



Ngāti Kahungunu
Ki Wairarapa-Tāmaki
Nui ā Rua Trust

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Where to next?

Following on from the AIP Ratification Hui and AIP Signing Hui, the next two areas of work for the Trust are working towards establishing a Post Settlement Governance Entity (PSGE) and negotiations towards the Deed of Settlement.



Whānau on the bus travelling to the AIP signing in Dannievirke.

Why Register?

To be notified of important issues and decisions affecting Ngāti Kahungunu Ki Wairarapa-Tāmaki Nui ā Rua claims.

To have a say, registered beneficiaries 18 years and over can vote on claims related matters. To receive information of benefits that you may be entitled to resulting from settlement of historical claims.



Powhiri for our Crown visitors at the AIP signing hui

“Kua huri ngā rau tau o ngā kaumātua, ko ēnei rau tau nō ngā taitamariki”

“The centuries of our elders have passed, the coming centuries belong to our children”

(A whakatauaki from Tamahau Mahupuku in 1899 at Papawai)

PSGE Ratification Process

Before settlement assets can be transferred to an iwi, a legal structure must be in place to receive those assets. That structure is referred to as a post-settlement governance entity or PSGE.

The Post Settlement Governance Entity (PSGE) ratification process is basically the steps required to gain approval from registered adult members, for the PSGE group proposed by the KKWTNR Trustees to be the entity to receive and manage Settlement assets. It is also about ensuring everyone is as informed as possible about the process for ratifying, and the key components of the Post Settlement Governance Entity (PSGE).

This process will involve:

Distribution of information: Ratification packs will be sent out to all registered adult members 18 years of age and over, and will include a ratification booklet with all the relevant information to assist in making an informed decision, and a voting pack.

Communication: Ratification hui will be scheduled throughout the rohe prior to voting closing to give people a chance to hear from Trustees in person and ask questions. These hui will be held in Auckland, Mangakino, Dannevirke, Hastings & Masterton. Further information will be made available via the KKWTNR website, the KKWTNR Facebook page, and where possible via Hapu Karanga Facebook pages or hui and radio. The PSGE will also be discussed at hapu karanga hui.

Voting: Voting will take place by post, electronic internet voting or in person (via secure ballot). All votes must be received by 5pm on the final day of voting (postal votes must be date stamped this date). Each registered person will be allocated an individual voting identification number to prevent duplication. Voting will close at the conclusion of the Special General Meeting (Masterton)

The entire process will be supervised by an independent returning officer who will supervise the voting, count the votes and report on the results.

NB: Registrations received after the voting period has begun will be classed as special votes. If you or anyone you know want to have your say, register now at <http://register.kkwtmr.org.nz/registration.php>

Kaumātua at the AIP signing in Dannievirke on 7 May 2016



Deed of Settlement

The Trust is also working towards initialing the Deed of Settlement (DOS) in February 2017, with ratification during March and April. Most areas of redress are largely complete with just the details to be worked through but there are also some areas of potential redress (such as the Landcorp Farms) where more work is required. Trustees envisage this time frame to be achievable, though subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.



Attendees at the AIP Ratification Hui at the Masterton Town Hall on 23 April 2016 numbered 200+, with 188 registered voters having their say. An overwhelming majority — 87% — voted “YES”.



Signing the AIP Document in Dannievirke (Left to Right): Robin Potangaroa, Hayden Hape, Haami Te Whaiti, Marama Tuuta, Rex Hemi and a representative of the younger generation - Jarrod Hape

Mapunaatea

The acquisition of Mapunaatea still remains an aspiration of Kahungunu but is no longer able to be progressed as part of these negotiations.

Because of the private nature of the property it is outside the scope of the Crown to be part of the settlement. It therefore becomes a matter for the Post Settlement Governance Entity to pursue post settlement.



Whanau from far and wide came to protest the sale of Mapunaatea, staging an occupation of the property in June 2015.



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