

He pānui: An update on our settlement

Kia ora e te whānau,

We are pleased to share with you that the Crown has initialled the draft Deed of Settlement for our Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui-a-Rua Treaty settlement.

The Trust is expecting to receive the initialled document early this week. All our Trustees will then consider the Deed and, if we believe it reflects the best agreement for our people, we will initial the Deed on behalf of Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui-a-Rua.

This is an important milestone in our journey to settlement, and one we should all acknowledge.

But the next steps are even more important.

If the Trustees initial the Deed, the Trust will then share the proposed settlement with you – our registered iwi members – to consider and then to vote on. It will be up to you, our people, to decide whether the settlement goes ahead or not.

The Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui-a-Rua Treaty settlement is for all our uri. If you whakapapa to our rohe, you are entitled to be a part of this settlement.

We will be coming to you in the following months to outline the proposed settlement package and give you all the information you need to make an informed vote. This is called the ‘ratification’ process. Please check that you and your whānau are registered with the Trust so you can have a say.

This is your chance to be a part of history for Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui-a-Rua. This settlement will mark a new dawn for our people – te ao hou. Together we are stronger than fighting alone.

Our kaumātua and kuia organised and researched our claims for decades, and some of them are no longer with us. Our old people started this journey, we owe it to them and our tīpuna to finish it.

It will not be the end of the road, but it will allow us to repair the past, acknowledge the wrongs, and move forward into our next phase as Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui-a-Rua.

We will be communicating with all our members so you can keep updated. Please follow our official Trust Facebook page, and check our website, for further information and updates.

Ngā mihi

Your Trustees

Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui-a-Rua Settlement Trust.

If you have any questions, please contact your representative or the Trust office via email: admin@kkwtmr.org.nz, or phone: 0800 KKWTNR (0800 559 867) or (06) 216 1277 (free to Masterton and Carterton callers).