

Tena Koutou o ta taatou whanau o Wharekawa Marae.

GREAT NEWS WHANAU!

Just to quickly recap, about 3 years or so ago we began our journey to re-develop & finish our Marae. We then held monthly wananga to gather in our whanau whanui to plan for our "Moemoea" to complete our Wharenuui & Re-develop the Wharekai & renovate the old wharemoe. Many of you became involved with the kaupapa & it was so heart-warming to see our whanau returning to our Marae in support. Our Te Whakatutuki Plan was put in place in late 2019 & then everything seemed to stop in 2020, due to the Covid-19 outbreak.

Fast forward to today:-

Late last year saw the closure of our Wharenuui to allow our head Mahi-Toi expert carver, Puhi, to finish off our Wharenuui. Work is progressing immensely well on that Kaupapa.

On 1st April this year, we saw the closure of our old Wharemoe for renovations, & that is also progressing with expected completion of that part in approx 1 month time, or thereabouts.

And now we are pleased to inform you that our funding for our Wharekai Re-development has been granted & work is going to commence on 15th June.

"KA MAU TE WEHI".

KA NUI TE AROHA KI A TAATOU KATOA.

A massive thank you to you all for participating in this huge kaupapa, & especially to our Marae Reservation Trustees & Marae Komiti for their continued commitment to the betterment of our marae.

With this said we are now going to hold our 1 & only Wananga for this year on Saturday 5th June 2021, with our monthly Marae Komiti meeting due the following week on 13th June.

This Wananga is purely to clear out our Wharekai & store everything in our container at the back, so work can start on the 15th June.

At this stage, we are asking if any of you can assist with this huge task. Also, does anyone have a contact for Cardboard boxes & poly bubble to store our crockery dishes etc in?

We will be starting our Mahi with a karakia at **11am on Saturday 5th June, going until 5pm.** What we don't finish, we'll do after the Marae komiti hui the following week.

So if you can make it, it would be awesome to see you all again.

NGAA MIHI MAHANA KI A TAATOU KATOA.

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