

## **NGAMOTU MARAE RESERVATION**

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 12 MARCH 2022**

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#### **Whakapapa.**

A section of the land at Bayly Rd has been set aside as a Marae Reservation, endorsed by the beneficiaries of the Ngati Te Whiti Whenua Toopu Trust and confirmed by the Māori Land Court (MLC) on 22 August 2014.

Also confirmed by the MLC is the Whenua Toopu Trust, Trustees role and responsibilities in the development of the Marae. The role of the Whenua Toopu Trustees is to undertake the responsibilities of the Ngamotu Marae Reservation Trustees until a six-month period after the establishment of the Marae Building, whereas an Election must be held to appoint Ngamotu Marae Reservation Trustees.

Currently there is an active Resource Consent for a Marae on this site, with the New Plymouth District Council. The Building Consent has lapsed, Plans and Technical Information required to for a new Building Consent is still in play. Information given to the Trustees indicates that acquiring a new building consent should be achieved without much or any complications.

The cost of building a Marae complex, has more than doubled in price from the original estimates back in 2016, which should come as no surprise given the length of time and the impacts of COVID19 global pandemic, access to building and other resources required.

#### **Activities of the Marae Trustees**

Today, on our Agenda following this AGM is a Wananga for the Marae, where more detailed information will be presented on the activities of the Trustees.

I can assure you that as Trustees we have been actively working on a Strategy to kickstart the Marae build. We have been Socialising our intention for a Marae with members of our Political and Iwi forums, locally and nationally.

We have submitted funding applications to Oranga Marae and Toi Foundation. I am pleased to announce that the Trust has secured funds from Toi Foundation (\$2m).

#### **Moving Forward**

The Marae, a Home for Ngati Te Whiti has been a moemoea for many of us here today, and for many that are no longer with us.

We know the intrinsic value a Marae will bring to our Hapu, our tupuna and future generations.

I hope that Wananga today will ignite your passion and affirm your desire for our Marae, a physical manifestation of our Mana Whenua and Turangawaewae.

No reira Tena Koutou, Tena koutou Tena tatou Katoa.

Linda McCulloch  
Chairperson