

# Kaihautu Korero Update

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A news brief for Te Arawa descendants about the direct Treaty negotiations with the Crown

## Why you should register?

**People 18 years and over registering with the affiliate iwi and hapu of Nga Kaihautu o Te Arawa will be entitled to vote on settlement of their historical Treaty of Waitangi claims.**

In the past months hundreds of registration forms have been rolling in from throughout Aotearoa and overseas.

By registering, those Te Arawa descendants who are eligible to do so, will vote on the ratification of a negotiated settlement package.

This package will be in the form of a Deed of Settlement. The elements of the deed will include a historical account of Crown breaches, cultural redress and financial and commercial redress.

A pressing issue that must now be given some serious thought is post governance structures and strategies. Proposed models will be advanced at around the same time as ratification of the Deed of Settlement.

Being registered gives people the right to vote on this very important issue as well as the settlement itself.

Recently the registration team has been working hard distributing and collecting registration forms.

They have gone to the homes of whanau, and attended hui with hapu and iwi on marae to discuss the registration process. They have also been able to talk about Nga Kaihautu and the work we do.

One of the major queries from people has been: "If I register with Nga Kaihautu can I still register with another iwi I belong to that is not part of Nga Kaihautu but that will be settling their Treaty claims too?"

The simple answer is: "Registering with Nga Kaihautu does not restrict people from registering with any other iwi and hapu they can whakapapa to. This is a personal choice and one they have an inherent right to make."

Kaihautu members may be registered with a number of other iwi authorities (if you whakapapa to them) including Ngai Tahu, Ngati Ruanui and Tainui.

These groups have all settled their Treaty claims.

To be eligible to vote on settlement through the current direct negotiation process, a person 18 years and over must be registered with Nga Kaihautu at the date of ratification.

Eligibility is based on the ability to whakapapa to at least one Te Arawa tupuna.

Each eligible voter will have one vote only, even if they can whakapapa to more than one of the iwi and hapu specified on the registration form.

**You can request registration forms by contacting us at:**

**Tel: 0800 KAIHAUTU (524 482)**  
**Email: [registration@nkota.org.nz](mailto:registration@nkota.org.nz)**  
**Fax: 07 347 4654**  
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## Eyes out for next edition

**Have you ever wondered why tangata whenua in western Rotorua and Horohoro do not have control of their land today?**

If so keep an eye out for our next edition of the Kaihautu Korero newsletter in which we will profile the Treaty claims of the iwi and hapu in those areas.

We will look at the devastating but inspiring stories of Ngati Kea/Ngati Tuara, Ngati Tura/

Ngati Te Ngakau and Ngati Ngararanui.

We will also profile the representatives from these groups.

The profiles will feature Eru George of Ngati Kea/ Ngati Tuara and also the chairman of the Nga Kaihautu O Te Arawa Executive Council and Mataroa Peni of Ngati Tura/Ngati Te Ngakau.

In addition, we will profile our negotiators.

# Te Arawa, Crown working through claims process

Since its inception Nga Kaihauutu O Te Arawa Executive Council has made notable progress in negotiating a settlement of the historical Treaty claims for its affiliate iwi and hapu.

Formal negotiations with the Crown are moving forward in a timely manner and the process remains on target to achieve an Agreement in Principle (AIP) settlement offer by August this year. The AIP will reflect the settlement offer in broad terms leaving the intrinsic details to be captured in the deed of settlement itself.

The major negotiation workstreams focus on historical account redress, cultural redress and financial and commercial redress.

The historical account form of redress involves the executive council and the Crown negotiating and agreeing on the Treaty breaches and their impact economically, socially and culturally upon the claimant group.

Agreement on the historical context in which the breaches allegedly occurred is one thing, agreeing on the breaches themselves is another.

The executive council's negotiators, with its management team in a supportive role, are working hard to provide a robust historic context to support their argument of how they believe the breaches occurred.

This has required the engagement of both historical and legal expertise to enable the negotiating team to have the best information at their finger tips.

The Crown, of course, continues to present arguments on its version of the historic context and whether or not it agrees with the breaches put up by the Executive Council. This is normal interaction between two parties in Treaty negotiations, but very intense.

The agreed historic account draws down from the Crown both Crown Acknowledgements and the Crown Apology.

The Executive Council's negotiation team has relied on a number of sources from which to draw its historic information. These include the generic reports produced by a number of historians; the CNI Stage One hearings; tangata whenua reports; individual affiliate iwi and hapu research reports along with other sources.

Back in February this year the executive council introduced an innovative approach to direct negotiations with the Telling Their Stories series of hui.

Over a four day period each affiliate iwi and hapu had the opportunity to tell the stories of their grievances kanohi ki te kanohi (face to face) to three Ministers of the Crown and their senior officials.

Giving personal effect to past grievances is a very dynamic process.

It is hoped that the Historical Account Redress process will help to give greater recognition of the "mana, tikanga me nga korero tawhito o nga iwi me nga hapu o Nga Kaihauutu O Te Arawa" going forward.

**"Kia kaha te tangi mo nga tau ki muri. Kia kaha ano te tumanako mo nga tau e tu mai nei."**

## Your feedback ~ Letters to Nga Kaihauutu

Nga Kaihauutu o Te Arawa Executive Council is always open to suggestions from all Te Arawa descendants about what its news briefs and newsletters should contain.

If you have questions about our work, please contact us and we will endeavor to answer them. 'Letters to Nga Kaihauutu' are more than welcome and those under 100 words will be considered for publication.

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"Tino ataahua te reta ki te iwi whaanui o te Kaihauutu. Kei te pai! Otira, tirohia toku rehitatanga ki runga i te Kaihauutu, koa. Engari, poto ki tenei whakaturanga inaianei, no reira, whakamutunga ki tenei pitopito korero, i tenei waa, hei konei ra."

- Tene Kereopa

"Excellent edition of the May panui. Very informative and well written, it's also good to see profiles of key players within Kaihauutu and the iwi and what the roles and responsibilities are."

- Pare Merito

"I have just read your latest newsletter given to me by Eru George. Fantastic stuff, very informative no reira kia ora koutou. Please add me to your email list and send me 10 registration of interest forms for the whanau to fill in."

- Vera Hale