

Marae Development Project 2008/09 Information Sheet

Purpose

The purposes of the Marae Development Project 2008/09 are to help marae to carry out a self-assessment and to collect information about marae nationally. Te Puni Kōkiri will use this information to help influence future Government investment in marae development. At a regional level, needs identified by marae in the questionnaire will help Te Puni Kokiri to target available resources and plan priorities around marae development initiatives.

How will the self-assessment help Marae?

This exercise can help marae to identify and plan for future developments by:

- giving Marae administrators an up to date profile of the marae;
- giving a snapshot of the present state of the marae to inform future developments
- recording essential information about the cultural and physical facilities of the marae; and
- giving marae a starting point to plan for general maintenance and major work on the Marae complex.

How will it be done?

Marae do not need to fill in and return the questionnaire. Staff from Te Puni Kokiri will visit the marae (or other agreed venue) to interview nominated marae representatives and record their responses to the questionnaire. Marae will be sent a copy of the questionnaire prior to the interview for circulation and discussion with marae representatives. This should make the interview time shorter. Interviews with marae involved in the pilot tests ranged from 2-4 hours depending on the level of information marae wished to share during the interview. The response to the pilot tests has been positive, and we have received very good feedback from marae who took part in it.

What will happen to the results?

After the interview (within ten working days), we will give the marae a feedback report that documents their responses to the questionnaire, action items identified during the interview, and other information recorded about the marae. This document will provide a useful reference for marae administrators when planning future development initiatives or opportunities. The document can also be provided in Microsoft Word format for marae to use for their own purposes. Individual marae responses will also be combined with responses from other marae to give Te Puni Kokiri a set of data about marae in New Zealand.

What about Privacy and Data Protection?

Information that identifies a particular marae will only be available to the nominated marae representative(s), and authorised Te Puni Kokiri regional and national office staff. Individual marae information will not be shared with any third parties without the consent of marae representatives. Te Puni Kōkiri will make sure that the interview information is stored securely.

Information from marae will be put together with information from other marae. The combined information will be used to produce regional and national reports. Information contained in those reports will not refer to individual marae or allow marae to be identified. National data will be held at Te Puni Kokiri Head Office to make sure that the information gathered can continue to inform policy developments.