



September 2020 Monthly update

Wharekawa Marae Trustees and Komiti have been busy planning the upgrade and refurbishment of our Marae.

The plan – Te Whakatutuki is a plan for the **Social, Cultural, Economic, Physical** and **Environmental** redevelopment of Wharekawa Marae with the goal to provide a significant contribution to fostering and uplifting the mana of Ngāti Pāoa and Ngāti Whanaunga.

A brief overview of the projects identified are:

Completion of the Wharenuui:

- Whakairo, Tukutuku panels, Kōwhaiwhai, Heke, Tāhuhu
- Atea Refresh
- Insulation and Lighting

Renovation of the Wharekai:

- Extension of the building
- Renovation of the kitchen and dining rooms

Renovation of the Old Whare:

- Paint and restore the mana of the whare

Create new ablution system

Upgrade the Water System

The planning has been undertaken and resource consents have been granted. Funding applications are in place and we are awaiting the confirmation of these.

In the meantime we have not been idle.

Two Wānanga have been held over the months of August and September.

August Wānanga was predominantly used to setup the responsible teams to develop the action plan.

Kaiwhakairo – Puhi Thompson
Hemi Thompson

Kairaranga – Lorna Rikihana

Kaikowhaiwhai – Frank Rawiri
Leo Tahitahi
David Tahitahi

Physical Development of the Wharekai

– Warren Rawiri-Walsh & Michelle Wilson

September Wānanga saw whanau trek into the Hunua (in conjunction with Auckland Council) to collect kiekie and begin the preparation process for the weavers. This included the collection, stripping, bundling and boiling of the kiekie which was then hung to dry in readiness for the next stage.

Whilst onsite korero was shared – tikanga, regenerative and sustainable harvesting and the kaupapa of the processes and the aroha of being together on this waka.

We had about 30 whanau of all ages engaged in the mahi and to hear laughter on our marae was food for the soul.

Please register your interest and commitment to wānanga with Michelle Wilson E: mmwilson001@gmail.com



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"It was awesome just catching up with whanau meeting new whanau and having my first hikoi up onto Kohukohunui our maunga, priceless"





Wharekawa Marae

Nga wānanga will be held the second weekend of each month, dependent on availability – remembering that our Marae is there for whanau and if a whanau kaupapa requires the Marae, the dates will be changed.

- **October 11th and 12th**
- **November 14th and 15th**
- **December 11th and 12th**

You are more than welcome to come and help us complete our beautiful marae together. We will place a panui up on the Wharekawa Marae website www.wharekawamarae.co.nz and on the Wharekawa Marae facebook page.

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Wharekawa Marae Komiti and Trust

Your Marae Komiti and Trust members are;

Marae Komiti:

Leo Tahitahi – **Chair**. Anahera Sadler - **Secretary**.
Michelle Wilson - **Treasurer**

The Marae Komiti meet the **second Sunday** of the month that coincides with the Wānanga series. Whanau attend to assist and support the Komiti at these meetings.

Come along – Nau mai Haere mai.



Wharekawa Marae Trustees: *refer photo left to right*

Michelle Wilson, Edward Manukau, Warren Rawiri-Walsh, Rangitahi Pompey, Tipa Compain – Chair, Lorna Ratahi, Teteira Rawiri.

Actions:

Show your whanau this newsletter.

Take note and diary the Wānanga dates, register and bring your whanau and a plate/pot of kai to share.



Completed Kiekie harvested, washed, stripped, cut, measured, bundled, boiled and hung to dry.



Whanau are encouraged to participate and come along to every wānanga, engage and be a part of the exciting developments for our whanau and hapu ō Wharekawa Marae.