

Kororāreka Marae

Ko Maiki te maunga, Ko Pikopikoiwhiti te moana, ko Kororāreka te marae

Toitū te hohourongo, toitū te whenua The peace remains, the land remains

Marewa taku manu tapu

Ka rere whakatopa ki runga ake o Te Maiki

ki te Waihihi

ki te Waihaha

ki Pikopikoiwhiti no tua whakarere

nō Hawaiki anō

Ko tana karanga

Hui hui huia

TIHEI MAURI ORA

Kororāreka Marae proudly invites you to join Ngā Hapū of Ipipiri and the Kororāreka whānau on this special occasion where we will restore the Mana of Tāngata Whenua in Kororāreka.

Gather at dawn on Te Maiki, Kororāreka Russell, Sunday 16th January 2022

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Walk the streets of Kororāreka Russell today and you would hardly know Māori had ever been here. Even Te Maiki, the maunga tapu, was until recently largely officially unacknowledged and a mystery to most visitors. Addressing that began in the lead up to the Tuia 250 commemorations when, in 2018, the Governor General the Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy visited to mark the 160th Anniversary of the reinstatement of the pou kara by Māori - and the snub in 1858 by Governor General Gore Brown who declined to attend this significant act of reconciliation.

The hau kainga of Kororāreka Marae whose whare, Haratu, is on the same waterfront site as Rewa's pā kainga of the 1830s, have long dreamed of visibly restoring the mana of tāngata whenua in the town. That vision will be realised on 16th January 2022 when two waharoa will be unveiled, one standing high on Te Maiki, and a second in the village centre at Russell Wharf.

The waharoa on Te Maiki will be the most significant addition to Te Maiki since 1858; included in its whakairo will be recognition of the historic place of Ngāre Raumati, the predominant iwi of Ipipiri at the time of Cook's arrival on Endeavour, and to whom all ngā hapū of Ipipiri today can trace their whakapapa.

The waharoa and a taki on Russell Wharf are to welcome visitors to Russell - to say: "We are still here." The taki, representing a taiaha wielding toa will stand off the front of the wharf welcoming manuhiri but also saying this is our whenua, please respect it. Once on the whenua visitors will then pass under the waharoa which will weave strong bicultural themes into its whakairo.

Nau mai, haere mai, piki mai, kaki mai.

We would be honoured to welcome you to Kororāreka on this auspicious day.

Please RSVP to: marae@kororareka.nz Contact: Deb Rewiri 0272894044 for any queries.

Covid Protocols: Come the event the appropriate protocols will be followed.

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