



Panui No. 4

Mangatu Shareholders' Claim to Part of Mangatu Forest

Special Edition From the Chairman

Nga Whakamaramatanga A Te Komiti Whakahaere o Mangatu

He Whakatauki o Mangatu.

Ko Maungahaumi te maunga

Ko Mangatu te awa

Ka tere ki te wai o Paoa

Ko Kopututea te putanga ki te Moananui a Kiwa

Tihei mauriora.

Nga mihi maioha mo tenei tau hou. Tena koutou katoa

1. Hearing Date Confirmed

Good news – a day has been set to hear the Mangatu Blocks Incorporation claim. Other claimants including Te Aitanga A Mahaki, Ngariki Kaiputahi and Te Whanau A Kai will be heard as well.

The Hearing will be in Gisborne and is scheduled to commence on the week beginning 18 June. The venue is still to be confirmed.

Thank you to everyone who contacted me after our last panui with messages of support for the work your Management Committee are doing to get the 8,626 acres of Mangatu 1 Block back to us, the original owners. This has been a long journey and your encouragement throughout this entire process has been heartening and appreciated by your Management Committee.

2. What Happens Now

Between now and **Thursday, 5 April** is a very busy time for us because that is when we are required to provide our evidence to the Waitangi Tribunal. The Crown provides its evidence to the Tribunal on **Thursday, 26 April** and we are able to go back to the Tribunal with a response to the Crown's evidence by **Thursday, 10 May**.

Respected kaumatua and kuia who are knowledgeable about our history will be giving evidence.

3. Your Support

While having a date for the Hearing is welcome news, we are mindful that it is only because the Supreme Court has directed the Waitangi Tribunal to recognize our claim as legitimate, that we are here today.

Because of this your presence at the hearing is crucial. We need to show the Tribunal that we represent the faces of our ancestors who fought hard to retain our land in our ownership.



When land titles were individualised to speed up land sales in the late 1800s our tipuna set up Mangatu Blocks Incorporation to manage our land collectively and protect it from sale.

The legacy our tipuna left us is a proud one of protecting, nurturing and developing our land for our children and mokopuna. The adversity they faced in their time to retain the land is no different to what we face today. It is our time to follow in their footsteps and bring back the land that we were forced to sell in the 1960s. It is our time to reclaim what is our rightful inheritance.

Please mark the week commencing 18 June on your calendar and contact the office on (06) 869 0952 if you can attend or need assistance to attend or if you require any further information on the Hearing.

The Mangatu Office will have details of the venue and timetable for the Hearing once confirmed by the Waitangi Tribunal. Thank you again for your support and we look forward to seeing you in June.

4. Mangatu Owner Action

For those owners and their descendants who have not voted yet, there is still time. If you want to follow in the footsteps of our tipuna and reclaim what is rightly our inheritance, please vote now.

In order to make it as easy as possible we have set up an online site which can be used to vote, get further information on this subject or get copies of voting forms.

The online voting and information site is:

<http://voting.mangatu.com>

You can call the Mangatu office on (06) 869 0952

Once again thank you very much for your support.

Te Whakamutunga

Ahakoia i roto nga piki me nga heke kei te pai te haere o nga mahi a Mangatu. He maha nga ngaru o te moana kei mua ia tatou, no reira, kia kaha tatou ki te hapai, ki te hoe i tenei o nga waka a te iwi kia u ai tatou ki uta, ara, kia whai oranga mo te iwi whai paanga ki tenei o nga whenua, a Mangatu.

Tenei te mihi atu ki era o nga whanaunga kua mene atu ki te po. Ko ratou te hunga kua huri atu ki tua o Te Arai, moe mai, moe mai.

He mihi ano tenei ki nga kaimahi me etahi atu ropu e awhi ana, e tautoko ana i nga mahi a Mangatu, e whai ake ana i nga kaupapa whakahaere kia noho pumau a Mangatu.

He mihi kau tenei kia koutou, te urupa o ratou e iri nei i runga i nga pakiwaitara o tenei to tatou whare tipuna. Kia tau iho nga manaakitanga o Te Runga Rawa ki runga kia koutou me a koutou whanau.

Na tenei ta koutou mokai

Alan Haronga

Chairman

On Behalf of the Mangatu Blocks Incorporation Committee of Management

8 March 2012