

SUMMARY REPORT - Whakatōhea Raupatu Research

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Overview of Summary:

This Research Summary has been collated by the Komiti Whiriwhiri Hitori in November 2018. A motion was passed on Wednesday 28th November 2018 at the regular meeting to inform the Whakatōhea Pre-Settlement Claims Trust on the research available to Whakatōhea to date. The intention of the summary is to provide a list of Research Sources available to Whakatōhea that have been used to tell the story of the Raupatu of Whakatōhea. This summary is not intended to be a detailed account of the reports. The summary provides information on the following areas:

1. Primary Sources (Records)
2. Secondary Sources (Reports, etc)
3. Whakatōhea Research and Archives Trust, Whare Taonga (Ōpōtiki Museum), Whakatōhea Maori Trust Board
4. Pathways towards the Historical Account

This Summary also highlights the following:

1. What reports have been completed
2. What research gaps have been identified (2013)
3. What Whakatōhea has done to fill the research gaps

Primary Sources

Whakatōhea has a number of available resources, records and data available to formulate comprehensive reports on its history. At the Komiti Whiriwhiri Hitori hui it was discussed that there are many sources of information that can be used as Primary Sources, including the following:

- Minutes
- Interviews (videos, audio, oral)
- Raw data
- Statistics NZ

- Maps
- Contracts
- Court documents
- Whakatōhea tikanga
- Council and other government documents
- Newspaper articles

The list of Primary Sources of data is too extensive to add to this summary. Instead we've included Bruce Stirling's report (2013) to give an example of the Primary Sources available to researchers.

(Appendix 1: Bruce Stirling, *Whakatōhea Claims Research Literature Review and Gaps Analysis*, 2013)

Secondary Sources

This section summarises the findings from Bruce Stirling's Literature Review and Gaps Analysis in relation to completed reports based on the Raupatu for Whakatōhea.

Bruce Stirling completed a literature review for Whakatōhea in 2013. The review was to explore what research reports have been published in relation to Whakatōhea history and raupatu, and an analysis of gaps in Whakatōhea's research. There are a number of research projects completed prior to 2013, and as shown here, there have been efforts by the Whakatōhea Pre-Settlement Claims Trust and OTS to fill those research gaps.

Bruce's report also clarified "The issues covered to an adequate or at least reasonable degree for the purposes of a Treaty claims settlement include:

- Whakatōhea identity
- Early contact and early crown relationship
- New Zealand Wars and Confiscation
- Aftermath of Confiscation
- Past efforts at seeking redress for the Confiscation

Bruce also notes in his report that "Not all of the above issues have been covered as completely as they could be, and aspects of some issues would benefit from some additional research, such as Compensation Court minutes, the allocation of individual grants or reserves outside the Opape, Hiwarau and Hokianga".

"More work could be done on efforts at redress, drawing on the extensive records of the Sim Commission, but the key issue with those earlier inquiries is their inadequacy and their failure to address the real grievances of Whakatōhea or consider them in the context of the Treaty".

The last section of Bruce's report discusses Gaps in the Existing Research, and highlights the following as key items for further research:

1. Old Land Claims
2. The 1872 trial and execution of Kereopa
3. The fate of lands returned from the Confiscation
4. The fate of Whakatōhea lands outside the Confiscation
5. Political engagement / Crown relationship
6. Socio-economic outcomes
7. Twentieth century land issues
8. Environmental Issues
9. Mapping
10. Sites of Significance

LIST OF REPORTS

The following list of reports have extensive evidence to Whakatōhea Raupatu history (Stirling, 2013):

1. Bryan Gilling, *Te Raupatu o te Whakatōhea*, 1994
2. Ranginui Walker, *Opotiki Mai Tawhiti Capital of Whakatōhea*, Penguin, Auckland, 2007
3. Judith Binney, *Encircled Lands*, 2002
4. Waitangi Tribunal, *Te Urewera*, 2009 & 2010
5. Waitangi Tribunal, *The Ngati Awa Raupatu Report*, 1999
6. Ewan Johnston, *Wai 203 (Mokomoko) and Wai 339 (Hiwarau Block) Research Report*, 2002
7. Ewan Johnston, *Ohiwa Harbour*, Waitangi Tribunal, 2003
8. Jeffrey Sissons, *Waimana Kaaku: A history of the Waimana Block*, 2002
9. Steven Oliver and Peter Boston, *Tahora Blocks*, Waitangi Tribunal, 2002

In 2017 the Whakatōhea Pre-Settlement Claims Trust and OTS agreed to fund the continuation of research reports as recommended by Bruce Stirling. Therefore, the following reports have now been completed filling some of the research gaps identified:

10. Matthew Wynyard, *Old Land Claims*, 2018
11. Mark Derby, *History of Whakatōhea lands outside the Eastern Bay of Plenty confiscation block*, 2018
12. Mark Derby, *Compensation Court, out-of-court settlements and lands returned to Whakatōhea – nineteenth and twentieth century*, 2018
13. Tony Walzl, *Twentieth Century Land administration and Socio-Economic Issues*, 2018
14. David Alexander, *Environmental Issues*, 2018

It is likely that there are other Secondary Sources that Whakatōhea can revert to for further information, but at this stage are not captured in this summary.

Whakatōhea Research and Archives Trust, Whare Taonga (Ōpōtiki Museum),
Whakatōhea Maori Trust Board

The Komiti Whiriwhiri Hitori wanted it noted in this summary the importance of these three organisations that store sources of historical information. Whakatōhea is fortunate to have these groups to house their taonga. It is important to note what can be found in these organisations.

Whakatōhea Research and Archives Trust:

- Court Minutes
- Maps
- Interviews
- Transactions
- Land administration information
- Images (photos, videos)
- Published books (Secondary sources)
- Minutes of meetings for different trusts
- Maori Land Court information
- Other historical information

Whare Taonga (Ōpōtiki Museum)

- Historical images
- Whakatōhea taonga, artefacts and other treasures
- Historical documents

Whakatōhea Māori Trust Board:

- Tribal Database (including whakapapa connections)
- Trust Board minutes
- Transactions, contracts and records of decisions made by the Trust
- Maori Land Court information

Not listed here are the whanau and hapū that have stored information at home or at the marae. At this point it is unknown what level of data is stored with whanau and hapū.

Pathway towards the Historical Account

The Komiti Whiriwhiri Hitori also wanted to note that for the purposes of Treaty Negotiations the research will inform the Historical Account for the Raupatu of Whakatōhea. This is a requirement of the settlement process as evidence of historical breaches by the Crown of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

The pathway to completing the Historical Account is as such:

1. Complete historical research reports
2. Identify gaps within the research, and complete research projects to fill those gaps
3. Identify key findings from the reports
4. Collaborate with OTS to write the Historical Account

SUMMARY

The Komiti Whiriwhiri Hitori is actively working in all areas and continues to gather stories and information to build our knowledge base of history associated with whanau, hapū and iwi korero. In relation to the research required for the Historical Account, the Komiti is at stage 3 and 4 – identifying key findings and in a position to work alongside OTS to formulate the historical account.

Based on Bruce Stirling's report, we have instigated further research to fill the gaps identified and acknowledge the work of previous researchers in completing other comprehensive reports – such as those from Bryan Gilling and Ranginui Walker. There will always be space for new research projects. However, for the purposes of negotiations, the Komiti is satisfied that there is substantial evidence to build an Historical Account for Crown breaches against Te Tiriti o Waitangi.