

Ngamotu Marae Reservation
Chairperson Report
To the Annual General Meeting Held on
18 November 2023

Tena koutou, tena koutou tena tatou Katoa.

I refer to Judge Warren's (Māori Land Court) comment from his decision made 8 June 2023, he acknowledges the wider whanau of Ngati Te Whiti and encourages us to focus our energy on the Kaupapa of our Marae. The fact that the Marae remains in our hearts and minds is a testament to our resilience and determination to secure our Home a dream held by many of our whanau here today and those no longer with us.

I for one am, buoyed by the continued support you provide for this Kaupapa and please to report that we have progressed with the activities I outlined in the Chairpersons report last year.

I stated we had engaged Hall of Design and today we will share our draft Marae Development Plan with you all. A document that the Ngati Te Whiti Hapu Society Inc and Ngamotu Marae Reservation Trustees have developed together.

I stated that we continue to seek funding opportunities and we are engaged with Taranaki Foundation and continue our association with Toi Foundation and progressing our application with Oranga Marae.

I stated that we had secured funding for Wananga and to date we have held three wananga: two in Ngamotu and one in Petone.

You our beneficiaries told us, to work closer with Ngati Te Whiti Hapu Society Inc, and today we seek, your endorsement of a resolution that will cement the continuing collaboration and cooperation between the Ngati Te Whiti Hapu Society Inc and the Ngamotu Marae Reservation Trustees. This will formalise our relationship and give you reassurance about our commitment to you and assist us to progress the development of our Marae.

You have raised concerns about the costs of running Marae and we are reviewing our Business Plan to be able to present this to you in the coming months.

To whakamana our Ngamotu Marae Reservation, we will highlight this entity in our overall narrative to raise the profile, bringing it to the forefront of our hapu and our community.

I end this report with a Ngati Te Whiti Cultural Values Statement reflecting Rangitiratanga.

Paritutu te pou tu moana, tu i te ao, tu i te po.

Paritutu, a rock standing firm in the sea day and night.

Mauri ora

Linda McCulloch
Chairperson
Ngamotu Marae Reservation.