

KŌTUITUI

Kia koutou e te iwi, he mihi nui mo tenei wa me te tau hou.. Ko te tumanako kia pai to koutou haerere i tenei wa, kia pai to koutou noho i te taha o to koutou whānau.

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RAUKAWA HEARINGS DATES CONFIRMED



Deputy Chief Judge Caren Fox, Presiding Officer for the Waitangi Tribunal has made her decision about the Ngāti Raukawa and affiliated Groups hearing dates and arrangements.

On Thursday 28 November 2018 the Waitangi Tribunal held a judicial conference at its premises on the Terrace in Wellington. Numbers of claimants and iwi members attended the meeting to express their preferences to the panel on matters of timing, venues, a joint statement of claims and how technical witnesses will be heard.

In her memorandum of directions (No. 224) dated 11 December, Deputy Chief Judge Fox advised that:

- The northern and southern hearing approach proposed by the Wai-113 forum is confirmed. Judge Fox advised that those claimant groups who have raised claim issues in both north and south may be able to give their evidence on both at one hearing as appropriate.
- The May 2019 decision to limit the Raukawa hearings to ten weeks, has now been extended to 12 weeks in total with six weeks in the north and six in the south.
- The first hearing will be held on 9-13 March 2020, with the second held on 11-15 May 2020.

- The first week of the hearings in both the north and south will focus on technical evidence regarding land issues as they relate to the area. District wide reports, waterways and environment reports will be woven throughout the hearing weeks.
- Counsel will seek leave to cross-examine technical witnesses. Leave to cross-examine tangata whenua witnesses is likely to be limited to questions of clarification except in the instance of expert tangata whenua witnesses.
- Judge Fox invited all parties to file further submissions on the statement of issues by no later than midday Friday 20 December 2019.
- The Crown was asked whether it was in a position to make a concession in respect of the Rangitikei-Manawatū purchase by no later than midday Friday 20 December 2019.
- Finally, the Judge invited counsel to file submissions outlining further research needs.

Raukawa claimant Dr. Whatarangi Winiata said "It is good to finally have a date for the Raukawa hearings to get underway. This has been a thirty year journey for many of our claimants and many who started the process in the 1980s are no longer with us."



Roimata Olsen and Pita Savage take a moment at the judicial conference



It was wonderful to have kaumātua and others from the Ōtaki claimant groups attending in numbers.

Te Hono ki Raukawa Trust

Te Hono was established by a Hui-a-Iwi in 2008 to support hapū and iwi of Ngāti Raukawa to prepare and present their Treaty of Waitangi claims to the Waitangi Tribunal.

The Trust is a coalition of Te Reureu, Ngāti Kauwhata and Ngāti Raukawa. Each iwi is represented on the Te Hono Council by representatives of Te Reureu, Ngāti Kauwhata and Ngāti Raukawa.



Current members are Dennis Emery (Chair) and Tā Taihākurei Durie for Ngāti Kauwhata, Hare Arapere and Bruce Smith for Te Reureu with Whatarangi Winiata, Mereana Selby and Barb Rudd for Ngāti Raukawa. Rachael Selby, Tony Manning and Robyn Richardson have been co-opted by the coalition.

Te Hono Council is supported by a small communications team. Checkout our website www.tehonokiraukawa.maori.nz or [ww.facebook.com @tehonokiraukawa](https://www.facebook.com/tehonokiraukawa). Send us an email at thkr.trust@gmail.com or give us a call on 06 364 8598.



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WAI 113 CLAIMS FORUM MAKING GOOD PROGRESS



The Wai-113 Claims forum co-convenors Dennis Emery and Rachael Selby say that the forum has made good progress in its planning for the hearings in March.

Judge Caren Fox has confirmed the addition of a number of named claimants for Wai 113 and later this month will finalise the Ngāti Raukawa issues to be heard.

The forum has maintained a regular meeting schedule with good numbers attending the hui which are held at the Rūnanga's Keepa Street office.

A Northern Planning Committee, chaired by Dennis Emery has been established and has held discussions with northern marae about how the hearings will be managed.

The forum has held a number of wānanga whakapapa to shape the Iwi's introductory statements. These wānanga have attracted hundreds of iwi members over the last four months.

WAITANGI TRIBUNAL HEARINGS SET TO BEGIN IN MARCH 2020



The Wai-113 Forum discuss the March hearings being opened on northern Marae with evidence presented at the Manfeild Stadium in Feilding.

Forum co-convenor Dennis Emery says that "Manfeild sits on the original 1035-acre Kawakawa Block that was held by Ngāti Kauwhata. The Iwi leased the block to early settlers James Whisker and his brother-in-law John Hughey with approximately 500 acres going to each. They used this land to secure funds from the Bank of New Zealand in the 1890s to develop their plans but went broke. The land was then taken by the bank and the Iwi lost their legal interest in the site. Emery testified to a Select Committee that "Ngāti Raukawa still own 17 acres of land within the block but that the Trust have built over it". This is the basis of one of the Ngāti Kauwhata Treaty claims.

The site eventually found its way on to the asset registers of the Manawatu District Council, the Feilding IA&P and the Manawātū Car Club before being deeded to the Manfeild Park Trust. The Trust has developed the site to include residential homes and properties, stock yards, a petrol station and racecourse, the grand prix racing track and a huge equestrian stadium.

Part of the rationale for the desire to use Manfeild is that it means the tangata whenua can be fully focused on their presentations and supporting their whanaunga rather than hosting hundreds of people at the marae for weeks on end. Manfeild is a large facility that can be partitioned to suit the hearings and has all the equipment needed inhouse, their onsite caterers will work with our people to satisfy our people's needs and there is lots of onsite, free carparking.

Crown Forestry Rental Trust Research Update

In November Crown Forestry Rental Trust Acting Chief Executive Rama Rewi provided a research update to the Waitangi Tribunal and approved clients including Te Hono.

Ngāti Raukawa Gap-filling Scoping Report

Potential research gaps were identified by a historian during a peer review of the 'Crown Action and Māori Response, Land and Politics Report, 1840-1900' (the **Anderson Report**). Because the Waitangi Tribunal's *Horowhenua Report* was released when the authors of the Anderson Report were finalising their report, the authors did not have time or the resourcing to fully consider the Tribunal's discussion and findings. The *Ngāti Raukawa Gap-filling Scoping Report* identifies and considers perceived gaps in Ngāti Raukawa's technical evidence in relation to the *Horowhenua Report*, along with several research gaps identified by claimants in relation to the Anderson report.

Dr Terence Green has completed the *Ngāti Raukawa Gap-filling Scoping Report*. To assist the Tribunal, the Trust is consulting with its Approved Clients regarding the filing of this scoping report on the Wai 2200 record of inquiry.

Ngāti Raukawa Gap-filling Research Project

On 18 July 2019 Trustees approved funding for the Ngāti Raukawa Gap-Filling Project, based on recommendations in the *Ngāti Raukawa Gap-filling Scoping Report*. This gap-filling exercise is limited in scope. Drs Green and Anderson commenced work on this project on 18 November 2019 and are scheduled to complete it on 30 January 2020.

Ngāti Kauwhata Gap-filling Scoping Report

A recurring point of claimant feedback in relation to the Anderson Report was whether any significant historical sources existed in relation to Ngāti Kauwhata which had not been identified or utilised in that report. Additionally, Ngāti Kauwhata claimants and counsel raised specific issues in relation to:

- Te Awahuri Native Reserve;
- the reserve of Taimoana Pikauroa; and
- Te Hakuai No 3 block.

Feedback also focussed on whether adequate research exists in relation to Ngāti Kauwhata's extensive loss of lands in the Oroua, Taonui-Ahuaturanga and Te Awahuri districts following the award of titles by the Native Land Court. The Trust notes that the Waitangi Tribunal supported focussed gap-filling research on Ngāti Kauwhata's Oroua lands.

Accordingly, Approved Clients sought funding for a scoping report to explore these issues and Trustees approved funding for this in July 2019. The *Ngāti Kauwhata Gap-filling Scoping Report* is being undertaken by Drs Peter McBurney and research assistant Natalie Daddy. Work commenced on 19 July 2019 and is due to be completed this month.

When this scoping report is completed, the Trust will consult Approved Clients regarding filing the *Ngāti Kauwhata Gap-filling Scoping Report* on the record of inquiry to assist the Tribunal.

Ngāti Rangatahi and Ngāti Matakore Gap-filling Research

In June 2019, Trustees approved funding for a focussed Ngāti Rangatahi and Ngāti Matakore gap-filling research project.

The intention of the project is to ensure that the Waitangi Tribunal has sufficient information concerning the circumstances that led parts of Ngāti Rangatahi and Ngāti Matakore to eventually settle in the Rangitikei following Ngāti Rangatahi's expulsion from the Hutt Valley and Te Rangihaeata's engagement with Crown forces at Battle Hill in 1846. The project will also provide the inquiry with further evidence on Ngāti Rangatahi and Ngāti Matakore's interactions with the Crown following their settlement at Kakariki alongside the Rangitikei River, especially the creation of the Reureu Reserve and the construction of the North Island Main Trunk railway line.

Dr Paul Husbands is undertaking this gap-filling research. Work commenced on 19 August 2019 and is due to be completed on 16 December 2019.

Twentieth Century Muaūpoko Land Alienation and Administration Gap-Filling Research

In December 2017, the Tribunal requested the preparation of a discrete twentieth century report on the Horowhenua land alienation and administration issues that the Tribunal had not been able to report on. Trustees approved funding for this project at their meeting in December 2018.

Bruce Stirling and James Taylor of Historyworks Ltd are undertaking this gap-filling research project. Work commenced on 1 March 2019 and has been subject to some timeframe slippage. The final report is due on 20 January 2020.

Resource Management Act and Waterways Gap-filling Research

In December 2018, Te Hono ki Raukawa sought Trust funding for a gap-filling brief of evidence addressing issues experienced by Ngāti Pareraukawa and Ngāti Kauwhata in trying to assert their legal and Treaty rights to protect their waterways under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). The proposed brief of evidence is intended to detail the appeal in the Environment Court between Ngāti Pareraukawa and the Horowhenua District Council in relation to the Hokio Stream and the Levin landfill. The brief of evidence will also examine the discharge of meat works effluent into the Oroua River by Affco. This project has not yet commenced.