



# Te Muri Aroha

'E hoki koe ki tō ūkaipō, kia purea koe e te muri aroha.'

## October 2020 Monthly update

Wharekawa Marae held their monthly Wānanga on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October. The focus for the Wānanga was the introduction of the new age of Digital Connectivity journey we are about to embark on.

Digital Connectivity is the use of the internet to live stream from the Marae direct to you. You can choose which meeting you wish to be a part of and all from the comfort of your lounge – although it must be said – kanohi to kanohi is always best.

This connectivity will provide a platform for everyone to meet virtually, share ideas and create connections to enhance our future.

This independent platform to amplify our kaupapa is exciting. Aotearoa's technology and innovation sectors are growing rapidly, and we have just climbed on board.

Wharekawa Marae have embraced and embarked on this digital connectivity platform for the marae sponsored over the next 5-year period from Te Puni Kōkiri and the Provincial Growth Fund with the assistance of Lightwire.

With this exciting platform, the possibilities are endless. We have the opportunity to;

- harness the potential of our whānau in the digital innovation space, as a means to providing an avenue for learning e.g.: Tune into a livestream to listen to our stories.
- excite our tamariki into the world of digital technology and innovation and ultimately STEAM subjects – work on their level.
- tap into the innate Māori innovation gene that we inherited from our tūpuna since the time our tūpuna arrived to these shores – engage in new ways of doing things...

We have various examples within Te Ao Māori around our ability to innovate. An example is Māui who was both an innovator and a disruptor. We want to tap into that innovative gene that we have – to get our tamariki, rangatahi and whānau into the digital innovation space.

To test our Connectivity strength, we held a [Zoom meeting](#) with our own Christel Broederlow currently based in Australia. The discussion was clear, the signal strong and the korero exciting. We now know how strong our signal is, in more ways than one. Isaac Warbrick of ARA continued the theme with digital storytelling. The final test was the live streaming of our Komiti meeting on the Sunday morning.

We have the technology! A plan is being developed around the process of the use of this technology within the Marae – to ensure everyone is safe within this digital space.

With this innovation, the work having started on the Whare Tūpuna the future is VERY bright!

So how does this align with our Te Whakatutuki Plan?

We are holding monthly wānanga at the marae to create a platform for whānau to engage and participate in realizing Te Whakatutuki, our 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 Paoa and Ngāti Whanaunga.



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Christel Broederlow sharing her knowledge & experience with the whānau.



**“Having Digital Wi-Fi on the marae is fantastic and being able to learn our whakapapa and history when we come back home keeps it alive and well, Im excited for the future”**



3D Animation Walk Through of the Marae Infrastructure Development was awesome!



Our Social redevelopment pou highlights the need to connect the marae community to its marae through;

- a marae community profile,
- a membership database,
- a regular rangahau/survey of marae community members,
- a high quality communications plan,
- a leadership initiative,
- a whakapapa repository and
- support for uhunga/tangihanga so that the marae remains relevant too and serves the needs of our whānau.

Find: Te Whakatutuki Plan on our website: [www.wharekawamarae.co.nz](http://www.wharekawamarae.co.nz)

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

- November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>
- December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

You are more than welcome to come and help us complete our beautiful marae together. We will place a pānui up on the Wharekawa Marae website [www.wharekawamarae.co.nz](http://www.wharekawamarae.co.nz) and on the Wharekawa Marae facebook page.

Please register your interest and commitment to wānanga with Michelle Wilson E: [mmwilson001@gmail.com](mailto:mmwilson001@gmail.com)

## Wharekawa Marae Komiti and Trust

We have been working hard to whakamana te marae, whakamana nga whānau through holding monthly wānanga to increase whānau capacity and capability highlighting our Te Whakatutuki Pou; Social, Cultural, Economic, Physical and Environmental redevelopment focus areas.

We would like to acknowledge the Provincial Growth Funds Marae Renovation initiative that will support the renovation of our old Wharemoa and help support the completion of our whare tūpuna - Pāoa Whanaunga.

Our ringa toi are busily planning workshops over the next few months. We encourage you to come along and be a part of these exciting times ahead, and help complete our whare tūpuna together.

**Expression of Interest:** A dedicated raranga/tukutuku rōpu is required to complete the dressing of our marae, so we are wanting whānau to commit to the ongoing wānanga moving forward. Please send your Expression of Interest [here](#).

Wānanga are held the second weekend of the month. All whānau are welcome.

Show your whānau this newsletter, and help spread the word.

Take note and diary the Wānanga dates, register and bring your whānau and a plate/pot of kai to share, stay the night and engage in our journey.

**[REGISTER](#) YOUR INTEREST TO BE ON THE DEDICTATED RARANGA/TUKUTUKU RŌPU**



*We're aware that the digital space is growing rapidly and is the future of work so involving our whanau is hugely beneficial, supporting learning, social, cultural, economic and environmental outcomes.*



Whanau are encouraged to participate and come along to every wananga, engage and be a part of the exciting developments for our whanau and

hapū o Wharekawa Marae.