

Uenuku Iwi Update

Uenuku Charitable Trust

Children of the Rainbow

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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 koutou hoki ngā mātāwaka e takahi nei i te whenua hei tutuki i ngā wawata o rātou mā. Mauri ora ki a tātou katoa.

KEEPING YOU CONNECTED

E ngā reo o te whenua waiwaiā mai i te Kāhui Maunga ki Tangaroa, whakarongo mai ki te reo iti nei e pā ana ki ngā mahi a ngā hapū me ngā mahi a te iwi. Tēnā Koutou and welcome to the first edition of *Uenuku Iwi Update*. The board of the Uenuku Charitable Trust is delighted to bring you this first edition of our regular newsletter, which aims to keep you informed and updated on our organisation, our work, our community and upcoming events.

UPDATE FROM YOUR UENUKU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mā te kotahi o te waihoe ka tae tō tātou waka ki uta.

The Uenuku Trust Board represents the interests of Uenuku people regardless of where they live in the world. As an elected interim body, it is our responsibility to protect the identity and authority of Uenuku as kaitiaki of our rohe, and to build a stronger economic, social and cultural base for our people. Uenuku Charitable Trust was established on

1 February 2014, mandated at a hui-ā-iwi at Mangamingi Pā. The Trust was formed following the decision of Uenuku Tribal Authority (UTA) incorporated society to dissolve in favour of forming a new entity more suited to the needs of Uenuku people. The current board is an interim (or establishment) board elected by members of Uenuku according to the Constitution.

The interim board will serve until

February 2015, when a new board will be elected at the first Uenuku AGM. Seventeen of the 37 board seats are filled and we urge marae, claimants, rangatahi and hapū to nominate their representatives to the Uenuku Trust Board without delay, so that all Uenuku people are fairly represented under this new entity. Our Constitution provides for board representation of Uenuku whānui,

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BOARD MEMBERS

Aiden Gilbert (Chair), Marilyn Mako (Secretary), Lesley (Missy) Edmonds (Interim Treasurer), Mahanga Williams, Tracey-lee Repia, Clive Te Iwimate, Don Robinson, Hune Rapana, Maria Perigo, Caroline Heta, Brabyn Kerei, Clyde Connell, Raymond Rapana, Johanne Patel, Rangi Bristol, Peter Wikohika, Kurataiaha Te Wanikau. Operations Manager: Teina Boasa-Dean.



HIGH ACHIEVERS: Uenuku tamariki from the Raetihi School Swimming Academy after their 6am training at Waiouru swimming pool on Friday morning – temperature a warm -1° and still smiling!

TREATY CLAIMS QUESTIONS

What are Treaty claims?

In 1975, the Treaty of Waitangi Act established the Waitangi Tribunal and gave the Treaty legal recognition in NZ law for the first time. This gave Māori the right to seek redress (compensation) for breaches by the Crown and the New Zealand government. Many Māori individuals, hapū and iwi have lodged claims against the Crown over more than 35 years. Those claims sought the return to hapū and iwi of lands, waterways, forests and many other natural resources and 'taonga'. Treaty claims are investigated by the Waitangi Tribunal whose job is to recommend remedies for the grievances presented. Settling the claims is achieved through negotiations with the Government. A Settlement is an agreement between the Crown and a claimant group and its community.

What are the Uenuku claims?

About 10 years ago, Uenuku people lodged some 32 claims on behalf of whānau, hapū and iwi. Uenuku is currently at various stages in progressing five distinct settlement areas: the Whanganui River, Uenuku lands, Te Kāhui Maunga, Taurewa Forest, Tongariro National Park, and Uenuku cultural and commercial redress. In addition to these are other settlements, the Waikune Prison and the Rangipo 8 claim.

What is an LNG and a Deed of Mandate?

The Crown does not negotiate with individuals. Its policy is to negotiate with a mandated group. An LNG is a large natural group capable of showing inclusiveness, with whakapapa and tupuna in common, and a defined claims area. Uenuku Charitable Trust is committed to a united approach with other Uenuku groups to establish its large natural group. This stage of the Treaty claims process relies heavily on strong, solid and trusted relationships with neighbouring whānau, hapū and iwi. Strengthening whanaungatanga and whakapapa connections is the key to our unification. When a group has achieved LNG status, it must then obtain a Deed of Mandate from its people. Mandate cannot be awarded by the Crown; it is given by the people.

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with 37 seats on the board, comprising:

Three (3) persons representing Uenuku marae.

Three (3) persons representing uri who live outside the region.

Three (3) Treaty of Waitangi claimant representatives.

Two (2) rangatahi.

Twenty-six (26) persons representing the 26 Uenuku hapū.

Kaumātua in advisory roles as of right.

New representatives must be mandated by the groups they represent, and may join the board immediately their election has been verified by the board.

In the meantime, the energy and commitment of the interim board, its support team and its operations manager is carrying Uenuku forward. It is imperative that we unite as a people and move forward as one to uplift the mana, wairua and oranga of our iwi. We have an open-door policy and we welcome your thoughts, ideas and suggestions. We encourage you to participate fully in Uenuku matters, and we thank you for your support. *Nāku te rourou, nāu te rourou, ka ora ai tātou, te iwi.* Together we prosper. – Aiden Gilbert (Chair)

TREATY CLAIMS UPDATE

RANGIPO 8 BLOCK: Uenuku uri will present new evidence before the Māori Land Court in July or August.

TE AWA TUPUA: Uenuku has recently attended the Te Awa Tupua (Whanganui River) Deed of Settlement wānanga, and is preparing its response to the ratification hui on 22 June at Mangamingi Pā at 10am. The Crown and Whanganui River negotiators agreed in principle to a Settlement when they initialled the Te Awa Tupua Deed of Settlement (DoS) in March this year. Whanganui River people are now being asked to vote on whether to ratify the DoS, and whether to establish a new post-settlement governance entity called Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui. Copies of the draft Deed of Settlement can be obtained from <http://www.wrmtb.co.nz/> or <http://www.teawatupua.com/> or from the Whanganui River Māori Trust Board office at 116 Liverpool Street, Whanganui.

TE KĀHUI MAUNGA: All Kāhui Maunga iwi will meet on 20 June, 10am, at The Park, National Park, to discuss the merits of a collective approach.

NEXT HUI: 21 June, Raetihi Pā, 10am

PĀNUI MAI: Our pānui are as much about you and our community as they are about Uenuku trust business. We welcome contributions on hui, whānau, hapū, marae and community events, achievements and celebrations. Please email your pānui and photos to Moana Dawson – moana@simplemedia.co.nz