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Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 1 Poutū-te-rangi 2021. You asked for the following information:

"All reports, briefings, aides memoire and any other written material that was provided by TPK and MBIE officials to Hon Nanaia Mahuta in relation to this programme of marae upgrades: <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/3100-jobs-created-through-marae-upgrades>"

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The role of Te Puni Kōkiri was to support marae to apply for funding under the Provincial Growth Fund Marae Renovations programme only. The Minister for Māori Development did not have any role in any decision making about which marae would be funded under the programme.

We have identified nine items contained in various weekly reports to Hon Nanaia Mahuta, former Minister for Māori Development, which are in scope of your request. In accordance with section 16(1)(e) of the Act, excerpts from the weekly reports are released in full, as follows:

- Weekly Report 4 – 10 Mahuru 2020: Waikato-Wairiki: Regional Economic Development
- Weekly Report 4 – 10 Mahuru 2020: Te Tai Hauāuru: Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) Marae Renovation
- Weekly Report 18 – 24 Mahuru 2020: Te Tai Hauāuru: Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) Marae Renovation
- Weekly Report 2 – 8 Whiringa-ā-nuku 2020: Other whenua activities
- Weekly Report 2 – 8 Whiringa-ā-nuku 2020: Ikaroa Rāwhiti: Provincial Growth Fund Marae Renovation Programme



- Weekly Report 2 – 8 Whiringa-ā-nuku 2020: Te Tai Hauāuru: Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) Marae Renovation
- Weekly Report 16 – 22 Whiringa-ā-nuku 2020: Waikato-Waiariki: Tūwharetoa Marae Renovation Project
- Weekly Report 16 – 22 Whiringa-ā-nuku 2020: Te Waipounamu: Mataura Marae
- Weekly Report 16 – 22 Whiringa-ā-nuku 2020: Te Tai Hauāuru: Ngāti Rangi Aspirations Focussing on Further Growth Potential

I trust my response satisfies your request.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that Te Puni Kōkiri publishes some of its OIA responses on its website, after the response is sent to the requester. The responses published are those that are considered to have a high level of public interest. We will not publish your name, address or contact details.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to email us at uia@tpk.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi



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Excerpts – Weekly Report 4 – 10 Mahuru 2020

Waikato-Wairiki: Regional Economic Development

- Regional Economic Development (RED) Ministers have conditionally approved Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) Marae Renovation applications from 21 Tūhoe marae totalling \$7.18 million to deliver up to 88 jobs.
- We have actively supported 11 of the 21 marae to prepare applications to the Fund. The Tūhoe iwi entity, Te Uru Taumatua, have raised several concerns with Minister Davis and Provincial Development Unit (PDU) officials regarding the process by which Tūhoe marae were engaged and invited to apply. Their underlying criticism being that the Crown has ignored collaborating with Te Uru Taumatua by approaching marae directly and that the offer of marae funding contravenes Tūhoe mana motuhake. The PDU have declined Te Uru Taumatua request to overturn the approval decisions on the basis that due process has been followed, officials have acted in good faith, and rescindment of approvals can only be at the direction of RED Ministers or the successful applicants. Marae and kaumātua have featured on Te Karere in the past week expressing their disagreement with Te Uru Taumatua position on this take.
- On 3 Mahuru the Chief Operating Officer, PDU, is travelling to Waimana to meet with Tūhoe marae applicants. Te Puni Kōkiri Regional Director is in close contact with the PDU and providing advice as this take continues to evolve.

Contact: Rachel Jones (027 201 8555)

Te Tai Hauāuru: Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) Marae Renovation

- There have been 64 marae with a total investment of \$16.08 million approved for PGF Marae Renovation Funding in Te Tai Hauāuru.
- Coordination of our work programme has begun, to prepare marae for the next phase of mahi ensuring that their governance entities have an overview of the process moving forward and, are ready for the commencement of contract negotiations with the PDU.
- Support tools and resources have been created, including:
 - job descriptions for both the Programme Manager and Marae Site Manager roles
 - a matrix to assist with managing stakeholder expectations, decision making and communications.
- The Programme Manager and Marae Site Manager roles are critical to ensuring the successful cohesion of the overall work programme by managing projects and mitigating associated risks.
- Where applicable, we are also supporting the governance entities and marae clusters to produce a detailed schedule of works. This will take into consideration potential impacts on any current and future marae bookings by weighing up the sequencing of trade activities and whether each marae will remain open or closed during the renovations.
- The PGF Marae Renovation programme has highlighted opportunities to further improve the range of information known about marae to enhance the support currently provided for example, water infrastructure information to help those marae needing to prepare for three waters legislation.

Contact: Jennie Smeaton (027 246 9076)

Excerpt – Weekly Report 18 - 24 Mahuru 2020

Te Tai Hauāuru: Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) Marae Renovation

- Further to our previous update regarding approved PGF marae renovation applications in Te Tai Hauāuru, we were advised by the Provincial Development Unit (PDU) that the detail of these approvals are still being finalised, and it is intended that letters of approval will be sent to marae this week.
- This means that a significant number of marae are yet to receive a formal written notification regarding the outcome of their application
- While we have continued to maintain and manage the relationships with the marae by keeping them as informed as possible, some have expressed their frustration at the delay in receiving a formal notification of the outcome.

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Excerpt – Weekly Report 2 – 8 Whiringa-ā-nuku 2020

Other whenua activities

- The Whenua Advisory Service has also been involved in other whenua activities:

- Out of scope [REDACTED]

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- [REDACTED]

- Te Taitokerau continue to support PGF applications for waterways, riparian and fencing and fo marae refurbishments by providing assessment support, making recommendations or approval to the panel, and working directly with applicants pre and post application submission.

- Out of scope [REDACTED]

Contact: Anaru Smiler (04 819 9249)

Ikaroa Rāwhiti: Provincial Growth Fund Marae Renovation Programme

- We have had many enquiries from Marae regarding the Marae Renovation Fund. Marae are eager to understand the details of the allocation so they can actively manage the refurbishment projects and make allowances for periods of inactivity and the subsequent loss of income.
- This large scale activity across many Marae has the potential to cause disruptions across Māori Communities. Our approach is to act as the single source of information, clearly articulating how to access the funds and the probable impacts on Marae operations.
- We also note that due to their isolation some Marae do not have access to tradespeople and building supplies. These Marae (especially on the East Coast) are looking for solutions that address this problem and avoid incurring financial penalties due to access issues.
- We will work with the Marae clusters to investigate whether a collective project approach can reduce or eliminate this problem through potential bulk buying and efficient coordination and upskilling of tradespeople.

Contact: Mere Pohatu (027 446 9701)

Te Tai Hauāuru: Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) Marae Renovation

- Letters of approval in principle are being distributed by the PDU to approved marae across the rohe.
- As marae receive their letters, we are working with the PDU to mobilise the approved marae to confirm their work programme as the level of expectation has not always been met.
- It is intended that all of the contracts with marae will be finalised by mid Whiringa-ā-nuku.

Contact: Marie Joseph (027 446 6494)

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Excerpt – Weekly Report 16 – 22 Whiringa-ā-nuku 2020

Waikato-Waiariki: Tūwharetoa Marae Renovation Project

- On 12 Whiringa-ā-nuku, Te Puni Kōkiri, Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board (the Trust Board), Ngāti Turumākina hapū and Te Ara Poutama representatives attended the whakatau at Waihi Marae, Tūrangi, for 12 workers recruited to the Ringa Raupā Tūwharetoa Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) Marae Renovation project.
- The Trust Board is co-ordinating the \$1.3 million project which supports 10 previously unemployed whānau, a project coordinator and supervisor, to undertake renovation works on Waihi, Kōrohe, Ōtūkou, Nukuhau and Kākahi marae over the next 12 months.
- Following the whakatau, the Ringa Raupā crew started work immediately on Waihi Marae, and will commence work at Kākahi Marae mid Whiringa-ā-rangi
- Te Puni Kōkiri was acknowledged during the whakatau for the support provided to the Trust Board and participating marae to navigate the PGF process.

Contact: Rachel Jones (027 201 8555)

Te Waipounamu: Mataura Marae

- Out of scope
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- Provincial Growth Funding of \$294,000 has been approved for Marae renovation.
- Out of scope
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Contact: David Ormsby (027 229 4854)

Te Tai Hauāuru: Ngāti Rangī Aspirations Focussing on Further Growth Potential

- The marae refurbishment project has been a catalyst for Te Puni Kōkiri and the Provincial Development Unit to join forces, looking to further needs across Ruapehu.
- Out of scope
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