

## Notes from Ohaaki Design Workshop (Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June, Ohaaki Marae)

The meeting was attended by about 20 people. Those recorded on the attendance list were: Aroha Campbell; Lorna Mark; Ronnie Pinker; Agnes Treanor; Linda Takahi; Wikitoria Hepi-Te Huia; Ngawaiata Gatony-Hepi; Rob Marshall; Sean Harris; Rangimarie Ngamotu; Ella Taylor; Roszarri Taylor-Carlson; Mark Reihana; Putiputi Biel; Ratana & Peehi Wall; Pandra Reihana; Valerie Maoengaroa; Nellie Hathaway; Stephen Forrest; Lionel Forrest; Henderika Nepia; Murray Tonks.

Apology from Sue Westbrook.

Rangimarie Ngamotu welcomed everyone. The meeting was then opened with a prayer, led by Mark Reihana. Aroha Campbell explained the format for the meeting, which would include a site visit.

Sean Harris re-capped the proposed (provisional) layout for the marae and showed scale models of how the proposed marae would compare in size and layout with the existing marae. Sean outlined some ideas that had been put forward for the design of the paepae, for making an interpretive walk, and for a childrens play area. Aroha Campbell suggested that the existing toilet block be relocated to the new site, next to the car-park, to service manuhiri and childrens play area. Aroha said that a recommended final proposed design from the workshop process would be presented to the hui-a-iwi planned for October for acceptance.

A question was asked why the carpark is now split (in the latest drawings). Sean explained that this split followed the landform. The two parts of the carpark will be on higher and lower levels.

Question: What about kaumatua parking (near the entrance, so they don't have to walk so far)? Aroha said that car-parks could be reserved for kaumatua.

Question: Will the playground be fully fenced off? Aroha said that it would be, as well as fully screened from the paepae so as to prevent the kids from distracting the activity on the marae.

A visit to the site was then conducted – everyone travelling by car. The site had been staked out and marked on the ground ahead of time to show where the proposed buildings would be located. A plan was laid out so that people could see how the drawn plan relates to what is shown marked on the ground. The group then returned to Ohaaki Marae where there was some informal discussion around the table. A suggestion from Tana Wall was that the wharenui and wharekai should be swapped around, so that visitors would arrive first at the wharenui (and welcomed there) before moving on the wharekai standing behind. Aroha replied that the working party were mandated to keep the placement of the buildings exactly in the same order as the current situation.

The meeting then re-formed. Sean and Aroha discussed the formation of smaller focus groups for different aspects of the marae design and the timing of future design meetings. The future programme of meetings will be: 10 July; 24 July; 7 August; 21 August. All of these days are Sundays. Meetings will start at 1pm.

The focus groups will be as follow – with the following people volunteering to be on these groups:

1. Carpark and Entry focus group : Putiputi & Wikitoria.
2. Wharekai & Ablution Block focus group : Lorna; Roszarri; Denise & Wikitoria.
3. Playground focus group : Adele
4. Site Landscaping focus group : Aroha
5. Wharenuui : Wikitoria & Sue Westbrook

A further suggestion was that there should be a 6 foot high fence along the road boundary of the site to screen out road noise.

Discussion followed on timeframes. A request was made for a copy of the project timeline. Aroha said that the team leaders for each of the focus groups would be provided with a copy of the timeline. She noted that the timeline will be subject to change.

Roszarri asked if there was a budget to work to for each of the specific design components. Aroha replied that there is not – just an overall budget. Sean said that there will always be a range of different building products with varying cost, so those products can be adjusted to fit within a budget. Aroha said not to be too constrained by budget at this stage.

Denise (who has provided some ideas in writing) said that she had been looking around at different design ideas. She suggested making a split dining room. The 350 person dining room would be too big for some occasions. Would be useful to be able to partition it off.

Roszarri suggested that the marae could have conference facilities. Aroha agreed. She envisages that the marae will eventually be used for all Ngati Tahu meetings and functions.

Pandra Raihana asked about discussions with kaumatua and whether there had been any further developments in that regard. She also said that the notes from the previous meeting had made no mention of the korero around the [existing] wharenuui.- whether it would be used as a storage room, or on the paepae. That's important.

Aroha replied that since Rawiri Te Whare is still away (until the 11<sup>th</sup> of July) there have been no further discussions with kaumatua. That is Rawiri's area of responsibility. As regards the future use of the [existing] wharenuui, that is to be decided. Another option would be to use it as a museum as suggested by Sue Westbrook.

The meeting then finished and was closed with karakia, led by Uncle Tana.

*Notes recorded by Murray Tonks, Secretary to the Ohaaki Working Party*