



# PANUI

January/February 2017

## **Tēnā koutou katoa.**

Welcome to our first panui for the Whakatōhea Pre-settlement Claims Trust (the Pre-settlement Trust). We are pleased to be able to keep you informed of Whakatōhea's treaty settlement progress.

We wish to thank the Collective for achieving the draft deed of mandate and for support and dedication of its members over the past five years. The Collective had a goal of communicating information widely to hapū and the iwi, and this task will continue to be a priority for the Pre-settlement Trust.

## **Draft Mandate**

November 2015, a draft mandate strategy was submitted to the Crown for consideration. The draft mandate strategy proposed a new entity, the Whakatōhea Pre-settlement Claims Trust, would seek a mandate from Whakatōhea Iwi members to represent them in treaty settlement negotiations.

A mandate poll was undertaken per the Whakatōhea Pre-settlement Claims trust mandate strategy seeking approval of the following resolution:

## **THAT:**

The Whakatōhea Pre-settlement Claims Trust is mandated to represent Whakatōhea in direct negotiations with the Crown for the comprehensive settlement of all the historical Treaty of Waitangi claims of Whakatōhea.

On the 15 April 2016, public notification occurred and voting papers went out to registered members on the 4 May 2016.

## **Mandate vote**

Twelve mandate hui were held over the voting period these being:

1. Omarumutu Marae, Ōpōtiki;
2. University Waikato, Hamilton;
3. Whatua Kaimarie Marae, Auckland;
4. Terenga Paraoa Marae, Whāngarei;
5. Pataka Museum, Porirua;
6. Te Korowai Atawhai Rooms, Christchurch;
7. Maungaroa Marae, Te Kaha;
8. Eastern Institute of Technology, Gisborne;
9. Tahuwhakatiki Marae, Tauranga;
10. Taharangi Marae, Rotorua;
11. Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga, Hastings;
12. Waihi Marae, Turangi.



**91.6%** voted in favour of the resolution with the results notified on the 7 June 2016.

### **Election and appointment of trustees to the Whakatōhea Pre-settlement Claims Trust**

Implementation of the Pre-settlement Claims Trust occurred on the 16 July 2016, with an independent trustee appointed until final trustees from hapū, marae and the Whakatōhea Māori Trust Board were confirmed.

### **Deed of Succession**

Trustees met on the 9 October 2016 to sign the deed of succession and undertook governance training at the same time. The trustees to the Whakatōhea Pre-settlement Claims Trust are:

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| 1. Ngai Tamahaua hapū representative | Dave Ngatai      |
| 2. Ngāti Rua hapū representative     | Mereaira Hata    |
| 3. Omarumutu marae representative    | Frank Porter     |
| 4. Ngāti Patu hapū representative    | Graeme Riesterer |
| 5. Waiaua marae representative       | Erin Moore       |
| 6. Terere marae representative       | Tahu Taia        |
| 7. Ngāti Ngahere hapū representative | Mana Pirihi      |
| 8. Opeke marae representative        | Jason Kurei      |
| 9. Ngāti Ira hapū representative     | Hera Kurei       |
| 10. Te Upokorehe hapū representative | Muriwai Kahaki   |
| 11. Kutarere marae representative    | Bruce Pukepuke   |
| 12. Maromahue marae representative   | Keita Hudson     |
| 13. Whakatōhea Māori Trust Board     | Robert Edwards   |



Mana Pirihi absent on the day  
Erin Moore new trustee not yet appointed

### **Crown approves Deed of Mandate and Terms of Negotiation**

The Pre-settlement trustees have been working hard to finalise the Deed of mandate, with confirmation approved by the Crown on the 14 December 2016, followed by the terms of negotiation on the 17 December 2016.

### **Meeting with Minister Finlayson and Crown negotiators**

In early January 2017, the trustees met with Chief Crown negotiator, Glenn Webber, followed by a meeting with Minister Finlayson and Office of Treaty Settlement's staff on the 18 January. Our presentation to the minister outlined our historical past, and Whakatōhea's strategic footprint for the future.

As we progress towards achieving the next milestone, we want to assure hapū, marae and the iwi that we will report monthly via Facebook, website, and panui. We are excited at the next phase, and know there are some that disagree with the steps we have taken. We encourage hapū, marae, claimants, and kaumatua from the iwi to attend their own hapū/marae hui to listen and ask questions of their representatives as discussions begin on the negotiations.

### **Watch this space**

1. Proposed Iwi meeting
2. Weekly Monday meetings of Pre-settlement Trustees – Trust Board
3. Kaumatua meetings

Naaku noa  
Graeme Riesterer  
**Chairman**