

Ngati Apa  
Ngati Kuia  
Rangitane

Kurahaupo



Ki Te Waipounamu Trust

# Köreero

Release of the Waitangi Tribunal WAI 785 Te Tau Ihu report:

## ‘Te Tau Ihu O Te Waka-a-Maui’

### Whakatu Marae Saturday 22 November 2008

The Waitangi Tribunal will present its final report “Te Tau Ihu O Te Waka-a-Maui” at Whakatu Marae on November 22nd. The ceremony commences with a Powhiri at 11am, following which Tribunal Kaumatua will present Tribunal Reports to each Wai group and individual claimants. The ceremony is scheduled to conclude with the Poroporoaki at 4pm.

The Kurahaupo Trustees encourage all members of Ngati Apa, Ngati Kuia, Rangitane and their Whanau to attend this historic ceremony.

Transportation from the West Coast to the Whakatu Marae is to be co-ordinated by Ngati Apa and enquiries directed to the Ngati Apa office, email: [ngatiapa.wai@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ngatiapa.wai@xtra.co.nz) or telephone 03-5789695 or fax (03) 5776321.

A coach will be available to take Ngati Apa, Ngati Kuia and Rangitane members from Blenheim to the Whakatu Marae. Please contact the Kurahaupo office, either by email to [info@kurahaupo.org.nz](mailto:info@kurahaupo.org.nz) fax 03 5789321 or telephone 03-5791942

**If you wish to travel on the coach it is essential that you register your interest as soon as possible**, advising numbers wishing to travel and a contact name and telephone number.

If you would like more details about the event please refer to the Kurahaupo website :

[www.kurahaupo.org.nz](http://www.kurahaupo.org.nz)

## Treaty Settlement Update

E hinga atu he tetekura ka haramai he tetekura

**It is pleasing for the Trustees to advise that the Minister in Charge of Treaty of Waitangi negotiations, Dr Cullen has provided Kurahaupo Ki Te Waipounamu a letter of Agreement. This letter is a significant milestone in achieving settlement with the Crown.**

Following a meeting with Dr Cullen in mid October, when he advised our negotiating team of his disappointment about not being in a position to deliver a formal agreement, on October 24th the Minister provided Kurahaupo with a Letter of Agreement that gives Kurahaupo considerable certainty moving forward. It details and confirms the Crown's position and offer as a result of negotiations and agreements reached to date, and instructs Crown officials to continue working on the Agreement in Principle post-election on this basis. The Minister has provided a commitment to finalise the formal Agreement in Principle before the end of the year.

So while we still await the final agreement we hope you will be encouraged by the achievements made. Kurahaupo has made remarkable progress within timeframes that are dictated by the Crown. Over the past 12 months your negotiating team: Richard Bradley, Mark Moses, and Peter Mason, have been immersed virtually fulltime in negotiations. It has been a demanding, stressful and often frustrating process; particularly in trying to reach agreement with other Large Natural Groups in respect of overlapping claims across Te Tau Ihu.

All Kurahaupo Trustees have been fully informed, involved and taken part in all significant Hui with Ministers at Parliament.

The Letter of Agreement is testament to their achievements and the Minister specifically commends the pragmatism and co-operation Kurahaupo have demonstrated in their dealings with both the Crown and other mandated groups.



Mark Moses



Peter Mason



Richard Bradley

# Next Steps in our Settlement Process

The Agreement in Principle will include the Historical Account (the basis for Crown acknowledgements of breaches of the Treaty of Waitangi and its apology for those breaches), the Cultural Redress framework, and the Commercial and Financial Redress. Together these form the broad outline of the Kurahaupo settlement and will be publicised to our members as soon as the AIP is finalised.

This outline will then be detailed in a comprehensive Draft Deed of Settlement for Ratification (approval) by Hui and postal ballot.

As always the timeframes are dependent on the Crown commitment and application of resources to settling Kurahaupo Iwi claims.

## Kurahaupo Builds Strong Relationships for the Future

It's not only the Minister of Treaty of Waitangi Settlements who is impressed with the professionalism and leadership of Kurahaupo - we are achieving recognition and respect as a highly effective collective entity across a wide sphere of organisations.

Through our dealings to date we have established excellent relationships with Crown agencies and other groups such as the Crown Forestry Rental Trust, the Waitangi Tribunal, the Office of Treaty Settlements, Department of Conservation, Marlborough District Council, Ngai Tahu, FOMA, the Historic Places Trust, Canterbury Museum, Otago University, and Aquaculture New Zealand.

These relationships have arisen in recognition of the cohesive and professional manner in which Kurahaupo operates and provide an important foundation for our future success.

## Kurahaupo Iwi Achieve Aquaculture Settlement

Ngati Apa, Ngati Kuia and Rangitane have together achieved almost one-third of the Crown's Aquaculture settlement for Te Tau Ihu announced in early October.

In the agreement reached between the Crown and leaders representing the Iwi of Hauraki, Ngati Apa, Ngati Koata, Ngati Kuia, Ngati Rarua, Ngai Tahu, Ngati Tama, Ngati Toa, Rangitane and Te Ati Awa, the three Kurahaupo Iwi demonstrated their ability to achieve a highly successful result.

The individual Iwi negotiators: Paia Riwaka-Herbert, Waihaere Mason, Peter Mason, Mark Moses and Richard Bradley are all Kurahaupo Trustees and we congratulate them on securing the largest collective achievement for Kurahaupo Iwi to date.

The Maori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004 (the Settlement Act) required the Crown to provide Iwi, before 2014, with the equivalent of 20% of existing aquaculture space created between 21 September 1992 and 31 December 2004 (called 'pre-commencement space'). That equivalent could take the form of a percentage of new aquaculture space, marine-farming permits purchased by the Crown, or the financial equivalent value.

With the first two options looking unlikely, Iwi faced the prospect of waiting until 2014 to receive the financial equivalent. As a result of approaches by Kurahaupo Iwi and the Mayor of Marlborough Alistair Sowman last year and early this year, the Minister of Fisheries invited all mandated Iwi with interests in South Island and Coromandel to submit a proposal for the early settlement of the Crown's pre-commencement space obligations. Iwi and the Ministry of Fisheries then worked cooperatively to develop estimates of the value of the Crown's obligations in each region.

The result is a \$97 million national settlement, in which almost \$23 million, plus interest, will eventually be allocated to Ngati Apa, Ngati Kuia and Rangitane. The receipt of this settlement is dependent on legislation being passed by Government which is expected to occur over the next twelve months.

## Executive Director Appointed



*As part of our structural organisation for the future the Kurahaupo Trust has obtained funding to appoint an Executive Director.*

*We are pleased to have secured the services of John Patterson who brings a wealth of experience and ability to the role. Formerly Corporate Finance and Planning Manager with the Marlborough District Council, John has provided strategic guidance to the Kurahaupo Trust since its establishment and earned respect as a valuable member of the advisory team.*

*We are fortunate to now have John at the helm where he is able to apply his skills to the substantial task of organising Kurahaupo for the future.*