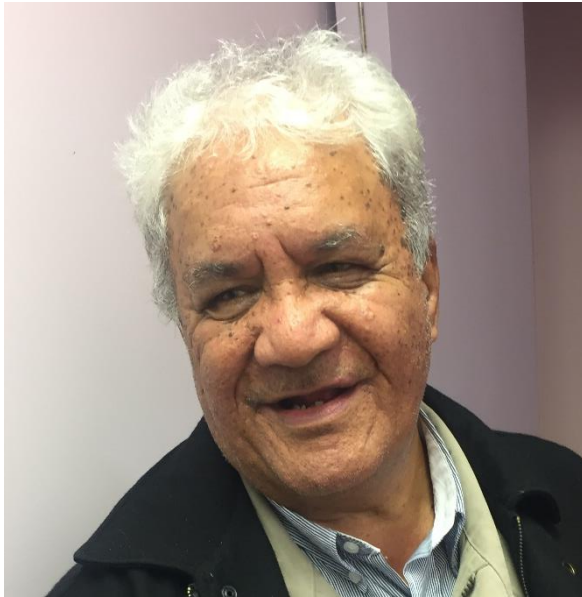


Wai 113 Ngāti Raukawa Claims Forum Update

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The Wai 113 Claims Forum was told next year's WAI 113 Raukawa Waitangi Tribunal Hearings are planned to begin at venues (yet to be decided) north of the Manawatu river.

The Raukawa Claims Forum meeting heard of the kōrero from a Northern Planning hui held at Iwi offices in Feilding. The meeting was chaired by Wai 113 Tribunal co-chair Dennis Emery with karakia offered by Matua Brian Emery.

It is anticipated that the first 2020 Waitangi hearing will start on Monday 17 February 2020 and end on Friday 28 February - lasting two weeks. The next Waitangi Tribunal hearing will take one week in July (venue tbc) with a further hearing date of one week (venue tbc) early in December 2020. These dates are subject to a decision by the Waitangi Tribunal in the near future.

The Forum has agreed that the North should go first due to Crown actions and Ngāti Raukawa unity in diversity by whakapapa. It will be followed by comprehensive opening statements from technical witnesses. Following Claimants will be Te Awahou, Himatangi, Parewahawaha, Manomano, Reureu, Kauwhata and Kaihinu *Shannon.

These dates were revealed to the Wai113 Claimants Forum Hui at their July Hui at the Rūnanga offices in Keepa Street, Levin on (July 15).

A small group from Ngāti Rangatahi Claim Trustees - led by Deacon Danny Karatea-Goddard were welcomed to the Forum hui and invited to present their *take* to the Wai 113 Claimants Forum.

Deacon Karatea-Goddard presented the hitori of Ngāti Rangatahi - in supporting te rangatira Te Rangihaeta of Ngāti Huia at Horokiri in (1846) (Battle Hill) and other sites.

Matua Goddard says Ngāti Rangatahi of Kakariki wanted to settle their Manawatu claims as part of Ngāti Raukawa. He said; “We have been part of Ngāti Raukawa for 173 years,” he said.

He asked that “the Forum supports the claims of Ngāti Rangatahi of Kakariki in the Reureu district being heard and settled as part of the Ngāti Raukawa confederation.”

A 29-page lawyer’s submission for Ngāti Rangatahi Claim Trustees responding to the Ngāti Rangatahi Whanaunga Association Draft Mandate Strategy was presented to the Forum along with the Strategy document.