

# “It’s up to you the people”

*Nā Rereahu rāua ko Rangianewa  
Ko Te Ihingārangi te tuakana  
Nā Rereahu rāua ko Hineapounamu  
Ko Maniapoto te mana  
Te ihi o te iwi.*

*Ngā uri o Rereahu  
Ko Rereahu te matua  
Ko Te Ihingārangi te tuakana  
Ko Maniapoto te mana  
Te ihi o te iwi  
Tihei Mauri Ora!*

By **Tiwaha Bell**  
Chairman, Maniapoto Maori Trust Board

BY now, many of you will know that the Maniapoto Māori Trust Board is asking all iwi members to give the board the mandate to negotiate the settlement of our historical treaty claims.

A number of people have been asking why the trust board has decided to do this.

There are two answers to this.

The first is in the here and now, the other, is from the korero and actions of our tupuna.

I can assure you it was a decision that was not taken lightly.

After the trust board was informed by the Crown that the claims process for Maniapoto had stalled we decided to go out and ask the people to support us to negotiate a settlement on your behalf.

With no progress being made we see an opportunity to get the settlement process moving

again and bring the people together to achieve the best possible outcome for all of Maniapoto.

The second answer comes from past leaders.

At the turn of the 20th Century, there was a great deal of soul-searching about how Maniapoto would survive and thrive.

Remember, we had been through the wars and the Native Land Court process. Things were at a low ebb.

Consolidation and Kotahitanga was the call.

This korero was captured in 1904, in what we simply call the Kawenata.

The trust board takes a strong lead from this.

If we jump forward to today, the questions of last century remain relevant.

How does Maniapoto survive, but more importantly thrive?

## IT'S UP TO YOU

A critical part of answering these questions is settling our historical treaty claims.

The trust board wants to get the process moving.

It is up to you the people to make the decision whether you want us to do that on your behalf.

There are a series of hui coming up where you can learn about what we are proposing. *See the advertisement below.*

There is also information on our website – [www.maniapoto.iwi.nz](http://www.maniapoto.iwi.nz) – for you to consider. Please do.

*E Tū Maniapoto  
Paimarire*



MANIAPOTO Maori Trust Board chairman, Tiwaha Bell.

## E Tū Maniapoto

The Maniapoto Māori Trust Board is seeking support from members of Maniapoto to negotiate the settlement of historic Treaty of Waitangi claims.

Currently there is no mandate for Maniapoto to negotiate with the Crown and no progress being made. The trust board wants to change this.

Go to [www.maniapoto.iwi.nz](http://www.maniapoto.iwi.nz) for more detailed information on why the trust board wants your support, how the process will work and how you can have your say.



### 2016 Mandate information hui:

Sunday 9 October	10.00am	Tauranga Moana Māori Trust Board Community Centre Hall, <b>Tauranga</b>
Monday 10 October	5.30pm	Te Puea Memorial Marae, <b>Auckland</b>
Tuesday 11 October	5.30pm	Ngā Hau E Wha Marae, <b>Christchurch</b>
Wednesday 12 October	5.30pm	Te Hotu Manawa o Rangitāne o Manawatu Marae, <b>Palmerston North</b>
Thursday 13 October	5.30pm	Takapuwhāhia Marae, <b>Porirua</b>
Saturday 15 October	10.00am	Mōkau Kohunui Marae, <b>Piopio</b>
Sunday 16 October	10.00am	Te Rūnanga o Kirikiriroa, <b>Hamilton</b>
Sunday 16 October	3.00pm	Mangatoatoa Marae, <b>Tokanui</b>
Monday 17 October	5.30pm	Mōkai Kainga Marae, <b>Kawhia</b>
Tuesday 18 October	5.30pm	Wharauora Marae, <b>Taumarunui</b>
Wednesday 19 October	5.30pm	Te Kuiti Pā, <b>Te Kuiti</b>

### How you vote:

Anyone who is a member of Maniapoto can vote for this proposal.

All registered members of the Maniapoto tribal register 18 years of age and over (including those who will turn 18 years of age prior to the close of voting) will be sent a voting pack.

If you, or your whanau, are not yet a registered member, you can also vote by contacting the Independent Returning Officer on **free phone 0800 666 030** or email them at [iro@electionz.com](mailto:iro@electionz.com) for a special voting pack. Alternatively, a special voting pack can be obtained at any of the mandate information hui.

### Votes can be cast:

- by post (by completing and returning the voting form);
- online (using the information on your voting form);
- at an information hui (by bringing the voting form and casting it there).

Voting will open at 12pm, Friday 7 October 2016 and closes at 12pm, Friday 28 October 2016