

Kia ora whānau.

Our Trustees held a Board hui this week and decided the proposed Deed of Settlement for Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui-a-Rua is not yet in a place where we feel it is ready for us to initial.

As a Trust, our role is to achieve the best settlement we can for all Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui-a-Rua, and there are still some final details we need to agree on with the Crown. We will resume our discussions in January.

Once the proposed Deed of Settlement is initialled (hopefully early in the New Year), we will move on to the ratification phase. This is when all our adult iwi members will have the opportunity to vote on whether you want our settlement to go ahead.

If our whānau approve this settlement, we believe it will mark a new dawn for Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui-a-Rua – te ao hou. We are stronger together than fighting alone.

The Trust will keep you updated on how you can be a part of this important journey for our iwi and our future.

Wairarapa Moana Incorporation Shareholders

As we have said previously, the leadership of Wairarapa Moana Incorporation (WMI) are putting our entire settlement at risk. We believe WMI shareholders need to hear all the information to be able to make a decision on this.

If you are a WMI shareholder, our Trustees will contact you over the next few weeks to seek your support for our call for a Special General Meeting to be held to kōrero kanohi ki te kanohi.

To the rest of our iwi, we will keep you updated on developments.

Remember, if you whakapapa to our rohe, including whānau who are shareholders of WMI, you are entitled to be a part of our settlement.

Our tīpuna started this journey and we owe it to them to complete it.

Nā reira, we wish you and your whānau a safe and fun holiday season.

Ngā mihi,
Your Trustees

To vote in the ratification process in early 2018, you will need to be registered to vote. Please check with all your whānau to make sure they are registered.

To register, go to our website www.kkwtnr.org.nz or email admin@kkwtnr.org.nz to get a registration form. You can also phone **0800 KKWTRN (0800 559 867)** or **06 216 1277** (free to Masterton and Carterton callers).