



ANNUAL REPORT

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Hiiona Marae Trustees Report

December 2022

E te Whānau whānui

Tēnā koutou

He hōnore he korōria ki te Atua, he maungārongo ki te mata o te whenua, he whakaaro pai ki ngā tāngata katoa.



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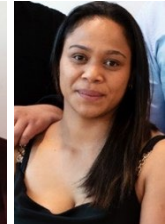
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Te Puāwai

Trustees are pleased to present the Annual Report for 2021 and 2022; a catch up on 2 years of COVID-19 from Mar 2020, through 2021, and progress on all marae projects picked up this year.

Historical Overview

Plans for the wharekai project which focused on building a new kāuta (kitchen) were initially presented in late 2007 by the trustees in office from 2006 to 2010 (old trustees). Changes to the trustees and limited funds in the decade that followed resulted in minimal progress. Descendants of the old trustees re-presented the kāuta plans at the well-attended special general meeting (SGM) of beneficiaries held in Nov 2017.

At the Nov meeting, whānau also expressed concern for our wharenui, Te Avananui, opened in 1989. Building was in structural decline alongside our existing toilets which were built in 1971, hence the decision for our rebuild. Thereafter, more meetings were held including a changeover of trustees in Jun 2019, to the descendants of the old trustees, who retain office today.

Marae Development Plan (MDP) 2020-2025

Trustees continue to follow our 5-year MDP (the revised version) which was handed out at our last AGM in Oct 2020. A reminder whānau that management of our marae is all about projects. Each project falls into one of three business administration portfolios outlined as follows:

1. **Mahi Whakahaere:** Hiiona Marae Administration (**HMA**)
Charter, Finance, Hapū Database, Knowledge Bank (*Puna Mātauranga*), and Marae Digital.
2. **Mahi Whakahou:** Hiiona Marae Maintenance (**HMM**)
Te Avananui, Puna Aroha Puna Kai, Ngā Whareiti, Grounds, Access, Te Rokiroki (Urupā).
3. **Mahi Whakaora:** Hiiona Marae Development (**HMD**)
Pourāhui Paepae, Waiwhakaata Kaupapa, and Mātauranga Māori Marae Ora.

Mahi Whakahaere – Administration (HMA) Projects

Mātauranga Māori Marae Ora (MMMO) Fund

<i>Purpose</i>	To assist marae with the preservation of their puna mātauranga which is inclusive of all taonga, i.e. carvings, paepae, tomokanga, etc.
<i>Funded by</i>	Manatū Taonga (Ministry for Culture & Heritage)
<i>Information</i>	https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/the-matauranga-maori-marae-ora-fund/
<i>Description</i>	Contestable Fund

MMMO fund covered part of the cost to get our taonga done. Trustees commissioned Master Carver, Warren McGrath, to revitalise *Tikitiki te Poumua (tekoteko)*, our *Pare*, and *Kōruru*. Warren is now carving our new *Pou (Pourāhui)*, *Pou Amo (Te Katipa and Te Hinureina)*, and the *Tomokanga*.

We also need help to work on our *Maihi*, reframe our *Tukutuku* panels, and work on replacing our *Tāhuhu* and *Kōwhaiwhai* panels. The other important *taonga* are our *whakaahua* (photos). Trustees will be putting all these *taonga* together on one wall rather than spread them out separately. Many of the photos and/or frames are damaged and will need to be fixed before they go back up.

Marae Digital Connectivity (MDC) Fund

<i>Purpose</i>	Government's Multi-Agency Approach to connect rural marae to the internet.
<i>Funded by</i>	• Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment • Provincial Development Unit • Te Puni Kōkiri
<i>Information</i>	https://www.tpk.govt.nz/en/nga-putea-me-ng-a-ratonga/marae/marae-digital-connectivity
<i>Description</i>	Contestable Funding Package Package includes installation and costs for a 5-year term at NO cost to the marae. 1. Broadband service for 5 years. 2. Installed essential hardware including: • Up to 3 Cisco Meraki Wi-Fi Access Points; • Up to 3 Cisco Meraki Security Cameras; • 1 Cisco Meraki Data Switch; • 1 Broadband Modem; • 1 Data Cabinet; • 1 AV Trolley Bundle Containing Stand, Display, Compute Module, Video Streaming Bar; • Basic Training on the hardware at the time of install; • Data Cabling; • Project Management and Installation. 3. Service Desk for 5 years.

MDC project connects remote rural marae like ours to the internet. Chorus Ltd was at the paa in Oct and connected the satellite and Spark came out 2 weeks ago and hooked up the data cables. Spark will be back in Jan-23 to hook up the rest. Te Taka is overseeing this project. Going forward, our marae will have wi-fi, security alarms and monitors, as well as computers and office equipment working from our new admin office. The office will be the control centre of the marae with restricted access.

Marae Charter Project

As discussed at the AGM in Oct 2020, the trustees have been working on reviewing the Charter since mid-2020. Purpose of the review is aimed at bringing the Charter into the 21st century to align with our MDP, accommodate all operational changes, and make it more reader-friendly. The process, timeline, and *Special Resolution* to confirm the recommended alterations is outlined in **Appendix C**.

Mahi Whakahou – Maintenance (HMM) Projects

Marae Rebuild (3 Stages)

Stage 1 – Te Avananui (Wharenui) 2020-21

<i>Scope of Works</i>	Structural renovations (interior & exterior), interior fit-out (replacement of flooring, instalment of air conditioning-a/c system, fire- security alarm system, etc.), walkway, accessible ablution & ramps, and siteworks.
<i>Funded by</i>	• Provincial Growth Fund (Provincial Development) • Martin Settlement Fund
<i>Information</i>	https://www.growregions.govt.nz/established-funds/what-we-have-funded/the-provincial-growth-fund/
<i>Description</i>	Contestable Fund

Structural renovations to Te Avananui are done. Electricity and security alarms are hooked up and we have water with the new plumbing system connected to the wharenui. Yet to finish work on the accessible ramps from the wharenui to the wharekai and we're still working on both *Paepae*.

Stage 2 – Puna Aroha Puna Kai (Wharekai) 2021-22

<i>Scope of Works</i>	Kitchen alterations with a commercial kitchen, outdoor covered cooking area & chiller, additional dry storage rooms & administration office, accessible back entrance ramps, structural renovations to existing dining facility, and siteworks.
<i>Funded by</i>	• Lottery NZ (DIA) Oranga Marae Fund • Waikato Tainui, Paa Whakawairua Fund (Marae Facilities Grant) • Trust Waikato Community Fund
<i>Information</i>	https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/oranga-marae/
<i>Description</i>	Contestable Fund

Kitchen fitout is in progress. Most of the supplies have arrived (combi ovens, dishwasher, zip, stainless steel shelving & custom-fitted benches, etc.) with other supplies still to be delivered. Suppliers will be onsite 14 Dec to begin installation. Once the fitout is done, the builders will finish off the kitchen with the last touch-ups to the interior, i.e. trimmings, skirting, and painting.

Outdoor covered cooking area is near completed with some work to be done on the ramps and rails. Because all marae are now classed as water-suppliers, the trustees were advised to install another water tank (5 in total) and the installation of a UV system to comply with the Govt's 3-Waters Reform.

Renovations to our dining facility may be delayed with the discovery of water damage to the ceiling. Our marae insurance brokers are due to assess the damage alongside our claim to have all the ceiling

panels replaced with gib board. Trustees are also waiting for a quote to replace our flooring. When these have been addressed, our wharekai will be completed. Timeline for completion is Jan-Feb 2023.

Stage 3 – Ngā Whareiti (Ablutions) 2022-23

Scope of Works	New purpose-built ablution facility, i.e. men and women toilets, accessible toilets, showers, and laundry room.
Funded by	• Lottery NZ (DIA) Oranga Marae Fund • Waikato Tainui, Paa Whakawairua Fund • Trust Waikato Community Fund
Information	https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/oranga-marae/
Description	Contestable Fund

Builders are set to start on our toilet block in Jan-23, which will be located along the Southend of the lot and structurally connected to our dining facility. Old toilets and showers are gone, and excavation has levelled the site area where they were situated. We will keep the whānau updated on progress.

Te Rokiroki – Urupā

Weather permitting, Tamihana regularly mows the lawns, tidies all the graves, and does the general upkeep of Te Rokiroki once sometimes twice a month. Unless whānau are prepared to maintain the graves on a bi-weekly or monthly basis, you are asked not to leave anymore ornaments, toys, clothes, hats, bottles, cans, plastics, etc., in our urupā.

All these things eventually become rubbish that the wind blows everywhere and left there for others to clear and clean up. Fresh flowers or plants are all good but please take the paper, plastic, or flower containers with you when you leave Te Rokiroki.

Underpinning this course of action by the trustees is a key priority to better protect and care for our *taiao* (environment) especially our *wāhi tapu*. Trustees do not wish to put signage up just to remind us of this priority unless of course we have to. Other priorities include the need for everyone to close the gate and make sure the tap at the entrance of Te Rokiroki is turned off properly when you leave.

Waiwhakaata Trust Health & Safety Strategy



From now on when we visit Te Rokiroki, there will be a sign like this at the entrance to the farm (i.e. as you leave the sheep farm). Whānau are asked to sign in by simply using your phone to scan the QR code and sign out when you leave. This is not about checking up or controlling who is coming and going from the urupā, it's about ensuring our safety.

In addition, whānau are still forgetting to leave the gates as we find them. If the gates are closed, then make sure they're closed after you when you enter and again when you leave. Certainly, if they're open, then you can leave them open. This is not hard to do whānau. Please respect that we are going through farmland that is owned by others.

Mahi Whakaora – Development (HMD) Projects

Pourāhui Paepae Kaupapa

<i>Project</i>	To revitalise and sustain our tikanga, reo, and mātauranga o Ngāti Pourāhui.
<i>Applications</i>	• Te Mātāwai • Waikato Tainui Tikanga Ora Reo Ora (TORO) Grant
<i>Description</i>	Contestable Funds

Waiwhakaata Taiao Kaupapa

<i>Purpose</i>	To protect and sustain our taiao, including our wāhi tapu.
<i>Applications</i>	• Relevant Government Agencies – DIA and Te Puni Kōkiri • Waikato Tainui Taiao Grant • Relevant Regional & Community Providers, e.g., WRA, WRC, Trust Waikato
<i>Description</i>	Contestable Funds

Waiwhakaata Trust Wetlands & Native Trees Development

Chair, James Pinfold, has corresponded with the trustees on this significant development since Aug-2021 which aligns with the desire of the Waiwhakaata Trust to look after the *taiao* and produce educational benefits as well. More and more environmental initiatives like this are extremely important for all concerned.

James has invited the marae to partake in this development with the Trust alongside Environment Waikato and Ngutunui Enviro School. Trustees are keen to discuss the extent and nature of our involvement with James as this initiative also aligns with our own environmental sustainability and educational objectives. Whānau will learn more about this development over the coming months.

Marae Representation

Te Whakakitenga O Waikato (TWOW)

Current term for TWOW ends in early-2024. Our representatives elected at the last AGM in Oct 2020, are Tarn, Ari, and Te Puāwai is our alternate. Exciting things still happening for the Iwi with a number of major projects in progress in all domains of development – cultural, social, environmental, and economic. A more detailed update will be in our next quarterly report due in Mar-Apr 2023.

Te Nehenehenui Trust (TNN)

Some of us attended the 150th celebrations of Te Tokanganui-ā-Noho, Tupuna Whare, at Te Kūiti Pā on Sat 3 Dec and others attended the Rangi Waituhi (signing) of the Maniapoto Deed of Settlement on Sun 4 Dec also held at Te Kūiti Pā. It was good to see Hiiona represented. Ari attended the TNN hui-ā-iwi on 20 Nov at Kahotea Marae and she is the primary contact for Hiiona.

Ngā Marae Tōpū (NMT)

Historically, NMT is the first marae institution inclusive of the Iwi whānui – Hauraki, Maniapoto, Raukawa, and Waikato. The last NMT Hui-ā-Marae for 2022 was held in the Chambers at Hopuhopu on 10 Dec. Trustees are set to pay our registration fee for 2023 and looking for representation.

Ahu Whakamua – Going Forward

Marae Bookings

Over the last year, the trustees have received a number of requests to book the marae for wānanga, birthdays, general visits, and even the Turner Whānau Whānui Reunion scheduled for Labour Weekend in Oct-2023. We have put a placeholder date for the Turner Whānau but all bookings for dates prior to Oct we have turned down for obvious reasons. The plan is that all building projects will be done by Aug or Sep next year. So, the marae is closed and likely to remain closed until further notice.

We are very thankful to our whānau at Pūrekireki Marae for allowing us to use their marae in the interim and ask that we all respect their tikanga and recognise too that they have annual ongoing costs to meet. If you wish to hire Pūrekireki then contact Haani Huata and please *koha* for the privilege.

Annual ongoing costs to sustain our marae once we reopen are likely to be much higher than what we've had to pay in the past, for example, annual expenses like: power; gas; petrol; buildings, grounds, urupā, and access maintenance; health & safety inspections; servicing of all kitchen appliances; servicing of grounds machinery and equipment; water compliance requirements; and other administrative expenses. Moving forward, all these costs will likely increase fees for marae bookings.

Marae Policies

Over the coming months the trustees will be developing a number of policy guidelines to assist whānau and others with hiring the marae for all events, whether it be *tangi*, *hura kōwhatu*, weddings, birthdays, reunions, meetings, and so on. The policies will be in place before we reopen the marae.

Marae History, Whakapapa, Tikanga & Reo

Our history, who we are, our tikanga and our reo are really important. Trustees are looking at holding all-day wānanga for us to come together and talk about our kawa and tikanga. This knowledge is the best guidance we can give to our next generation so that when whānau come home they know what to do and will not feel lost or nervous about what to do especially for *tangi* or *hura kōwhatu*.

Kōrero Whakamutunga – Conclusion

As always whānau, we encourage you to keep up with the play on what's happening by visiting our marae website www.hiiona-marae.com or reading *marae pānui* that are posted on our HMT facebook page. You can also contact us directly:

Nug, chair@hiionamarae.co.nz – 021 330 534, or Ari, admin@hiionamarae.co.nz – 021 247 1568.

Lastly, COVID-19 has changed our lives forever whānau and it's still prevalent today. Please keep safe, be kind, and let's take care of each other and our marae.

Ngā manaakitanga, Nug



Chair, Hiiona Marae

