

KORONGATA MARAE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2 August 2014



Chairman's Report

Greetings

We have just celebrated Matariki, our Māori New Year. Matariki is a seasonal occasion to mark the end of harvest, a time to enjoy feasting, a time to reflect and remember, a time to acknowledge and celebrate the past, a time to refresh and replant, a time to look forward to new and exciting innovative pathways ahead. Today we will reflect, acknowledge and celebrate the past and refresh our ideals as we look forward to new and exciting activities ahead.

Acknowledgements

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the work and efforts of each and every one of you who have contributed your time and efforts to strengthening, sustaining and upholding the mana of Korongata marae. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed. Thank you!

I acknowledge my fellow Trustees, Barney Tihema, Alayna Watene, Jessy Smith, Poppy Maere, Ruth Wong, Tatiana Greening, Vanessa Sadler, Linda Apatu and Daphne Tito. Each of us were elected at a Korongata Marae, Ngāti Poporo, Hui a Hapū, held on the 14th July 2007. It has been a humbling journey for each of us as we have learned the great responsibility placed upon us as trustees. During my time as Chairperson of our Trustees Committee, I have learned the overwhelming responsibility and leadership entrusted in us to represent our whānau in this role.

On behalf of the Trustees, we acknowledge our whānau for entrusting us to represent you in our decision making which has always been about representing the needs and aspirations of our whānau and strengthening the mana and wellbeing of our whānau, marae, hapū. I would also like to acknowledge our Marae Committee who has the great responsibility to administer and oversee the day to day management of the Marae, a huge thankless job to say the least. Ngā mihi nui to those involved.

This report is a collation of major initiatives that have taken place over the past 7 years.

Achievements

Ten Year Hapū Development Plan

In 2009 we held a series of hui to workshop what our goals and aspirations were for the next ten years. Information from those workshops was collated and a ten year Hapū Development plan was formed that reflected a pathway forward for our marae. This was part of the Hastings District Council's strategy to work closely with whānau, hapū and marae. Over time we have developed a good working relationship with Hastings District Council. The following are some developments that have taken place to date:

- ✓ New road signage
- ✓ Road speed limitation
- ✓ Better street lighting
- ✓ Beautification of our road sides
- ✓ The planting of flax at the junction on Maraekakaho Road, Hawkes Bay Expressway and Longlands Road, Paki Paki.
- ✓ New and improved footpaths

The New Expressway (The Flaxmere Roundabout to the Bridge Pa Roundabout)

With any new roadway developments, our government is obligated to discuss plans with the Mana Whenua of that land. For this purpose prior to the new expressway commencement, Ngāti Poporo engaged in several discussions with the Roadway Construction Companies, Transit NZ and Opus Consultants. A Matakite was engaged to search the area for Koiwi because it was believed that human remains were buried in a section of the intended expressway. Scanners were used and a number of places were dug up and checked but no remains were found so Transit NZ were given the green light to work on the expressway.

New water supply for Bridge Pa

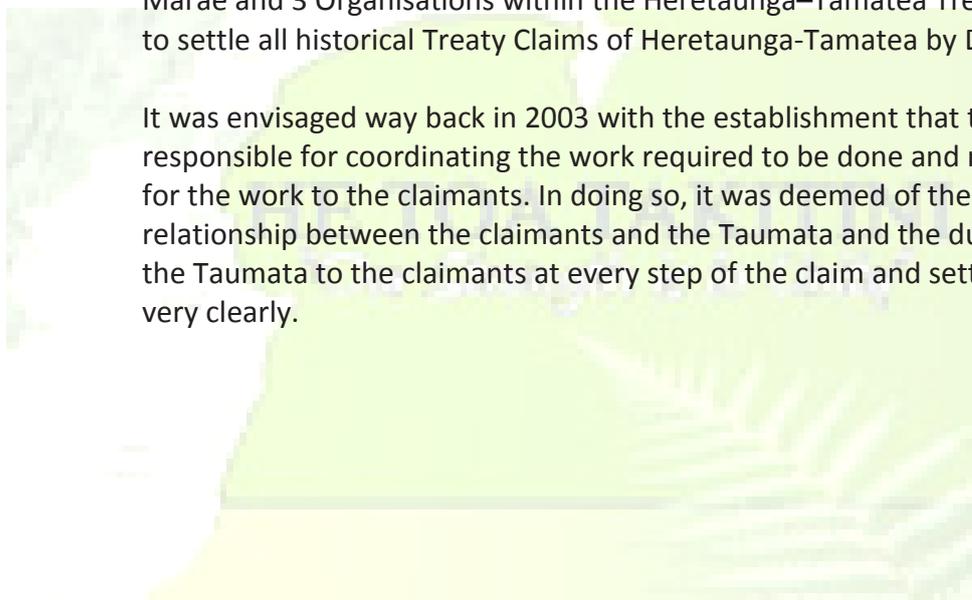
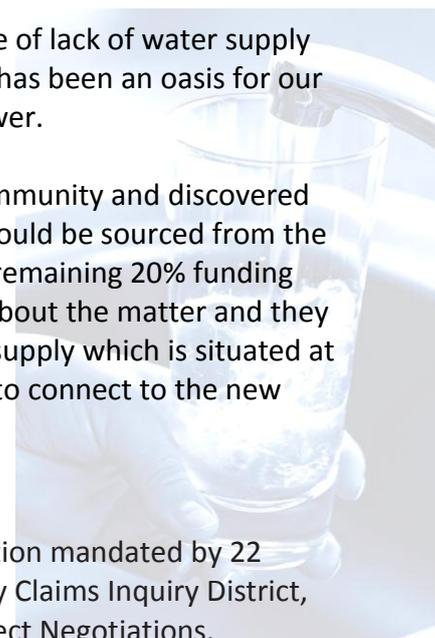
Over the years our whānau in Bridge Pa have had to suffer because of lack of water supply to their homes. During the hot summer seasons Korongata marae has been an oasis for our people, a place to come and draw water or just simply have a shower.

We contacted the Ministry of Health to seek assistance for our community and discovered that Bridge Pa met the low decile statistics and that 80% funding could be sourced from the Ministry to support our community. We ventured out to seek the remaining 20% funding but it was not easy. We approached the Hastings District Council about the matter and they worked in our favour and connected Bridge Pa to the town water supply which is situated at Portsmouth Road, Flaxmere. This has enabled whānau the option to connect to the new supply.

Treaty Claims

The Taumata (He Toa Takitini) was established and is the organisation mandated by 22 Marae and 3 Organisations within the Heretaunga–Tamatea Treaty Claims Inquiry District, to settle all historical Treaty Claims of Heretaunga-Tamatea by Direct Negotiations.

It was envisaged way back in 2003 with the establishment that the Taumata would be responsible for coordinating the work required to be done and maintaining accountability for the work to the claimants. In doing so, it was deemed of the utmost importance that the relationship between the claimants and the Taumata and the duties and responsibilities of the Taumata to the claimants at every step of the claim and settlement process was set out very clearly.



By January 2005 the elections of representatives from each claimant group was completed and Sabrina White was nominated as our Korongata Marae representative. Sabrina resigned in 2007. I have been the Korongata Marae representative on He Toa Takitini since July 2007.

At a series of consultation hui held this year between 23rd April 2014 and 17th May 2014, HTT were advised that the committee on behalf of the hapū supported the signing of an agreement in principle. In May-June this year registered marae members voted to accept the offer of \$100 million cash and other cultural/commercial redress issues. That means an “Agreement in Principle” would be signed signaling a pathway for final settlement and thereafter resources that could be a catalyst for hapū development.

On the 11th June 2014 we travelled down to Wellington to sign an AIP (Agreement in Principle) with the Crown. Three bus loads and a dozen vehicles full of whānau made the historic journey. Again I had the privilege of signing this document on behalf of my whānau, our Marae/Hapū. The settlement package includes \$100 million in cash plus.



To ensure our marae has influence in the future use of any redress from the claims, our whānau must be registered and be informed. Please ensure your whānau are registered with HTT by visiting their website and register online. www.hetoatakitini.iwi.nz

Whare Oranga Ake



Whare Oranga Ake is a rehabilitation unit at the Hawke’s Bay Prison and was an initiative of the former Associates Corrections Minister Pita Sharples. The unit opened in July 2011 and was targeted at Māori offenders but over time has been open to prisoners who meet the eligibility criteria. The unit is based on Māori values of manaakitanga, kotahitanga, rangatiratanga, whanaungatanga and wairuatanga. These values and practices are woven in the day to day activities at

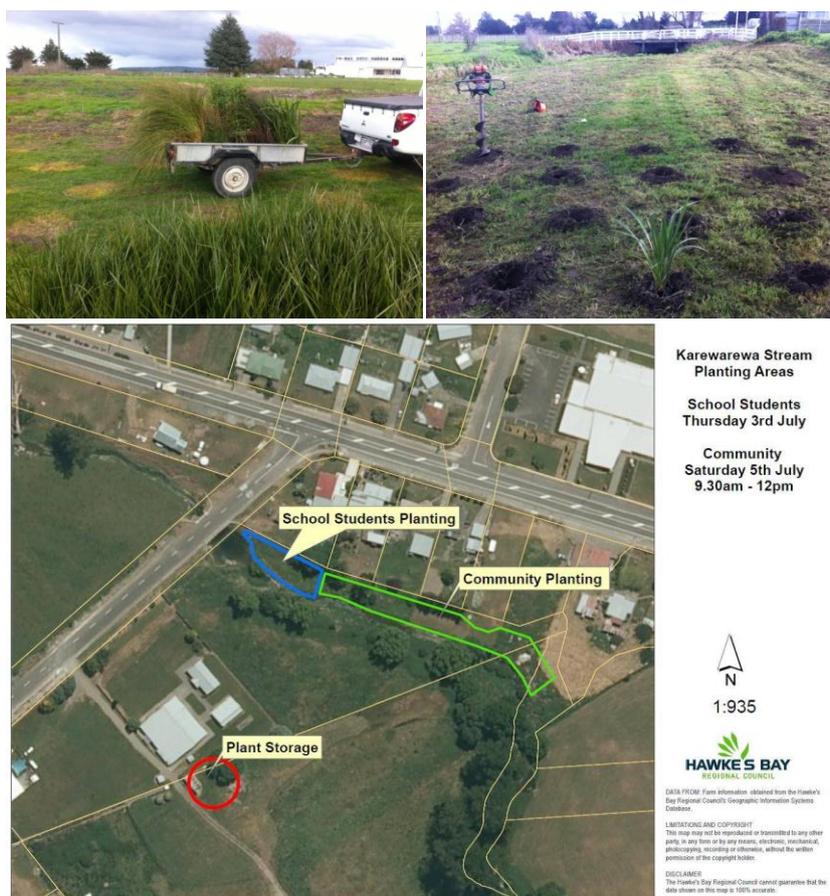
Whare Oranga Ake. The unit is a help for prisoners to rejoin and contribute to communities who often don’t want to know them.

Ngāti Poporo has been involved in several discussions over the years in regard to opportunities for employment and possible contractual work. This is an ongoing relationship but we feel that the relationship is positive. I acknowledge our Deputy Chairman Barney Tihema who has been influential in the relationship we have with the Hawke’s Bay Prison.

Karewarewa Stream clean up.

We have commenced a cleanup programme in our community. The main relationships in this endeavour is with our Mangaroa Marae whanau, the Hawkes Bay Regional Council and Hira & Huia Huata, who are landowners backing onto the Karewarewa Stream. This programme started early this year and it is hoped that all owners along the stream will join in and work with us to clean up our stream right through to the sea.

In July the community came together to start the planting. On the 4th July 2014 Senior students from Bridge Pa School planted 300 plants on their own. On Saturday 5th July, the community joined in and continued with the planting.



This clean up programme is a whole approach from the Hawkes Bay Regional Council. **Today** (2 August 2014) after this meeting there is an opportunity for whānau to join in our Hikoī to see for ourselves how the restoration programme is getting on down stream. We will travel to Paki Paki, Crosses Road Havelock, Ruahapia Marae and then Kohupatiki Marae where we will see what work has been undertaken at other sites. We will be provided with lunch at Kohupatiki Marae.

Marae Maintenance

As well as representing our Marae on these important issues, the biggest job I've had to do has been mowing the lawns, a job that takes just over ten hours and then another two hours for weeding and trimming edges and job done. I want to acknowledge those who have helped along in the past, my nephew Lawrence Hapi and more recently Edlin Morrison.

Edlin has been giving of his time to our marae for many years, in fact he helped bring our Dining Room to where it is now. I thank the many people who have supported, helped



clean, planted and nurtured plants, and in anyway tried to beautiful our marae. Thank you so much.

In 2011 our kitchen saw new refurbishments. We purchased a new industrial gas stove/oven and a dish washing sterilizing unit. We engaged the services of Unison the power lines people, to give us increased commercial power wattage to enable our new equipment to work. The total cost of this refurbishment including equipment purchase and installment and Unisons increased wattage, came to just over \$78,000. The Hastings District Council were able to pay for a significant amount of the cost, of which we are very grateful.



We are slowly fixing up our marae. At the tangi of our cousin Darrel Reid, the Te Aute College boys came to pay their respects and while doing a mean haka, they almost went through to the ground. The piles under the side wall broke and the floor and side wall separated. Fortunately this moved us into urgency mode and for a short time, the marae was out of action until repairs were complete.



We are pleased to report that funding from Internal Affairs helped us to give Nukanoa a new roof and new piles for which we have repaired the side wall and floor. We have also rebuilt the veranda at the back entrance into the marae. This gives more space for people to move about and store their shoes without worrying about falling through the cracks.



Korongata Marae**Consolidated Annual Financial Statement****01 July 2013 to 30 June 2014****Cheque Account**

	Expenses	Income
Administration		
Advertising	82.86	
Bank related costs	3.00	106.65
Consultancy		
Consumables	300.00	
Equipment R&M	786.62	
Fixed assets	370.30	
Gas	283.11	
HDC - Marae Development Fund		
HDC Marae Hapu Mgmt Plan		
Hui/Wananga	562.50	1169.00
Koha:		
Marae bookings		100.00
Marae Hire	700.00	2600.00
Marae grounds/maintenance	588.80	
Building R&M		
Mowing lawns	3,300.00	
Mower R&M		
Power	1551.65	150.00
Phone	110.36	
TTOH Marae Allocation		7,000.00
Other	170.00	
	\$ 8,809.20	\$11,125.65

Korongata Marae Cheque Account

Period: 1/6/14 to 30/6/14
Bank Statement 192 \$22,378.95

Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga



Our marae representative on the Heretaunga Taiwhenua Te Haaro Board is Jaamin Pere. Heretaunga Taiwhenua is a provider of many services available to our people. The Taiwhenua receives an annual distribution of \$30,000 from Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (Mandated iwi authorization and Fisheries Settlement Entity). These funds are used by the Taiwhenua to support the wellbeing and activities of the Taiwhenua. Heretaunga Taiwhenua distributes an annual amount to each marae to support the activities of the marae.

Ngā Marae o Heretaunga

Three years ago Tama Huata of Waipatu Marae, invited Heretaunga Marae representatives to a hui held at Waipatu Marae. Out of this hui 'Ngā Marae o Heretaunga' was formed. At first it was a small collection of people who came together, Korongata being one of them. I liked the seed that was planted, for Marae by Marae. In 2012 'Ngā Marae' approached the Hastings District Council about a Pou Project where each marae in Heretaunga would be able to have a carving erected in the Hastings Central Business District. They approved the project and financed the carving of twenty two Pou that now stand proudly in the Hastings Civic Square. David Pere carved our Pou - 'Nukanoa'. He stands proudly among Ngā Pou.



What's ahead?

- **Elections**
 - Today we will hold the election of our trustees.
- **Health and Wellbeing**
 - Strengthen our whānau
 - Build healthy relationships
 - Whakawhanaungatanga - Be connected with ourselves then our wider community
- **Review our Strategic Direction**
 - Refresh our Hapu Management Plan
 - Meet regularly
- **Economic Growth –Look for opportunities for economic development.**
 - Whare Oranga Ake
 - Post Settlement
- **Protect our Environment**
 - Resolve Informal Use of Marae Property

- Plan to utilising the 9 acres of land around the marae - Planning the use of our land
- **Marae Maintenance**
 - Future Proofing the Marae, Insurance
 - Prepare to host potential Kapa group during Te Matatini 2017
- **Te Reo & Tikanga - Strengthen our Paepae**
 - Te Awanuiarangi Wananga
 - Whakamana Wananga

These are issues and activities that are important to us as a hapū and we need to be informed about what is happening. We need to be involved with our Marae. It is my dream to see in my lifetime a vibrant thriving marae community at Korongata. These last ten years have been about making sure that our Marae was in good repair and that there was water available to whānau. It has been about oiling the squeaky wheels and seeing that we are represented where we should be. The next ten years should be about growth and development, making the most of all that we have for the future and benefit of our marae and whānau.

Today we will mark the end of the old and refresh with the new. This is not to say that we should let go and forget, but rather it is a time to look forward to new and exciting things to come.

Kevin Ronald Tamati
Chairman