



Omaka Marae

MAHURU 2013 NEWSLETTER

LATEST NEWS

NGĀ KAUPAPA O TE RĀ

Tēnā tātou e ngā mata ora o rātou mā kua wheturangitia. Tēnei te mihi atu ki a Tama nui te Ra kua puta mai i tana rua ki te whakamahana te kiri.

Kia ora whānau, as we leave winter behind and head into spring signalling new beginnings, we would like to welcome you to the first edition of our marae panui, Omaka Honomai.

The purpose of this quarterly panui is to keep you all informed of the awesome kaupapa happening on the marae and how you can get involved.

Omaka Honomai is a whakataūki associated to the marae which means "Omaka, the place that brings people together". It was also the name of the marae's netball team back in the day.

So hope you enjoy. Please feel free to give us your feedback or let us know if you would like to add anything to future pānui.

Ngā manaakitanga o te wā.

Summary of Marae Activity

The marae has been buzzing over the past 12 months with a number of national and local hui/wananga with approximately 3000 people visiting or staying overnight. Plus an additional 50 -100 taurira per week who attend the Te Wananga o Aotearoa classes during term, and all the mātua who come through the gates when they take their tamariki to Te Kupenga Preschool.

Highlights for the past 12 months include The National Maori Womens Welfare League Hui (Sep 2012), Rangitane Ahurei (Oct 2012), The National Womens Refuge Hui (Oct 2012), Te Ngu o te Wheke Taiaha Wānanga (Oct 2012), J Geeks (Feb 2013), Te Wānanga o Aotearoa Graduation (Jun 2013), Te Kupenga Preschool Matariki Celebration (Jun 2012) and the NZ Highland Dance Company (Aug 2013).

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There are a wide range of groups accessing the Marae ranging from Iwi – Rangitāne, Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō, Community Organisations, Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, to Schools groups including Kura Kaupapa.



Rangitāne Ahurei



Te Ngu o te Wheke Taiaha Wānanga



Te Wānanga o Aotearoa Graduation

Membership Database Update

In order to improve communication with members we are updating our membership database. Membership forms will be disseminated via email or post for those who do not have access to email. If you do not receive one please contact the office. At the end of this month whānau will also be able to register online via our website.

UP AND COMING DATES MARAMATAKA

09 Sep 2013: Planning Hui – 5:30pm, Blue Room

Anybody interested in helping organise the up and coming Marae Anniversary celebration please come along.

30 Sep 2013: Marae Website – www.omakamarae.co.nz goes live

06 Oct: Marae Working Bee/Hangi – 9:30am start

Join us for our quarterly clean up. Bring the whole whānau and a meat or veg to put in the hangi to feast on at the end of the day after all the hard mahi.

27 Oct 2013: Omaka Marae 28th Anniversary Celebration – 7:00pm, Whare kai

Save the date! Panui out soon.

Omaka Marae Flat Available to Let

Quiet, 2 bedrooms, open plan living, heatpump, \$180.00 per week. Contact Rachael Smythe at Bayleys Marlborough on 0275889364.

Wanted to Hire – Lawn Maintenance Person

On call/need basis. Could be up to 5 hours per week during spring. Contractor preferred but everyone considered.

Kids Kapa haka

If your tamariki are interested in joining a Kapahaka group contact Anlea Olsen on 0210742711.

Volunteers Needed – Preserve Making

If you are interested in making homemade preserves and would like to help the marae to develop its own supply to manaaki our manuhiri and to sell as a fundraiser contact Donna Nepia on 0273068888.

**BLAST FROM THE PAST
NGĀ RĀ O MUA**



Can you spot who these natives are???

Here is a picture of kaumatua Uncle Rua MacDonal and Omaka Marae members at the opening of the whare nui Te Aroha o Te Waipounamu.

To his right are Shirley Kingi and Kemu Taikato. To his left are Margaret Bond, Kaye MacDonal, Donna Hapakuku, Liz McElhinney and Tessa Green in the background.