

Uptake

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Background

Ngā Pū Waea (National Māori Broadband Working Group) was established in 2011 by the Ministers of Māori Affairs, and Communications and Information Technology.

The group assists Māori communities to connect in a timely and efficient manner, and to maximise opportunities arising from the deployment of broadband.

Work programme

Ngā Pū Waea's work programme has been developed based on four themes:

1. CONNECTIVITY

Maximising the ability of Māori to connect to broadband

2. AFFORDABILITY

Minimising cost and maximising value for Māori in connecting to broadband

3. OPPORTUNITY

Identifying training, skills, employment, collaboration and investment opportunities for Māori

4. UPTAKE

Promoting benefits of broadband to drive usage among Māori

Wired Marae Project



Figure 1: Ōrākei Marae, Auckland

Project description

The wired marae project creates a platform for communities to engage in and utilise the benefits of technology innovation in every-day living, and to create pathways into information technology industry professions.

This project is in line with Ngā Pū Waea's role to engage with RBI and UFB providers on training, employment opportunities, and health, social and cultural wellbeing that is enabled by the deployment of broadband.

There are five stages to a Wired Marae project:

- Provision of ultra-fast broadband to marae
- Set-up, cabling & infrastructure

- Set-up of operating systems & software
- Set-up of training and other activities
- Evaluation

What is Ngā Pū Waea's role in the project?

In addition to developing the project concept and plan, Ngā Pū Waea plays an important role in facilitating the five stages of the project, specifically:

- Facilitate (including negotiating deployment timeframes) the provision of ultra fast broadband to the marae
- Identify and project manage the sponsorship and set-up of the cabling and infrastructure
- Identify and project manage the sponsorship and set-up of the operating systems and software
- Assist with the development of training plans
- Identify and project manage the sponsorship and assist with the implementation of training and other activities
- Develop project templates to share

What is Ngā Pū Waea's Role in the Project?

There are two marae in Auckland and one in Whangārei that will participate in the first stage pilot. They are:

- Awataha, Auckland
- Ōrākei, Auckland
- Ōtangarei, Whangārei

What support will Ngā Pū Waea offer?

Ngā Pū Waea will provide the following:

- Access to information on broadband deployment timeframes
- Access to templates, concept materials and sponsorship/funding information
- Access to affordable or open source software

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