

## **Hoani Waititi Marae** **Community based – Waitakere Ward**

**Location:** Parrs Cross and West Coast Roads

**Ward:** Waitakere

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**Brief description:** A urban community marae, officially opened the dinning room in 1978, the marae and meeting house in 1980. Marae facilities comprise of accommodation and catering services, showers and toilets, conference venue, cultural entertainment and a range of other social, spiritual, economical and educational services available.

**Maximum capacity:** 85

### *General comments:*

Hoani Waititi Marae seeks clarification of Waitakere City Council's financial contribution directly to the marae over the years of its establishment.

The whare wananga is a case in point no real dollar spent here. Te Whanau O Waipareira Trust is banking the interest on this potentially huge investment to the city without any Council contribution what so ever.

Council has been reaping the rewards of Maori race relations at no expense to Council and every expense of the local marae, particularly Hoani Waititi marae.

The possibility of hosting the marae review support policy feedback could be held at Hoani Waititi. Inviting the mayor all Councilors, community boards, Te Taumata Runanga, senior management and staff.

### *Marae interests are focussed:*

The marae are interested in environmental, economic and educational initiatives. Marae policies are embodied in tikanga.

### *Future developments*

There is a political drive this summer for partners in Wananga, e.g. Unitec. The marae wishes to bring all tangata whenua issues, marae, Maori policies together and review, collectively. Polices which relate to or reflect the nature of the relationship

between Council and Maori to be reviewed in the context of maintaining a relationship with Hoani Waititi marae.

Marae policies are perhaps not the most effective or appropriate means of maintaining a relationship with Hoani Waititi marae, but are perhaps the basis.

*Relationship between the marae and Council developing in the future should be:*

- Are marae valued by Council as a community facility or not
- Review relationship and see that marae are community facilities.
- Increase Councillor involvement in marae activities.
- For Council to take responsibility and be involved in Maori projects.
- Marae are for everybody.
- Shift from educating Pakeha about Maori to developing Maori.
- Promote marae – involve Council and city in Marae activities e.g. all West Auckland primary schools to visit next year; Karakia/prayer service with Council;
- Increase the understanding of Councillors of the role of the Marae;
- Marae are prepared to be proactive for the good of the city.

*The range of events held on the marae are:*

- Wananga Kapa Haka, especially through competition times
- Wananga Mau Taiaha throughout the year
- Hui-a-tau (annual meetings), diverse kaupapa
- Kohanga (48 weeks out of the year)
- Kura Kaupapa Maori (40 weeks a year)
- Wharekura (college)
- Adult training programmes
- Maori traditional healing

*Groups, which have used the marae, have been:*

All sectors of the community have used the marae; Local, regional, national and international health organizations use the marae frequently, as do student groups (tertiary).

*Other events not already mentioned that the marae has hosted:*

We have a restorative justice programme, "Te Whanau Awhina" that hold hearings every week of the year.

*Regular programmes held on the marae are:*

Skills N.Z. Programmes:

- Youth Mana Tangata Tuatahi
- Te Ataarangi
- Maori Art and Design
- Manaaki Manuhiri

*Programmes run directly by the marae are:*

We have graduates who go on to advanced language courses, teacher training college, people into their own businesses.

*Funding sources are:*

Skills N.Z. fund these programmes.

(Note: Different ropu(groups) within the Marae receive other funding e.g. Te Piki Ora would receive funding from various health agencies etc.)

*The marae is open:*

The Marae 'rests' for 2-3 weeks at Christmas. Approximately 400 people are on the Marae daily, Monday to Friday, and groups invariably book weekends.

*The marae is able to cope with a range of requests by:*

The Marae keeps aligned with kaupapa and tikanga, which allows us to work as we believe, and encourages the manuhiri(visitors) to respect these belief/strengths. This is our marae, it is up to us to look after it and nurture all that goes on here.

*People interested in booking the marae contact:*

Contact Ngareta Renata (interim contact person).

The marae is continually receiving requests to book the venue.

*The marae does best:*

Allows empowerment for its people. It empowers us to know our taha Maori and be strong in that, and prepares us to work and live in.

*The relationship between the marae and Council developing in the future should be:*

For future development to occur, the word 'relationship' needs a joint effort to define what it means in this partnership.

*The marae meets:*

Weekly – Management level

Weekly – staff level

Monthly – Marae Committee

*The marae's role developing in the future:*

Bigger

*The marae in the city provides for everyone?*

Yes

*The marae is part of the City's general social and economic and cultural development:*

Absolutely

*The marae is supported:*

The Marae can be better supported if our kaupapa are understood, that is what our goals, aims and achievements are.

*Other comments:*

Some of comments remain unanswered.

I suppose being a part of this place, living it, creates a totally different perspective to others looking in. I think some of my answers would not be general – but rather too specific: We all get and give something different during our time here, whether for a short brief stay or a day to day reality.