



Iwitea Marae Draft Strategic Plan

E te iwi – tena koutou katoa.

As there was considerable interest at our last marae hui about future plans, this document has been compiled to provide information on what has been done and where it is going.

Background

From 2017 – 2018 discussions were held about the future aspirations and options thereof for Iwitea Marae, Iwitea Pa and surrounding area. This was done to prepare information for the yet-to-be created Treaty Settlement Entity that would directly serve our marae. The notes from marae minutes about these conversations are recorded at the end of this document.

Te Whakaki-Nui-A-Rua Trust (TWNART) was created on 20 November 2018 as part of the Treaty Settlement process in Wairoa District with Tatau Tatau o Te Wairoa Trust. Part of the establishment of TWNART is to provide a Strategic Plan for our area including Te Rauhina Marae, Iwitea Marae and Whakaki Marae.

The Iwitea Marae Draft Strategic Plan, which is basically the extracts from our minute books, was shared in 2019 with TWNART in order to align our Iwitea aspirations with those of the other two marae. The goal is for TWNART to support and possibly provide some resourcing for our collective aspirations moving forward. 'Strength in team-work.'

Current Situation

Iwitea Marae Committee has not officially adopted a Strategic Plan to date, as we patiently wait for the TWNART Strategic Plan. At the time of writing this document, it is expected that the TWNART Strategic Plan will be provided at the TWNART hui on 13 September 2020.

Pai Marire, na Te Hekaratari.

Nigel How,

Iwitea Marae Committee Secretary/Treasurer/Trustee. 7/9/2020.

The following are extracts taken directly from the Iwitea Marae Committee minute books

Iwitea Marae Hui minutes extract: July 2017

Strategic Plans. A wananga was held last night where the Chairman presented a report regarding possible future economic activities that support our Marae sustainability. Discussion included revenue avenues for the marae and employment opportunities for the villagers. Projects such as a plant nursery, eeling, an environmental school, fruit trees, koura hawai, tourism, tapping into the rail-bike business were all elaborated on. Liz was congratulated on her efforts on our behalf.

Iwitea Marae Hui minutes extract: December 2017

Macadamia Growth Study. A ten-year growth study is being undertaken by Torere Macadamia's and they are asking if there are any landowners willing to be involved. Currently this project is unsuitable for the marae to undertake due to finances, availability and suitability of land for such a project.

Otoki Orchard. It has been indicated that in the future Otoki Orchard *may* come up for sale. It could be a goal of the marae to purchase the orchard, if circumstances allow, as a source of income for our marae and employment for our people (the latter with the appropriate training).

Wananga Income. It will not be known if and when we are having another round of wananga until this current round is concluded. With our bank account being quite healthy, the purpose of the payment for the current round of wananga was discussed, with a focus on our proposed rebuilding of our entire complex.

Iwitea Marae Hui minutes extract: April 2018

Capital Development. A new funding scheme 'Oranga Marae' has been implemented by Te Puni Kokiri and the Department of Internal Affairs, where capital development funding no longer needs us to provide a third of the funds. Due to our marae following this new funding stream, it was agreed that the replacement of the chiller can wait to be included in those future plans.

Iwitea Marae Hui minutes extract: July 2018

Capital development. The whanau present brainstormed ideas for what they would like to see happen over the next 100 years at our marae and in our village. These excellent ideas will be added to our 100 year plan we are working on and may be reprioritised.

2-5 years. Total rebuild of marae complex – all under one roof, ground level, eco-materials, solar-panels/wind energy, sprinkler system, wetback fire in wharepuni/underfloor heating. Marae wi-fi. Plant nursery.

5-100 years. Kaumatua Flats. Health Retreat. Seal carpark/Iwitea cemetery road/rest of Iwitea road to farm gate. Marae insurance. Healthy pae-tapu. Strong cultural values. Basketball court. Composting toilet on Iwitea hill. Green burials at cemeteries. Further native and orchard plantings.