Ngamotu Marae Reservation

Chairperson Report

For the Annual General Meeting

Held on the 11 December 2022

Governance

The Ngamotu Marae Reservation is its own entity (with its own Charter Registered with the Maori Land Court, Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993) separate from the Ngati Te Whiti Whenua Toopu Trust. The Ngati Te Whiti Whenua Toopu Trust is committed to establishing the Marae for the Hapu of Ngati Te Whiti.

In accordance with the Marae Charter an election will be held for six months after the official opening of the Marae to appoint Trustees who will oversee all aspects of the Marae in accordance with the Charter.

Funding

As reported previously, Toi Foundation have granted the sum of \$2 million dollars for our Marae development. The Trustees continue to seek funding from other revenue streams; government and private institutions, these conversations are on-going. The financials pertaining to the Marae Reservation were reported in the accounts for the Ngati Te Whiti Whenua Toopu Trust.

Next Activities

Re-launch of Marae Project

The Trustees have also embarked on a communications strategy with the intent of reintroducing and socializing the Marae to hapu members and our community. We have engaged with Hall of Design to assist with the development of a suite of presentations; targeting information sharing / fund raising that can be adapted to the respective audience. To date the Trustees have presented to the Port Taranaki Board of Directors and an Investment Company and Private Party. All presentations were well received, and discussions are on-going with all parties.

<u>Wananga</u>

The Trust has also secured funding from COGS and Lotteries Taranaki to hold Wananga in 2023 that will enhance cultural knowledge and competencies. These will be advertised on the Trust Website.

Suggestions for topics for the wananga will be welcomed from you all. Please advise any topics to me today or, by the 16 December 2022, by emailing to office@ngatitewhiti.org.nz.

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