

UENUKU

CHARITABLE TRUST

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TE KOROWAI O WAINUIĀRUA

Treaty Claims Pānui



Tēnei te mihi ki a koutou, ngā uri o Tamahaki, Tamakana, Uenuku hoki. Tēnā koutou katoa.

Welcome to the new Treaty claims pānui for Te Korowai o Wainuiārua. The Uenuku Charitable Trust and its Treaty Negotiations team are hoping to keep you better informed about the progress of negotiations by regularly providing updates. We're aiming to produce quarterly pānui and more if necessary. Please feel free to contact the team at our Raetihi offices if you have a story for us: enquiries@uenuku.iwi.nz or phone 06 385 4900.

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HE MAIMAI AROHA

Tangi atu rā ngā tini aituā, koutou kua riro ki tua o Paerau e ngau kino nei e te mamae. Taku aroha noa i te mūrau a te tini, te wenerau a te mano. Moe mai i roto i ngā ringaringa o te Ariki, oti atu e. E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā kanohi ora o Uenuku, Tamakana, Tamahaki.

UENUKU, TAMAKANA, TAMAHAKI

TREATY SETTLEMENT INFORMATION HUI 2017

WHANGANUI 10 JUNE RANGAHUA MARAE 10AM - MASTERTON 10 JUNE MASTERTON MOTOR LODGE 5PM - WELLINGTON
11 JUNE SPCA ALEXANDRA RD 4PM - RAETIHI 18 JUNE 28 QUEEN ST 11AM - HASTINGS 24 JUNE ANGUS HOTEL 11AM -
HAMILTON 25 JUNE AIRPORT HOTEL 10AM - AUCKLAND 25 JUNE HOLIDAY INN AUCKLAND AIRPORT 4.30PM - INVERCARGILL
22 JULY ASCOT PARK 12PM - CHRISTCHURCH 23 JULY GARDEN HOTEL SHIRLEY 11AM

THOUGHTS FROM THE CHAIR

Aiden Gilbert

We have been working hard through a long period of planning to prepare for negotiations. Our board is operating collectively and well, we have in place an experienced and sensible negotiations team, our research committee has made great strides and our small operational arm is working to support all of these groups. It is my belief that our preparations will pay off as we head into negotiations proper for the comprehensive settlement of our historic claims. This will be a long journey and we will continue to face many challenges. It is important that we are all fully informed so that we are able to move forward together. Over the next few months I encourage you to attend the hui, read the pānui and stay involved as together we make a number of important long-term decisions regarding our future. I look forward to negotiating this pathway toward redress for the many breaches of the Treaty that our people have endured. It will not be justice and can never compensate for what was taken away from us, but I am encouraged by the many possibilities that lie in front of us with a settlement that can assist to re-establish us as mana whenua in our rohe.



Aiden Gilbert.

Challenges and opportunities

There are many, many challenges and opportunities facing our people, including pressing environmental, social and economic issues. As we move carefully and steadily toward a settlement that may help provide a foundation from which to address these issues, we will need your ideas, involvement and support. We call for those who can to bring their skills and energy home to Raetihi and the wider rohe to assist in the vast amount of mahi required to protect the interests of our taonga whenua, awa and whānau.

We hold Treaty Settlement information hui at home in Raetihi on the third Sunday of every month, and kaumātua hui, hapū forums and Wai Claimants hui. We've been trialling the livestream broadcasting of our Treaty Settlement information hui to give those on Facebook the opportunity to tune into a live hui if you're not able to attend in person. Keep an eye out for pānui, or check our Facebook page and website regularly for upcoming events. We use Twitter and texting, too, and will email if we have your contact details.

If you have any questions, please let me know or contact one of our team – contact details are at the back of this panui. Even better, when you are in Raetihi call in and say kia ora.

Tēnā koutou katoa.

Nā, Aiden

“I am encouraged by the many possibilities that lie in front of us...”

MEET THE TEAM

In each pānui, we'll introduce you to members of our Team. In this pānui we're kicking off with the *punga here* of our operations team, Ariana Hawira.

Office Support - Ariana Hawira

Ko Ruapehu te Maunga,
Ko Whanganui te Awa,
Ko Uenuku te Iwi,
Ko Ariana Hawira ahau.

Ariana Hawira manages Uenuku Charitable Trust's office in Raetihi and supports the rest of the UCT operations team and Negotiations Team as they work through the Treaty settlement process. Born and raised in Raetihi, she married her childhood sweetheart Tojo Hawira in Raetihi last year. They have four children. She is passionate about her whanaunga, the people of Uenuku, Tamakana and Tamahaki, and looks forward to hopefully being a part of some positive changes within the community.



Ariana Hawira.

Who are we?

On 1 February 2014, a Hui-ā-Iwi at Mangamingi Pā called for a new tribal authority, and Uenuku Charitable Trust (UCT) was established. Three tūpuna – Tamakana, Tamahaki and Uenuku – were identified as unifying our Treaty of Waitangi claims area as a Large Natural Grouping (LNG). The LNG was named Te Korowai o Wainuiārua. In July 2015, the Te Korowai o Wainuiārua claimant community supported the resolution:

“That Uenuku Charitable Trust is mandated to represent Te Korowai o Wainuiārua in negotiations with the Crown for the comprehensive settlement of all historical Treaty of Waitangi claims that relate to Te Korowai o Wainuiārua.”

Research Team

We have a core team of researchers who include Don Robinson, Boy Cribb, Gaye Whitu, Te Kurataiaha Wanikau Turoa, Edward Clark, Carolyn Heta, Clive Te Iwimate and Sheryl Connell – and we draw on other expertise as needed. We are also lucky to have on board our expert mapper Jake Robinson.

Board of Trustees

UCT has a large Board currently numbering 17 trustees, all of whom have been mandated through formal processes by their hapū, marae, or Wai Claimant, uri or rangatahi groups to represent the interests of the people. We hold Board hui in Raetihi on the third Sunday of each month, which uri are welcome to attend. We are always open to and guided by the views expressed by our whānau and hapū. We are clear that our job is to represent the views and interests of our people.

Negotiations Team

UCT has appointed a team to drive negotiations with the Crown and represent the interests of our people. We are proud to have with us our experienced and knowledgeable Lead Negotiator Chris McKenzie, who leads all aspects of our multiple settlement workstreams. Paora Haitana and Aiden Gilbert complete our team of three negotiators. They are supported by specialist advisors, an historian, a research committee, the Board of Trustees, and a small Operations Team – Treaty Project Manager Steve Hirini, Negotiations Support Moana Ellis and Office Support Ariana Hawira.

MEET THE TEAM

Historian - Professor Richard Boast

We are proud to have with us Professor Richard Boast QC, who specialises in legal history and Māori land law.

A lecturer at Victoria University's School of Law, Professor Boast has written many research reports for the Waitangi Tribunal process and has been an expert historian over many years in settlement negotiations between iwi and the Crown.

He has made special submissions to the Tribunal, including on the law relating to the foreshore and seabed, Crown purchasing of Māori land, and the Native Land Court.

Professor Boast has published a three-volume critique of leading judgments of the Native Land Court and in 2009 his book 'Buying the Land, Selling the Land', which dealt with Māori land and the Native Land Court from 1865-1920, was awarded the Montana Book award for history.

In 2015 Professor Boast was appointed a Queen's Counsel in recognition of his contribution to legal-historical scholarship.

Professor Boast is working with our Research Team to complete a comprehensive report incorporating traditional history, the Native Land Court and an historical account.



Professor Richard Boast.



Moana Ellis, Negotiations Support.

LEAD NEGOTIATOR'S UPDATE

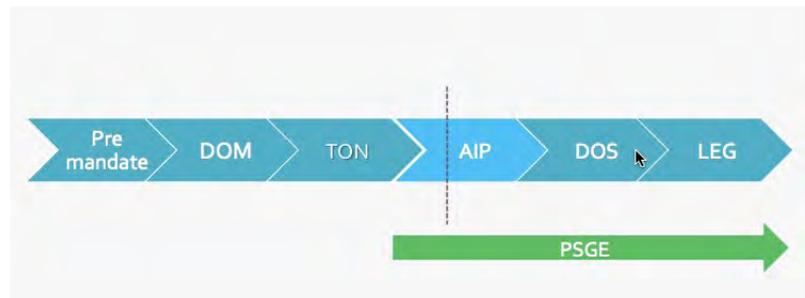


Chris McKenzie.

Chris McKenzie

We have come through an extensive Pre-Mandate process to prove to the Crown that we have the support of our people to lead negotiations. Our Deed of Mandate was formally recognised in July 2016. In February we signed the Terms of Negotiation in which we determined the rules for how we act during negotiations with the Crown, and we are now in the Agreement in Principle phase. This is the business end of negotiations, which will determine the value and content of the settlement package and prepare our historical account of Treaty breaches. In this phase we will also begin crucial discussions on the Post-Settlement Governance Entity (PSGE) that will receive the settlement and manage the assets going forward. To be clear, UCT will not be the entity that receives settlement assets – a new entity will be created for that task, and we will be looking for your direction on who you want to receive and manage the assets, and how.

We have held extensive rounds of hui to prepare for negotiations, including with kaumātua, Wai claimants, hapū, local authorities, land trusts, government agencies, and neighbouring iwi. We are in talks with Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Maru, Ngāti Rangī, Ngāti Hāua and the Whanganui Land Settlement Trust on overlapping land interests and the Treaty settlement process. We have taken great strides in sorting out our respective and shared interests, or – because of our extensive shared whakapapa – how we might look after each other's interests. All of these conversations – although sometimes challenging – have been good, and we are committed to continuing to work through these discussions.



As well as comprehensive land settlement, we are involved in a number of other settlements, including:

- Tongariro National Park, which will be negotiated by a collective of six iwi comprising Uenuku, Ngāti Rangī, Ngāti Hāua, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Hikairo and Ngāti Maniapoto.
- Whanganui National Park, a significant portion of which sits within our area of interest. Last year, we facilitated a hui of iwi with interests in Whanganui National Park to begin discussions on the potential for a collective approach to negotiations.
- Taurewa Forest – a discrete settlement offer was made to a Trust set up by shareholders. The deal fell through. At the request of some shareholders, UCT is working to revive the settlement.

One of the factors the Crown will use to decide the level of redress they will offer is population – or how many people count themselves as Uenuku, Tamakana and/or Tamahaki. Based on the Census and other statistical information, the Crown thinks our number is small. Our team is working hard to show the Crown the true extent of our population. You can help by making sure you and all of your whānau, including your children, are registered members – go to www.uenuku.iwi.nz or contact enquiries@uenuku.iwi.nz

Tēnā koutou.

Nā, Chris

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PATHWAY TO SETTLEMENT: BE PART OF THE JOURNEY

What do we want from Treaty Settlement?

Got a spare 15 minutes? Grab a cuppa and get involved by telling us what you want from Treaty Settlement for our whānau, hapū and iwi. It's easy to have your say by filling in our online Aspirations Survey at uenuku.iwi.nz – or just jot down your key ideas in an email to enquiries@uenuku.iwi.nz, on our Facebook page, by post to PO Box 102, Raetihi, or text or phone Moana on 027 516 3433. Your thoughts will help our Negotiations Team develop a redress strategy for the descendants of Uenuku, Tamakana and Tamahaki.

Maranga mai, e te iwi.

TAKING IT TO THE PEOPLE - ROADSHOW 2017

Ready to brainstorm what we want from Treaty Settlement? Got any burning questions? Confused by the process? Come and meet our Negotiations Team kanohi ki te kanohi...

Our Negotiations Team is midway through our fifth national round of Treaty Settlement Information Hui since 2014. Beginning in Whanganui, the team is travelling the length and breadth of Aotearoa in June and July to deliver up-to-date and accurate information in nine hui from Invercargill to Auckland. Lead negotiator Chris McKenzie says the team is proud to bring whānau the latest update on progress.



Lead Negotiator Chris McKenzie delivers the latest information on our Treaty Settlement progress to whānau in Wellington.

“In the past two weeks we’ve completed our first four roadshows in Whanganui, Masterton, Wellington and Raetihi, and we’ve been pleased with the level of interest. We’ve had kuia and koroua, Wai claimants and rangatahi such as the group of Victoria University students who came to see us in Wellington, and there have been plenty of questions and interesting kōrero, both during and after the hui. We’re looking forward to talking with our whānau in Hastings, Hamilton, Auckland, Christchurch and Invercargill over the next month. All these discussions not only help our whānau stay informed, connected and involved in the mahi that is being done, but also help our team to develop our strategies. We want to thank whānau for attending and for their tautoko and endorsement of the work being done on their behalf.”

SKI PASSES FOR REGISTERED URI

Uenuku Charitable Trust (UCT) Iwi Season Passes for the Whakapapa and Turoa Ski Areas are again being made available for registered uri of Uenuku Charitable Trust through our relationship with Ruapehu Alpine Lifts (RAL). An information pānui will shortly be sent to registered members.

Register now, or update your contact details, and win

Register as uri of Uenuku, Tamakana, Tamahaki, or – if you’re already registered – update your contact details to be in for a chance to win a Season Pass worth \$999 or two All Mountain day passes, worth \$238. Five double passes are available. Register or update your contact details by 5pm 14 July to be in to win. Winners will be announced on 17 July.

To register, go to www.uenuku.iwi.nz and register online or email us at enquiries@uenuku.iwi.nz for a registration form, or phone 06 385 4900. If you’re already registered, update us with your current contact details: Email enquiries@uenuku.iwi.nz with your name, phone numbers, email address and postal address and we will update your registration.



Champion Raetihi snowboarder Tui Wikohika, competing for Raetihi Primary School. Photo: Liz Brooker.

OUR PLACES, OUR STORIES

“Manganui-a-te-ao - ‘Great River of the World’ is a literal translation. It is approximately 100 feet above sea level at the mouth. Its broadness of plateau and highly fertile flat lands on either side ensured it was able to sustain life for all things. Many people lived along this river enjoying the semi-tropical climate in the lower valley. A natural food bowl, where a wide variety of fruit grow, vegetables, animals, birds and fish. This and other surrounding valleys are sheltered like the Canterbury Plains are sheltered by the Southern Alps from the prevailing westerly winds. The Manganui-a-te-ao was the stronghold between the mountains and the river. It wasn’t only a kāinga and food source, but also a pathway for the Whanganui iwi, around past the foot of the mountains into Tūwharetoa. Being a relatively safe haven for our people, guarded at the northern end near Hauhungatahi by Pehi Turoa (his principal marae there Ngā Tokoerua), and at the southern gateway by Waikurekure Marae. It was difficult to enter from either end unseen, once detected twice as difficult to get out - another useful characteristic of this river.”

- Evidence of Turuhia (Jim) Edmonds to the Waitangi Tribunal in the National Park Sub-District Inquiry (Wai 1130), 5 May 2006.



Place name changes – our kōrero, our history

The recognition and restoration of our Uenuku, Tamakana and Tamahaki identity, history, traditional associations, cultural heritage and kōrero is emerging as a key Treaty Settlement aspiration. As part of our work to develop Redress Strategy, we are working on identifying official place names which could be changed under our settlement to reflect our kōrero and history, including the reinstatement of original Māori place names.

Got a suggestion for a place name? Email enquiries@uenuku.iwi.nz or fill in an online Aspirations Survey.

MINISTER HEARS HOPES FOR SETTLEMENT

Our Negotiations Team has given the Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations Minister a heads-up on some of the early Treaty settlement aspirations of Uenuku, Tamakana and Tamahaki.

Minister Chris Finlayson visited UCT in Raetihi on May 16, together with a team from the Office of Treaty Settlements, and managers and advisors for the Department of Conservation. UCT chair and negotiator Aiden Gilbert said the visit was crucial to ensuring that the Minister, his team and DOC understand the history of and the challenges facing the people of Uenuku, Tamahaki and Tamakana.

Negotiators and historian Professor Richard Boast presented an overview of Te Korowai o Wainuiārua and its constituent tribes and hapū, the nature of the claims and the historical issues. The group toured a small number of sites of significance and were given an overview of preliminary redress aspirations to address the impact of Treaty breaches suffered by the three tribes and their many hapū.

“It was good to have that dedicated time with the Minister,” Aiden said. “I think the Minister and his team know us, our history and our aspirations a little better, and that is a good starting point as we begin drilling down into some of the ways our grievances should be addressed through this particular process.”

The Negotiations Team will meet with Minister Finlayson again next month to talk in detail about some of the unusual and unique factors impacting upon Uenuku, Tamakana and Tamahaki and to present a detailed ‘aspirations for redress’ package.



Minister Finlayson spent a day with the Negotiations Team, Wai Claimants, kuia and koroua, UCT trustees and members of the Te Korowai o Wainuiārua claimant community to hear their aspirations for redress.



Mapping expert Jake Robinson, Tamakana descendant Sheryl Connell and negotiator/chair Aiden Gilbert during the presentation to the Minister in Raetihi. Photos: John Chapman.



Treaty Negotiations Minister Chris Finlayson has breakfast with Raetihi Primary School prefects and te reo Māori students.

HELP US TO KEEP YOU INFORMED

Encourage all your whānau to register (online at www.uenuku.iwi.nz or contact us for a registration form) and provide a current email address and phone number so that we can easily keep the information flow going. If your kuia and koroua aren't online, please print out a copy of any information for them, and give them a hand to register if they're not IT-savvy. Ngā mihi.

IN THE NEXT PĀNUI:

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What you said you want from Treaty Settlement...

Sneak peek: Historical account

An indepth look at a draft Agreement in Principle

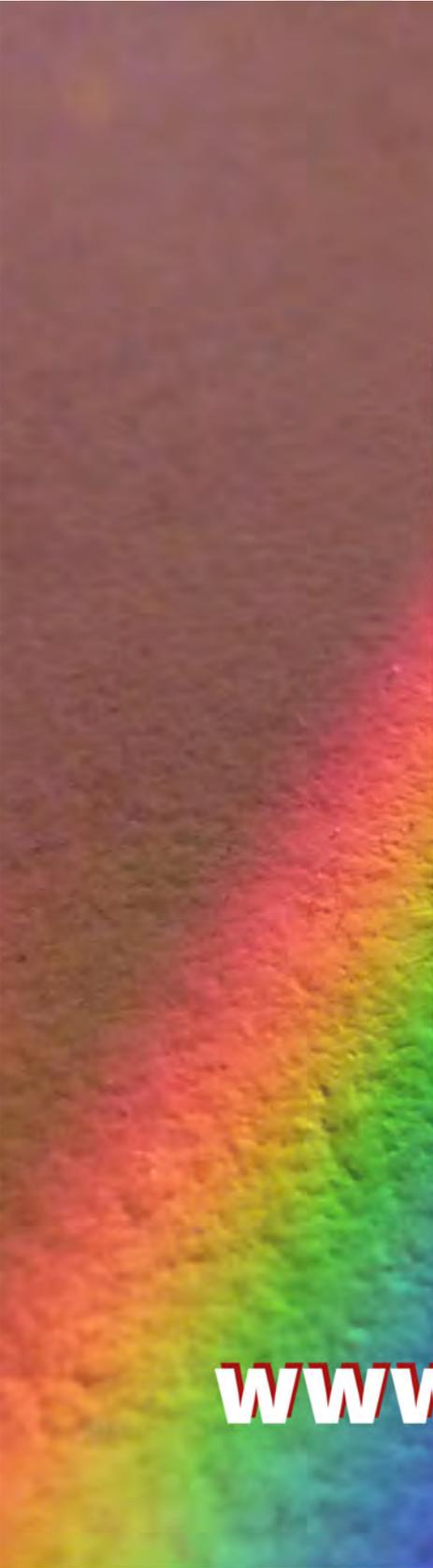


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REGISTER NOW
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If you're a descendant of Uenuku, Tamakana or Tamahaki, help Uenuku Charitable Trust keep you informed and involved in our Treaty Settlement progress.

Registering online is easy at www.uenuku.iwi.nz

or phone 06 385 4900 for a form.

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