

Marae Development Day

Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui Trust, Te Taurawhiri, 357 Victoria Avenue, Whanganui

Saturday 9 March 2019

Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui Trust hosted and facilitated a Marae Development Day. This was the third seminar presented by a collective of agencies in Whanganui. The other seminars were held in Taumarunui and Ohākune.

The purpose of the seminars was to coordinate pathways for Whanganui marae and connect them with key agencies. Brief notes from the day are outlined below:

Te Puni Kokiri and the Department of Internal Affairs - Oranga Marae

The key messages were to:

- remind marae that this fund is contestable.
- Marae were encouraged to put their best foot forward to contest for the funds.
- Ensure your application is complete and outlines how marae engage with hapū members.
- Ensure you engage expert advice on building compliance, safety and engineering and resource consenting.
- If you are unsuccessful with your application, you must wait a year to reapply.

Tip: for communications – email and facebook pānui asking for feedback is a great way to document the kōrero. If you don't get any comments back, you could take that as tautoko. TPK are willing to accept this form of communication

Beca

Beca provides consultancy and technical support and can assist marae with the larger details that take time and require careful planning that some of our marae members can't spare. This is important to the planning required for Oranga Marae. There is potential for costs such as this to be supported by other funding streams.

Fire Service NZ

The local Whanganui Fire Safety Officer attended alongside the Māori Liaison Officer to talk to marae about fire safety services and opportunities. They recommended marae invest in purchasing fire blankets instead of extinguishers to minimise the cost of compliance. There is a programme for marae and homes (not rentals) to access free smoke alarms (please see referral form below) <http://wdc.whanganui.govt.nz/online/general/FireSafetyReferral.aspx> and the fire safety team can come to your marae and conduct safety training for ringa wera on the event of a fire.

Tip: In the event of a fire some marae may want to preserve a specific building or taonga, if this is the case, contact your local fire department that would naturally service your rohe and let them know that if something did happen, that you would want them to prioritise a specific area of the. Otherwise the fire service will start where they deem important. For more support in this area contact Hori Mana (in contacts list).

Whanganui District Council

Marama Laurenson is advocating for marae development to be included in the Whanganui District Council plan. She has had great results in her previous mahi and has a passion for marae development. If you need any further support of information, feel free to contact her.

Te Ati Hau Trust

These grants are available to all marae within the Ati Hau Trust catchment and have a number of opportunities available that will fall under their general grant. For more information contact them at office@atihau.com

Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui Trust and Te Mana o Te Awa

Te Mana o Te Awa has a marae capacity fund that can cater to capital expenditure up to the value of \$5,000. Scholarships for our rangatahi to promote succession are available alongside funds to support concise hapū, whānau and marae projects that align to the health and wellbeing of the Whanganui River and Whanganui Iwi.

Ngā Tāngata Tiaki provide access to kaimoana from the pātaka to assist with tangi and iwi events. Please refer to the pātaka policy here: <http://www.ngatangatatiaki.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Approved-External-Pataka-Distribution-Policy-Reviewed-April-2018.pdf> or contact pataka@ngatangatatiaki.co.nz

Tip: There is a timeframe for all pātaka requests (except tangihanga). The timeframe is at least one month before the event, so get your request in early!

Horizons Regional Council

Myles Guy from Horizons environmental team talked to marae about the Sustainable Land Use Initiative (SLUI) and the one billion trees programme. There are opportunities for marae to obtain funding for riparian fencing along riparian lands on the Awa, and replanting. Contact him or Courtney Haywood for more information.

Maori Land Court

Piri Cribb demonstrated what the Maori Land Court can provide to marae. Key messages include that there is no funding available from the Maori Land Court and that the Principal Liaison Officer can help marae with a number of things including updating charters. Please contact the MLC Aotea office to speak with someone from the advisory services.

Further workshops

Ngā Tāngata Tiaki and Te Puni Kōkiri will be hosting Marae Development Plan writing workshops on the first week of April, May and June (date and time to be confirmed). These workshops will be an informal workshop to support marae to develop their plans and offer support.

Ngā Tāngata Tiaki and the Department of Internal Affairs intend to support better application writing and will be hosting a marae application assessment workshop to improve and support application writing. This will include support for utilising RealMe, the details are yet to be developed so please stay tuned.

If there is something marae want specifically, please let us know and we will try to organise it.