

TE TUTOHINGA O MATAHIWI MARAĒ

THE CHARTER OF MATAHIWI MARAE



*Ko Ohotu me Hikurangi ngaa maunga
Ko Whanganui te awa
Ko Ngaati Taanewai me Ngaati Aohehu ngaa hapuu
Ko Ngaa Poutama Nui a Awa te iwi
'Ko Matahiwi te marae*

TE WHAREPUNI

TAANEWAI

TE WHARE KAI

OHOTU

TE URUPA

TE KAWA

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Figure 1

4.0 HISTORY / Nga Korero O Nehe

E Whai ake nei na Maehe Ranginui ite
26.7.1902 ite whakawatanga ite papa
Kainga o Matahiwi e tu mai ra te
Wharepuni a Taane wai.

(Written by Rangi Pokiha)

4.1 Identification / Whakaaturanga

Matahiwi Marae, is situated fifty-five kilometres up river from Whanganui. The Wharepuni is Taanewai and the Wharekai is Ohotu. The sub tribe, like others throughout the river basin, originally settled on the western bank at Hikurangi, alternatively referred to as Poutama, then latterly Karatia, a name superimposed, as were other place names along the river. Only the urupa, which also bears the name of Hikurangi, gives testimony to any former occupation of this once famous Marae.

Maehe Ranginui was the first to commence the establishment of Matahiwi Marae, he was then assisted by others to further its development. It was his daughter, Te Kehu who in the presence of Nikorima, her husband (taane), shed tears (wai) for a Wharenuī resembling that which she had left behind at nearby Karatia, a request that was granted, giving birth to the ancestral meeting house, Taanewai. This name is said to be linked directly with the founder of Hikurangi in the first instance.

4.2 The Location / Te Waahi O Te Marae

He Waiata mo tatou Putake / A Waiata of our Origins

The waiata, “**Kia uiuia mai**” composed in 1982 by Ruka Broughton, Matiu Mareikura and Rangiwaiata Rangitahi Tahuparae, a part of which is included herein confirms and names the present day sub-tribes of the Whanganui iwi commencing at Waipuna situated near the Whanganui river mouth up to and including Matahiwi Marae. And is as follows:



Figure 2

*Kia uiuia mai: Na wai koe?
Mau e kii atu; E, tirohia atu
nga ngaru e aki ana ki Waipuna
ki te Matapihi, Putiki-Wharanui,
ko Ngati Tupoho*

*Ka pikipiki te hiwi Taumata-Karoro
kia atea te titiro ki Te Ao Hou*

*Ka waewae tatahi ki Kaiwhaiki ra,
ko Te Kiritahi, ko Nga Paerangi;*

*Pohutuhutu ana taku haere ki te
Pungarehu, ki Parikino, ko Ngati Tuera,
ko Ngati Hinearo*

*Kei uta ake te whare nekeneke i te po, Te
Rangiekeiho, ko Ngati Hineoneone tera*

*Rukuruku au kia wawe taku tae
ki Te Waiherehere, ki Pepara, ko Ngati
Pamoana*

*Kei ko iti atu ko nga one roa
ki Matahiwi, ko Nga Poutama,
Aue! Aue!*

*Should you be asked “Whom do you belong”
You should say, Well, look yonder at
the wave surging towards Waipuna and
Te Matapihi at Putiki-Wharanui.
The tribe is called Ngati Tupoho*

*Then climb the hill Taumata-Karoro
where clearly one may view Te Ao Hou*

*Now with long strides head towards
Kaiwhaiki, to the Kiritahi and Nga
Paerangi fold*

*I splash the waters as I stride towards Pungarehu,
and Parikino to the folk of Ngati Tuera and Ngati
Hinearo*

*As I look at the house that moved in the night,
Rangiekeiho, the folk are Ngati Hineoneone*

*Here I perform the rituals to speed me on to Te
Waiherehere, to Pepara at Ngati Pamoana*

*A little distance away are the long sands at
Matahiwi of the Nga Poutama folk.
Aue! Aue!*

5.0 MATAHIWI CHARTER

This charter outlines the responsibilities and relationships required in order for the nominated Trustees to effectively and efficiently govern and administer Ohotu 1C1 and Matahiwi Marae on behalf of the owners.

5.1 Administration of the Lands and Assets

The principal objectives of the Charter (and the Trustees) shall be to undertake and accept the Trusteeship (kaitiakitanga) of Taonga, administration of lands, waterways, properties, shares, businesses or any other interest vested in Ohotu 1C1 and Matahiwi Marae and to apply the income received towards the maintenance of the Marae for the purposes of promoting health, social, cultural, spiritual, economic welfare and education.

5.2 Maori Cultural Awareness and Development

To promote Maori cultural awareness through the education and participation to taha Maori (things Maori) including the whare puni (meeting house), whare kai (dining room) and other suitable facilities and facilitating wananga (training).

5.3 Altering the Charter

- a. Subject to the provision of any legislation these rules or any of them may be altered, amended, added to or rescinded by a resolution passed by two thirds majority at any duly constituted Annual General Meeting of the Owners.
- b. Such alterations, amendments, addition or revocations must be received seven (7) days prior to the set date of Annual General Meeting and will be included with the agenda for such meeting.
- c. Any such resolution passed for alteration, amendments, additions or revocations will be written into the Charter at the earliest possible moment and any superseded Charter documents will be on file for future resource.

5.4 The Maintenance of the Charter

- a. The Charter will be displayed on the Website and a hard copy will be on display in the dinning hall and held by the Secretary.
- b. Copies of this Charter will be made available to any Ohotu 1C1 Landowner upon receipt of such request.
- c. The Charter maintenance is the responsibility of the Secretary.

6.0 GOVERNING LEGISLATION

- [The Maori Reservation Regulation Acts 1993 & 1994.](#)
- [Set aside as a Maori Reservation pursuant to section 338 of the Te Ture Whenua Maori Land Act, 1993.](#)
- [Trustees Act 1956.](#)

6.1 Ohotu 1C1 Vesting Order

a. At a sitting of the Native Land Court held in Whanganui on the 13th day of February 1936 the land known as Ohotu No. 1C No.1 situated in Block XI Tauakira Survey District containing 25 acres 2 roods 35 perches was reinvested in thirty six (36) owners under section 353 of the Native Land Act 1931.

b. The name of each person as within the schedule is as follows:

Ani Neri	Rangiorua Te Huna
Te Ata Tuhi Ariki alias Te Atarangi Tuhiariki	Te Rauma Winiata
Erina Te Huna	Tanginoa Tapa
Hariata Te Hiraka alias Hariata Miriama	Waipara Te Ture
Heeni Matene	Te Rei Piritia alias Te Rei Reneti alias Te Karami Pirita
Henare Te Huna	Teko Meretiana alias Wharepouri Kiore
Hipera Tamehana	Te Ua Te Uamairangi alias Hatana Te Ua
Te Hirata Te Ua	Wi Haami
Te Iwirere Te Huna	Wiwi Puohotaua alias Wiwi Mere
Te Kehu Ranginui alias Te Kehu Pani Ranginui	Peneta Tari Kopeka
Kerehoma Te Huna	Pepe Te Ture
Kimi Te Ture	Pirihina Kingi
Koha Warea alias Rahapa Warea	Pokairangi Ranginui
Te Ma Panitua	Puke (Te Noo) Pirita
Mura Ranginui	Raina Ranginui
Ngaone Harihona	Rakei Taituha
Ngapera Te Ua	Ramari Moetu
Parete Wereta	Rangihikitia Maihi

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6.2 Ohotu 1C1 Gazetted as Maori Reservation

a. On the 17th December 1936¹ a gazette notice was issued and the land known as Ohotu 1C1 was formally set apart and reserved as a Maori Reservation for the common use of the owners thereof as a meeting place or for their common use in any other manner.

b. On the 13th January 1941 proclamation 3037 was issued taking 1 acre 2 roods from part lot 5 plan 5595 for a Native School by the Education Board.

c. On 16th of November 1950 the first Trustees were appointed namely:

- Takarangi Ranginui (Pokairangi Ranginui)
- Rami Pirita (Te Karami Pirita)
- Hurimaroa Te Huna
- Karaitiana Tarikopaka (Karaitiana Tarikopeka)
- Rua Winiata
- Heeni Matene
- Hohepa Haami

¹New Zealand Gazette 1936 pg. 2455.

d. On the 24th November 1983 a recommendation was made that the land known as Part Ohotu 1C1 containing .6070m² be included in the Ohotu 1C1 reservation.

e. On the 22nd of August 1985² a gazette notice was issued reverting the said .6070m², being the Matahiwi School and School House land, back into the Ohotu 1C1 Maori Reservation.

6.3 Interpretation of Terms

- This Document shall be referred to as “the Charter.”
- “Ohotu 1C1/Matahiwi Marae” shall be referred to as “Matahiwi Marae or The Reservation”. Apply whichever term is the more appropriate for the occasion.
- “Ohotu 1C1/Matahiwi Marae Trustees” shall be referred to as “The Trust or Trustees.”
- Descendants of “Ngati Taanewai, Ngati Aokehu and Nga Poutama-Nui-A-Awa” shall be referred to herein as “hapu” or “nga hapu” (plural).

6.4 List of Ohotu 1C1 Owners

a. The list of Owners, Ohotu 1C1 can be obtained from the Maori Land Court or online.

Note: Trustees are to ensure they are aware of all current amendments to the above acts.



² New Zealand Gazette 1985 pg. 3267
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7.0 THE TRADITIONAL RULES OF OUR MARAE / Te Tikanga O Matahiwi Marae

In Whanganui we differentiate between kawa and tikanga. Kawa are the set of principles that were given by the Atua and are non changeable whereas tikanga are protocols that are controlled by man and are susceptible to change. The tikanga for Matahiwi is “Paeke” (tangata whenua speaks first then manuhiri reply). This tikanga is practiced by the majority of the Whanganui marae. As an exception whanganui marae in Taumarunui do not use Paeke but use Tauutuutu as the tikanga. The Trustees shall promote and preserve the kawa and tikanga of Matahiwi marae at all activities on the marae.

7.1 Council of Kaumatua

The Kuia and Kaumatua have numerous roles in the life of the community through the Marae. They teach and guide in tikanga matters; they tell the stories of the hapu; where possible they teach te reo; they advise in resolving disputes and they hold knowledge which relates to keeping Archival information safe and accessible.

The Trustees appreciate with deep respect and aroha the wisdom, counsel and unfailing support of our kaumatua. The trustees in exercising their duties shall hui and wananga with our kaumatua regarding all matters of tikanga and kawa for Matahiwi Marae.



Figure 3 Insert an old marae photo depicting a gathering of whanau

8.0 MARAE GOVERNANCE

“Matahiwi Marae/The Reservation” is to be governed by “The Trustees” on behalf of the Owners. The “Trustees” are to ensure that the kawa, tikanga and mana of Matahiwi Marae is fostered and upheld.

8.1 The Functions and the powers of the Trustees: Nga Mahi O Nga Kaitiaki

The Trustees duly elected at a Triennial General Meeting by Owners are effective once ratified by Order of the Maori Land Court to administer “The Trust”.

Their powers and functions on behalf of “The Trust” are outlined as follows:

- Be actively involved, thoroughly familiar and aware of the terms and conditions of this Charter including any legislation which directly affects it;
- Govern, administer and retain overall responsibility for all assets, resources and proceedings;
- Responsible for all agreements/contracts, therefore these must be tabled and ratified by all Trustees prior to any signing of documents;
- Uphold the tikanga and cultural values of the Marae at all times;
- Administer and retain the land on which the Marae dwells;
- Administer and oversee the usage of the Marae such as hiring the facility and holding hui and other gatherings;
- Accountable to its Owners and must accept collective responsibility for all decisions.

8.1.1 Financial Management / Whakatau Kaupapa Mo Te Putea

Trustees are ultimately responsible for all decisions, management and administration pertaining to “The Trust” finances therefore their functions and powers involve the following:

- Maintain “Minute Book of Trustees” which records all meetings, resolutions, transactions and dialogue made by the Trustees (and others if necessary) is accurate;
- Open, operate and maintain bank accounts deemed necessary for its function and operation;
- Administer and manage all monies derived from the Matahiwi Marae and the land block Ohotu1C1.
- Ensure the delegation of three authorised signatories to bank accounts. All Marae cheques/payments are to be ratified and signed off by a minimum of two of the three delegated signatories;
- Maintain and keep separate, accurate, up to date records and accounts;
- Endorse and oversee any fundraising initiatives for the Marae, which is approved and deemed necessary by the Trustees; and to ensure that no illegal activities are undertaken;
- Apply for and acquire any licenses, permits or orders necessary for its operation;
- Copies of minutes, records and accounts will be made available to the Owners on request, provided the request is not frivolous or vexatious and is in writing and outlines the reason/s for request, provided that the request complies with the above underlined;

- Trustees shall make any requested documentation available within two (2) months of receiving the above request;
- A credible and registered Auditor will be appointed by Trustee resolution, to report on the Annual Accounts and the reliability of Matahiwi Marae fiscal position;
- Produce to the Court, at any time for examination by the Court, all records, books of accounts and vouchers in possession or control of the Trustees.

Note: Approval from trustee committee is required prior to the payment of accounts.

8.1.2 Trustee Eligibility / Te Arotau O Nga Kaitiaki

- The Trustee is able to whakapapa to Ngati Taanewai, Ngati Aohehu and Nga Poutama Nui A Awa.
- The Trustee must be a “worthy appointee” who is not: bankrupt, in prison, a minor, mentally unstable, convicted of a crime involving dishonesty, convicted of a crime carrying a sentence of more than six months.

8.1.3 Trustee Election Process / Te Whiriwhiringa O Nga Kaitiaki

“The Trust” shall comprise of eleven elected trustees. Seven are to be from the list of owners of Ohotu 1C1 and the remaining four can be from Ngati Taanewai and Ngati Aohehu. They are elected by the Ohotu1C1 owners and include members who have attained the age of twenty (20) years at the date of the respective election and are effective immediately. Given that all eligibility factors above are approved, the AGM, Triennial election and the Maori Land Court approval are necessary formalities.

- Nominees must be present on the day of election.
- Proxy votes will not be permitted.
- The election shall be by way of each eligible member casting their vote by verbal nomination;
- The Trustees will select a Chairperson from amongst themselves at the first meeting following the Triennial Election process and that person will conduct all meetings and may cast a casting vote if necessary.
- Election results will be declared by Public Notice, seven (7) days after the appointment.

8.1.4 Trustees Term of Office / Te Wa Mahi O Nga Kaitiaki

The Trustees serve a three-year term and are eligible to be nominated for re-election if should they so wish.

The Trustees must be free from conflicts of interest that could adversely influence their judgment, objectivity and decision making when conducting their duties for and on behalf of “The Trust”.

8.1.5 Conflicts of Interest

Any Trustee who is or may be in any other capacity whatever interested or concerned directly or indirectly in any property or undertaking in which the Marae is or may be in any way concerned or involved, shall disclose the nature and extent of that Trustees' interest to the other Trustees, and shall not take any part whatever in any deliberations of the Trustees concerning any matter in which that Trustee is or may be interested other than as a Trustee of the Trust.

Trustees may take part in legitimate financial, business, charitable and other activities outside "Matahiwi Marae" trustee-ship, but any potential conflict of interest raised by those activities must be disclosed promptly to management by way of a Conflict Register.

8.1.6 Replacement of Trustee's

Upon the death, resignation or removal by Court of a Trustee, the remaining members shall where the number is less than two thirds of those appointed by the Court ensure that the next general meeting of owners considers replacement. Application can then be made to the Court for an order replacing the Trustee/s.

8.1.7 Grounds for Removal of Trustee

A Trustee may be asked to resign if that person has failed to carry out his/her duties satisfactorily, and:

- a. Should any trustee be found to act against the interest of the Trust/Trust assets;
- b. Being rendered incapable of carrying out their duties, e.g. mental illness, under the influence of drugs, alcohol etc;
- c. Being declared bankrupt after taking office and having been convicted of a criminal offence since taking office;
- d. Absenting him/herself from more than three (3) consecutive meetings of the Trust without tendering a good reasonable excuse.

9.0 GENERAL MEETINGS

9.1 Annual General meeting

- a. There shall be one (1) Annual General Meeting as decided by the Trustees but at a date no later than one (1) year from the date of appointment or each successive year following to report back to the list of owners and hapu.
- b. Annual General Meetings and any Special meetings convened shall be advertised with the local newspapers, at least twenty one (21) days prior to such meeting. Such notice shall be inserted into the Whanganui Chronicle or similar and other newspapers deemed appropriate by the Trustees in order to get the message to as many owners and hapu members as possible.
- c. Any notice shall be clear and easily establishing the purpose for the proposed meeting.
- d. These meetings will be open to the owners and hapu members.
- e. Trustees sitting within meetings may when the “Chairperson” is absent, elect one person present at the meeting to occupy the “Chair” for the duration of that said meeting.
- f. The Trustees must attend unless an apology is received.
- g. The Trustees must present to the meeting the following:
 - *An Annual report of the preceding 12 months, comprising of the Chairman’s Report (general outline only) pertaining to the overall administration of Matahiwi Marae and its affairs; followed by*
 - *Appointed Trustees reporting on their respective Portfolio.*
 - *The Annual Financial Accounts, for the previous 12 months to the current meeting.*
 - *The Last AGM Minutes.*
 - *The Trustees’ proposals for the next 12 months.*
 - *Any resolution notice of which shall have been given in writing to the Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting date for consideration.*
- h. Owners have an opportunity to express their views in relation to the administration of the Marae.
- i. Owners have an opportunity to express their views on matters pertaining to hapu.
- j. Anything else of relevance can be distributed and discussed, provided the Trust has been notified.

Annual General meeting



Figure 4 Insert photo of Triennial, AGM or Monthly Trustee Meeting

9.2 The Triennial General Meeting

A Triennial General Meeting is held every three years. It must have 21 days prior notice in the newspaper of the district giving time, place and agenda.

- a. Ohotu 1C1 List of Owners attend to elect new Trustees;
- b. The Chairman's Report focuses on the last 3 years up to the current meeting;
- c. The Financial Report details the accounts of the last 3 years up to the current meeting;
- d. The Last Triennial Minutes are read;
- e. Give the opportunity for the meeting to express their issues.

9.3 Monthly Trustees Meeting

Trustee Meetings are conducted monthly alternating between Matahiwi Marae and Whanganui, weather permitting. All subsequent meetings are scheduled and confirmed at the conclusion of each meeting, these determine the date, time and place of that meeting.

Meeting procedures are that:

- a. A minimum quorum of six Trustees is in attendance to commence;
- b. Financial accounts are tabled and distributed;
- c. Trustees' Areas of Responsibility Reports are tabled and distributed;
- d. Hapu members may attend if they so wish but have no voting powers and may not unduly disturb the meeting.

9.4 Special General Meetings

- a. Special meetings may be called by a minimum of twenty (20) Ohotu 1C1 Owners who have a written notice to that effect and presented it to the Chairperson or sent the notice by registered post to the Marae Address.
- b. Special meetings may be called by a minimum of twenty (20) Ohotu 1C1 Owners who have a written notice to that effect and presented it to the Chairperson or sent by registered post to the Chairperson and or the Secretary of the trust by registered post.
- c. Special meetings are those, which are not Annual General Meetings or Ordinary Meetings.
- d. Any notice shall be clear and easily establish a purpose for proposed meeting.

9.5 Special Urgent On-Line Meetings

- a. Special Urgent-On-line Trustees Meetings may be conducted when requested by a Trustee. An electronic hard copy of the email is filed as "Participation in a Special-On-line Meeting" where an urgent resolution is required.
- b. Prior to conducting an "Online Special Meeting" at least two trustees are required to justify the urgency of the matter. Once confirmed a Trust quorum (minimum of six) should agree to the meeting on-line.
- c. The electronic replies should be filed as legitimate consent and participation for meeting decisions.

10.0 TRUSTEES CONFLICT RESOLUTIONS

In the event of any conflict arising within the membership of the Marae Trust, the following procedures are applicable:

- a. The Chairperson may initially advise and adjudicate the matter and or recommend that the trustees meet with the Kuia and Kaumatua Council on the Marae for advice and guidance;
- b. Where necessary, the Trust may chose to appoint an appropriate mediator, in order to reach a resolution;
- c. A trustee or list of Owners (Ohotu 1C1) meeting may be called to discuss the matter.

Note: Trustee Quorum is required.



Figure 5 Insert photo

10.1 Conflict Resolution between Trustees and Ohotu 1C1 Owners

- a. Any issue/dispute by a landowner or any Marae Trustee must be provided in written form to the Trust stating the nature of the issue/dispute and a desired remedy sought.
- b. The trustee's if required, may meet with the landowners to discuss the matter;
- c. If required the Trust may meet the Kuia and Kaumatua Council on the Marae (if applicable) for advice and council.
- d. The Chairperson may than refer such dispute to a "disputes committee" convened by the Chairperson and may include a representative of the disputing party (ies) and a person independent and acceptable to all parties. This person must have professional experience in conflict resolution.
- e. In every instance the "disputes committee" will control the resolution process and decide the outcomes of the dispute in question.
- f. The "disputes committee" must decide an outcome within twenty-one (21) days of the first meeting of the "disputes committee" regarding this issue in dispute.

- g. In every respect tikanga will be adhered to within the process of resolution.
- h. The aggrieved Landowner of Ohotu 1C1 or Trustee has the right to take the matter to the Maori Land Court.

Note: Trustee Quorum is required.

10.2 Trustee Evaluation and Audit

The Trustees are to conduct a self-evaluation performance assessment every 12 months and an outside evaluation by a community-approved team of three to assess their performance annually. Respective Ohotu 1C1 Landowners may see these external assessments.

11.0 MARAE BOOKING PROCEDURES

Requests to Matahiwi Marae delegated booking authority may be verbal, by letter or email.

The following procedures apply:

- a. A booking form is sent out with details including: the full name of the applicant, the particular activity, the proposed date, time, duration and number of people;
- b. A Health & Safety Liabilities Form is sent out for signing.
- c. A Basic tikanga Form is sent out.
- d. Any further information is asked for if necessary.
- e. The application can be accepted or declined by the Bookings person with consultation with the Trust and Assets Manager.

12.0 THE HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

The Health and Safety Plan is to remove legal liability from the Trust for accidents on the property. This plan must be developed by at least three Trustees, beginning with the identification and registration of hazards and the means to reduce and remove each hazard on the Marae property and in the buildings. This is the responsibility of the designated Trustees and the Asset Manager (should one be appointed).

13.0 THE DIRECTION FOR STRATEGIC MOVEMENT

O Matou Tirohanga Whaanui – Our Vision

Ki te pupuri ki nga taonga tuku iho a o tatou tuupuna mo nga uri whakatupu.

Hold fast to the treasures handed down by our tupuna for the benefit of the present and future generations.

O Matou Uaratanga – Our Mission

Ki te whakatinana I o matou tirohanga whanui me o matou tumanako o tatou Marae

To maintain the Marae as the focal platform to support and strengthen the full potential of whanau, hapu and community now and for the future, with love, honesty and directness, one to another.

O Matou Matatika – Our Values

Tinorangatiratanga: (refers to self determination) and is consistent with the Tiriti o Waitangi, its guiding principles and expression of commitment and recognition.

Rangatiratanga is leadership evident from the most ancient tupuna like Maui, Kupe and others to the present. This belief is that we have within ourselves the ability to go out to meet and enjoy life by developing our abilities and helping others along the way. Rangatiratanga literally means to gather together and this is the function of the Marae-to provide the base to unite people, inspire people and bring them together to determine their lives productively.

Mana Tangata: encourage cultural, spiritual, physical and social wellbeing.

Mana Whenua: respect all buildings, assets and grounds encompassed within the papakainga and maintain them to the highest standards. To promote and encourage the relationship with our surrounding ancestral lands and to maintain this relationship with the respective organisations that administer these lands.

Manaaki Tangata support and encourage the interests of all hapu concerned without prejudice.

Tikanga provide guidance to ensure that our tikanga and customs are respected and learned and thus, the Kuia and Kaumatua are to be consulted when in doubt and when guidance is required.

Whanaungatanga refers to the nurturing and development of relationships. It acknowledges the surrounding marae and hapu and their whanaungatanga to this Marae.

Nga taonga tuku iho are the treasures inherited from our tuupuna. We have the responsibility to care for these to the best of our ability. One of these is the Marae.

Aroha We acknowledge the guiding *aroha* of the ONE who has many names and the *aroha* of the wairua of our tupuna mai ra ano, on which converges the belief to promote, teach and uphold non-violence as a fundamental aim for every moment of our lives, inside and outside the Marae.

Tika me Te Pono being direct and honest is the only way to conduct marae affairs in and out of the Marae.

Kaitiakitanga is the acknowledgement of the responsibility passed down from our tupuna-that we all care for and guard the precious taonga tuku iho.

Matahiwi Youth



13.1 The Overall Strategic Direction

The Framework and Structure of “The Trust” diagram, indicates the direction and development of “Matahiwi Marae” and how it might be governed, managed and how its different portfolio’s might operate.

Processes and procedures

The diagram arose out of discussions about the future of the Marae. It coordinates the many ideas suggested for the future of the Marae. The Governance, Management and Operation of the Marae become functional in units so that each has its own purposes.

The Kuia and Kaumatua are central to the governance of the Marae and to the hapu. Their role extends to Management and Operations in an advisory capacity only. Management consists of the Managers of each project and unit forming their quorum with its own leader, that person is responsible to “The Trustees, and that person carries decisions to the Executive.

Diagram: The Structure forms a basis for further development.

13.2 The Relationship to the Community

The community includes the groups, which are affected by, and affect the Marae. These are defined as hapu, tribal, residential, commercial and governmental connections, nationally and internationally. These relationships will be explored in the Strategic Plan.

14.0 AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This Charter has been in progress for the last two months. We acknowledge and thank those who helped begin it and those who have continued to work on it. Our people have had many discussions about its contents.

We regard this Charter as being the latest version, which may change, not in total, but in some points. This is because it is a living document, up to date with the latest thoughts from our Trustees and whanau in 2011.

In time I stand

*I stand for a moment
On a plateau of Mangapapapa
My eyes drawn to the awa
I gaze upon the rapids
My thoughts of our tupuna
They are happy
With every white ripple a dance of joy
A gentle voice speaks; you are here once more
You walk the earth
We walked before
I ascend further; and suddenly turn
I gaze once more upon the awa
Its beauty captures me
A voice behind is calling, haere mai, haere mai, haere mai
My eyes turn to the top of the puke
I continue my journey
A slight breeze brushes past
I feel uncertain, go forth they say
The tears flow, I cannot control
I look up once more
Arms open wide to welcome
The mokopuna of the awa come home.*

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