



MAUNGAHARURU
TANGITŪ

Marae Development Committee (MDC) update to whānau

10 Pipiri 2020 (10 June 2020)

Securing additional land around Tangoio Marae has been the top focus for the committee over the past few months. Additional land gives us more options to develop and protect the marae against flooding in the valley.

Our neighbours across the fence, the Doohan whānau understand the impact of extreme weather events on the marae. They appreciate what the marae means to whānau and recognise efforts to safeguard the marae. To that end, the Doohan whānau have collectively agreed to gift a 2.75ha parcel of land adjacent to the marae to assist our flood protection programme. Their substantial gift significantly improves our ability to design the best possible stopbank. We acknowledge the generosity extended by our neighbours and gratefully accept their koha – *kei te tuku mihi manahau ki te whānau Doohan mō te taonga nui, ara te whenua, kua takohā mai ki a tātou te Marae o Tangoio. Nei rā te mihi!*



Photo: The team inspect the paddock adjacent the Marae western stopbank. This 2.75ha parcel of land was gifted to the Marae by the Doohan whānau.

Back row: James Lyver (MTT Kaiwhakahaere Matua / General Manager), Tom Doohan (Landowner), Trevor Kitchin (Telfer Young Valuer), Steve Doohan (Landowner), Warwick Marshall (Subdivision Surveyor).

Front row; Tania Hopmans (MTT Toihau Tuarua, Deputy Chairperson), Charmaine Butler (MTT Trustee).

An additional seven land parcels have been bundled for purchase from the Doohans in locations along Te Ngarue and the highway. The purchase will be funded by the Whenua Taonga Fund. That Fund was set aside from our Treaty Settlement for the purchase of land in our takiwā that had wāhi taonga - sites of significance (including pā, kāinga, urupā, wāhi tapu, mahinga kai). The Maungaharuru-Tangitū Charitable Trust (MTCT) will purchase the blocks and will explore how some of these blocks can enhance the marae development as well as opportunities to restore, beautify and protect Te Ngarue River and Rangiātaahua Stream through riparian planting projects. MTCT will also seek lease opportunities to offset purchase costs. The purchase is expected to be completed in the next month.

Survey rules and Māori Land legislation prevents the immediate transfer of the koha of 2.75ha land to the Marae. An additional step post settlement will be for MTCT to transfer the 2.75ha to the marae via an Amalgamation Order by the Māori Land Court. It is hoped this transfer will be concluded between August and November this year.

Negotiations for the purchasing of additional land has meant other work of the committee was put on hold for several months. The Committee will now continue discussing options with whānau neighbouring the marae to find solutions that best meet their needs and our whānau aspirations for the marae. Once those discussions are completed, we will be clear about the footprint that can be used for the development of the marae, and work on the Master Plan can proceed.

We will be in touch again with further information, including details of our next hui-ā-hapū.

Doohan Blocks Purchased

