



CHAIRPERSONS REPORT FEBRUARY 11TH 2020 @10.30

TE AWHITU WHANAU MARIA MARAE TRUST

HELD AT WHANAU MARIA MARAE

E te whanau – ngamihi ki a koutou.

Since our last Trust meeting:

Whanau Wananga:

we have had two whanau wananga. The first wananga was **The Lucas whanau** from Toia & Chris Lucas, Te Tupuna o Elsie & Ruka Brown. Elsie was the 5th eldest of Toa & Toia. They also celebrated Christmas day and the following day had their wananga. The second Wananga was celebrated by **Sol & Val Brown whanau** who are also from Elsie & Ruka Brown the Lucas whanau joined them – they were enriched by their Te Reo learnings and some action songs but just sleeping together and laughter. Also joining them was Maurice Waldens daughter Ngawai and her two babies.

The Keepa whanau Te Tupuna o Toby & Hope Keepa. Their wananga was held at the home of Norma & Henry Turner. They had a great response from their whanau. It was getting to know “who you are” Whats in a name?. Fabulous learning done with fun. *Report completed.*

Funding Report:

Lotteries Grant Board: We received \$5,000: Wananga, Stationery, Food, Kaiako travel and teaching and Website. We have completed all the tasks mentioned and the report with the budget has been submitted. See finances.

Te Mana o Te Awa: Nga Tangata Tiaki. We received \$5,000. For kitchen ware, stove, pots and a vacuum cleaner (stick type). *Report needs to be submitted.*

Oranga Marae Funding: At the moment this is seating with DIA National Office. There are three stages to this application: *Gate 1* – Marae Development Plan. *Gate 2* – Technical or feasibility reports. *Gate 3* Funds to implement changes on the marae: capital works, cultural, other...

Where are we now ? National Office DIA Karilyn Tirini Community Adviser. Has informed us that we have successfully passed Gate 1. However, we get no financial assistance for doing our Marae Development Plan. Now our Community Advisor for TPK Donna Docherty says we need to do more work on the Whanau Communication....so we did a knew budget and added Sandys CV.

My question is....how come DIA say we have completed all of Gate One and TPK say we need more work? This is now under enquiry/investigation. Will known in another week if we get a putea for what we have done.

The good news is we go into the next round of funding for Technical or Feasibility report. The funding for this opens in July. This is when we contract Becca Hamilton Engineers.

So, hands on bums till we hear from National office.

Te Mana o Te Awa funding: Stove, pots, two báymaire? And stick vacuum cleaner/sweeper. Report still needs to be done. This funder has been very generous to our marae.

Marae Report: Phillip continues to maintain the lawns which you can see are like A bowling green. He has plans that he will discuss in this meeting.

The House: We can't do anything until we get good heating. There is no funding available as yet! The house has a terrible cat smell so the carpets etc have to be uplifted. Phillip has started doing this job.

A Year Book: Mike is starting to compile a Year Book. **He will be seeking** photos etc from all the whanau – so start collecting now, you won't want your whanau to miss out in the print. Thanks Mike.

An Updated Bell Book: Just a mention for Norma who will talk more on this today. Big thanks Norma

Marae Collective: Had a very successful hui last month. Broadband Wifi connectivity from TPK. We have successfully be considered for a free 5 year Wifi contract. All the engineering and connectivity is free. We should be hearing next when they will be wanting to visit the marae.

Ruapehu District Maori Council: we have agreed to put up a candidate from the Collective. We never hear what's being reported or what this Maori council do? We need to find out if our Collective can have a rep on the Maori Council.

I have asked that TPK do Governance training asap. Piki will recommend our request.

Funding streams are now available from Trust Waikato. Closes on the 14th Feb.

Kua mutu nga miniti o te tiamana Toia Lucas-Walden2

