

MARAE MELBOURNE INCORPORATED

2011 ANNUAL REPORT

MISSION STATEMENT

Establish turangawaewae for our people in Melbourne through the guiding principles of our tipuna/tupuna.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES





AIM

1. To provide a facility that will allow Maori and New Zealand communities based in Victoria the opportunity without prejudice to gain access to community services.
2. To allow New Zealand Maori communities the opportunity to express important cultural traditions, values and practices.

OBJECTIVES

1. To meet key recommendations outlined in the report 'Pasifika Victoria, The Way Forward' commissioned by the South Pacific Foundation of Victoria).
2. To retain the value of inclusiveness for all cultural and community groups.
3. To creating a sense of place (turangawaewae)for present and future generations.

MARAE MELBOURNE LOGO

-  **The Black Skyline:** Represents Melbourne.
-  **The Koru:** Represents the heartbeat and lifeblood of New Zealanders living in Melbourne.
-  **Marae:** Represents all that we associate with marae — our home/turangawaewae and our tikanga and kawa (customs and protocol).
-  **Melbourne:** Signifies the place we now call home.

BACKGROUND

MaraeMelbourne was established as a result of comprehensive research collated and documented by the South Pacific Foundation of Victoria Incorporated (the South Pacific Foundation) from 2004–2007 and published in the report “*Pasifika Victoria: ‘The Way Forward’*” for and on behalf of the Polynesian and Pacific Island communities of Victoria.

Key issues identified in the report reflect a high proportion of Maori and Pacific Island communities over represented in the juvenile justice system, poor health, an alarming number living in low socio-economic environments and truancy or school leavers increasing rapidly, specifically in the years 9–12 age group.

The issues identified raise concerns as to the availability, or lack, of culturally appropriate resources by government and non-government service providers offering a range of services to their municipality. The report also identified that service providers were not aware of the cultural diversity of the New Zealand Maori and Pacific Island communities and the need to be culturally independent.

Although these services may be well intentioned, the ‘need’ reflected in the report epitomises the urgency for the Polynesian community to establish a facility to which they will gain access to services which acknowledge their cultural identity, values and protocols without inhibition.

A further concern raised in the report was the lack of facilities available at affordable costs offering an opportunity for the Maori community to meet for cultural sustenance. Many venues within the local municipalities have an hourly rate, lack the facilities or discourage groups for overnight workshops.

The report *Pasifika Victoria: ‘The Way Forward’* clearly demonstrates key recommendations for capacity building that supports the development of community and facility for New Zealand Maori and highlights the guiding principles based on cultural heritage.

Following the report, the South Pacific Foundation continued to develop strategies to progress the development of the marae build. This included a proposal recommending the merging of the South Pacific Foundation and the Polynesian Community Federation of Victoria Te Rangatahi Incorporated in a unified approach as the steering committee to drive this kaupapa forward under the banner of MaraeMelbourne Incorporated.

Although the Polynesian Community Federation of Victoria Te Rangatahi Incorporated declined the proposal of a merger, the South Pacific Foundation dissolved to further develop the progress of a marae build under the banner of ‘MaraeMelbourne’.

MARAEMELBOURNE

MaraeMelbourne formed a steering committee as the driving body to ensure the vision remained intact and has continued to progress the marae build through its guiding members.

The following documents the activities and outcomes to date, including the transition from the South Pacific Foundation of MaraeMelbourne accomplished to July 2011.

MARAE MELBOURNE PROJECT

COMMUNITY UPDATE INFORMATION SHEET

DATE 2009	ACTIVITY	OUTCOME
5 April	SPF Meeting to discuss outcome of the report <i>Pasifika Victoria: The Way Forward</i> and move to next round of funding to develop a business case for the development of a marae.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☛ Facilitate future meeting with interested parties including Polynesian Community Federation of Victoria Te Rangatahi Incorporated; ☛ Source funding providers to assist with marae development.
27 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☛ SPF member Raina Smith enters into discussions with members of the Maori community to progress the kaupapa of marae development in Melbourne. ☛ Meeting held with PCFV members, 200 Little Collins Street, Melbourne. 	<p>Meeting facilitated with the Executive Committee of the Polynesian Community Federation of Victoria Te Rangatahi Incorporated (PCFV) to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a unified approach to marae development in Melbourne focusing on the establishment of a steering committee to drive this approach forward; - The proposal to sell community owned asset Dillon Court.
5 June	SPF meeting to discuss proposed agenda and meeting with the Polynesian Community Federation of Victoria Te Rangatahi Incorporated.	<p>In preparation for meeting on 14 June SPF members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☛ visit the property at Dillon Court; ☛ review the documents, zoning restrictions and viability of developing marae on Dillon Court; ☛ Review outcomes indicate that the viability of establishing marae on this property would be financially and legally challenging. <p>These challenges include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☛ Vic Roads capacity to compulsorily acquire the property for future road development; ☛ The flyover/airspace/noise levels affect the structure of any new build i.e. it would be costly to construct; ☛ Zoning requirements regarding the capacity for accommodating over six persons in such a facility are prohibitive; ☛ The landscape/terrain is not “build friendly”; ☛ SPF determines a need to investigate alternative options for land space.
12 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☛ SPF arranges meeting with Vic Urban Community Development Manager, Docklands and Major Projects, to discuss marae development and potential land spaces/ facilities available in CBD area. ☛ Vic Urban requests a briefing paper documenting the needs of the marae; these documents to support negotiations with Vic Urban re potential land site. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☛ Vic Urban identifies two potential sites for discussion and agree in principle to the concept of marae development in Melbourne. ☛ Important to maintain and build a strong relationship with Vic Urban so that we can look at other options further down the track. ☛ SPF requests the Federation to assist with the following documents to be presented to Vic Urban: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - preparation of the MoSCoW (what a marae <i>Must have</i> or <i>Should have</i> or <i>Could have</i> or <i>Would have</i>) Brief; - community assets register (to encourage volunteers and strengthen marae working committee); and - History of the land at Dillon Court. ☛ Follow up requests for Federation to develop documents for meeting of 14 June and again for meeting of 4 July.

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14 June	Meeting with Executive Committee of the Polynesian Community Federation of Victoria Te Rangatahi Incorporated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☛ SPF presents overview of work/tasks completed by SPF to date re marae development in Melbourne; ☛ SPF presents proposal and findings of review re Dillon Court; ☛ Federation committee calls for community hui to support the decision from the meeting to sell the community asset Dillon Court; ☛ The community meeting to be called to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - determine the future direction for marae development in Melbourne; - consider the proposed recommendations for a unified approach under the banner of MaraeMelbourne; - make a decision about the sale of the community asset 60 Dillon Court, Diggers Rest. ☛ Meeting date set for 4 July 2009.
18 June	SPF meeting to discuss the outcomes of meeting of 14 June.	Proposed agenda for meeting of 4 July to be developed and circulated to Federation for response/feedback.
20 June	<p>SPF develops pre-meeting tasks for presentation at 4 July meeting. Tasks include:</p> <p>Agenda (SPF);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☛ Development of recommendations/discussion paper for unified development to be completed (SPF); ☛ History of Diggers Rest purchase (Federation); ☛ Draft of MoSCoW document to be completed (Federation). ☛ Community assets register template (Federation) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☛ Agenda developed (SPF): ☛ SPF develops and forwards recommendations, discussion paper and tasks for presentation at 4 July meeting to the Federation Committee for comment/response/feedback.
2 July	Pre-meeting documents to be signed off and distributed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☛ As no response received to Agenda request recommendations/discussion paper for 4 July meeting SPF distributes agenda and recommendations across networks in preparation for meeting. ☛ MoSCoW document not available for presentation; ☛ History document not available for presentation. ☛ Community assets register template not available for presentation.

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4 July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community meeting held. 2. SPF delivers presentation and recommendations for discussion. 	<p>Recommendations tabled by SPF adopted at community meeting. Mandate delivered by the community which endorsed the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A unified approach towards marae development in Melbourne under the banner of MaraeMelbourne; • this banner replace the current organisations – the SPF and the Federation; • both these organisations to work together to deliver marae in Melbourne for the Maori community; • the SPF to continue to facilitate the development of the interim steering committee to progress MaraeMelbourne; • This interim steering committee will also be responsible for the management and sale of the community owned property at 60 Dillon’s Court, Diggers Rest to progress marae development in Melbourne. Meeting date set for 4 July 2009.
7 July	SPF begins facilitation of MaraeMelbourne interim steering committee as per community mandate of 4 July.	Recommendations developed by SPF to form MaraeMelbourne interim steering committee (comprised of two Federation, two SPF and two community members) forwarded to the Federation for consideration.
8 July	<p>SPF Management Committee meeting held to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • formally agree to resolutions passed at the meeting of 4 July 2009 between the Federation committee, the SPF committee, Kaumātua and community; • Endorse the recommendations presented re the structure of the MaraeMelbourne interim steering committee. 	<p>The SPF endorses the following resolutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As per the mandate provided by the meeting held on 4 July 2009, the SPF formally endorses the recommendations and outcomes of the meeting in relation to the unified approach to marae development in Melbourne; • The role of the SPF will be to support/facilitate the formation of the newly mandated MaraeMelbourne (MM) interim steering committee in liaison with members of the Executive Committee of the Polynesian Community Federation of Victoria Te Rangatahi Incorporated; • That the recommendations presented re the structure of the MM interim steering committee be accepted by the SPF as a pathway towards implementing the development of the MM interim steering committee; • That Anthony Nelson is appointed as Interim Chairperson of the MM interim steering committee. This appointment to be confirmed/changed at the inaugural meeting of MM interim steering committee; • Upon completion of the establishment of the MM steering committee the Management Committee of the SPF agrees to the deregistration of the SPF organisation and the dissolution of the Management Committee; • All remaining SPF funds to be committed to progress the development of MM Interim Steering Committee (including registration of the name); • The SPF to commence Grant funding applications to support the development of the MM Steering Committee, first grant application to be submitted by October 2009.

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10 July	SPF arranges first interim steering committee meeting for 20 July 2009 and discuss the planned formation of the MM interim steering committee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📅 Agenda and meeting request forwarded to Federation members for comment/feedback; 📅 SPF books and confirms venue for meeting.
12 July	SPF progresses development of MaraeMelbourne website.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📅 Website hosted www.maraemelbourne.net 📅 Server costs met by SPF.
15 July	SPF receives information about potential block of land in Werribee (3.5 acre block) and submits an expression of interest for the purchase of the land for marae.	SPF completes research into land opportunity in Werribee (lot 2 Russell Court). The land belongs to the Roman Catholic Trust Corporation for the Diocese of Melbourne.
17 July	SPF proceeds with the development of the MaraeMelbourne interim committee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📅 Name check and constitution development begin; 📅 Logo design discussions commence.
20 July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SPF seeks response from Federation to confirmation of the recommendations. 2. SPF lobby for the donation of 20 free chairs for marae from the Victorian Council of Social Service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📅 Meeting cancelled as a response from the Federation to the recommendations forwarded was not received. 📅 Application for chairs approved 24 July; chairs received 29 July.
21 July	SPF meeting to discuss logo for website and marae Melbourne kaupapa.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📅 SPF engages consultants to produce design work templates. 📅 Logo designs submitted from NZ consultant unsuitable; 📅 SPF to commission other designers/consultants to produce draft.
22 July	Logo design meeting.	
24 July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SPF completes research into land opportunity at Werribee. 2. EOI closing date. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📅 SPF submits an Expression of Interest to the Roman Catholic Trust Corporation for the Diocese of Melbourne (RCCT) for the purchase of a 3.5 acre block of land in Werribee (Lot 2 Russell Street) for the marae. 📅 EOI is based on the RCCT gifting the said block to MM for the purpose of marae development 📅 Awaiting response from the RCCT.
31 July	No official response received from the Federation re confirmation of recommendations and the availability of two nominated officers for the MaraeMelbourne interim steering committee.	SPF seeks confirmation to the recommendations from the Federation by 17 August 2009.
10 August	SPF officers initiate deregistration of the SPF.	SPF deregisters and begins process to incorporate MaraeMelbourne.
16 August	SPF finally receives email from the Federation declining offer to merge.	"The Federation" advises via email "...that the general consensus was decided against the merger".

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17 August	SPF convenes urgent meeting of SPF Management Committee to discuss planned move forward following Federation decision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☛ Dissolution of the SPF organisation has begun. This will continue in favour of formation of MM interim committee. ☛ Replacement of Federation Committee members to interim MM committee be considered at future date. ☛ SPF to seek clarity and reaffirmation of the community mandate from Kaumātua. ☛ Upon receiving this reaffirmation of the mandate the SPF will proceed with planned tasks and activities. ☛ No further MM business to be developed until mandate has been reaffirmed by Kaumātua. ☛ A standard response to Federation decision to be forwarded by Interim Chairman Anthony Nelson on behalf of MM response to indicate that MM will progress required development.
17 August	Response to Federation decision/email forwarded.	Email forwarded to the PCFV by MM Chairperson Anthony Nelson advising that the MM steering committee will be formed and marae development progressed.
4 September	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As per meeting of 17 August 2009 SPF enters into discussions with Kaumātua to seek advice in relation to the Federation's email/response. 2. SPF requests clarity and reaffirmation of mandate by Kaumātua. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☛ SPF receives advice that a meeting of Kaumātua to discuss the response of the Federation to the community mandate acquired 4 July 09 will be held on 11 September 2009. ☛ SPF receives letter signed by Kaumatua of Melbourne that reaffirms the decision/mandate acquired on 4 July 2009. Letter signed by majority of Kaumātua.
15 September	SPF receives reaffirmation of mandate.	
16 September	SPF progresses MM development following receipt of letter from Kaumatua Council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☛ Email sent by MM advisor to Vic Roads to identify relevant officer to commence discussions re the compulsory acquisition of Dillon Ct with community. ☛ Advice received of relevant Vic Roads Manager re Dillon Court discussions.
17 September	SPF progresses MM development	
20 September	MM asked to assist with the promotion of NZ Cabaret in Melbourne 2009 to be held in Williamstown on Friday, 6 November.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☛ Flyers forwarded via email, Facebook, Maori in Oz website, Multicultural Arts Victoria. ☛ Gordon Little, NZ Cabaret in Melbourne event organiser donates two gold tickets as prize for MM email promotion. ☛ Entrants encouraged to promote the kaupapa of MM and spread the word by inserting the following signature line into their email activities: <i>(your name) (your waka) Proud supporter of MaraeMelbourne Mob. (your phone number) email: (your email)</i> <i>MaraeMelbourne committed to marae development in Melbourne based on Mana Maori Aroha Respect Accountability Excellence</i>

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2 October	Launch of MM promotion – winner to be announced Friday, 23 October 2009 (might be extended to 30 October 2009).	The lucky winner was Mrs. Simone Poi, Ruatoria, New Zealand who donated her tickets to husband Boycie Poi's uncle Thomas Rangihuna.
4 October	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting of MM committee members and Kaumatua to discuss the role of Kaumatua in the MM process. 2. Kaumatua confirm need to organise a public information session so that community know what's happening with the changes to Dillon Court. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaumatua confirm their support of MM; • Kaumatua confirm that Dillon Court was purchased for the Maori community to develop and build marae. Land purchased through combination of fundraising and payment from State Government re acquisition for Calder Freeway development. • Kaumatua advise to continue with approach to Vic Roads and organise a community information session regarding the proposed changes to the urban growth boundary, transport infrastructure projects and grasslands and the impact these changes will have on Dillon Court.
5 October	Vic Roads confirms two available dates for proposed community information meeting to be held at Vic Roads Camberwell office with Vic Roads Property Services officers.	Invitation extended to Kaumatua, community and Federation members to attend the meeting on 14 October, 3 Prospect Hill Road, Camberwell.
13 October	Contact from Angela Klinkatsis, Department of Immigration to add MM to Immigration data base.	Details forwarded. Inclusion on the data base enables MM to be advised on current developments and issues, and to pass on information about government policies relevant to the community.
	Approach from CoM indigenous officer to host an Aboriginal/Maori weaving project.	Project completed and involved 2 Maori wahine (Kiri Dewes and Shona).
	Received flyer for Samoan fundraiser to collect blankets and summer clothes for victims of the tsunami.	24 October, 2-6pm, 106 Elizabeth Street, Community Hall.
14 October	Members of the Maori community including Kaumatua attend Vic Roads information session.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information garnered from this session confirms that the details advised by PCFV at the community hui of 4 July 2009 were in fact incorrect. • Vic Roads advised to keep MM "in the loop" to ensure that relevant and correct information forwarded to the Maori community.
15 October	Invitation to the VRU South Pacific Rugby Cup and Cultural Festival – showcasing Pasifika rugby.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Box Hill Rugby Club, 17 and 24 October. • Information forwarded to community.
6 November	NZ Cabaret in Melbourne 2009, Williamstown Town Hall.	A successful and very enjoyable concert which bodes well for future event/s.
16 November	Update from Vic Roads re Outer Metro Ring (EMR)/E6 transport corridor (includes Dillon Court).	As attached
22 November	Invitation from Jamel Dhillon, Cultural Infusion for a Maori woman to be involved in the International Plenary session (Parliament World Religions Event), 2 December.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information forwarded to Maori community; • Kiri Dewes volunteers for the session and will perform Maori chant during final plenary session
5 December	MM hosts informal luncheon and discussion session.	
12 December	Follow-up meeting to 5 December.	

PLANNED STRATEGY FOR MOVING FORWARD		
1 October	Consolidate the interim MaraeMelbourne steering committee.	SPF to call for EOI from broader community to fill four (4) positions available.
30 October	MM incorporated.	Constitution signed off and membership in place.
To be completed by 1 December	Inaugural MM interim steering committee meeting.	Progress development of MM including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant applications; • Set up a community information session with relevant Vic Roads officer to discuss Dillon Court; • Meet with community/relevant stakeholders.
4 December	Recess period	All MM activities to go into recess until February 2010.

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6 February	Building Fund Brick Program established.	MM official community fundraising platform.
14 February	First community presentation at The 'Hub' Docklands.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A successful Power Point presentation outlining the aims and objectives of MaraeMelbourne. • Participants offered valuable positive feedback.
	Kensington Community School Rangatahi Program-Flemington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program initiated for Polynesian students attending Kensington Community School by Michael Malady. Concerned he was unable to make contact with the kaumatua responsible for assisting with the planning of the program. • G Little and A Hape initiated introductions to students • Karen Tupuhi was employed to run the program, MM to assist when required.
8 April	DPCD workshop – Standard Chart of Accounts for community groups	Introducing a standard Chart of Accounts for all community groups and organisations to use across the board.
16 April	Cabaret Volunteer Inductions - Footscray	Inductions of volunteer leaders for NZ Cabaret.
18 April	MM Presentation, Melton	A successful Power Point presentation outlining the aims and objectives of MaraeMelbourne.
19 April	MM Korowai raffle commences.	Drawn under police supervision:
21-23 April	Pa Tate visit – re the Catholic Church.	An overwhelming response from the community to support his visit.
24 April	MM Launch	MaraeMelbourne aims and objective supported by the Aboriginal community. MM is official.
27 April	Kia Ora Whanau Radio Show, Geelong	Information sharing session to all listeners.
29 April	Kensington - Parents Day	End of term invite to parents to share in students learning.
11 May	Kensington Rangatahi Program-Flemington	MM relieved for Kaiako. Introduced tititorea and tii rakau.
15 May	Haka Extravaganza, Wyndham Events Centre	A combined fundraising effort for groups competing in Canberra.
16 May	MM Presentation Broadmeadows	Although a few challenges were presented, a successful presentation.
	80 th Birthday: Tuakana Pohoiwi.	Te Aka Matua performance on behalf of MM.
22 May	MM Community Information Session: CAA Sayers Rd, Laverton Nth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A successful presentation. • Visited a possible site for marae build in Hobson's Bay – proved to be unsuitable due to local by-laws and location in wetlands area.

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31 May	YRIPP Workshop, Multiultural Hub Elizabeth St	Youth Referral Independent Peoples Program: A workshop for volunteers to assist youth when interviewed by Police and a chance for MM to upskill volunteers in youth work.
11-13 June	Matatini Kapa Haka Regionals, Canberra	MM information stand, utilising another forum to promote and inform the other states of MM.
15 June	Kensington Rangatahi Program, Flemington	Liaison session with Parent and Kaiako for interview with Principal.
16 June	Free marketing and promotion course, Maribyrnong Council	An opportunity for MM to learn and develop promotion and marketing skills.
	Talk Blak- BMW Federation Square	A multi-media exhibition exploring contemporary Aboriginal identities and stories.
18 June	NZ Consulate Farewell	
19 June	MMMC meeting, Parkville	
22 June	Talanoa - St Kilda	A dance created to include 2 very different cultures working in unison.
1 July	VMC Policy Discussions, Wyndham Youth Services.	A discussion with policy writers to inform of issues related to Polynesian youth.
3 July	MM NZ Cabaret - Yandall Sisters show, Williamstown Town Hall.	A well attended event showcasing the Yandall Sisters and others.
4 July	Vibes Festival: Wyndham Leisure and Events Centre Wyndham.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🎪 Festival organised by youth showcasing Polynesian talent of all ages and including the three Victorian finalists from the Kapa Haka extravaganza. 🎪 An opportunity for MM to promote and inform the community.
9 July	MMMC Meeting: Melbourne Royal Children's Hospital, Parkville.	An update of events, constitution requirements, volunteers.
14 July	City of Casey, Website Forum	A forum designed to inform community groups and businesses on website development. An opportunity for MM to learn how best to utilise and promote marketing opportunities on our website.
	VYMA: Supervision and support of mentors forum, CoM Bowls Club, Flagstaff Gardens	An information session delivered by program co-ordinators/mentors of various mentoring programs. An opportunity for MM committee members to further skills for working with youth.
16 July	MMMC Policy Meeting, Link Offices, Melbourne.	Amendments to constitution policies and procedures.
22 July	Fundraising Seminar, Yarra Shire.	A workshop to assist and inform community groups of the various fundraising opportunities available and how best to write an application for funding.
27 July	Ethnic Communities Council forum, Working with the Media, the Hub, Elizabeth Street.	An opportunity for MM committee members to learn how best to utilise media resources including newspapers, radio and television.
30 July	ABC's "The Loop" radio talk back show.	An opportunity for MM committee members to discuss, promote and inform the community about MM.
1 August	MM Community information session, Berwick	Presentation updating the south east community on MM progress.
3 August	"Kia Ora Whanau" Radio show, Geelong	Geelong based evening radio show showcasing Maori music, korero and events. An opportunity for MM to broadcast an update to the radio listening community.
8 August	MaraeMelbourne Cup night, Endeavour Hills Rugby Club, Endeavour Hills	A fun night had by all keen horse racing fans, with a successful fundraising event and opportunity to promote MM.
19 August	Kensington Rangatahi Program	Luncheon with the students to promote and develop future programs.

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5 September	MM Newsletter	An update of MM progress and to further encourage members to purchase bricks
10 September	Pacific Community Consultation, Darebin Arts Centre, Preston.	PI Youth Offending Statistics, discussing ways to address youth issues.
11 September	MM Fundraiser, Batons Up Event, Endeavour Hills Rugby Club	MM operations fundraising initiative and an opportunity to build community unity and promote MM.
15 September	DPCD Meeting, 1 Spring Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🔧 Opportunity for MM to discuss the criteria required to reach the ultimate goal – a marae! 🔧 To obtain the necessary funding, \$1 for \$1 match funding is required.
18 September	City of Casey Barefoot Rugby	An event organised by Snr Constable Eddie MacDonald for our Polynesian and Pacific Island youth to keep them occupied and out of trouble.
19 September	Planning Hui, Royal Children Hospital Parkville.	A strategic approach towards MM progress and development.
20 September	YRIPP, Multicultural Hub, Elizabeth Street	Further training for volunteers.
21 September	Radio RRR promotion	Promotion of MM and the Stan Walker Concert.
25 September	Kaumātua Ball, Altona	Presentation of Kaumātua to the Maori King. MM committee members attend in support.
26 September	MM Stan Walker Promotion, North Melbourne showgrounds/train station.	MM committee members “beat the feet” distributing handouts/flyers promoting the Stan Walker Concert.
29 September	Melbourne Conversations Dancing on Country 6-7.30 pm	A series of forums showcasing Aboriginal speakers.
30 September	Melbourne Conversations Museums and Collections 5.30-7pm	
6 and 9 October	Victoria Community Assets Building Workshop, Dandenong and Broadmeadows.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🔧 Opportunities to learn how community organisations can purchase assets (land and buildings) through lending. 🔧 Important to have sustainability.
8 October	Stan Walker promotion, Flinders Street Station	MM committee members “beat the feet” distributing handouts/flyers promoting the Stan Walker Concert.
11-15 October	Media: Nova Events/ Fairfax/Interview with Stan Walker light FM /MX Advert/101.1 Street Team: Double pass giveaway/M MAG	A series of promotional events utilising a range of media to promote the Stan Walker concert.
16 October	Stan Walker Concert, Williamstown Town Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🔧 A fantastic opportunity to view this entertainer in action. 🔧 Unfortunately, although vigorously promoted through various promotional events, advertising, etc, this event did not sell out and ran at a loss. 🔧 A steep learning curve for future events.
26 October	Meeting with MM members from Diamond Creek family who presented MM with the fantastic offer of land space to utilise for marae.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🔧 A most generous offer which requires further investigation regarding development costs (prohibitive at this stage) and council by-laws. 🔧 Land is situated on a hillside which is steep and currently inaccessible from a narrow country road. 🔧 Close to small town and railway line. 🔧 Investigate use for future MM programs

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28 October	Meeting with John Davis of Harvest Alliance re possible funding opportunity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion regarding finance/home lending opportunities for MM members. • Business opportunity for Harvest Alliance to access our members who, if they wish to proceed with lending finance from this company, can choose to donate a percentage towards MM development. • There appeared to be some disadvantages with this package and it was decided that further information and investigation required. • MM not prepared to provide details of our members for privacy reasons, nor prepared to forward information out unless this business prepared to support MM by becoming a member and purchasing a brick.
14 November	Te Haeata Treaty Talks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ngati Porou Treaty Settlement talks hosted by MM. • Presented by representatives of Te Runanga O Ngati Porou.

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11 January	Meeting with Maori rugby representatives, Jamie Allen and John Te Hana, Moorabbin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion regarding development of a Victoria Maori rugby team. • Future events planned to develop. • Ongoing.
29 January	MM meeting, Tukotahi offices, Braybrook	MMMC acknowledged the amount of work that had taken place in 2010 and a well-deserved break was needed in order to reenergise and refocus.
6 February	Waitangi Day Celebrations, Moorabbin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A well attended event which bodes well for the future. • An opportunity for MM to inform community and promote MM.
8 April	City of Casey, Phil Start Multi Cultural Youth Officer – City of Casey Youth Think Tank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with various Maori, Samoan, Cook Island community representatives and providers (Centrelink, Vic Police, Ozchild and others). • An opportunity to introduce MM, our communities, our issues, our differences – “Our issues are the same, but our cultures and traditions are different” - and what we seek from them as service providers and how they can help to relieve issues currently impacting on our youth and community. • Ongoing.
16 May	An invitation to be part of the Pasifika United Forum: A pre-meeting, Monash Youth and Family Services Room, Clayton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-meeting to discuss planned forum by the Cook Island and Samoan communities to discuss issues relating to immigration, youth in the Juvenile Justice System, Centrelink, Education etc. • Highlighting of issues caused by the Trans-Tasman agreement. • Survey developed and forwarded to members of these communities. • Outcome of survey: poor. Despite our communities continuously highlighting our issues, not keen to take part in surveys or provide information that will assist in making change.

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18 May	United Pasifika Forum, Clayton Theatre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forum attended by members of MM (Maori), Cook Island and Samoan communities to discuss/debate the issues outlined above. • View to presenting a submission to government to make changes to the Trans-Tasman agreement and immigration laws. • Ongoing.
20 May	Meeting with Phil Start, City of Casey Multicultural Youth Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Casey is keen to work with the Maori and Polynesian communities. • Seeking direction and would like to meet with MMMC to discuss who we are as Maori, what we are about and what we want. • Development of a Maori/Pacific Island Advisory Group to advise council on how to proceed regarding issues with our youth and community. • An opportunity for MM to develop community networks, promote unity and build a positive relationship with council and our Pacific Island whanau. • Ongoing.
16 June	<p>Cross-Cultural Women's Leadership Forum</p> <p>Invitation to MM from Ngatuahine Hosking from the Cook Island Community to attend. Nga was one of the speakers on the day.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fantastic opportunity to hear of the building and development of women leaders from various ethnic communities, from their arrival in Australia to the present day and their role as women members of those communities – from the proverbial expectation of being in the background, washing the dishes and providing the lunches, to being leaders in their own right. • Also the opportunity to listen to the Hon Joan Kirner, Victoria's first female Premier, who is a strong advocator for ethnic and emerging communities.
22 June	United Pasifika Community Focus Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further discussions with members of the Samoan and Cook Island Communities and Monash City Council members in relation to the Pasifika United Forum and the draft submission to government. • Monash Council also keen to work with Maori/Pacific Island community groups. • Ongoing.
1 July	Maori and Pacific Island OzChild Planning Meeting, City of Casey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussing the development of an alternative program by Ozchild targeting learners from 15-21 years of age from Maori and Pacific Island communities and not currently participating in mainstream education or employment (dropped out of school and/or who are having problems with their current school program). • Outcome is improve/provide skills to seek employment. • Ozchild keen to seek information and input from our communities and to ensure cultural input/content. • Ongoing.
3 July	MMMC Meeting, Endeavour Hills Rugby Club, Endeavour Hills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGM date set. • Constitution amended and accepted. • Presentation of further land option in Laverton. • Further discussion pending, development of submission for presentation and discussion with current property owner.

DATE 2011	ACTIVITY	OUTCOME
2 August	Meeting with OzChild representatives, Frankston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further discussion into the development of the alternative program and relative to Maori. • Ongoing.
13 August	MM First AGM	
22 August	City of Casey Think Tank	Ongoing



MARAE MELBOURNE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT

The MaraeMelbourne Management Committee is made up of committed members of the New Zealand Maori community whose individual perspectives of the need for a 'marae' culminate in a united approach to achieving the ultimate goal for building community and facility (marae) within a multi-cultural environment outside the shores of New Zealand.

A marae is the 'hub' of any community. It is a place of spiritual, religious and social gatherings within the community. It is a place of service, open to whoever is in need; a place for cultural sustenance where our community can practice our protocols without hesitation; a place of learning where our community can deliver programs of our history and teachings for all generations.

It is a multi-functional, multi-purpose facility capable of hosting many in this land of multi-cultural Australia where we have chosen to settle and build our lives and futures.

MaraeMelbourne has strategically structured all planning and development to include;

- Research of past attempts by other organisations to build a marae;
- A thorough research of all aspects relating to Dillon Court-(Diggers Rest);
- A higher level of communication with all stake holders including:
 - Website development;
 - Newsletter and information via email;
 - Community information sessions;
 - Radio interviews;
 - Attending various forums to inform and promote MM.
- Policies and procedures are clearly understood by the MaraeMelbourne Management Committee.
- The constitution as a workable document.
- Exploring all options and opportunities presented or available to the community.
- Researching government and statewide funding agencies.
- The establishment of the Brick Program Building Fund, specifically targeted for the build and held in trust.
- Developing healthy and ongoing relationships with government agencies at local, state and national levels.
- An Options Paper for Potential to Lease/Refurbish Existing Community Facility – Hobson's Bay.
- Development and implementation of a generic Options Paper for Potential to Lease/Refurbish existing community Facility statewide.
- Attending various forums to further promote and develop MaraeMelbourne.
- Networking at all levels of community.
- Building community trust and unity.

THE CHALLENGES

MaraeMelbourne has faced a number of challenges, some of which have been overcome and others which we are still addressing including:

- 🌀 **Community Unity:** Community unsupportive, critical, crisis driven ie when there is a tangi or event “we should have a marae”, happy to offer support **when it’s built** but need for support is **now**.
- 🌀 **Designing the blueprint for the build:** Similar projects have been under the banner of other organisations such as a church, council owned buildings or sharing space with other community groups.
- 🌀 **Financial commitment:** Building support for the brick building fund and fundraising events is poor.
- 🌀 **Understanding the legal requirements.**
- 🌀 **Limited resources:** Finances, membership, land.
- 🌀 **Location:** Accessibility for all stake holders, public transport, compatibility to all aspects of marae.
- 🌀 **Community perceptions:** Past attempts by other organisations, lack of trust, lack of support, lack of commitment, lack of accountability and transparency, incorrect information (“Chinese whispers”), politics.
- 🌀 **Funding:** Lack of information, criteria eligibility.
- 🌀 **Tribal issues:** Community still operates as in New Zealand.
- 🌀 **Ability to make change:** Despite our community keen to see change in policies or law, reluctant to become involved in completing surveys, attending forums or providing information that would assist in making change.

THE ACHIEVEMENTS

As at 13 August 2011:

- 🌀 MaraeMelbourne has a membership of 1272.
- 🌀 MaraeMelbourne Brick Program Building Fund has 360 brick owners.
- 🌀 MaraeMelbourne Brick Program Building Fund has \$40,500.00 (received and pledged).
- 🌀 MaraeMelbourne has established networks with agencies both state and local.
- 🌀 MaraeMelbourne has a greater understanding of the legal requirements of such a build.
- 🌀 MaraeMelbourne is committed to community and facility building.
- 🌀 MaraeMelbourne is committed to serving the Maori community within its capacity as a community organisation
- 🌀 MaraeMelbourne Management Committee has the ‘Vision, are committed, passionate, dedicated and determined to build a ‘Marae’.

WHERE TO NOW?

- 🌀 Continue to increase membership.
- 🌀 Continue to encourage purchasing of the bricks to increase our building fund.
- 🌀 Continue to network with government state and local funding agencies.
- 🌀 Continue to network with government state and local service providers.
- 🌀 Continue to build community and facility.
- 🌀 Build the 'Marae'.

WHAT DO WE NEED?

- 🌀 **Total community support.**
- 🌀 Increased membership.
- 🌀 Increased pro-active members.
- 🌀 Members offering areas of expertise to assist the committee.
- 🌀 Increased brick purchases.
- 🌀 Land.
- 🌀 Finance.

MARAE MELBOURNE KAUMATUA

MaraeMelbourne Management Committee has ensured that the importance of the role of Kaumātua is acknowledged and observed to provide advice on the cultural aspects of community build and facility.

Our Kaumātua have supported marae development in Melbourne for many years and have been instrumental in providing invaluable advice reflective of their experiences within the community. Their observations on MaraeMelbourne development have been communicated in the following reports provided by Kiri Dewes and George Hallett.

KIRI DEWES

I am only too pleased to lodge this report in my role as Cultural Advisor to Marae Melbourne. My involvement and my observations in this project confirm that this is a necessary and much needed facility for our people living here in Melbourne.

I have seen the hard work put into this project by a very active, knowledgeable and motivated committee and subcommittee who drive this organisation with their expertise, passion, dedication and determination to complete this project.

They have put a lot of work into fund raising, liaising with the proper sources of information and guidance to which their efforts have been well rewarded; as the vision that seemed almost impossible becomes a reality.

The past and present committees have put in so much time beyond their own family and work commitments to this project and I know that with the support of our community and the right people it will come to fruition.

A place where we can stand tall as Maori, share our culture with the diversity of cultures that live in this vast country that we have chosen to raise our families.

A Cultural Centre for our people where they can learn and hold onto the culture and traditions of our people and share these values with the many other cultures in Australia.

I would like to wish Gordon Little all the best in his new venture that has taken him back to New Zealand. He was a very active member on MaraeMelbourne's Management Committee and will be sorely missed.

Finally, I want to thank and acknowledge Raina Smith, a founding executive member and a driving force of this organisation that worked tirelessly behind the scenes and put so much time into this project. For me, she is a big loss to this organisation. I wish her all the best in her plans for the future.

Despite the loss of these two key people, I believe the present committee has the potential and commitment to see this project through to its completion and with the assistance of the Maori Community this dream will become a reality.

GEORGE TE WHAKAOTINGA HALLETT

As one of MaraeMelbourne Cultural Advisors it gives me great pleasure to express my observations of the progress and development of MaraeMelbourne in achieving a Marae build, a huge undertaking for any organisation considering some of the barriers they have had to overcome.

In my opinion MaraeMelbourne has developed a strategic approach by ensuring the guiding principles of our cultural and ancestral heritage, and the development of Western protocols ie; governance and financial policies and procedures of the organisation have been established as living documents. These documents have enabled the committee to interact, negotiate and facilitate workshops across a wider spectrum of the community at all levels.

Although a young committee and some recently arrived, they have a range of knowledge and skills they bring to the forum which has allowed for strategic planning to formulise the sustainability of a Marae, considering the retention of the many aspects of Te Ao Maori within this multi-cultural, Western dominated environment which we inhabit.

For me there has only been one focus for our people: a 'Marae'. A dream I am confident within my role as Kaumatua for MaraeMelbourne is soon to be realised in the very near future.

Thanks must be extended to the MaraeMelbourne Management Committee for their passion, drive and commitment to move this project forward to build a marae for the NZ Maori community. Much of this is done using their resources and free time, often at personal sacrifice.

The above summarises and highlights the immense amount of work they have extended to this project, frequently travelling long distances to attend meetings, forums and events important for the development of marae, community and programs and resources for sustainability and to address the issues currently impacting on our community.

The success of this project is reliant on the help and support of all within our Maori community.



ANTHONY NELSON
MM Interim Chairman 2010-2011