

KORONGATĀ MARAE – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)
SATURDAY 23 AUGUST 2025, 10AM
KORONGATA MARAE – MARAEKAKAHO ROAD, BRIDGE PA, HASTINGS

- Attending Trustees:** Traci Tuimaseve (Chair), Alayna Watene, Alieta Uelese, Templey Armitage, Duayne Davies (Deputy Chair), Kathleen O'Shaughnessy, Rose Reid, Vanessa Sadler,
- Absent Trustees:** Logan Johnston, Vanessa Sadler, Tui Kingi
- Attending Whānau:** Rose Reid, Ruth Wong, Khalael Uelese, Leilani Wong, Penita Davies, Aryah Davies, Esther Dubben, Templey Armitage, Peter Armitage, Lynette Onekawa, Donna Hapuku, Kaupa Teariki, Jayleece Puriri-Tai, Sandra Tamati, Daniel Marsh, Steve Tipu, Hemi Wong, Kyani Mitchell, Chantal Mithell, Peter Armitage, Michelle Ferris, Whetu Ferris, Alice Joyce, Leigh Pere, (DSGE Architect) *Alex Heperi, Martina Linares,*
- Mihimihi** Traci Tuimaseve welcomed and acknowledged everyone for coming to the meeting.
 “Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Ngāti Pōporo ki Korongata Marae Ko te mihi tuatahi, ki to tatou nei Atua Koia te Timatanga, koia ano rā te whakamutunga, kei te mihi Ko te mihi tuarua, ki ngā mate, haere, haere, haere atu rā Ko te mihi tuatoru, ki te hunga ora, tīhei mauri ora Te Whare e tu nei, te whare a Matariki, tū tonu tū tonu tū tonu Otira, kei te mihi ki a koutou o nga whānau of Korongata Marae. Naumai haeremai ki tenei hui , Annual General Meeting o Korongata Marae No reira, Tēnā koutou tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa”
- Ngeri:** Nukanoa E
- Karakia:** Kaupa Teariki
- Call for Apologies:** Charlene Otene, Hapi Whānau (sisters), Te Rina, Kelly, David, Ashley (Puriri whanau), Michael Cotter, Gerald Davies,
- Motion:** ***“That the apologies be received and accepted.”***
Moved: Steve Tipu Seconded: Donna Hapuku
All in favour: Yes Motion Carried.
- Maumahara:** Traci named all of those whose names were submitted at past Trust hui as kuamate. Benita Mareikura, Bom Gillies, Charmaine Bartlett, Colleen Sellwood, Donna Rutter. Dora-Lei Kamau neé Taumata. Freda Te Aho . George Ferris (Jnr). Gordon Henry Taumata. Hata Tipoki. Hikurangi Rau. Hine Parahi. Hirini (Pop) Edwards. Jerry Edwards. John Toheriri. Johnny Wainohu. Joseph John Duncan Gemmell. Kalani Newman (Nee Harris). Kim Tipu. Kīngi Tūheitia Pōtatau Te Wherowhero VII, Luana Paki (Tahau), Lucia Ruby Pai, Mahia Mereaira Hinekura Henderson-Te Tomo, Makere Phillips, Marge Puriri, Michelle Smith-Manihera, Monty Cowan (Jnr), Monty Cowan (Senior), Pat Parsons, Patricia Te Aho, Robert Williams, Ruwhiu Hoani Miller Lawrence, Ruwhiu Lawrence, Shannon Cunningham-Te Aho, Tom Tahau, Vince Edwards, Raewyn Pere, Lani Pere, John Pere.
- Minutes of last AGM:** The Minutes of last AGM held on Saturday 24 August 2024 were recorded in the annual report which was distributed to all in hui. The SGM hui held on 12 October 2024 was also submitted as an outcome of the AGM, hence they were also printed for whānau to view today. No amendments to the minutes were made.
- Motion:** ***“That the minutes of the AGM held on Saturday 24 August 2024 with any amendments be accepted as a true record of that meeting.”***
Moved: Michelle Ferris Seconded: Leilani Wong
All in favour: Yes Motion Carried.

Chairpersons Report: Report was read out by the Chairman – Traci Tuimaseve, as noted in the Annual Report booklet that was handed out to all on arrival. Summary of Report –

“The past year has been a time of steady progress and resilience for Korongatā Marae. Despite ongoing challenges from natural disasters, political shifts, and relationship pressures, trustees have focused on advancing marae development, particularly the long-awaited rebuild of Nukanoa through the Oranga Marae programme. With phase two funding secured and design experts engaged, the vision of a revitalised marae hub is moving closer, with the goal of breaking ground in 2026.

Strengthening Ngāti Pōporotanga has remained a cultural priority, with wānanga deepening knowledge of whakapapa, tikanga, and kawa, while projects gather and preserve hapū history and kaumātua kōrero. Trustees and representatives have also advanced strategic relationships—finalising agreements with Hawke’s Bay Regional Prison, engaging in cultural impact assessments for regional developments, and maintaining strong links through Tamatea Pōkai Whenua and Rūnanganui o Heretaunga. These partnerships are creating pathways for whānau to contribute services, rongoā, and reintegration support that reflect Ngāti Pōporo values.

Looking ahead, the marae is committed to strengthening environmental stewardship, growing connections with neighbours and iwi partners, and continuing the day-to-day mahi of caring for our marae. The Chair acknowledges the dedication of trustees and whānau, encouraging ongoing unity and involvement so Korongata can once again be the thriving hub it was for whānau, hapū, and the wider community. The vision is clear: rebuild Nukanoa, heal our whenua, and ensure Ngāti Pōporotanga is strong for the future”.

Motion: ***“That the Chairpersons Report be accepted”***

Moved: Chantal Mitchell Seconded: Donna Hapuku

All in favour: Yes Motion Carried.

Annual Financial Report

Traci spoke to the financial report in detail as noted on pages 12-16 of the Annual Report. Last year we engaged ‘OnAllAccounts’ as our accountants and they are doing a great job as we grow into a more commercial future. Traci encouraged us to take a booklet to read through it more thoroughly at home, as it’s a lot to take in. The marae is in a good financial position.

Motion: ***“That the Financial Report be accepted”***

Moved: Hemi Wong Seconded: Jayleece Puriri-Tai

All in favour: Yes Motion Carried.

General Business

FOOD DISTRIBUTION – Charlene Otene (Tabled her GB when she gave her apologies.

Charlene asked why Korongata Marae is not receiving the food distribution that Mangaroa have been receiving. Traci said that it’s something we have been working hard to open up. Mangaroa is one of a few marae who is prescribed to the food network – a food and surplus chain that comes from centres and markets. The members of the food network receive and distribute the food for the community. Nourish for Nil is a HB wide prescriber to the network and distribute to the whole community. There are 4-5 distributors in Kahungunu. The kai is coordinated through Pare Morrell. The ten whānau groups receive and then after that goes to a second tier of whānau, then to the general community tier of which Korongata Marae receives. One of the ten Mangaroa whānau is not utilising, and that is distributed to Korongata Marae at times. Chantal Mitchell mentioned that Mangaroa joined up during Covid. Pare had told them that she was concerned about distributing too wide because she didn’t want whānau sell the kai on. Traci said that this is a valid concern that Charlene has brought up. Pare puts a panui out for the community for distribution in the day, food like fruit and other perishables. Vanessa Sadler who is our

liaison from the Korongata Marae Trustees, and if there is an availability, she will put the panui out to a representative of the ten blocks to give out to the whanau. Traci said it's a work in progress. It's a delicate issue. There's no set schedule. Ruth suggested that we are a small community, and if there are whānau in our hui receiving, then perhaps share with our Kaumātua and others who may need kai. We want for all of our whānau to access this kai, to help our whanau access this as well. Trustees will commit to communicate with Pare to open this up for more of our whānau.

KORONGATA MARAE SIGNAGE – Kaupa Teariki

There was a Korongata Marae sign on the post, but it's not there any more. Traci said that the Hastings District Council put up signs but they had spelled our name wrong as follows KORONGĀTA. Kaupa asked why the signs were taken down. Traci said that HDC was adhoc and did not communicate with us after an initial discussion earlier. Whetu Ferris said that he took the signs down because they were not spelled right and they are in the marae container. Traci said we were not consulted and although we told them spelling etc, they went ahead and did what they did. Traci will follow up with the Hastings District Council. Alayna also mentioned that the placement was wrong. Other marae, the sign is on the street by the marae. Traci will work with Charlie Ropitini to work on that.

WHENUA BOUNDARY– Ruth Wong

Ruth mentioned that it is noticeable that neighbours of the marae and moving further and further out into marae whenua and asked the Trustees at what stage will Trustees do something about it. Traci said that it's been an issue and raised in the past. Part of the delay is incorporating our master plan so that we can have the land surveyed, and the discussion can take place then. It's an ongoing issue. Traci said that one of our whānau has asked for more land yet they've already built on marae land as it is.

Sandra Tamati said that there was some kind of agreement for the Manihera's to look after the land. Traci – Part of the clarifying is to redefine surveying and proper records as to where the boundary is. Traci said that whatever prior arrangements need to be made clear. We need to tidy up the boundary. We need to work through it. Traci – this is a reset and the conversations and unfinished things like this need to be fixed. Ruth mentioned that after doing minutes of Trustees meetings since 2007, this was the first time this agreement had been raised and that past and present Trustees had not mentioned this agreement in any meetings, even when the issue had been raised in hui. Kathleen confirmed that this had been raised in a hui some time ago, however the agreement was for access to their section only. Ruth said that agreeing to access your section and encroaching of land and are two different things.

Alice Joyce said that 2/3 of this whenua belonged was her mother's land and she gifted it to the marae. She said that we should give them the land and start fresh from now on.

Donna Hapuku endorsed what Joyce said. Most of us were not aware of the agreement. Let's tell the whanau, that's it. We can't go any further than this then we can carry on.

Alayna reminded us that the marae resides on 10 blocks of land that was aggregated ie multiple original hapū owned lands were combined into a single block through the Māori Land Court and is managed collectively for the benefit of all Korongata whānau by the Trustees. Alayna said that it's important that we get the Lore and Law sorted and as a stickler for doing things right suggested that it will be a strength for the trustees to bring the owners together and for the trustees to understand their responsibility to those owners. The hapū needs to get together. It's about mauri ora – building us, making us wealth. I wouldn't give away any whenua because it's tied to the owners whakapapa.

Kathleen O'Shaughnessy agreed with Alayna. If we were to give away our whenua, there are thousands who would want their piece of dirt. It's a hapu decision made by everyone not just the trustees.

WHO IS DOING THE TĀKAI HERE WITH THE HB PRISON? – Kaupa Teariki

Traci said that the 3 liaisons are Duayne, Traci, and Alieta at this stage. This is about progressing mana whenua engagement and aspirations along with marae based contracting for advisory and service delivery. Alayna has been assembling the pakeke roopu and we do need more advice. Kaupa asked who is actually doing the mahi. Traci said that at this stage we are working through things as we need.

REBUILDING THE MARAE – Kaupa Teariki

Kaupa said that many years ago they had a hui about the rebuild of the wharekai and when they asked questions, they were told to sit down. Traci said that after the AGM, we are having a workshop regarding the boundary, the new build, and sharing our aspirations. Traci encouraged us all to stay and have our input.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - Alayna Watene

Alayna acknowledged Traci and Ruth for the work they do. Traci said we are here for a limited time to allow other whānau to come through and said we are all trying to do the mahi. He suggested that we need to be growing our people to come in and keep the Kaupapa alive. Traci mentioned that last year Jayleece put herself forward to be our waiata lead. We need to encourage our rangatahi to come in and take the lead.

PANUI

TE TAIWHENUA O HERETAUNGA REPORT - Christine Tamati

Christine submitted her report this morning and Traci will post it on the Facebook page.

TAIAO REPORT - Duayne Davies

Duayne spoke about pulling together a Korongata Taiao roopu to work with Mangaroa Marae to connect us to the Karewarewa Awa as well as the Karamu Stream.

TE RUNANGANUI O HERETAUNGA – Duayne Davies

Duayne reported that TTOH is creating a Runanganui Rangatahi Roopu – Elections coming up. Basic criteria, need to represent Korongata to be put forward. We as a whanau select our candidate. Old story – when they were forming a rangatahi group in the past, the average age was 55yrs. The individual can be from Rangatahi age all the way up. Watch this space*

KAHUNGUNU INTER-MARAE KARAOKE COMP 2025 – Traci Tuimaseve

28 September 2025 at Clubs Hastings – We need two kaiwaiata singing 2 songs each. We are on the first of eight heats for this year. These are on Sundays from 12noon onwards at Clubs Hastings. If anyone is interested, please contact Ruth or Traci.

AGM PA SPORTS 22 November 2025 – Ruth Wong

The NKII AGM is coming up and there will be sports – netball, touch, pickleball, basketball etc.

VOTE – ELECTIONS COMING UP – MAORI WARDS – Ruth Wong

It's important that we vote and ensure we are registered to vote.

STAN WALKER 13 November 2025 – Traci Tuimaseve

This is the Whakanene show which is part of Toitū Te Reo 2025 at the Toitoti. Tickets from Event Finder.

TOFIGA – COMEDIAN Traci Tuimaseve

Free concert – Saturday 27 September at Toitoti to celebrate Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga Taiwhenua 40years Celebration. Not advertised, just go along.

CLOSING

Traci thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and explained that after karakia and the blessing on the kai, we will grab our kai, have a little break then start into our workshop to share our aspirations for the wharehau and the overall dream list of what we would like our marae to look like, including the whenua.

KARAKIA

Kaupā Teariki

KAI

Everyone had a kai. Some people left and some people stayed for the workshops.

WORKSHOP

Alex Heperi started the workshop by taking us through a presentation before she invited everyone to participate in sharing their ideas, thinking openly about what all possibilities for the whenua so they can take into account future thinking when putting together plans for what takes place now.

