NRAIT – for koha of kai;
- Ron Walker, Nelson Intermediate Kapahaka group, Janis and Anthony de Thierry; and
- The sub-komiti – who worked very hard to ensure the ceremony proceeded as planned.

**No reira e te Iwi
Ahakoa, he iti, he pounamu**

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