

NGĀMOTU MARAE RESERVATION

Annual General Meeting Minutes

**Held at the Te Whare Hononga, New Plymouth
On the 19 January 2025**

1. Present

Graeme Fairclough	Julie Johns	Wiki Michalanney
Mawhaturia White	Perri Campbell	Sarah Knott
Susan Keenan	Allan Tito	Tiotiana Tito
Linda McCulloch	Norrie Keenan	Kyla Caldwell
Lydia Braddock	Tracey Harris	Jason Harris
BJ Moke	L M Tito	Tod Sharland
Josie Leckie	David Toa	Sharon McCulloch
Josh McCulloch-Nathan	Julie Healey	Haydn Te Ruki
Rita Rukawai	Heydon Healey	W Healey
Tia Tito	Kristie McCulloch	Edward Healey
<i>Via Zoom</i>		
Shane Cassidy	Natalie Kirton	Te Raumahora Hema
Val Campbell		

Invited Guest

Leo Watson, Solicitor for Ngāmotu Marae Reservation

2. Apologies

Darren Martin	Jack Cassidy	Christine Rukuwai
Jaqualine Tito	Boyd Healey	

3. Chairperson's Report

Linda McCulloch, who was the Chairperson until the 5 December 2024, read her report to the meeting. Linda's report was also shared on the screen.

Resolution

That the Chairperson's Report is accepted. Carried

4. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18 November 2023

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18 November 2023 were shared with everyone on the screen.

Resolution

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 18 November 2023 be taken as received and accepted as a true and fair representation of that meeting. Carried

5. Presentation of the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2024

The Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2024 was shared on the screen. It was noted that the only asset of the Ngāmotu Marae Reservation is the land at 1 Bayly Road, New Plymouth, that it was aside as a Māori Reservation for a marae for Ngāti Te Whiti.

Resolution

That the unaudited Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2024 be accepted. Carried

5. **Verbal Update by Leo Watson and Ratification of the Ngāmotu Marae Reservation Charter**
Leo Watson provided a verbal update on the amendments to the Ngāmotu Marae Reservation Charter that were presented to the meeting for ratification and advised the meeting that once the ratifications are approved they are immediately brought into effect. After ratification, the updated Ngāmotu Marae Reservation Charter will be filed with the Māori Land Court.

Resolution

*That the amendments to the Ngāmotu Marae Reservation Charter are agreed to and ratified accordingly. **Carried** (one abstention)*

6. **Update on Trustee Elections**

The meeting was advised that the Māori Land Court hearing in New Plymouth held on the 5 December 2024 approved the appointment of Natalie Kirton, Heydon Healey and Haydn Te Ruki as Trustees of the Ngāti Te Whiti Whenua Tōpu Trust and the Ngāmotu Marae Reservation. Linda McCulloch's term as a Trustee came to an end on the 5 December 2025 because Linda had served two consecutive terms.

7. **Update on Ngāmotu Marae – 1 Bayly Road**

An update was tabled at the meeting and Trustees answered questions from attendees.

Resolution

That the update distributed and tabled at the meeting was accepted.

8. **Ratification of Increase in Trustee Fees**

The meeting was advised that the Trustees Fees are currently \$200, less tax, per Trustee meeting attendance. At the Trustees' closed meeting held on the 23 September 2024 the Trustees resolved to increase the payment to each Trustee, for attendance at Trustee Meetings, to \$373.13 gross, being \$250 net per meeting, commencing from the October 2024 Trustee Meetings and subject to approval of the Māori Land Court.

The attendees were advised that the Trustees Meetings referred to included, the Open Meeting and the Closed Meeting for the Ngāti Te Whiti Whenua Tōpu Trust and the closed meeting for the Ngāmotu Marae Reservation Meeting, all usually held monthly on the same night. There is only one fee paid to the Trustees for attendance at these 3 meetings.

Resolution

*That the decision of the Trustees to increase the Trustee Fees to \$373.13 to each Trustee who attends the monthly Trustee meetings, with effect from October 2024, is agreed to and ratified accordingly, subject to approval by the Māori Land Court. **Carried***

9. **General Business**

- a. Future Thoughts

A discussion was held on a suggestion that the Ngāti Te Whiti Whenua Tōpu Trust could sell some of the land at South Road to either fund the Ngāmotu Marae Development or for there to be a fund set aside where the income earned on this fund could be used to support Ngāmotu Marae once it is built. There were no objections verbalised to this suggestion in these discussions.

- b. Cultural Adviser/Advocacy Person

A discussion was held on the need for a Cultural Adviser/Advocacy Person who could be proactive in supporting Ngāti Te Whiti and the marae development. There were no objections verbalised in these discussions.

There was a karakia to close the meetings.

Lunch was provided.

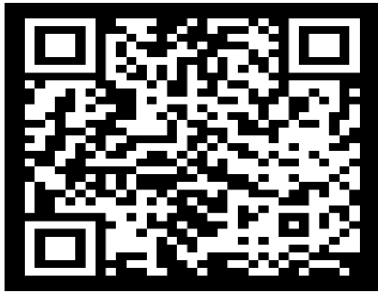
The agenda invited attendees to:

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<https://youtube.com/live/yEbzs9tt0Q?feature=share>