

Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou Transitional Annual Plan

AGM Report

Please note:

The Report on the Ngati Porou Group will be provided by the subsidiaries at the AGM and the Five Year Strategic Plan will be reported on at the Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou AGM.

Introduction

The signing of the Deed of Settlement between the Crown and Ngati Porou on 22 December 2010 represented the culmination of two and half years of direct negotiations and many more years in earlier discussions and mandating. Immediately following that historic day work commenced on the transition – i.e. the implementation of the post-settlement governance entity, Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou [TRONPnui]. This report covers the transition for the period 1 January – 31 December 2011.

Establishment Representatives

Prior to the election of the first elected representatives TRONPnui was governed by the “establishment representatives”. The establishment representatives were the former cluster representatives for Te Haeata - Rei Kohere (Cluster 1), Api Mahuika (Cluster 2), Ned Ihaka (Cluster 3), Linda Smith (Cluster 4), Selwyn Parata (Cluster 5), Kody Pewhairangi (Cluster 6) and Jock Walker (Cluster 7). They were appointed as directors of Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou Trustee Limited in accordance with the Trust Deed. They were assisted by three advisors; Matanuku Mahuika, Teepa Wawatai and Whaimutu Dewes.

Transition Tasks

The establishment representatives had three main transition tasks to complete:

1. Run the first election of representatives for Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou
2. Usher the Ngati Porou Settlement Bill through the legislative process to final passage
3. Oversee the Airing of Grievances process

In addition, there were a number of issues relating to the Deed of Settlement and the Settlement Bill that required work with various Crown agencies to complete or confirm the process for completion. These included:

- Property transfer issues with Department of Conservation and Land Information NZ
- Inspection of Conservation properties
- Dealing with structural matters for the transfer of subsidiaries
- Follow-up on the next steps to the Accord agreement

Election of First Elected Representatives

Electionz, a Christchurch based company specialized in running elections, was engaged to run the first election of representatives and provide an independent Chief Returning Officer. Nominations opened on 23rd June and closed one month later. Forty-four candidates stood for the fourteen positions available across seven Rohenga Tipuna. Voting packs were sent out on 29 August with a 4 week voting period which closed on 28 September.

The successful candidates in each Rohenga Tipuna were:

- Rohenga Tipuna 1 (Potikirua ki Whangaokena)
 - Ani Pahuru-Huriwai
 - Rei Kohere
- Rohenga Tipuna 2 (Whangaokena ki Waiapu)
 - Apirana Mahuika
 - April Papuni
- Rohenga Tipuna 3 (Pohautea ki Te Onepoto)
 - Lilian Baldwin
 - Ned Ihaka
- Rohenga Tipuna 4 (Te Onepoto ki Rahuimanuka)
 - Marijke Warmenhoven
 - Tui Warmenhoven
- Rohenga Tipuna 5 (Rahuimanuka ki Mataahu)
 - Barry Souter
 - Selwyn Parata
- Rohenga Tipuna 6 (Mataahu ki Kokoronui)

- Jack Chambers
- Kody Pewhairangi
- Rohenga Tipuna 7 (Kokoronui ki Te Toka a Taiau)
 - Fiona Te Momo
 - Jock Walker

The Ngati Porou Settlement Bill

The Ngati Porou Settlement Bill is the means by which TRONPnui will become fully endowed and empowered. The Bill had its first reading in parliament on 17 May 2011. The vote was passed 117 “for” and 5 “against”. From there it was referred to the Maori Affairs Select Committee who travelled to Tikitiki on 1 July to hear submissions at Rahui and in Wellington a week later. The Select Committee reported back to Parliament on 30 August.

The objective has always been to get our Bill passed as soon as possible. However the legislation schedule is beyond our control. But it was the earthquakes that devastated the city of Christchurch that had the biggest impact on parliamentary business. It caused a major setback to the schedule; creating a log-jam of Bills before the House. As a result more legislation was passed under “urgency” during the year than during in any other period in parliament. Progress was further impeded when the House rose in the middle of October for the General Election meaning no more Bills were considered for the remainder of the year.

Parliament will resume at the end of February 2012. The legislation schedule is tightly controlled by the Leader of the House and dates for “Bill Readings” are never publicized more than a few days in advance. It is impossible to be certain about legislation timing so our plans are based on our best estimates, considering all factors. On that basis we believe our Bill will be passed by May and receive Royal Assent by June. That will trigger the transfer of the Settlement Assets from the Crown to TRONPnui and the transfer of the Pre-Settlement

Assets from TRONP to TRONPnui. At that point TRONPnui will be fully endowed and empowered.

Airing of Grievances

The Airing of Grievances process provides an opportunity for claimants, whose claims will be settled by the Ngati Porou Deed of Settlement, to air their treaty grievances before the Crown. The Crown agreed that up to 10 days (if required) would be set aside for claimants to tell their story to senior Crown representatives. Airings were planned for three days from 24 – 26 August in three locations – Hinerupe Marae, Pakirikiri Marae and Hauti Marae. They were to be recorded and broadcasted live on Radio Ngati Porou. Sir Wira Gardiner agreed to facilitate the series of hui.

Forty-three WAI claimants registered to air their grievances. However, the day before the first Airing at Hinerupe, thirty five of the confirmed presenters informed the Crown they would not be attending. The main reason cited for the boycott was insufficient time to present their grievances. The Airings were subsequently reduced to 1 day at Hinerupe on 25 August where eight WAI claimant representatives presented to the Minister of Treaty Settlements – Chris Finlayson. Those who presented at Hinerupe appreciated the opportunity to tell their story to the Minister. There was also positive feedback received from others who attended or listened to the live broadcast.

In response to the “boycott” the Minister, speaking at Hinerupe, offered to make himself available in the “New Year” for further Airings and invited claimants to discuss the matter. Since then the Crown has informally tested the level of interest among specific claimant groups and it is likely that further Airings will be held.

