

KORONGATA MARAE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INFORMATION PAPER

To: The Korongata Marae Executive Committee to present to the Trustees
From: *Prepared by Ruth Wong (as noted at a Marae Committee Hui held on Saturday 27 January 2018).*
Date: 24 March 2018
Re: **Marae Committee Restructure**

Purpose

I have had the privilege of being a Marae Trustee and a Marae Committee member. I believe that our Marae Trustees could have a more hands on approach to the day to day management of the marae that in return would spread the mahi to include more whānau.

Background

Korongata Marae is governed by legislation, our charter and the needs of the people of Korongata Marae. The Korongata Marae charter outlines the organisational structure, roles and responsibilities of the Board members who are the trustees of the marae. The Korongata Marae Trustees are the legal entity responsible to the Court and beneficiaries of the Māori Reservation for the overall control and management of the Reservation. The key duty of the trustees is: "To maximize the assets and minimise the liabilities of the trust to the best of their ability and within the law" Trustees Act 1956. The objective of the trustees is to best represent the needs and aspirations of the people and act to uplift and strengthen our whānau, hapū, marae.

Within the charter the Marae Trustees have the ability to appoint sub committees to oversee specific kaupapa. The Trustees can also appoint a Marae Committee to administer and oversee the day to day management of the Marae including being responsible for the financial accountability records and accounts of the Marae, authorise activities on the Marae and apply for any and all funding and grants that may be available for the betterment of the Marae. The current Chairman of the Marae Committee is a trustee, Whareki Maere, who has become heavily involved because of his position.

I feel strongly in proposing the following recommendations on behalf of the Marae Committee to allow the trustees to become more involved and assert their support in a more hands on way.

For this purpose please consider the following recommendations.

Recommendations

- That the Korongata Marae Trustees and Marae committees collapse into one main committee called the 'Marae Trustees Committee'
- That the Trustees become more involved in the marae by holding portfolios
- That the Marae Trustees Committee portfolios include the following: Strategic Plan, Heretaunga Taiwhenua, Heretaunga Tamatea Settlement Trust, Taiao/Environment, Hauora/Health, Education/Matauranga, Culture/Tikanga, Fundraising, The Marae ie. Wharenui, Wharekai, Ablutions, Caretaking of the marae etc, Wananga etc
- That the portfolio holder (The Trustee) meets with a sub-committee to support the portfolio holder to fulfil any projects and report to the Marae Trustees Committee on a regular basis
- That the Marae Trustees Committee appoint two co-opted executive members to be the secretary and treasurer.

These are recommendations to be noted in the minutes as tabled as submitted, whether accepted or not by the Trustees.