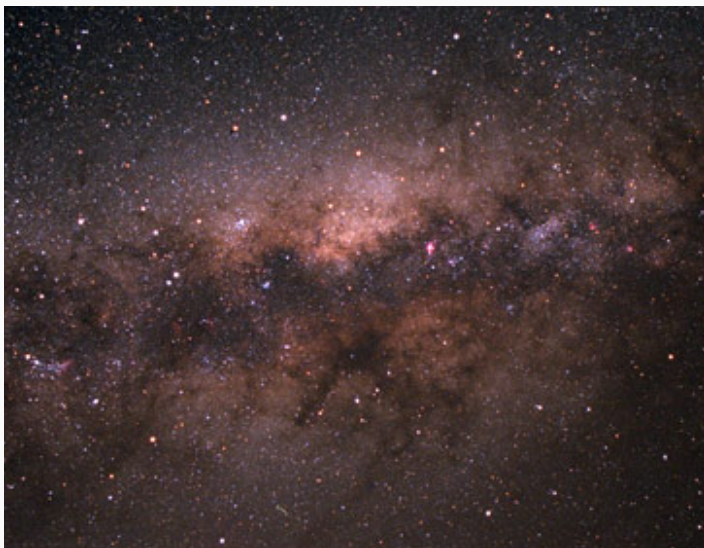


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NGĀTI RUAPANI MAI WAIKAREMOANA

“Tēnā koutou e ngā uri o Ngāti Ruapani mai Waikaremoana”

Kei te haramai te wā o te takurua, e tohu ana i te taenga mai o Matariki. Ko Matariki te wā e titiro whakamuri ai tātou ki ngā tau kua pahure ake nei, me te whakanui i ngā whakatutukitanga. He wā hoki e titiro whakamua ana ki ngā painga me ngā moemoeā o ngā tau kei te heke mai. Ahakoa ngā mātao o Hine Takurua, ka mahana ā tātou ngākau i ngā maumaharatanga o te whānau, i ngā hakari me ngā huihuinga hei whakanui i te tau hou. Kia kaha tātou ki te manaaki i a tātou anō, ki te poipoi i ō tātou whānaunga, ā, kia māia ki te anga whakamua i roto i te aroha me te kotahitanga. Kia pai te takurua, kia ora ai tātou katoa i te maru o Matariki.



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Negotiations Updates

Department of Conservation

We have had several meetings with the Department of Conservation to discuss the return of conservation reserves to Ngāti Ruapani. These kōrero are going well, and it seems like we are aligned in our aspirations – but we still have a few things to work through.



Post-Settlement Governance Entity

We know that the post-settlement governance entity model that you want needs to work alongside our marae, the tribal, and that the tikanga and kawa of Waikaremoana continue to play a fundamental role in its operation. We will discuss this kaupapa in our update at our next hapū hui. We'll also organize some online sessions where we can provide updates and seek some further whakaaro on the post-settlement governance entity kaupapa.

“We are very committed to the return of our whenua into our care and our strategy is to develop the most effective approach to achieve that.”





Place Name Changes

We have provided six names to The New Zealand Geographic Board for their review. We have made it clear that we would like to move away from using Pākehā place names. However, Search and Rescue commonly refer to Pākehā place names, so it will be significant if they are omitted. All in all, it has been interesting to provide explanations. Ultimately, our goal is to use the correct names for these places. And like with other redress matters, the process involves consultation with our neighbours.

Place name 1 - Ngā-Hina-o-Te-Pūrewa

- Was a prominent toa rangatira of Tūhoe with a direct whakapapa from Ruapani through Tuwai. The name refers to the greying hair on his head as he aged. The place type we are requesting is treated as a historic site.

Place name 2 and 3 - Puna-hōkio and Puna-te-ao

- Were twin grandsons of Ruapani. Their father was Haua. Refer to E.Best, Tuhoe, Volume Two, Genealogical Table No. 26.

Place name 4 - Tūwai

- Tuai is a misspelling of the name of our tipuna Tūwai. The locality, the present village, was given that name because that was where his kainga and pā were and where his skeleton was uncovered during the construction of the road to the site of the Power House. The kōroua verified it was Tūwais' koiwi because of the length of the skeleton. Kōrero handed down was that he was 7 foot tall, and it was the known site of his whare within which he died. His hapū didn't want to move or even touch him because of the mana held and the extreme tapu over him. So they left him there for his whare to eventually fall down and cover him. 12 of our koroua and tōhunga removed his kōiwi and interred them elsewhere."

Place name 5 and 6 - Hopuaruahine landing and Hopuaruahine stream

- The taniwha, Haowhenua, caught an old woman who strayed too close to his place of abode at Te Takapou o Hinewai, hence the name of the stream. We have no concerns about names attached to streams. Hopuāruahine Landing however, ceased to be a landing for boats when the lake was lowered to its' present level, it should be removed.

Historical Account

Seven chapters of our historical account are currently under review, and we expect to hear back from the review group in mid-June. We do not expect to hear from him until mid-June. We know that many of our uri have interests in looking at the fruits of all of this mahi, so we are exploring how we may be able to share this out. Meanwhile, the group continues to negotiate the remaining chapters with the crown historians. The other piece of work that we haven't mentioned before is the background section, which covers Ruapani prior to 1840. This section allows us to tell our story and is where our future generations will learn the history of Ngāti Ruapani.

Hui Schedule

Negotiation Hui, 10th of June in Pōneke
Historical Account Chapter Negotiations,
20th, 21st June in Pōneke
Working Group 29 June in Waikaremoana

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