

# Christmas Pānui

## Message from the Chairman

Tēnā koutou katoa

The past year has been a voyage of rough and calm seas whisking us back and forth. Be that as it may, we have pulled together as whānau, hapū and iwi to steer our waka towards a prosperous future.

On behalf of all our Trustees, we want to thank you. Your collaborative efforts have been inspiring, the support you have shown has given us strength, and your valuable feedback and aspirational kōrero have contributed to what has so far been achieved.

The 2017 year has seen a significant milestone come to life – Whakatōhea in mass travelled to Wellington to sign our Agreement in Principle.

Soon 2018 will bring forth a year of exciting possibilities, with the aspirations and expectations of past and present at the forefront. The transformation of our Agreement in Principle into the Deed of Settlement for all our iwi to vote upon – this is a dream that we believe will become a reality.

Now Christmas is almost here, and we, your Whakatōhea Pre-Settlement Claims Trust wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Mā te Atua e manaaki, e arahia, e Tiaki hoki I ā tātou katoa I roto I te Kirihimete me te tau hou ka heke mai nei.

Nākū noa, nā

**Graeme Riesterer**

*Chairman*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

○ **3 FEBRUARY**  
Hui-a-Iwi and launch of new Research

○ **3 MARCH**  
Hui-a-Iwi and Annual General Meeting

○ **LATE MARCH/  
EASTER**  
Mihi Marino

We will update you on the details of these events early in the New Year. Until then, have a safe and happy holiday season.

# WHAKATŌHEA WHĀNAU HELPING WHAKATŌHEA

## What's been happening in our Te Rōpū Awhina Work Groups?

### Post-Settlement

#### Governance Entity (PSGE)

This group developed the outline and questions for the PSGE workshop Hui-a-Rohe in November. The feedback from those workshops is currently with the group for discussion and review.

#### Komiti Whiriwhiri Hitori

This group's key areas of mahi so far have included: sites of significance, special factors, place name changes, potential transfer sites, and the post-Raupatu research and mapping. On 3 February, we will hold a special hui called Hura Hitori: Ngā Rangahau mo te Raupatu; Revealing stories of Raupatu and subsequent Crown actions. More details to come in January!

#### Natural Resources

Our working group is exploring possibilities of making the Ohiwa Harbour Strategy a statutory document. They will also be working on the Whakatōhea Chapter in the Conservation Management Strategy.

#### Investment Strategy and Valuations

This group will analyse the property noted in our Agreement in Principle and come back with the rationale for acquisition or otherwise. The group is also shaping up a draft investment strategy for our future PSGE.

#### Mihi Marino

This is our Whakatōhea hearings process to restore te mana o te Whakatōhea.

Ka ranga ranga te muri, karangaranga te mua is part of a whakataukī of Tutamure. Here is it used to describe bringing together the muri past, securing this settlement for the future generations, and reconciliation. We want to bring forward our stories for future generations to realise the aspirations of their tīpuna.

### Marine & Harbour & TEC/MOE work groups

Watch this space! Work will begin in the New Year for whānau who have volunteered to be in these two groups.

#### Taumata Kaumātua

The Taumata is the group run by Kaumātua, which has been meeting on a regular basis over the past 15 years. The Whakatōhea Pre-Settlement Claims Trust is grateful for the monthly opportunity to seek feedback and guidance from them on a range of kaupapa relating to our settlement.

#### Research Projects – to be released at our hui on 3 February 2018

- Old Land Claims in the Whakatōhea rohe – Matthew Cunningham
- Whakatōhea Lands outside of the Eastern Bay of Plenty confiscation block – Mark Derby
- Compensation Court, out of court settlements and lands returned to Whakatōhea – 19/20th Centuries – Tony Walzl
- Environmental issues relevant to the historical relationship between Whakatōhea hapū and the Crown – David Alexander
- 20th Century land administration and socio-economic issues – Tony Walzl

