

HE PANUI

Ngati Whatua Settlement Negotiations – Establishment of Negotiating Body

Te Runanga o Ngati Whatua recently obtained a mandate from Ngati Whatua beneficiaries throughout the country, to enter into negotiations with the Crown on their behalf for the comprehensive settlement of all of the remaining historical claims of Ngati Whatua (that is, the iwi claims and the outstanding hapu claims).

The next step is to establish a Negotiating Body to undertake negotiations with the Crown. The Negotiating Body will be made up of five elected Takiwa representatives and Te Runanga appointees.

The Runanga will hold two information hui and five voting hui during March and April 2009. All those of Ngati Whatua descent are encouraged to attend.

The information hui will present the terms of reference for the Negotiating Body and information for prospective candidates and voters. There will be voting hui in each Takiwa. Ahead of the voting hui in each Takiwa, marae are encouraged to reach agreement on a nominee and put that nomination to the vote at the Takiwa hui. The highest polling candidate within each Takiwa will be the Takiwa representative on the Negotiating Body.

Information hui

The schedule of information hui is as follows:

10 March 2009	10am	A'Fare Conference & Reception Lounge 197 Lower Dent St, Whangarei
11 March 2009	10am	Omaha Marae Omaha Block Access Rd, Leigh

Voting hui

The schedule of voting hui is as follows:

30 March 2009	10am	Orakei Marae (Orakei Takiwa)
31 March 2009	10am	Tirarau Marae (Whangarei Takiwa)
1 April 2009	10am	Puatahi Marae (South Kaipara Takiwa)
3 April 2009	10am	Taita Marae (Northern Wairoa Takiwa)
6 April 2009	10am	Omaha Marae (Otamatea Takiwa)

Information packs

Information packs setting out the terms of reference for the Negotiating Body and guidance on the skills and attributes of a successful negotiator can be obtained by contacting the Information Officer at Te Runanga o Ngati Whatua, PO Box 1784, Whangarei, 09 470 0720 or at runanga@ngatiwhatua.iwi.nz. The Information Officer can also provide information on how to become a registered member of Te Runanga o Ngati Whatua.