

A report to the Iwi Chairs Forum 2015



A place to stand MaraeMelbourne



**REPORT TO THE IWI
CHAIRS FORUM**

Presented to: The Chairman | Rahui Papa | Iwi Chairs Forum | Waikato Tainui

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Purpose of report

- To progress the recommendations endorsed by the Iwi Chairs Forum in August 2014
- To provide an update to the Forum highlighting the past twelve months achievements for MaraeMelbourne
- To reaffirm MaraeMelbournes commitment to work collaboratively and effectively with the Iwi Chairs Forum

Background

On the 29th Aug 2014 the Iwi Chairs Forum unanimously supported the following recommendations presented by MaraeMelbourne:

- (a) To support the development of the Marae in Melbourne in liaison with MaraeMelbourne
- (b) To note the model presented for consideration to progress Marae development in Melbourne
- (c) To note the potential benefits to Iwi Authority of Marae development in Melbourne

Recommendations

1. That the Iwi Chairs Forum receive this report
2. That the Iwi Chairs Forum establish an Iwi Leadership Group to progress the recommendations endorsed in 2014
3. That the proposed Iwi Leadership Group (ILG) be located within the Kaupapa of Taura Here Ki Ahitereiria / Australia
4. That MaraeMelbourne be appointed to the ILG as the Taura Here representative for Iwi in Australia
5. That the Terms of reference for the proposed ILG:
 - a) include supporting pathways to funding and governance options for the development of Marae in Melbourne
 - b) include supporting the development of a sustainable platform for Taura Here in Australia to connect to Iwi in New Zealand
 - c) be informed by the strategic direction of three of the Iwi Chairs Forums priority areas:

Hauoratangata

Promoting well being

Whatoronga

Identifying Strategic Relationships

Iwitanga

Celebrating Cultural Identity

MaraeMelbourne 2014 - 2015: An update

Following the Iwi Chairs Forum 2014 MaraeMelbourne set clear directives to progress Marae development. The priorities identified in moving forward focus on three areas:

1. **Whakapakari** **Strengthen**
 2. **Hono Ano** **Reconnect**
 3. **Haere whakamua** **Move Forward**
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1. Whakapakari Strengthen

MaraeMelbourne will strengthen the 'voice' and the intention of the Marae build / establishment through the following actions:

- Develop a portfolio of Marae designs to promote increased understanding and raised awareness of the Kaupapa of Marae in Melbourne
- Develop a MaraeMelbourne Advocacy Team and a strategic platform to promote the establishment of the Marae in Melbourne
- Strengthen the Leadership of the Board and the Management Committee

2. Hono ano Reconnect

MaraeMelbourne will strengthen the capacity for Taura Here to connect and to reconnect to Marae to Iwi and to Tikanga Maori. These opportunities will be encouraged through the following actions:

- Host an exhibition of the design work of Marae to encourage and support Taura Here and all community in Australia to connect and to reconnect to Marae and identity
- Develop a platform in liaison with the Iwi Chairs Forum for Taura Here in Australia/Melbourne to reconnect and to remain connected to Iwi in Aotearoa
- Promote opportunities and events to engage and reconnect all to Te Ao Maori

3. Haere whakamua The Pathway Forward

The focus of Moving Forward is to support pathways towards achieving funding options.

MaraeMelbourne will engage strategically with stakeholders to develop pathways for the acquisition of funding / land / buildings for Marae build.

- Progress options and identify viability for each of these:
 - Purchase land freehold with Marae build to follow
 - Purchase land freehold with existing buildings established (either at turnkey stage or as a renovation project)
 - Lease options : lease land with Marae build to follow / lease land with existing buildings

Outcomes achieved for the year ended 30 June 2014

Strategic Direction 1: Whakapakari Strengthen	
Task	Outcome
Develop a portfolio of Marae designs to promote increased understanding and raised awareness of the value of Marae across community.	MaraeMelbourne commissions design work from the RMIT School of Architecture in December 2014.
	<p>MaraeMelbourne provides options for design work: Option 1: CBD presence – identified site for the conceptual design work : Olympic Park Precinct (operated by Melbourne Olympic Park Trust http://www.mopt.com.au/about/overview/)</p> <p>Option 2: Hobsons Bay The Pines Scout Hall Facility owned by Hobsons Bay Municipality – this option a multi site design.</p> <p>Design work presented by Architects RMIT April 2015.</p>
Develop a MaraeMelbourne Advocacy Team responsible to promote the establishment of Marae in Melbourne.	MaraeMelbourne recruits and appoints a Team Leader to develop the MaraeMelbourne Advocacy Team (MAT Team).
	<p>MaraeMelbourne engagements with service providers promote key message:</p> <p>‘Without the presence of Marae in Melbourne service provision programs for the New Zealand community will continue to be ineffective; unsustainable and repetitive’; MaraeMelbourne CEO Service Providers Forum 2015.</p>
	MaraeMelbournes key message promoted across social media outlet and to community information sessions and events focuses on the opportunity for community to reconnect/connect to Marae Kaupapa: <i>It's Our Time... Our Marae Our Place MaraeMelbourne.</i>
	MaraeMelbourne nominates representative to the Victorian Multicultural Commission. If successful this nominee would be the first New Zealander / Maori to be appointed as a Commissioner.

Strengthen the Leadership of the Board and the Management Committee	MaraeMelbourne recruits volunteers to support the role and increasing tasks of the Management Committee via a Victorian Volunteer portal. Recruitment of young Maori Lawyer as Team Leader MaraeMelbourne Advocacy Team achieved.
	Relationship with XERO Marketing Company NZ developed to strengthen communications needs of MaraeMelbourne.
Strategic Direction 2: Hono Ano Reconnecting	
Host an exhibition of the design work of Marae to encourage and support Taura Here to reconnect to Marae and to raise awareness of identity and culture	Negotiation underway with three Municipalities to host the MaraeMelbourne exhibition of the 14 designs portfolio presented by RMIT School of Architecture. Exhibitions to provide opportunities for community to engage with the designs – to nominate a preferred design and to raise awareness of Kaupapa Marae and the importance of identity within the Kaupapa.
Promote opportunities to engage Melburnians with the Kaupapa of Marae	MaraeMelbourne design team selected from the RMIT School of Architecture – 14 architects completing Masters in Architecture commissioned to develop design work. All were from diverse cultural backgrounds and several have signed up to volunteer on the MaraeMelbourne Advocacy Team. Inclusive in this recruitment are two of the Senior Lecturers.
	Partnerships with corporate businesses in Melbourne ongoing: Melbourne Storm; Crown Resorts; Victorian Racing Club and a number of Municipalities.
Develop a platform in liaison with the Iwi Chairs Forum for Taura Here in Australia/Melbourne to reconnect and to remain connected to Iwi in Aotearoa.	MaraeMelbourne seeks the formation of a Taura Here Ki Ahitereiria / Australia Iwi Leadership Group see Recommendations Items 3 -5 pg 2. MaraeMelbourne initiates contact with Taura Here in Australia to promote this Kaupapa.
Promote opportunities and events to engage and reconnect all to Te Ao Maori.	Visits to Museum Victoria archival section re movement of Taonga in the care of the Museum. Iwi Tauranga Moana visit and Wananga hosted. Mana Wahine Dinner facilitated by Kiri Dewes MaraeMelbourne Board member.

	Production of Forging New Paths – six series showcasing the lives of Maori in Melbourne to be screened in October 2015.
Strategic Direction 3: Haere whakamua Moving Forward	
<p>Research and identify viability of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase and freehold land freehold with Marae build to follow. • Purchase and freehold land with existing buildings as turnkey or as a renovation project. • Lease land with Marae build to follow • Lease land with existing building 	<p>MaraeMelbourne view 7 acre commercial property for sale and enter into discussions with Collins Commercial Real estate to discuss options for purchase.</p> <p>MaraeMelbourne facilitates discussions with two Municipalities: Hobsons Bay via Mayor and the City of Casey via Member for Holt - to discuss land acquisition via a peppercorn rental model/option.</p> <p>See item above re 7 acre commercial property with buildings.</p>