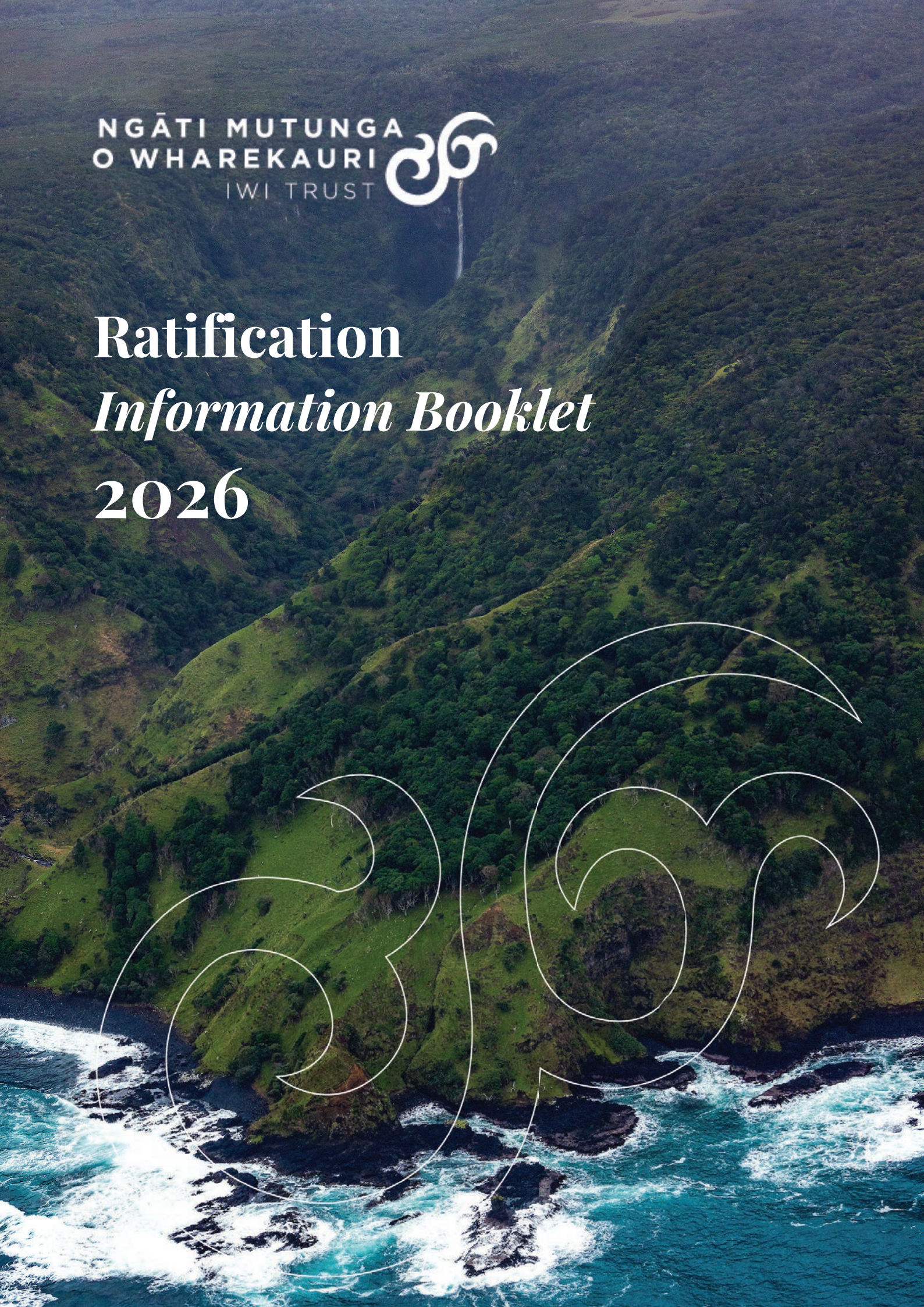


NGĀTI MUTUNGA
O WHAREKAURI
IWI TRUST



Ratification
Information Booklet
2026







He toka tū moana.

A rock standing firm in the sea.

Wharekauri Te Moutere *Pao*

Wharekauri te moutere	Wharekauri the island
Nonīnga remu Tāiko e	Where the Tāiko resides
He pā ake ake	Ake ake tree is our pou
Ngana hau auē	Standing against the strong winds
Puhia rā e te hau	Blown by the wind
Uaina e te uā e	Rained on by the rain
Ko Matipo, ko Kopi	Place of comfort
Whakamāurutanga e	Provide shelter
Korihi te Tui Korari	Tui in the flax bush singing
Koē te Weka one e	The Weka upon the earth screeching (clicking)
Ngā mihi whakatau	Acknowledge settling (welcome)
Maioha e	Heartfelt from the Island, standing representing
Whakatau mai ki Te One	Settle here at Te One
Te iti, te rahi e	For the few and the many (everyone)
Ki te takapou whāriki	By the finely woven mat of
Whakamaharatanga e	Remembrance

This Pao was composed by Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Whaea Cathy Thomas, Eileen Cameron, Alison Reriti, Paula Page and Melodie Eruera-Fraser.

Their inspiration was our taonga, Wharekauri.

This ropū have a vision for all of us to learn and use the Pao as an Iwi, and specifically when we reach settlement.



NGĀ IHIRANGI

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SECTION 1

Key Points





A message from the Trustees

Tēnā koutou katoa e te whānau o Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri.

This booklet is for you.

On 11 December 2025, we put our name to the settlement agreement with the Crown. This moment has been a long time coming since Wharekauri was unilaterally annexed in 1842. And now we are here.

For decades our tūpuna had to live with the impacts of Crown decisions made about Wharekauri. Often the consequences of these decisions made living on Wharekauri even more difficult. For over 30 years, our kaumātua have sought to engage the Crown to address its Treaty of Waitangi obligations to us. In the past 12 years those efforts have seen Ngāti Mutunga at the negotiation table with the Crown. There were delays on the Crown's part, setbacks, and moments of deep frustration. Through all of it, we stood firm. We did not walk away.

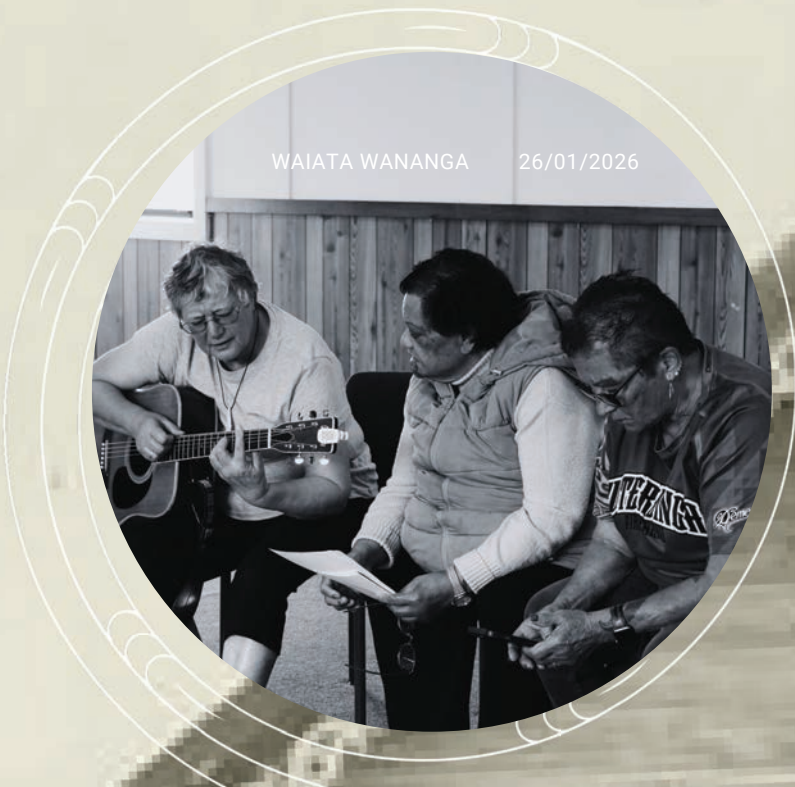
The settlement we are bringing to you honours two commitments: to our tūpuna, who never gave up, and to our mokopuna, who deserve to inherit something real.

This booklet tells you what is in the settlement, why we believe it matters, what happens if we vote no, and how to vote. Please read it carefully. Come to a hui. Ask your questions – we are here to answer them.

The vote opens 24 April 2026 and closes 12 noon, 29 May 2026.

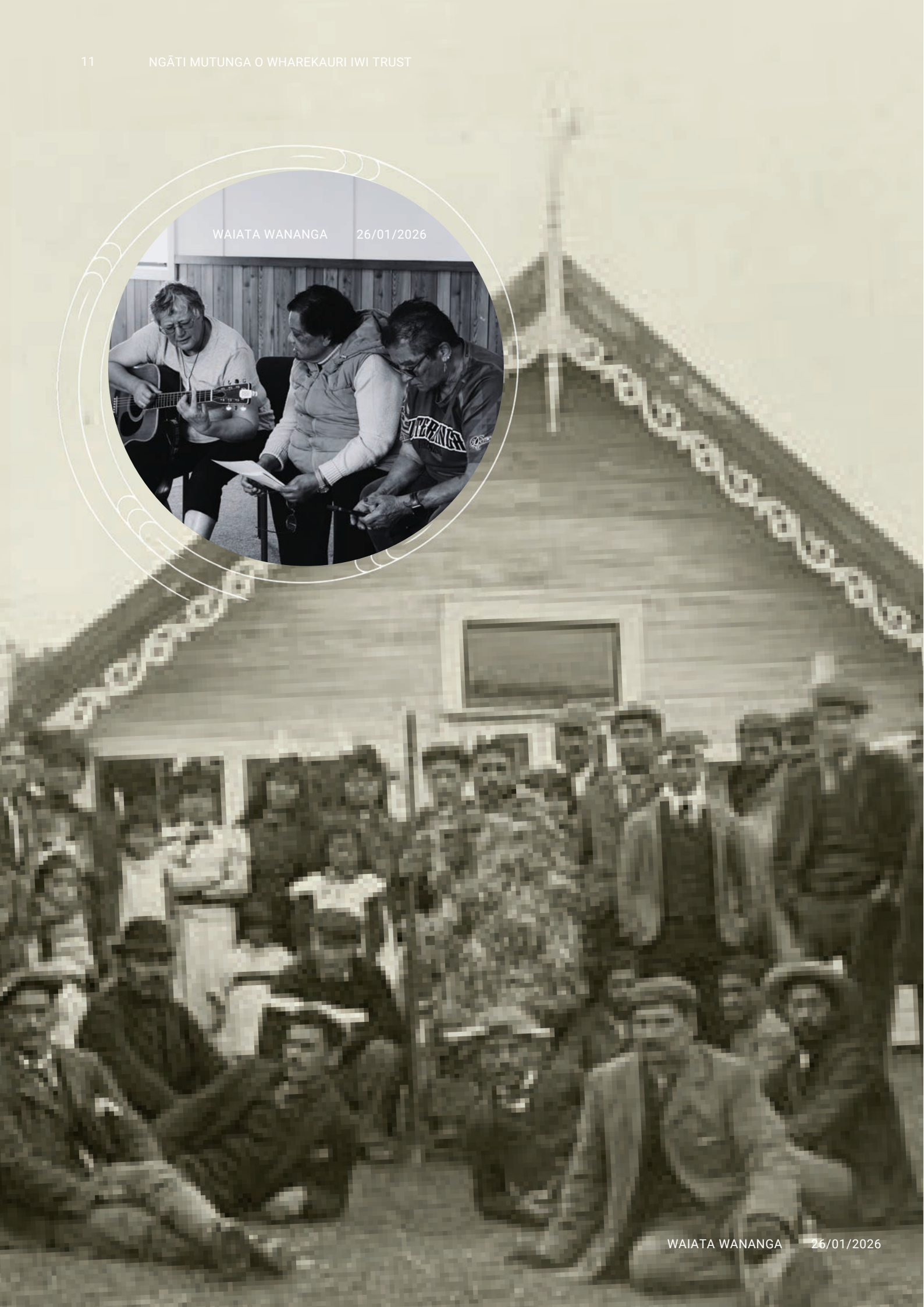
He toka tū moana – we are a rock that stands firm in the sea.

The Trustees of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust



WAIATA WANANGA

26/01/2026



Te Tiriti o Waitangi *Our Wharekauri Experience*

Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri rangatira never signed the Treaty of Waitangi. They were never presented with the opportunity to do so. In 1840, when the Crown proclaimed sovereignty over New Zealand, Wharekauri was not included in the area covered by the proclamation.

Wharekauri only became a part of New Zealand through a process of annexation in 1842. It was a response by the Colonial Office in London to the purported purchase of Wharekauri by the New Zealand Company.

The outcome was our Treaty relationship with the Crown was established through annexation. This process was carried out without any effort to consult with Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri. No copies of the Treaty were taken to Wharekauri.

The Crown acknowledges this act represents a profound failure to recognise or respect our mana and te tino rangatiratanga and is the root of all Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Treaty grievances and consequent relationship difficulties with the Crown.

The Crown took no steps to exercise any substantive authority in Wharekauri until 1855, when it appointed a collector of customs for the islands. While Wharekauri were legally part of New Zealand between 1842 and 1855, they remained, during that period, under the practical authority of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri.

The story of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri and the Treaty of Waitangi is unique in the history of our nation. No other iwi experiences annexation by the Crown after the Treaty is signed in 1840. The way in which the Treaty was introduced failed Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri. It marks the beginning of a long and regrettable history of limited engagement by the Crown with us in our rohe.

We deserve better.

HE PĀTAI

What you are deciding?

Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri members are being asked to vote on two resolutions. These are:

- 01** Resolution One – Settlement with the Crown
Do you approve the Deed of Settlement between Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri and the Crown? YES / NO
- 02** Resolution Two – Post-Settlement Governance Entity
Do you approve that Te Korowai o Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri, the proposed Post-Settlement Governance Entity (PSGE), receive and manage settlement redress on behalf of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri?
YES / NO

Resolution One – Settlement with the Crown

The Deed of Settlement records the Crown’s apology to Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri, it resolves our historical Treaty grievances with the Crown and provides the agreed settlement redress.

The redress includes:

- Financial redress of \$18 million
- Cultural recognition of important sites and wāhi tapu
- Statutory acknowledgements and relationship redress
- The opportunity to purchase certain Crown properties

Resolution Two – Post-Settlement Governance Entity

Proposes that the PSGE is the organisation that will receive and manage the settlement assets for the benefit of all Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri members.

The PSGE will:

- Hold settlement assets on behalf of the iwi
- Manage those assets responsibly over time
- Ensure benefits are delivered to current and future generations
- Trustees or directors of the PSGE will be elected by registered members of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri

Vote opens	Friday 24 April 2026
Vote closes	Postal and online voting will close at 12 noon, Friday 29 May (NZ time)
How to vote	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By post — your voting pack includes a voting paper and a reply-paid return envelope. Complete your voting paper and post it back before the deadline. • Online — electionz.com, our independent returning officer, will send you an email with a secure link and instructions to vote online. • In person — voting boxes will be available at each hui, supervised by electionz.com.
Your vote is private	The Crown will consider a range of factors including the voting results, and Ministers will use this information to make a formal decision to sign the deed. We are able share the voting results once they are known while the Crown is undertaking its processes.
Independent observers	Te Puni Kokiri staff will attend each hui as independent observers. They will report on hui and this information feeds into the Crown assessment process.
Results	The vote is managed by an independent returning officer from electionz.com . No one will know which way you voted.

HE AHA TE TIKANGA

Why does this settlement matter?

We are in a relationship with the Crown. This settlement shapes it.

Whether we wanted it or not, Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri has been in a Treaty relationship with the Crown since 1842. This is not going to change. What we can change is the terms of that relationship.

In a perfect world, there would be no need for a settlement. Both parties would have honoured the Treaty from the beginning. History tells us the Crown did not do that. Our experience is no different from that of every other iwi in this country.

Based on our history, we can anticipate the likelihood of the Crown providing challenges to us in our future Treaty relationship. We must ensure that our mokopuna are best resourced and placed to meet any challenge and are prepared uphold our mana and te tino rangatiratanga.



What does settling give us?

A settlement does several things that cannot be achieved any other way.

The Crown says sorry	The Crown acknowledges its breaches and apologises to Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri. The Crown's apology is written into legislation. It becomes part of New Zealand's permanent legal record.
Our history is recorded	The agreed history of the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri and Crown relationship from 1842 to 1992 is recorded in statute. This is not the full story of our people. Our history is yet to be fully written. But it is our story with the Crown, in law.
We cannot be ignored	The Settlement Act will underpin our ongoing relationship with the Crown. When government agencies make decisions that affect Wharekauri, they must consider us. The Act means we cannot be overlooked in future.
Money for our future.	\$18 million, comprising \$5 million set aside only for our culture, language, and wellbeing. \$13 million to be invested and grown for generations to come.
A reset of the relationship	The settlement gives us a platform to build from. It guides Crown behaviour towards us and provides balance in the Treaty relationship on Wharekauri.
Balance in the story of Wharekauri	Our people are not simply villains in someone else's history. We come from remarkable tūpuna. This settlement gives us a place in the legal and historical record of this country.
Our kaumātua	In 1988, our kaumātua chose to engage in this process. This settlement honours their decision and gives the generation that comes next a foundation to build on.

This settlement upholds our negotiation philosophy – honour our tūpuna and provide for our mokopuna.

Ngā Painga o tētahi Whakataunga Tiriti

Benefits a Treaty settlement offers

BENEFITS

Recognising Mana

In the broadest sense a Treaty Settlement restores the honour and integrity of the Crown and recognises the mana and status of Māori.

Crown Breaches Acknowledged

The Settlement sets out the acts and omissions the Crown breached under Treaty of Waitangi and its principles before 21 September 1992, and how these acts and omissions affected Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri. The Crown will also provide Settlement redress.

Crown Apology and Recognition

The Crown acknowledges the Treaty breaches and prejudice caused to Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri and apologises for those breaches and the consequences of its actions. The Crown will also provide Settlement redress.

Historic Claims Settled

Importantly it settles Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri historic claims which have remained outstanding since 1992. It concludes a Crown process which our kaumatua decided to engage in from that period. In doing so it records part of the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri history in statute.

New Crown Relationship

The Settlement represents a reset of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri-Crown relationship for the benefit the future of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri.

Future Crown Conduct

Our Settlement should serve to guide Crown behaviours and responsibilities towards Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri.

Statutory Recognition

The Act underpins our ongoing relationship with the Crown, meaning we can't be ignored in the future.

Economic Redress

Our Settlement provides putea and redress for Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri investment benefit.

Wharekauri Balance

Our Settlement provides balance to the on-island Treaty relationship with the Crown.

Reframing Our Story

Our Settlement provides balance to the story of Wharekauri. Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri are not simply villains in someone else's korero. We come from remarkable tūpuna, and we should celebrate our history.

Recorded History

Our Settlement records the agreed history of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri-Crown relationship from 1842 to 1992. This is not the definitive Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri history. That history has yet to be written.

*A Treaty settlement upholds
our Negotiation philosophy to*

*Honour our tūpuna and
provide for our mokopuna.*





KI TĀ TATOU KŌHI KĀORE

What if we vote no?

You deserve an honest answer.

We are not here to tell you how to vote. We are here to make sure you know what each choice means.

The Trustees recommend voting **yes**. But if the vote returns a no, here is what that means.

If we vote no:

- We lose significant momentum. Twelve years of negotiation, the relationships built, the legal groundwork done. That cannot simply be paused and resumed.
- We would likely go to the back of the Crown's negotiation queue. We may need to start again. There is no guarantee of when the Crown would recommit to this work.
- The current settlement offer may not hold. The Crown could offer less next time. We cannot know what they will put on the table in a future round.
- The Treaty landscape is changing. We do not know what the political environment will look like in five or ten years. Future legislation, changes in government, and court decisions all create uncertainty.
- This burden passes to another generation. The people who would have to restart this work are our tamariki and mokopuna – not us.
- It is a significant missed opportunity for investment, for iwi development, and for Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri to move forward.

If the vote is no, the Trustees will meet and report back to all members. We will hold hui on Wharekauri and on the mainland. The Trust remains. Our commitment to this iwi does not change.

But we owe you the honest view: the Trustees believe declining this settlement would be a serious setback for our people, our mokopuna, and our future.



NGĀ MAHI

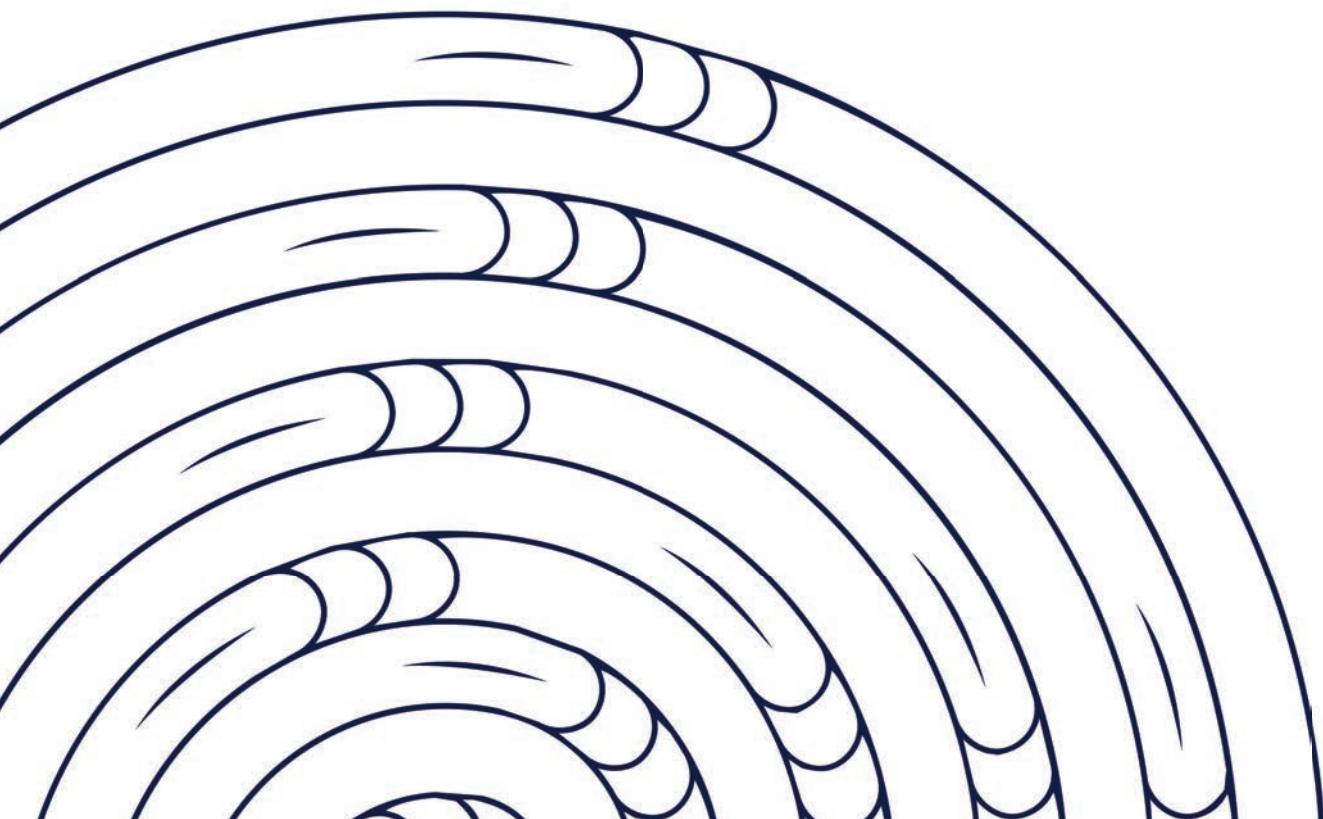
What to do

What is in your voting pack?

Your voting pack will arrive in the mail. It will contain:

- This information booklet.
- Your voting paper (your ballot).
- An option to vote online provided in your information pack.
- A return envelope – already addressed and paid for. You do not need a stamp.

If you require further information regarding the settlement contact the trust office. If you require assistance regarding voting call the electionz.com support line 0800 666 041 (toll free).



KAUMĀTUA CHRISTMAS LUNCH 24/12/2025



Step 1

Check you are on the roll. If you are Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri by whakapapa and you are 18 or older, you should be enrolled. Call: Toll Free 0800 WHAREKAURI or (03) 3050 500, email: iwitrust@nmow.iwi.nz or to register go to www.nmow.iwi.nz/register.

Step 2

Come to a hui. These are whakapapa hui that open with karakia and waiata, kaumātua speak first, then we talk. Bring your questions. Dates and venues are on the last page.

Step 3

Read this booklet. Take your time. If something is not clear, call us Toll Free 0800 WHAREKAURI or (03) 3050 500, email: iwitrust@nmow.iwi.nz.

Step 4

When your voting papers arrive, read them carefully. Mark your ballot. Use the prepaid return envelope. Post it before 12 noon, 29 May 2026.

Step 5

If you need help at any point with voting call the electionz.com support line: 0800 666 041 (toll free).

Our helpline is open 8:30am – 5pm (NZST) from 24 April 2026, until 12 noon, 29 May 2026.



PRIME MINISTER VISIT

25/11/2022

KO WAI TĀTOU

Who we are as an iwi

Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri

At Wharekauri sits 44 degrees south, 800 kilometres east of Aotearoa in the Pacific Ocean.

Wharekauri

Our place

Wharekauri is our home. Our tūrangawaewae. Wharekauri shapes our whakaaro, whaikōrero, karanga, waiata, karakia and manaaakitanga. Wharekauri is who we are.

Our connection to Wharekauri goes back to 1835, when we arrived on the *Lord Rodney* from Te Whanganui a Tara. The moana has always defined us. The whenua defines us. Our manu and kararehe define us.

Our Wharekauri rohe is large and includes: Waitangi, Kaingaroa, Pitt Island (Rangiauria), surrounding Islands, and Te Whānga lagoon.

Ko Wai Tātou

Who we are

Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri is an iwi whose whakapapa stretches from Taranaki to Wharekauri and out to sea.

We are kaitiaki, the guardians of this place. The shared redress in this settlement reflects our approach to living on Wharekauri.

Today, our people live on Wharekauri, across Aotearoa, and beyond. This settlement is for all of us, wherever we are. However, Wharekauri is always home.

TE WHAKATAUNGA

What we agreed to Settlement summary

December 2025

Initialled Deed of Settlement

Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri and the Crown signal they are prepared to enter into a final agreement to settle our historic Treaty of Waitangi claims. Full details are in Section 2 of this booklet.

Properties we can choose to buy

Five properties in Waitangi

We have two years from the settlement date to decide whether to purchase any of these properties. We are not obliged to purchase any of the properties listed.

Money for our future

\$18 million total

\$5 million set aside only for our culture, language, learning, and whanau wellbeing. \$13 million invested and grown for future generations.

Our places recorded in law

Our places recorded

The Settlement records our connection to Wharekauri and acknowledges Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri mana and te tino rangatiratanga.

First say on Crown land


Right of first refusal

If the Crown ever decides to sell specified land on Wharekauri, they must offer it to us first before anyone else.

Right of First Refusal

Deep Sea Quota

Provides Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri the option to purchase or lease fishing quota before it is offered to the open market by the Crown. This agreement will be in place for 50 years from the Settlement date.

An aerial photograph of a coastal area. The image shows a mix of green marshland, brownish water channels, and a sandy beach on the left side. The water is a light blue-grey color. The overall scene is a complex network of land and water.

\$18 million does not measure what was taken from us. It is a start — a foundation. What we build from here is up to us.



TE UMANGA HOU

The New Organisation

When the settlement comes through, we need a new organisation to hold and manage your settlement assets. The Crown requires this for every iwi settlement in the country.



Te Korowai o Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri

Who runs it?

Seven people are elected by you. The initial trustees will be the current trustees of the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust.

Who controls the big decisions?

You do. For any major transaction, at least 75% of eligible iwi members voting must support it.

How do you see what happens?

There will be an AGM every year. Accounts will be published. What happens with your settlement money will not be hidden.

Who owns the assets?

Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri. Always. They cannot be given away or sold without member agreement.

What about kaumātua?

The Kaunihera Kaumātua, the Elders Council, will continue to guide the trustees on tikanga. Their role is built into the structure of Te Korowai o Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri.

TE HAERENGA

The journey to get here

This settlement did not happen overnight. It took generations of endurance and decades of formal engagement with the Crown.





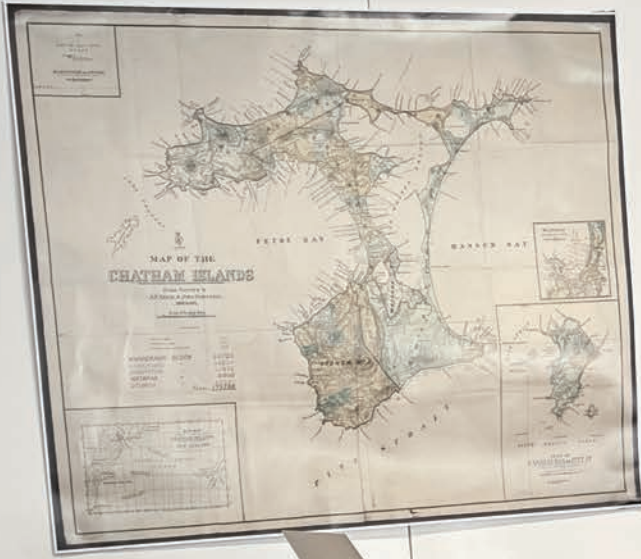


SECTION 2

In-Depth Details

For whānau who want to go deeper





RATIFICATION

Settlement Overview

Roadshow Q&A

Settlement Redress & Benefits

What will the \$5 million cultural redress be used for?

It will support priorities such as te reo, pā, marae, and housing. Whānau will have a say over how this is used.

Property & Assets

Will Crown properties under Right of First Refusal (RFR) go to the highest bidder?

Crown properties will be offered under RFR provisions, with specific processes applying to how they are transferred.

Why do we only own part of Te Whaanga Lagoon?

The settlement provides ownership of the lagoon bed, but not the water.

What happens to existing assets?

There is a process to transition and manage assets by the new Governance Entity following settlement.

Will fisheries assets transition to the new entity?

Yes, fisheries assets will transition, supported by legal processes.

Do we own the settlement houses yet?

Not yet. On settlement, Deferred Selection Properties, including any houses in that pool, do not transfer automatically and will only be acquired if the Trust elects to purchase them.

**26
FEB**

**CHATHAM ISLANDS
WHAKAMAHARATANGA MARAE
NORTH ROAD TE ONE**

**28
FEB**

**AUCKLAND
JETPARK HOTEL
63 WESTNEY ROAD, MANGERE**

**02
MAR**

**CHRISTCHURCH
COMMODORE HOTEL
449 MEMORIAL AVENUE,
BURNSIDE**

**03
MAR**

**NEW PLYMOUTH
THE DEVON HOTEL
390 DEVON STREET EAST**

**05
MAR**

**WELLINGTON
WQ HOTEL
24 HAWKESTONE STREET**

Governance & PSGE

Will PSGE and kaumātua roles be supported?

This will be considered as part of governance and resourcing arrangements.

What are the terms of trustees?

Trustee terms and structure will be set out in governance arrangements.

Will trustees take up roles immediately?

This depends on the transition process following settlement.

Ratification & Process

What happens if we do not ratify?

We would likely return to the end of the Crown's negotiation queue, with no certainty on timing or terms.

How many registered members and voters are there?

Approximately 2,060 registered members, with around 1,123 eligible voters.

Why is registration important?

Registration ensures participation in voting and access to information. It also ensures that those voting have Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri whakapapa.

Historical Account

Where can we find the Historical Account?

The Historical Account is part of the Deed of Settlement. It can be accessed online at www.nmow.iwi.nz. There is a link on this page to the Deed of Settlement under Settlement Milestones.

What is the Historical Account?

It records the agreed history between Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri and the Crown from 1842, including events leading to the Crown apology. It is not our full iwi history.

Financial & Operations

Will the organisation need to pay tax?

Yes. The entity will pay tax where required, but this can generally be claimed back through its charitable structure.

When does income start—before or after PSGE?

This depends on when settlement legislation is enacted and governance structures are in place.

Engagement & Hui

Where do we go regarding matters involving Moriori?

This sits within ongoing relationship discussions.



BASALT COLUMNS

11/08/2023

NGĀ KERĒME

What are we settling?

The Treaty claims

The specific Treaty claims this settlement covers

The Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Claims Settlement Act will formally settle our Treaty of Waitangi claims listed on page 38. These claims were lodged before 21 September 1992 with the Waitangi Tribunal.

The Act will also settle all of our unregistered historical claims.

The full Deed of Settlement is available to read at the Trust office and at every whakapapa hui. You can request a copy by calling Toll Free 0800 WHAREKAURI or (03) 3050 500 or by emailing iwitrust@nmow.iwi.nz

Our position going into negotiations

When we started negotiating, we were clear about what mattered most to us.

- Our mana and our identity as Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri must be recognised.
- The Crown must formally acknowledge what it did wrong, and say sorry.
- Any settlement must support the long-term wellbeing of our whānau.
- Our tamariki and mokopuna must inherit something real.
- Our relationship with Moriori must be respected in any shared arrangements.

We carried these things with us through every round of negotiation. We believe the deed of settlement reflects our negotiation aspirations.

Wai 65

Chatham Islands and Fisheries claim

Wai 1382

Matarakau Wharekauri Public Works claim

Wai 181

Kekerione No. 1 Hospital Land claim

Wai 2279

Pamariki Lands claim

Wai 460

Chatham and Auckland Islands claim

Wai 2403

Kekerione Land Blocks claim

KŌRERO HITORI

Historical Redress

Historical account and Crown Apology

The Historical Account

The historical account is an agreed record negotiated between Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri and the Crown. The Crown's acknowledgement and apology to Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri is on the basis of the historical account. It is a critical part of our settlement agreement.

The historical account covers the events from 1835 onward, our arrival on Wharekauri, the Crown annexation in 1842, the arrival of the Crown on-island, use of Wharekauri as a prison colony, the impact of native land laws, native land court hearings, exclusion from voting and lack of political representation, lack of suitable health care, and the long-term impacts on our people. This is not the full history of our iwi. It is the account relevant to our claims with the Crown.

The full historical account is available in the Deed of Settlement at the Trust office. You can also view a summary of the historical account at nmow.iwi.nz. To request a full copy of the Deed of Settlement, call (03) 3050 500 or email iwitrust@nmow.iwi.nz.



KŌRERO HITORI

Historical Redress

Historical account and Crown Apology

The Crown Acknowledgements

Annexation of Wharekauri and failure to consult with Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri represents a profound failure to give appropriate recognition or respect to the mana and te tino rangatiratanga of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri.

The undertakings the Crown made to Māori in te Tiriti o Waitangi/the Treaty of Waitangi apply and have always applied to Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri from the date of annexation.

The pattern of Crown engagement with Wharekauri adversely impacted Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri.

Failure by the Crown to engage with Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri people living on the Auckland Islands in 1842.

The Crown acknowledges that members of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri were affected by war and raupatu in Taranaki, and that the inadequacies in the Compensation Court process compounded the prejudicial effects of confiscation.

The social impact of bringing prisoners to Wharekauri in March 1866 without any consultation with Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri. Prisoners who the Crown would detain without trial.

The effect of native land laws which provided for the individualisation of title and alienation of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri lands previously held in collective tenure. This undermined the social fabric of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri.



Empowering the Māori Trustee to compulsorily acquire which the Crown considered uneconomic interests in Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri land created a disconnect which deprived some Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri individuals of their tūranga wāwae in various places where they had customary interests and further undermined the tribal structures of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri.

Failed to provide for Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri residents of Wharekauri to vote in parliamentary elections until 1922, despite the establishment of Parliament in 1852, and Māori electoral districts in 1867. As a result, Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri were subject to taxation without representation.

Failure to provide adequate health and educational services.

Failure to actively protect te reo Māori and encourage its use by Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri was a breach.

Individually and collectively each of these acts by the Crown represent significant and serious breaches of the Treaty of Waitangi and its principles as a Treaty partner to Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri.

KŌRERO HITORI

Historical Redress

Historical account and Crown Apology

At pages 47 to 48 of the Deed of Settlement initialled in Wellington on 11 December 2025.

The Crown Apology

3.18 To Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri, your tūpuna, your tamariki and your mokopuna, the Crown makes this long overdue apology for breaches of te Tiriti o Waitangi/the Treaty of Waitangi and other acts and omissions which have caused you prejudice.

3.19 The Crown is deeply sorry that it annexed Wharekauri/the Chatham Islands in 1842 without any effort to consult you, which was a profound failure to give appropriate recognition or respect to your mana and te tino rangatiratanga, and that this began a long and regrettable history of limited engagement with you and your rohe. This history of limited services on Wharekauri/the Chatham Islands and the painfully slow development of economic infrastructure has meant that many Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri long felt they lived in a dependency of New Zealand rather than a fully integrated part of the country.

3.20 The Crown is remorseful for its breaches of te Tiriti o Waitangi/the Treaty of Waitangi, and the prejudice they caused you. Among these the Crown's failure to arrange for Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri to exercise voting rights in Parliamentary elections until the 1920s was all too symptomatic of how the Crown has treated you. The individualisation of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri land tenure in the nineteenth century has had a legacy of undermining your tribal structures, depriving many Ngāti Mutunga of their interests in tribal lands, and making the administration of the remaining lands far more complex than it should have been.

3.21 The Crown deeply regrets the impacts land tenure reform and the lack of economic infrastructure have had on the quality of life for many Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri. For too long the economy of your rohe was seriously underdeveloped, and, as late as the 1980s, the Crown's constant reviews of how it engaged with Wharekauri/the Chatham Islands caused deep frustration among your people.

3.22 The Crown is profoundly sorry for the intergenerational loss of knowledge suffered by Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri due to Crown policies of cultural assimilation by which te reo Māori The Crown is profoundly sorry for the intergenerational loss of knowledge suffered by Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri due to Crown policies of cultural assimilation by which te reo Māori was not protected, and its use was not encouraged. This has been a tragedy for Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri which should not have happened.

3.23 The Crown acknowledges that Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri are fully-fledged citizens of New Zealand. Through this settlement it pledges to build a relationship with Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri that is based on respect for te Tiriti o Waitangi/the Treaty of Waitangi and its principles.

TAONGA TUKU IHO

Cultural Redress

Our identity in law

Our places recorded in law

Statutory acknowledgements require the Crown to formally recognise our association with specific places. Government agencies must consider our views when making decisions about these areas.

Deeds of recognition requires specific agencies (like the Department of Conservation) commit to consulting with us and taking our views into account.

Te Whānga – the lagoon

The settlement includes the bed of Te Whānga lagoon. This is shared redress with Moriori. We also receive a permanent position on the DOC Community Board.

Te Whānga Management Board is a committee, which includes Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri, Moriori, the Chatham Islands Council, and the Crown will look after the lagoon in the long term.

Overview of Shared Redress

A shared redress deed and shared redress legislation will provide the shared cultural and commercial redress to the governance entities of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri and Moriori.



Relationship agreements with Crown agencies

The settlement includes formal agreements with Crown agencies that make decisions about our environment, health, housing, and culture.

- Department of Conservation
- Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
- Ministry for Primary Industries
- Department of Internal Affairs
- Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa
- Heritage New Zealand – Pouhere Taonga

- Ministry for Culture and Heritage
- Ministry of Health and Health New Zealand
- Kāinga Ora and Ministry of Housing and Urban Development
- Ministry for the Environment
- Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision



NGĀ PŪTEA

Financial and Commercial Redress

The money

\$5 million

Cultural Redress Fund

Set aside only for our culture – language, wānanga, and whānau wellbeing. Cannot be used for anything else. The people you elect will decide how it is spent, with input from you.



\$13 million

Financial and Commercial Redress

Held and invested by Te Korowai o Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri. Grown over time for the long-term benefit of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri.

Properties we can choose to buy

Five properties in Waitangi. These are purchase options. These are not automatic transfers.

- 3 Meteorological Lane, Waitangi
- 6 Wilson Place, Waitangi
- 7 Wilson Place, Waitangi
- 9 Wilson Place, Waitangi
- Hight Place, Waitangi

Right of first refusal

If the Crown ever decides to sell certain land on Wharekauri, they must offer it to us first before it goes to anyone else.

TE UMANGA HOU

The New Organisation — Full Detail

Structure, purpose, and your rights

Name and purpose

Te Korowai o Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri, the new governance organisation will hold and manage your settlement assets on behalf of all registered members of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri. Its purpose is to grow the settlement for long-term iwi benefit, while always remaining accountable to you.

THE STRUCTURE INCLUDES:

- PSGE Trust for the governance of settlement assets.
- Corporate Trustee Company as the legal trustee of the PSGE.
- Asset Holding Company continues to hold and grow commercial assets.
- Iwi Development Entity funds culture, language, and whānau wellbeing activities.
- Day-to-day operations may be carried out by appointed management.
- Trustees focus on governance.
- The PSGE founding documents have been reviewed for compliance by Te Tari Whakatau, Te Puni Kōkiri and against compliance with Māori Fisheries obligations, and met the required standard for us to proceed to initialling the Deed of Settlement.

Te Korowai o Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri

The proposed name reflects the mantle of responsibility carried on behalf of the iwi. A korowai is not simply a cloak; in this context the korowai represents the weight of obligation placed on those entrusted to lead. It is a mantle handed down from tīpuna to the present, carrying with it the expectations, values, and responsibilities of those who have gone before.

Te Korowai o Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri positions the PSGE as the bearer of that inherited mantle by holding and advancing the aspirations of uri, and carrying responsibility for the assets placed into its care through settlement. It speaks to a role grounded in service, discipline, and accountability, where leadership must honour both the legacy received and the future yet to come.

The name reinforces that the PSGE exists because of the iwi and is answerable to the iwi who have tasked it with upholding the trust passed down through generations and giving effect to the collective direction of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri.



Structure – who runs it and how

Board size	Seven elected trustees.
Wharekauri seats	Four seats. Candidates must live on Wharekauri.
Open seats	Three seats. Open to all registered members, wherever you live.
The Chairperson	Must live on Wharekauri.
Big financial decisions	75% of registered members must agree to the proposed decision. The seven trustees alone cannot make major calls on your behalf.
Annual meeting	A public meeting held every year. Accounts published and available to all members.
Kaunihera Kaumātua	An Elders' Council that guides the trustees on tikanga. Built into the structure.
Trustee terms	Three years. Trustees are elected by Adult Registered Members.

How the new organisation is set up

After the vote, the following steps take place:

1. The settlement law is introduced to Parliament and passed.
2. Current trustees at the time of the passing of that law, will cross over to the new PSGE and must formalise the start of the organisation. They then have 15 months to run a full trustee election. This is common for many newly established Iwi entities.
3. The first trustee election is held. All registered members vote. We will communicate the election process in advance.
4. The new organisation is then finalised and the settlement assets are formally and legally transferred to it.
5. The new organisation begins work on behalf of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri.

Your rights as a member

As a registered member, you have the right to:

- Vote in trustee elections
- Attend the annual member meeting
- View the organisation's published accounts
- Stand for election as a trustee
- Vote on major financial decisions that require member approval
- Raise concerns with the trustees directly

The settlement assets belong to Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri. The new organisation manages them on our behalf. Authority stays with the people.



TE PŌTITANGA

Voting – How to have your say

Who can vote?

- You are Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri by whakapapa,
- You are 18 years of age or older,
- Can confirm your Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri whakapapa either by being enrolled with the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Trust or during the voting period.

Not sure if you are on the roll?

Call us Toll Free 0800 WHAREKAURI or (03) 3050 500, email: iwitrust@nmow.iwi.nz or to register go to www.nmow.iwi.nz/register. We will confirm within two working days. Voting closes on 29 May 2026. Do not leave this too late.

The independent returning officer (IRO)

The vote is managed by an independent returning officer (IRO) who are electionz.com. They are not part of the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust.

electionz.com is responsible for:

- Sending out all voting papers
- Receiving completed ballots
- Counting the votes
- Announcing the result

Any questions about the voting process should go to electionz.com directly.

Special votes

If you are eligible to vote but are not yet registered by the time the roll closes, you may be able to apply for a special vote, which allows you to still participate. Contact electionz.com to find out how.

- You may need to complete a whakapapa form to confirm your eligibility.

How to vote

Voting options are by post, online, or in person at hui.

Postal voting packs are being sent to all registered members and should be received by 30 April 2026.

Your vote is private. No one will know which way you voted. The vote is managed by an independent returning officer who is not part of the Trust.

Lost or damaged voting packs

If your voting pack has not arrived by 8 May 2026, or if it has been damaged, contact electionz.com straight away.

Call electionz.com immediately: 0800 666 041 (toll free). Replacement packs will be sent by electionz.com as quickly as possible.

1 Check your papers have arrived. If they have not arrived by 8 May 2026, call electionz.com immediately: 0800 666 041 (toll free).

2 Read the ballot paper carefully as it also describes how you can vote online. You are voting yes or no for two resolutions. The ballot will explain exactly what you are deciding.

3 Mark your ballot clearly.

4 Either, place your ballot in the addressed return envelope or vote online. You do not need a stamp if you choose to vote by mail.

5 Post your vote, vote online, or vote at one of our hui before 29 May 2026.

*Come and be part of
the kōrero.*

NGĀ HUI PĀRONGO

Information Hui

What are the hui for?

These are information hui. Every hui opens with karakia and waiata. We will then talk about the settlement and the new PSGE. Then we answer your questions.

You do not need to know anything before you come. Just come.

- All whānau are welcome. Bring your kaumātua. Bring your rangatahi. Bring your questions.
- Any question that cannot be answered on the day will be answered in writing within 48 hours.
- The full settlement agreement and the proposed trust deed will be available at every hui.

Dates and locations

Online	8 April 2026 6pm Chatham Islands Time (NZT +45mins)
Online	15 April 2026 6pm Chatham Islands Time (NZT +45mins)
Online	22 April 6pm Chatham Islands Time (NZT +45mins)
Wharekauri	6 May 2026 5pm Whakamaharatanga
Poneke - Wellington	8 May 2026 6pm Brentwood Hotel
Urenui	9 May 2026 4pm Urenui Community Centre
Tāmaki Makaurau	10 May 2026 4pm Naumi Auckland Airport
Ōtautahi / Christchurch	11 May 2026 6pm Rehua Marae
Pitt Island	14 May 2026 6pm Venue: TBC <i>Subject to weather conditions</i>

Can't make it to a hui? You can send your questions in writing to iwitrust@nmow.iwi.nz. We will respond within two working days.

For further questions about the hui contact: 03 3050500 or iwitrust@nmow.iwi.nz.

HE PAPA KUPU

Glossary

Some words and phrases in this booklet might be new or unfamiliar. Here is what they mean.

Word or phrase	What it means
Deed of Settlement	The formal written agreement between the Crown and Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri. It sets out everything agreed as part of the settlement.
The new organisation	The organisation that will hold and manage your settlement assets on behalf of all registered members. You elect the people who run it.
IRO	Independent Returning Officer. The person who manages the voting process. Not part of the Trust. They send voting papers, count votes, and announce the result.
Ratification	The process of voting to formally accept or reject the proposed settlement.
Wai number	The reference number for a Treaty claim lodged with the Waitangi Tribunal. Each claim has a unique Wai number.
Tūpuna	Ancestors. The people who came before us.
Mokopuna	Grandchildren. The generations who come after us.
Post Settlement Governance Entity	Te Korowai o Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri is proposed as the new governance entity.

Word or phrase	What it means
Kaitiakitanga	Guardianship. Our responsibility to care for the natural world.
Whakapapa	Genealogy. The line of descent that connects you to Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri.
Kaunihera Kaumātua	The Elders' Council. A group of kaumātua who provide tikanga guidance to the new organisation.
Statutory acknowledgment	A legal statement that formally records our connection to a specific place. Government agencies must consider our views about these areas.
Right of first refusal	If the Crown ever decides to sell certain land, they must offer it to us first before anyone else.
Cultural Redress Fund	The \$5 million set aside only for our culture — language, learning, and whānau wellbeing. Cannot be used for anything else.
Tuāpapa	A foundation. A starting point to build on.

WHAĒ MAI

Get in Touch

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Questions about voting?

Direct all voting questions to the Independent Returning Officer

Questions about the Settlement?

Contact the Trust office.

*He toka tū moana.
A rock standing firm in the sea.*

Ko Matipo, ko Kopi — Whakamāurutanga e.

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