He Toa Takitini is the group mandated to represent Heretaunga-Tamatea in direct negotiations with the Crown for the settlement of all historical Treaty claims within Heretaunga-Tamatea. He Toa Takitini’s Deed of Mandate was recognised by the Crown on 15 October 2010.

HTT KĀHUI KAUMĀTUA

Ka nui te mihi........
Warm congratulations to our HTT Kāhui Kaumātua Portfolio for the important mahi of bringing together the HTT Kāhui Kaumātua.

Under the leadership of Matua Haami Hilton, Tom Mulligan, Ira Te Au and Ngāmoa Gillies, an inaugural planning meeting was held on 1 March 2012. The HTT Kāhui Kaumātua have identified a number of priorities, including a wānanga for our Kaumātua on the Treaty claims and the process for direct negotiations with the Crown. HTT recognises the importance of ensuring the integrity of the Kahungunu tikanga is maintained as the claims proceed through the negotiations.

HTT MEETS WITH THE MINISTER

The Hon Chris Finlayson invited He Toa Takitini to meet on 10 April 2012 to announce his priorities for settlement negotiations for 2012 and to discuss the workplan for HTT for 2012. The Negotiation priorities for 2012 are Deeds of Settlement and Legislation. This means the date for achieving an Agreement In Principle for Heretaunga-Tamatea is pushed out to 2013-2014.

The Minister also introduced the Chief Crown Negotiator for the He Toa Takitini claim, Pat Snedden. Pat is already known throughout Kahungunu through his work in Health. An Anthropologist by qualification, Pat also has a background in Economics and Accounting. A significant achievement was his work as Chief Crown Negotiator in the Far North (Te Hiku o te Ika) and the collective settlement of the Te Aupouri Forest. Since then, three of the five Muriwhenua iwi have signed Deeds of Settlement and one is finalising the ratification process.

The role of the Chief Crown Negotiator is very important. Effectively the Minister’s spokesperson, it enables Rangatira to Rangatira negotiations to a greater degree than in the past and provides a direct line for HTT to the Minister’s office at any time. HTT looks forward to working with Pat Snedden.

HTT SIGNS TERMS

HTT and the Crown signed Terms of Negotiation (Terms) on 19 December 2011. Endorsement to sign Terms was received at a Ratification Hui of Heretaunga-Tamatea on 18 December 2011.

Terms is a significant milestone which sets out how the Crown and HTT will engage with each other to negotiate a settlement of the Historical Treaty claims of Heretaunga Tamatea.

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He Toa Takitini Workplan for 2012

2012 will be a busy year for He Toa Takitini, with loads of interaction with the marae, hapū and all our Wai claimants.

Key workstreams for 2012 include

- Overlapping Claims
- Communications
- Negotiation Planning
- CFRT Gap Research
- Whare Kōrero Oral History
- Marae/Hapū Aspiration Hui
- Registrations
- Website Development/Facebook

The website will be updated regularly. Anyone wishing to participate is encouraged to visit the website: www.hetoatakitini.iwi.nz or contact the office at meihana.watson@hetoatakitini.iwi.nz or 0800 TAKITINI.

“WHARE KŌRERO”

The “Whare Kōrero” is potentially the most important workstream for 2012. Both the Crown and He Toa Takitini recognise the restorative value of the “Whare Kōrero” and how important it is for the claimant community to tell their stories and publicly air the grievances which for generations have been painfully ignored.

Planning has started under the leadership of the Research Portfolio Committee whose members include: Cordry Huata (Chairperson), Ngatai Huata, Liz Graham and David Tipene-Leach. Each of the Heretaunga and Tamatea groups is busily compiling evidence of breaches that will be presented to the Crown in the “airing of grievance” process.

The Crown is approaching the former Governor General – the Right Hon Sir Anand Satyanand – to undertake this work. He Toa Takitini expects the Whare Kōrero will be held in Sept/Oct 2012. Details will be widely notified.

The Whare Kōrero will be a fairly formal process, very similar to an Oral and Tradition Tribunal hearing. The proceedings will be recorded and will be available to inform the negotiation. Claimants may also wish to have their stories published, a decision for each claimant.

If you wish to participate in the Whare Kōrero, please make contact with the office on 0800 TAKITINI (0800 825 484) or (06) 873 0978.

Claimant Hui / Hui-A-Iwi

He Toa Takitini invites all Wai claimants to attend the next Claimant Hui / Hui-a-Iwi, which is to be held on Sunday 17 June 2012.

The hui will provide HTT an opportunity to update claimants on the progress to date and the proposed workstreams (and associated timeframes) for advancing various elements of the claims.

The Hui will also provide claimants with the opportunity to indicate to HTT how they wish to participate in the settlement of their respective claims and how their claims are to be presented to the Crown in the Whare Kōrero.

Claimants are encouraged to attend. Alternatively, we are happy to arrange for you to discuss your claim with the Chairman of He Toa Takitini.

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Visit the He Toa Takitini webpage to register online with He Toa Takitini and for regular updates.

HTT also has a Facebook page to provide for whānau members who are internet savvy. Both features enable communication with the many Heretaunga-Tamatea whānau who reside outside the tribal rohe, especially those based overseas.

The Heretaunga-Tamatea claims are intended to benefit descendants of all ancestors who exercised customary authority within the Heretaunga-Tamatea rohe, wherever they may reside.

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Under HTT’s Deed of Mandate, Kaumātua may attend any meeting of He Toa Takitini if they so choose and will be encouraged to do so.

Membership is open to any individual aged 60 years or over. Each Taumata Representative is to provide a register of kaumātua affiliated to their respective marae and/or hapū.

Alternatively any individual wishing to join the Kāhui Kaumātua is welcome to contact the office on 0800 TAKITINI or 0800 825 484

**Other Ngāti Kahungunu claims – Where are they at?**

Unlike most iwi across the motu, the Ngāti Kahungunu Treaty claims are being negotiated at the Hapū level by six individual large natural groupings. They are:

- Maungaharuru-Tangitu Hapū
- Mana Ahuriri
- Ngāti Hineuru
- Te Tira Whakaemi (Wairoa)
- He Toa Takitini (Heretaunga-Tamatea)
- Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa

**Maungaharuru-Tangitu Hapū Agreement In Principle**

Maungaharuru-Tangitu Hapū signed an Agreement In Principle with the Crown on 22 September 2011 and is now working toward a Deed of Settlement, anticipated to be completed in 2012.

**Mana Ahuriri, Ngāti Hineuru and He Toa Takitini**

Mana Ahuriri, Ngāti Hineuru and He Toa Takitini are currently working towards Agreements In Principle, expected to be achieved late 2013.

**Te Tira Whakaemi and Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa**

The Crown has recognised the mandate of Te Tira Whakaemi and Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa is currently consulting on their Deed of Mandate. Both groups will work towards achieving Terms of Negotiation in 2012 and Agreements In Principle by 2014.

**Ngāti Pahauwera Claims Settlement Act 2012**

Congratulations to our Ngāti Pahauwera whanaunga. The Ngāti Pahauwera Treaty Claims Settlement Bill received its 3rd and final reading on 29 March 2012. It received the Royal Assent on 5 April 2012 and is now the Ngāti Pahauwera Treaty Claims Settlement Act 2012.

**Overlapping Claims**

Heretaunga-Tamatea features a complex pattern of overlapping claims with overlapping interests on its northern, western and southern boundaries. A number of HTT hapū also have interests that extend into the neighbouring Taihape Rangitikei ki Rangipo Inquiry District where claims will be heard by the Waitangi Tribunal.

Overlapping claims need not inhibit the negotiation from proceeding but it is important to reach agreement with overlapping claimants early in the process. HTT recognises this and has prioritised discussions with neighbouring groups in 2012. The first goal is to reach agreement on processes for addressing overlapping issues as they arise during the negotiation. More detailed issues can be addressed as the issues arise in the course of the negotiation.

Initial meetings have been held with the Rangitāne Settlement Negotiations Trust (Rangitāne ki Wairarapa), Ngāti Hinemanu Ngāti Paki Heritage Trust, Mōkai Pātea and Mana Ahuriri. Meetings are also being arranged with Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa and hapū whose interests extend into the Taihape Tribunal Inquiry.

**REGISTER WITH HE TOA TAKITINI**

Online registration with He Toa Takitini is now possible. Check out our website: [www.hetoatakitini.iwi.nz](http://www.hetoatakitini.iwi.nz); For those who prefer, hard copy registration forms are also available. Please feel free to ring our 0800 number 0800 TAKITINI (0800 825 484)
Heretaunga-Tamatea Claim Profiles

He Toa Takitini represent approximately 69 claims that are all located within the Heretaunga-Tamatea Waitangi Tribunal Inquiry District. We would like to recognise and acknowledge each of the claims by profiling them in a rotational cycle to inform and share the information to the wider public. Below we provide an outline of selected claims.

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Negotiation Process

Agreement In Principle

The Agreement in Principle (AIP) is the next major milestone in the settlement negotiations process following the Terms of Negotiation.

The AIP is the outline of a proposed settlement between the Crown and the claimant group.

The AIP will signal the agreement on the monetary value of the settlement (what is known as the “settlement quantum”) and the scope and nature of other redress to be provided.

The parties then need to work through the detail on such matters as:

- an account of the historical basis of the claims, those matters the Crown acknowledges as breaches of the Treaty and its principles;
- the wording of the Crown’s apology;
- what commercial settlement assets might be transferred, and on what terms; and
- the various items of cultural redress that are offered.

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