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**A newsletter for Te Arawa descendants about the direct
Treaty settlement negotiations with the Crown**

Te Pumautanga O Te Arawa



*Rev. Bob Schuster officiates at the signing ceremony with (from right to left)
Te Arawa Pumautanga Chair Eru George and Operations Manager, Nero Panapa*

Kaihautu Korero

Kaihautu Korero is produced every six weeks by Nga Kaihautu o Te Arawa Executive Council. It aims to inform Te Arawa descendants about the direct negotiations the council is undertaking with the Crown to settle the historical Treaty of Waitangi claims of its affiliate iwi and hapu. Because of the high demand for information Kaihautu Korero will be supplemented by Kaihautu Korero Update every three to four weeks.

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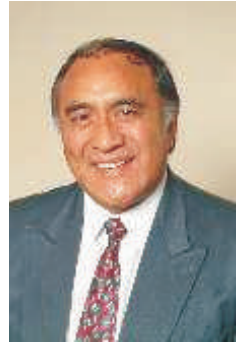
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

On 1st December 2006, we held the inaugural meeting of Te Pumautanga O Te Arawa Trust. The meeting saw the end of one era and the beginning of another Nga Kaihautu O Te Arawa, ably led by the Kaihautu



ERU GEORGE
Chairman

Executive Council (the **KEC**), was mandated to negotiate a comprehensive settlement on behalf of the Iwi and Hapu affiliated to the KEC (the **Affiliates**) and to bring the settlement offer back for consideration and possible ratification by the Affiliates. That the KEC was able to do so within a 3 year period is an achievement that should not be underestimated.

The Deed of Settlement (the **DOS**) was ratified by a 96% majority of those who participated. The proposed post settlement governance entity (the **PSGE**) was also ratified by a 92% majority. The KEC has now 'wound down' and been formally replaced by the PSGE, Te Pumautanga O Te Arawa Trust (the **TPT**). The KEC members have 'transitioned' into the TPT, a move expressly signalled in the ratification process and so ratified. Consequently, we must now move forward to complete the settlement process i.e. negotiation of the deferred selection properties and the passage through the legislative process.

The legislative process is expected to be completed, at the earliest, by December 2007,

at the latest around mid-2008. In this issue we remember also Te Amotawa (Pinder) Pirika, representative for Ngati Te Roro o Te Rangi and staunch supporter of the KEC. It is with a profound sense of loss that we remember Pinder and his tireless commitment to the KEC and his hapu. He is sorely missed.

It is a fitting memorial to Pinder that we follow through on our shared vision, to ensure the proper and timely completion of this settlement.

Te Puhi o Te Arawa e, Te Takere o te waka e, Tikoki taea te unu o te kiato o

te waka. Ka totohu tonu, ka totohu tonu. Taku mapihi kahurangi, kei te hahae te tau o te ate, kei te hotu te whatumanawa, kei te patuki te tarauma mou kua huri kaweka nei.

He tangata kaha koe ki te hapai atu tou hapu a Ngati Te Roro o te Rangi. E noho tuturu hoki koe ki te huarahi i whakatakotoria e Nga Kaihautu o Te Arawa. E kore koe i nekenekhia ahakoa he aha.

Moe mai i runga Pukepoto, te urunga te taka o nga kawai rangatira, oti atu.

ERU GEORGE - Chairman

Profile: Te Po Hawaiki Wiringi Jones

The passing of Pinder Pirika has left an enormous gap on the TPT. Thankfully a worthy interim replacement is available in the guise of Te Po Hawaiki Wiringi Jones.

Te Po Hawaiki was Pinder's alternate, attending KEC meetings when required in Pinder's absence. As such he will continue in this critical role throughout the establishment period. The establishment period will end with the first full elections for Te Pumautanga O Te Arawa Trust representatives. Elections must be held within 3 years of establishment (i.e. by 30th November 2009) or

within 12 months of Settlement Date.

Te Po Hawaiki is a well-known kaumatua and active member of the NZ Maori Wardens Association.



Hikoi, 2005 Te Po Hawaiki points out sites of cultural significance.

Te Pumautanga O Te Arawa

On 1st December 2006, Te Pumautanga O Te Arawa held its inaugural meeting.

A simple formal ceremony was held at the 1 Peace Street office, officiated over by Rev. Bob Schuster. The ceremony involved a blessing of the new entity and some significant documents requiring formal signing by the TPT representatives.

The first of these documents was the Deed of Covenant (the **Covenant**). The Covenant was signed by the TPT representatives on behalf of the Affiliate Iwi/Hapu (the **Affiliates**), and Minister Mark Burton on behalf of the Crown.

The Covenant gives authority for the TPT to be a party to the Deed of Settlement (the **DOS**) as if it had signed the DOS, and consequently be bound by the terms of the DOS. The TPT takes on all obligations and responsibilities of the KEC and is able to undertake any and all actions required to complete the settlement process.

The second document to be signed was the Deed of Trust (the **Trust Deed**). The Trust Deed is the formal constitution outlining the rules and conduct under which the TPT must operate.

The Trust Deed was part of the PSGE proposal developed by the KEC over a lengthy period of time. The PSGE proposal went through a robust

consultation process as reported in a previous Kaihautu Korero. The PSGE proposal was ratified in September.

The TPT has confirmed that the operational team that provided support and resources for the settlement negotiations will carry out the next round of important tasks through to the end of September 2007. The TPT will undertake a formal recruitment process that will see the establishment of the Corporate Body on 1st October 2007. The Corporate Body will be called Te Arawa Group Holdings Ltd (**TAGH**). TAGH will provide the commercial expertise and focus necessary to grow the settlement assets on behalf of the Affiliates.

The TPT also reconfirmed the distribution plan that was announced by the KEC at the Deed of Settlement signing on 30th September 2006. The plan is twofold and involves the distribution of \$100,000 to each of the eleven Affiliates and \$5,000 to the traditional Marae of each Affiliate.

The first distribution is an immediate thank you to Affiliates for their support throughout the negotiation process. It acknowledges that it will be some years before the TPT will be in a position to provide financial benefit to Affiliates.

The second distribution recognises Marae as amongst the oldest institutions in Te Arawa. The TPT felt this was an opportunity to provide



Anaru Rangiheuea (Tuhourangi Ngati Wahiao)



***Te Po Hawaiki Wiringi Jones (Te Roro o Te Rangi)
Roger Pikia (Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa)
and Jim Schuster (Ngati Pikia)***



***John Waaka and Te Rangipuawhe Maika
(Tuhourangi Ngati Wahiao)***



***Wallace Haumaha (Ngati Ngararanui)
Fred Cookson (Ngati Uenukukopako)
and Te Po Hawaiki***



***Edwin McKinnon (Ngati Pikia)
and Ruka Hughes (Ngati Rongomai)***



Mita Pirika (Ngati Tuteniu)

funds for the direct benefit of the people. The TPT estimates approximately 30 marae will be eligible to receive these funds.

The TPT will hold its next meeting over two days on 25th and 26th January 2007. The TPT intends holding workshops to plan the transitional process, taking the organisation through to enactment of the settlement legislation. Settlement Date is 20

business days following the enactment of settlement legislation which is expected to be completed in 2008. The TPT will have six months from Settlement Date to identify, undertake a valuation process, and negotiate an agreed price to secure the DSP assets also on offer under the commercial redress.

There is still a lot of work to go.

Marae will benefit by \$5,000 grant

The inaugural meeting of the TPT has confirmed the distribution plan announced at the Deed of Settlement signing on 30th September. This means \$5,000 is now available to Affiliate Marae that meet the following criteria:

1. Evidence that the Marae is an existing and acknowledged traditional Marae of that Affiliate Iwi/Hapu;
2. A current Maori Land Court generated "MLIS Management Structure Details Report" detailing the Trustees in whose names the Maori Reservation is vested;
3. The names, addresses and contact details of the persons currently holding the office of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer of the Marae trustees; and

4. Evidence of a current bank account in the name of the Marae with details of the authorised signatures.

Application for the Marae grant may be made by formal letter to the secretary of the TPT with the relevant documents enclosed. Applications must also carry the authorised signature of the relevant TPT representative.



All smiles as Ngati Tuara Ngati Kearoa koeke, Hariata Paikea and Tawhiri Morehu are handed a \$5,000 cheque from TPT Chair, Eru George

Affiliates establish legal entities

Affiliates are engaging in discussion regarding legal entities capable of receiving the benefits of the settlement. In the immediate future there is the distribution of \$100,000, as announced at the Deed of Settlement signing on 30th September. With the establishment of the TPT, those funds are now available for uplifting.

To do so, Affiliates must meet certain criteria set by the KEC and reconfirmed by the TPT including:

1. Evidence that the entity is mandated to receive distributions and settlement assets on behalf of the Affiliate Iwi/Hapu;
2. A certified true and correct copy of its formally executed and attested Constitution;
3. The names, addresses and contact details of the persons currently holding the office of Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer; and
4. Evidence of a current bank account in the name of the Affiliate with details of the authorised signatures.

Some Affiliates already have a legal entity in place and need only show that the process of establishment

meets the above criteria. For those Affiliates without a legal entity, the TPT is promoting a common law trust as the appropriate legal structure.

This is based on the experience of the KEC which successfully operated under a common law trust for 3 years. The KEC constitution was scrutinised by two Waitangi Tribunal Inquiries, amended and approved. That constitution formed the basis for the TPT Trust Deed ratified by Affiliates.

For Affiliates discussing the establishment of an appropriate legal entity, the TPT is able to assist with the presentation of an information package, an establishment process, and a template Deed of Trust. The package and template are available from the TPT office.

For example, Ngati Tura/Ngati Te Ngakau has established a Hapu entity based on the TPT template and elected six trustees. They are now able to make formal application to the TPT for the \$100,000 distribution.

Pumautanga What's in a name?

With the establishment of Te Pumautanga O Te Arawa, Affiliates and beneficiaries will see a number of changes as we transition into the new entity.

The name *Pumautanga* was chosen as it captures the essence of being sustainable and enduring. We consider it an apt name heading towards growing a sustainable economic future for all the Affiliates.

Pumautanga will be the name of future newsletters as this is the final issue of the *Kaihautu Korero*. The *Kaihautu Korero* and *Kaihautu Korero Update* have set high standards in communication. Standards we will endeavour to replicate with *Pumautanga*.

We will create a new website for Te Pumautanga O Te Arawa however during the transition and for at least the first six months of 2007, we will maintain the Kaihautu website with links to and from Te Pumautanga. Domain names will also change from “.nkota” to “.tpota”. These are issues for our IT people to resolve.

There will be the normal changes to stationary letterheads, envelopes etc. However the TPT intends retaining the KEC logo as it is now a familiar brand for Affiliates to

connect with and still reflects the essence of Te Pumautanga going forward.

The registration application form will require quite a major re-write with respect to its purpose. Affiliates will also notice the opportunity to provide additional whakapapa where a beneficiary chooses to identify their association with more than one Affiliate. The TPT Trust Deed allows beneficiaries to vote in any election for TPT representatives for any Affiliate group they can whakapapa to. This will necessitate the TPT being able to validate each whakapapa.

It is therefore critical that registrations continue and we urge all of Te Arawa able to whakapapa to the Affiliates to do so. The eleven Affiliates are Ngati Ngararanui (including Ngati Tuteaiti/ Ngati Tamahika), Ngati Tura/ Ngati Te Ngakau, Ngati Tuara/ Ngati Kearoa, Ngati Te Roro o Te Rangi, Ngati Uenukukopako, Ngati Tuteniu, Ngati Pikiao, Ngati Tarawhai, Ngati Rongomai, Tuhourangi Ngati Wahiao and Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa.

Look out for the first issue of *Pumautanga* in February 2007.

Obituary: Te Amotawa Pirika

Ko hinga-atu he Totara whakahii o te wao-nui a Taane

Ko Te Amotawa (Pinda) Pirika te hoa rangatira a Roberta Pirika nee Reid. I te marama o Oketopa rua tekau ma wha.

Kua tukuna-atu tona tinana ki te urupa o Pukepoto kei te take o te maunga a Ngongotaha, ki te taha o tona kuia a Tuihana Whakaahua / Pirika.

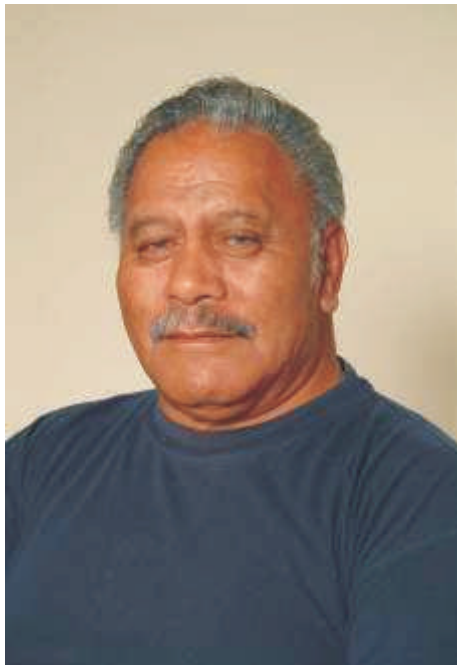
No reira e koro, e te papa, e te tuakana / teina, e Pinda (*tana ingoa rongo-nui*)

“Haere ki tua o Paerau, ki te huinga o te Kahurangi ka oti atu ra koe”

Na te wa i takato ana a Pinda i roto tona tupuna whare a Tutanekai, tena ka kite te ihi, te wehi, te hua me tona kaha whakamuri, tona waka o Te Arawa, otira mo ona marae a Ruamata, a Pikirangi, a Owkata, a te Rorooterangi a te Parehoata, a te Papa-iouru hoki.

No reira ka waiho atu a Pinda tona whakamaharatanga - rangatira hei whakaatatanga ki a ratou ma, Te Arawa tangata, nga kai-mahi ki runga ona marae me nga komiti maha.

“Ka pai rawa nga mahi whakamuri, ka pai rawa nga whakahaere a mua o te marae.”



Tenei te mihinui ki a koutou... Te Arawa tangata otira e nga waka, e nga mana, e nga reo, e nga karanga hapu, e nga karangatanga maha i kawē mai ra nga parekawakawa a kui ma a koro ma, ki runga to matou taonga o te mate a Pinda, otira, ki te hapu o te Rorooterangi / Uenukukopako me te hunga whakamuri, to matou ringa-wera...

Tena koutou, tena koutou,
tena koutou katoa. /

Na Te Hei Pirika enei korero mo te Pirika whanau.

Registration

If your hapu, marae or whanau are having a gathering over the coming months, why not contact Te Arawa Pumautanga for registration support.

We can provide support, registration forms and newsletters to assist in the registration of yourselves and/or your whanau.

Registered beneficiaries will ultimately benefit from this settlement.

If you have a hui, birthday, sports day, family reunion, marae working bee, land trust meeting or anything that involves a gathering for our people, phone our registration team on 0800 524 428 or email on registration@nkota.org.nz so we can help register your whanau.
We would love to be of assistance.

Panui

If your marae, hapu or iwi would like to advertise upcoming hui or important dates, please email your details to registration@nkota.org.nz so we can include your notice in any upcoming newsletters.

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