

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 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. At present there are approximately 50 Ruawaipu claims in the East Coast Inquiry.

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; 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

Dr Grant Young, a historian, was commissioned by the CFRT in August 2007 to complete a Ruawaipu oral & traditional history scoping report. In December 2007 the CFRT have approved funding for the main research 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. It is also hoped that claimants will be able to participate and complete most casebook research by December 2008.

Current issues

Currently Te Runanga o Ngati Porou are engaging with the Crown (Office of Treaty Settlements) to enter into direct negotiations. TRONP are hoping to adjourn all Ruawaipu claims and to settle all Ruawaipu claims without the consent or consultation with Ruawaipu claimants. This includes claims against the TRONP 1987 Act and claims against Ngati Porou Kawanatanga who allied with the Crown as Agents in the 1860's to suppress East Coast Pai marire. The OTS is currently assessing strong objections by Ruawaipu and others. You can be informed about the OTS process by going to the [Nomandate.org.nz website](http://Nomandate.org.nz).

How to register

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