

HE PANUI - RUAWAIPU CLUSTER

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Introduction

Who is Ruawaipu? – Ruawaipu are tangata whenua pre migration that still occupy the northern East Coast territory commonly known as the area from Potaka (Hicks Bay) to Tikapa.

In 2004, The Three East Coast traditional tribes (Ruawaipu, Uepohatu and Te Aitanga-A-Hauiti) were granted the right to lodge their own claims (independent of Ngati Porou) and to seek funding from the Crown Forestry Rental Trust (“CFRT”) to prepare research to support their claims.

This is the first issue in a series of quarterly Ruawaipu panui. The purpose of this panui is to update and inform Ruawaipu uri of Treaty of Waitangi claim progression.

The website

A website has been activated with comprehensive information, including information about;

- the Ruawaipu cluster
- the Ruawaipu claims
- Ruawaipu claimants
- current research
- Ruawaipu history
- Crown treaty breaches

To view this information and much more, simply go to; <http://www.ruawaipu.com>

Where are things at

We are at the pre-casebook phase of the inquiry in which a series of scoping reports and main research reports are commissioned. The casebook is the record of all the documentary evidence for the inquiry. The Tribunal has set the deadline for the completion of all the technical research reports to be filed on the record by December 2008. Meanwhile the CFRT have held various research update hui

and consultation rounds this year producing some excellent reports which help substantiate claimant allegations.

Claimant progress

Recently on November 3rd a successful Ruawaipu hui-a-iwi was held at Ohinewaiapu Marae ki Rangitukia. Those that attended unanimously endorsed the Ruawaipu claims and the full hearing process.

Also, Dr Grant Young, a historian, was commissioned by the CFRT in August 2007 to complete a Ruawaipu oral & traditional history scoping report. Dr Young’s final scoping report recommends that a main research project is merited. Hui will be scheduled soon to allow whanau – hapu members to participate in the project. It is hoped that the main research project will be completed by December 2008. This is a critical project that will tell the story of Ruawaipu.

The Ruawaipu Cluster’s current tasks

Current tasks include implementing a Ruawaipu cluster claimant database. You can register on line via the website or we can send you a registration form. Our contact details are set out below.

TRONP Negotiations

Currently Te Runanga o Ngati Porou are engaging with the Crown to enter into direct negotiations. TRONP are hoping to adjourn all Ruawaipu claims which is not surprising. You can be fully informed by simply going to the Nomandate.org.nz website.

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