

Kororareka Marae

Corner of the Strand & Pitt Street

P.O. Box 236

Kororareka Russell

Bay of Islands 0242



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Ko Kororareka te Pakainga, Ko Rahiri te Tupuna

Ko Haratu te Whare

Kororāreka Marae represents the people of the Russell Peninsula and beyond who have family and historic connections to this rohe. We hold kaitiakitanga for the Kororāreka Russell peninsula with support from hapū in Taumarere and wider Ngāpuhi Nui Tonu. The tangata whenua of our town whakapapa to several hapū and iwi of the area – Ngāti Kuta, Patukeha, Ngāti Manu, Ngāre Raumatī, Te Kapotai, and Ngā Puhi to name a few. Our marae is also ngā hau e whā so connects and works with the wider community of Kororāreka Russell.

19 February 2018

To whom it may concern

Tena Koutou,

We, the Kororāreka Marae Society, are submitting this attached application to renew for a further 10-years our existing lease on the building and land in Russell formerly known as the Department of Conservation's Bay of Islands Visitor Centre. In 2009 our Society was granted a lease to use the building as a marae for the Russell community, and the granting of a further 10 year lease will ensure Kororāreka/Russell continues to have the marae so long wished for by our people, and that it can be used not only by tangata whenua but all residents of Russell and surrounding areas.

- Our Society is a not for profit organization, our income is by koha only. All of the work that is done within the marae as well as outside (e.g. we are kaitiaki of Te Kohitanga o Ngā Iwi e Rua – the Flagstaff atop Maiki/Flagstaff Hill in Russell) is solely on a volunteer basis by our people.
- We are modelled as a “Ngā hau e wha kaupapa” marae so all the activities that would happen on a fully functional whakapapa marae also happen at Haratu. For example, we hold wānanga, hui, workshops and we are able to host tangihanga. We have held two tangihanga to date [2017]. We have also undertaken various hosting responsibilities such as:
 - 1 August 2017 Book launch “Tuai-A Traveller in Two Worlds”
 - 2 January 2018 – 160 year commemoration of the Pou Kara with the Governor General and other dignitaries from throughout Aotearoa in attendance.
 - Upcoming on 11 March we will host members of Parliament, Crown representatives, Services representatives, rangatira, ariki, and iwi from all over Aotearoa for the inaugural Te Putake o te Riri, the first of the new annual, national commemoration days of the Conflicts and Wars in NZ.
- Our Komiti consists of both Iwi Māori [from throughout the motu and with whakapapa links to Kororāreka] and Tau Iwi as a model of how to progress forward in partnership.
- Many community groups utilise the building for hui and other planned activities. Refer P.5 and attached letters of support.
- We who whakapapa to Kororāreka hold mana whenua status with continuing active support from our whānau whānui from throughout the rohe o Ngāpuhi
- We provide all the day to day outgoings and maintenance of the building

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- We provide a field office for both DOC Staff and Project Island Song personnel and have a good warm working relationship with them; we look on them as whānau of Kororāreka Marae.

As stated above we are a not for profit organization with a small income stream coming from koha, so given our unique circumstances and the challenges involved in occupying and maintaining this building, we respectfully request that there be a waiver of all processing and activity fees for this application.

If you require further information to clarify any points we have made please make contact with either of us otherwise. We look forward to a favourable response and await a letter of confirmation.

Ngā mihi mahana



Kororareka Marae Society Incorporated

Nā tōu rourou na tāku rourou - ka ora ai te iwi.