



Tieki Whenua Working Group

First Meeting Minutes

Supporting Planning & Participation with Whanau

The planning, funding, communications and organisation for our whenua is guided by the Trustees for the Nama Ono Block and the Penu Marae Committee. The Tieki Whenua Working Group works with them and with whanau to help prepare, plan and deliver initiatives. The Tieki Whenua Working Group invites whanau to become a part of and to bring further expertise to this mahi.

- Times and dates for regularly scheduled online Hui will be communicated through Facebook and the E-Newsletter.

Contact [Manu Caddie](#) if you want to be added to the Working Group.

How we do what we do:

Our process will be in four stages:

Stage 1: Evaluating Priorities

In Working Group meetings, different ideas from whanau, problems arising on the block (now and in the future), repairs and maintenance and opportunities for funding will be discussed. Needs will be prioritised based on whether they are urgent, non-urgent, long term or can be resolved at a later date.

Stage 2: Developing Proposals

Various proposals, solutions, research findings and external information is tabled in meetings, helping to provide the right context and information for whanau to determine which proposals to go to the Nama Ono Block Trustees or Penu Marae Committee for review and approval. Further research, funding, pricing and planning is organised.

Stage 3: Whanau Engagement

Finalised proposals and options are shared with the wider whanau through the Nama Ono. Block website, E-newsletter and Facebook. A hui is held for whanau to provide input.

Stage 4: Trustee Approval & Delivery

Recommend works and budget to trustees for approval. Trustees approve (or request further information before reconsidering). Upon approval, the works are delivered and completed.

Where we are now:

The following projects were already approved and implemented prior to the Working Group being formed. They are therefore already in motion and will not go through the process above. But all other projects will.

- We have 8,000 x 3-4 year old native trees in our greenhouse that MUST be planted this coming season (April-June).
- There is close to \$200,000 of funding available in the trust account from a grant provided by the Ministry for Primary Industries. This funding can only be used for fencing, planting, pest control and expert advice, and must be used by 20th June 2024. The balance of the grant was used to purchase the trees, establish the greenhouse and do some initial fencing that was damaged by flooding in the extreme weather events last year.
- Another \$50,000 is expected from a separate MPI grant organised by the trustees to assist with track repairs and maintenance including channelling and culverts. This has not been confirmed yet, and will go direct to the contractor rather than via the trust account.
- The Tieki Whenua Working Group has decided on a fencing and planting works plan for the greenhouse trees that must be planted in the next few months. Fencing and planting contracts will be undertaken by local whānau affiliated to the whenua. An opportunity for any whanau keen to volunteer time to plant is proposed for any time over the ANZAC period 25-28 April with accommodation available at Penu of course. Some of the trees can also be planted at the marae over this period and we also have the opportunity to encourage regeneration by spreading kānuka seed on the land and collecting other native seeds from old growth remnant stands of native trees in the local area.

Please contact Manu Caddie (manu@enquire.co.nz) if you're able to volunteer for any of these activities over the ANZAC period or anytime between April and June

