

WHAKAPAKARI TE KĀINGA O NGĀTI MUTUNGA

Terms of reference

BACKGROUND

Urenui Pā holds special significance for Ngāti Mutunga within Taranaki.

It is our only remaining marae and has been the focal point for Ngāti Mutunga Iwi activities since the early 1870s. It continues to be used for all Iwi events and Hui today.

Urenui Pā is the site of the three most important taonga of Ngāti Mutunga.

These are our ancestral houses of Mahi Tamariki, Te Aroha and Te Titohea. Mahi Tamariki and Te Aroha are both Wharenui and Te Titohea is the Wharekai. Urenui Pā remains the cultural heart and key gathering place of Ngāti Mutunga.

The current site of Urenui Pā was originally part of the Urenui Reserve (total of 789 acres) awarded to Haami Te Maunu and 67 others. The West Coast Commission made the award in the early 1880's following the wrongful confiscation of Ngāti Mutunga's lands.

In 1868 a large number of Ngāti Mutunga returned to Taranaki from Wharekauri (Chatham Islands) and lived at Maruehi (sometimes referred to as Maruwehi) - the current site of Urenui beach golf course.

Maruehi was one of the original Pā of Ngāti Mutunga and was also the place where our ancestor Mutunga was born. The Government

was opposed to Ngāti Mutunga living on their confiscated lands as the Urenui beach area was viewed as a prime location for settlement.

Official Government reports of the time described Ngāti Mutunga as squatters on Crown land. As a result of this attitude the Government moved Ngāti Mutunga from our traditional kāinga/ marae to the present Urenui Pā site. The area was formally gazetted as a Māori Reservation for the Ngāti Mutunga tribe on 22 December 1932 and the Māori Land Court appointed the first Trustees in 1942. Urenui Pā is administered by the Urenui Pā Trustees. The Trustees responsibilities are guided by Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 (the Māori Land Act 1993), and are contained within the Urenui Pā Charter.

In 2010 a number of Marae throughout Taranaki were granted funding by TPK and NPDC to undergo a review of their buildings. The result of the review was a comprehensive Marae Development Project which detailed the current state of buildings, a number of concept plans undertaken by local architects. The resources and plans for the 2010 Urenui Marae Development Project a great resource unfortunately they never eventuated into anything further.

In 2018 the Urenui Pā Trustees began a process of reviewing the Urenui Pā Charter, implementing a Strategic Plan, and assessing the condition of Urenui Pā. As part of that process the 2010 Urenui Marae Development Project was revisited, and

agreement was reached that the journey needed to start anew, Whakapakari Te Kainga O Ngāti Mutunga began.

A key milestone in the history of Urenui Pā, Ngāti Mutunga Iwi and our Whakapakari journey was the amendment to our charter sought by Pā Trustees giving all Ngāti Mutunga uri equal voice, both legal land owners for Urenui Pā, and uri not recorded as land owners. The amendment was granted by the Māori Land Court in 2019 and acknowledges the value of all uri to Ngāti Mutunga Iwi and Urenui Pā.

WHAKAPAKARI GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Kia u ki te Marae, ma te Marae ka kia koe he Tangata

Hold fast to the Marae, for it is the Marae that makes you stand tall and be somebody

This whakatauki has been handed down through many Ngāti Mutunga whanau. It speaks to the importance of our Marae, and the value that Urenui Pā hold for Mutunga Uri.

The Urenui Pā Charter states that our goals are to:

- To undertake and accept kaitiakitanga and administration of lands and buildings or any other interest vested in the Urenui Pā Trust for the common use and benefit of Ngāti Mutunga iwi
- To maintain and administer Urenui Pā, assist, advance and promote the cultural, educational, recreational and spiritual needs of Ngāti Mutunga iwi
- To maintain and administer Urenui Pā to assist the development of human relationships and whanau participation at Urenui Pā for the well-being of Ngāti Mutunga iwi.

'Whakapakari Te Kainga O Ngāti Mutunga'.

Nourish the Home of Ngāti Mutunga.

Through Whakapakari we hope to actively engage with Uri to ensure the future vision is truly our iwi vision for Urenui Marae which will allow us to achieve:

- A marae that is safe and healthy, contributing to the well-being of iwi, hapū and whānau
- Our people are engaged on the marae and we continue to hold events such as Te Rangi Hiroa day and other activities to ensure the transmission of mātauranga Māori
- Our Marae is available for hui and classes to ensure the revitalisation of te reo and tikanga Māori for our iwi and the wider community
- Our goal of our whānau working together to develop Urenui Pā

Urenui Pā Trustees, through Whakapakari Te Kainga O Ngāti Mutunga aim for Ngāti Mutunga Uri to connect with Urenui Pā, and together Uri and our Pā, will nourish and grow strong.

WHAKAPAKARI PRIORITIES

- Te Aroha is rebuilt from new, existing building is reutilised at the Pā if feasible
- Immediate steps are taken so Mahi Tamariki does not deteriorate any further
- Mahi Tamariki is compliant with current standards so it may be used by whanau, if this is not possible without significantly detracting from its historical value then it is preserved as a taonga
- Tитоhea and the Urenui Pā grounds are maintained to a safe, healthy standard, but the bulk of time, funds and energy are put toward Te Aroha and Mahi Tamariki.

WHAKAPAKARI PROJECTED TIMELINE

- 2018 Urenui Pā Trustees begin review of prior work undertaken
- 2019 Whakapakari Hui to understand uri wishes for Urenui Pā
- 2019 Establish Whakapakari Terms of Reference for all
- 2020 February AGM explain Whakapakari future steps
- 2020 March establish Whakapakari working committee
- 2020 May engage a professional contractor to undertake feasibility study
- Mid 2020 Successfully source funding for feasibility study
- End 2020 Undertake feasibility study
- 2021 Complete detailed and communicated plan of work for Te Aroha and Mahi Tamariki
- 2021 Work begins of a planned staged approach to ensuring Whakapakari Priorities are achieved

URENUI PĀ TRUSTEES

In 2019 the current Urenui Pā Trustees are:

- Johnson Raumatī (Chair)
- Audra Potaka
- Barry Matuku
- Brent Matuku
- Raniera Potaka

- Rawiri McClutchie
- Samuel Maxwell
- Tania Hodges-Paul

WORKING COMMITTEE

The Urenui Pā Trustees recognise that to be successful and secure our future, the Whakapakari Working Committee needs to draw on skills and experience of young and old, near and far. The Working Committee shall consist of:

- Urenui Pā Trustee reps min of 2, but no more than 3
- Te Runanga o Ngāti Mutunga reps min of 1, but no more than 2
- Suitably skilled Ngāti Mutunga Uri min of 2, but no more than 4

If the established Working Committee feel they lack the necessary skills, experience or attributes in a particular area, then with the prior approval of the Urenui Pā Trustees they may:

- Co-opt a suitably skilled person/s to assist with any aspect of Whakapakari Te Kainga O Ngāti Mutunga

RESPONSIBILITIES OF URENUI PĀ TRUSTEES

- Support Ngāti Mutunga Uri to engage in the Whakapakari process
- Encourage open communication with Ngāti Mutunga Uri to develop a vision for the future of Urenui Pā
- Ensure Ngāti Mutunga Uri are regularly informed of Whakapakari hui, engagement, steps, dates, deadlines and outcomes
- Select a Whakapakari Working Committee with the necessary skills and experience to ensure the vision for Urenui Pā is a true iwi vision, and that vision becomes a reality
- Support the Whakapakari Working Committee with clear direction and a mandate to act on behalf of Urenui Pā Trustees
- Assess and review recommendations from the Whakapakari Working Committee in a timely manner
- Retain final approval on critical decisions

RESPONSIBILITIES OF WORKING COMMITTEE

- Support the Urenui Pā Trustees with clear and regular communication, including a written report for all regular Urenui Pā Trustee meetings

- Maintain a written record of all meetings, discussion, tasks, actions, decisions and recommendations
- Set a programme, timetable, and process in motion that ensures the Whakapakari vision for Urenui Pā is a true iwi vision, and that vision becomes a reality

PARAMETERS OF WORKING COMMITTEE

The Urenui Pā Trustees recognise that for the Whakapakari Working Committee to operate effectively they need clear guidelines and understanding of their parameters. The Urenui Pā Trustees and the Whakapakari Working Committee agree that the Committee shall:

- Be given the freedom to make decisions, and take actions that are undertaken in accordance with the Whakapakari Guiding Principles and assist in the achievement of Whakapakari Priorities
- Not engage in any agreement, contract, or activity where financial obligations or costs exceed \$500, unless prior approval is obtained from the Urenui Pā Trustees

RESPONSIBILITIES OF IWI

- To actively engage in Whakapakari Te Kainga O Ngāti Mutunga

SUMMARY

The Urenui Pā Trustees are truly excited about the Whakapakari journey and encouraged by the number of Uri who have participated so far in prioritising our taonga Urenui Pā.

'Naku te rourou, nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi'.

With my basket and your basket our iwi will flourish.

Naku noa na,

Johnson Raumati

Audra Potaka

Barry Matuku

Brent Matuku

Raniera Potaka

Rawiri McClutchie

Samuel Maxwell

Tania Hodges-Paul

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