



# TE WHATU MANAWA MĀORITANGA O REHUA TRUST BOARD

## Report from the Chair



It fills me with pride to be presenting my first annual report as chair of Te Whatu Manawa Māoritanga o Rehua Trust Board. It is a great privilege

to be able to contribute to the future of Rehua Marae and its community. Rehua and the Māori Trade Training programme is a local and a national tāonga and as a board it is our kaitiaki responsibility to honour and grow this tāonga.

I would first like to thank the Rehua community for the continuing support of your marae. There have been a lot of changes during this last year and it is because of your efforts and loyalty that the marae remains in such good heart. Our financial position has also improved in the past year and is now positive, which bodes very well for the future.

Since its inception Rehua Marae has been in the heart of Ōtautahi and as our city continues to rebuild, it continues to fulfill its cultural obligations to the community. We are looking forward to the coming year as we hope to complete negotiations with our insurers in regard to earthquake repairs and start getting on with the repairs. In the meantime we continue our work with Te Pūni Kokiri on the redevelopment project for the marae complex.

The Kahui Kaumātua and Rehua community have been actively involved in developing a strategic vision for Rehua and the commitment to tikanga

and service to our community lays at the heart of your vision for the marae. The Board and the Kahui, acknowledge this commitment and are themselves committed to advancing the strategic plan. Having the marae be a place of learning through experiential cultural education is seen as one of our primary roles. We are enjoying success in this area with both the educational and corporate sectors, as well as many primary, secondary and tertiary institutions using Rehua for noho and marae experience components of their curriculum and professional development.

Personally I would like to see Rehua obtain external funding to provide wānanga for our Rehua community. In my role at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa I see the investment students put into their acquisition of Matauranga Māori and the difficulty they have to retain that knowledge once they have completed our courses. It is my aspiration that we can obtain sufficient external funding that will allow us to claim one weekend per month for our community to wānanga. There are raranga, waiata, rongoā, whakapapa, whaikōrero and karanga groups that are keen to meet on a regular basis to maintain and further their knowledge of their art forms.

We are fortunate to have regional Māori organisations such as Te Pūni Kokiri, Mahaanui Kura Taiao and Kōhanga Reo as our tenants. Not only do they help underpin the financial viability of our marae, but they also add life and vitality to our environment as whānau come and go to do their business on a daily basis. Our redevelopment plan will hope to extend this to other sectors as well, such as hauora.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the Trustees and staff for their contributions over this last year. Both Whare Tamanui and Mita Te Hae made valued contributions during their brief time on the board and both continue to support Rehua on a regular basis, and for this we are very appreciative. Maria Tait and her team provided invaluable stability at Rehua, especially during the quakes, offering much needed support to our community during that time.

Maureen and Sammi continued to offer excellent services to our kaumātua. Harry and Dolly kept the marae complex clean and well maintained, which was frequently acknowledged by groups that used our facilities. Chris always produced wonderful kai in the kitchen. Also ngā mihi to the many causal staff and whānau that came to awahi us when needed - it is hugely appreciated.

Each of our board members have portfolio responsibilities. Bill Bush holds the maintenance portfolio and spends practically every day at the marae working alongside Raylee and Harry bringing Rehua back to its pre-quake glory. They have completed the renovation of one of the four kaumātua flats and are also working to finalise the five year annual maintenance plan for the complex. Once this is completed Bill and the Maintenance committee intend to run regular working bees.

Paula Rigby is our board secretary and Old Boys/Old Girls appointee. She has also been working with Phil Tumataroa on the Funding Committee and obtained external funding for the Matariki and waiata wānanga which were both well attended. It is the success of these events that has inspired me to seek external



funding to reclaim one weekend a month of weekend wānanga for our community. Phil is also responsible for our communications strategy. He produces our fabulous newsletter and annual report. He has also initiated our contact database which currently has over 100 members on it.

Ruawhiti is the Kahui Kaumātua appointee on the board. His role is to be the voice of the kahui at the board table and guide our decision making within the tikanga and kawa guidelines of Rehua. With his support the kahui have been actively involved in the strategic planning process and are about to wānanga on the Rehua Marae tikanga and kawa guidelines.

Our Board Treasurer has been Chris Ford from the Office of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu. Chris has been on the board for the past 18 months and is stepping down. The Rehua community owes

much to the generosity of Ngāi Tahu for the contribution they have made to Rehua during these challenging times. Chris has not just been our treasurer, but he has also headed up a team from Ngāi Tahu that have assisted with earthquake insurance claims, upgrading IT services and accounting systems, providing HR recruitment support and governance and secretarial support to the board. This mahi from Chris and the Ngāi Tahu team has been instrumental in ensuring Rehua has the foundations for a positive financial future. They continue to provide transition support services to our incoming management team, Raylee Price - Marae Manager and Elena Gapper (Ngāti Raukawa) - Administration Manager.

This AGM is also the transition for two new Trustees to come on board. We are excited to welcome Catherine Stuart (Ngāti Wheke) and

David Ormsby (Waikato- Tainui, Maniopoto, Tūwharetoa, Raukawa ki te Tonga, Ngāti Pikiao). Catherine and her whānau have a long history with Rehua, with her mother being a previous chair of the Trust. David joins us as the new board treasurer and we are along looking forward to his continued involvement on the Rehua Marae Redevelopment Project team.

As a board we acknowledge that the past, current and continued success of Rehua is a responsibility we share with you, the Rehua community. It is our kahui, old boys and old girls, staff, tenants and community using the marae that will keep the fires alive. The board is committed to feeding that fire.

Dora Roimata Langsbury  
Chair

## Kahui Kaumātua

Rehua Marae has reinstated the concept of the Kahui-Kaumātua council, which Uncle Wera Couch instigated before the building of the Wharenui in 1957.

They meet regularly and endeavor to guide the Trustees on tikanga and cultural issues.

## Manager's Report

The highlights of the past financial year have been the ability of staff and management, with assistance from the board Trustees, to maintain an important presence and support center for the community post-earthquake.

Rehua Marae, for the period January 2011 to the end of June 2012, hosted up to 150 organisations. These included, local government groups, secondary and primary schools, tertiary providers, whānau groups and manuhiri from outside of Ōtautahi, with at least three tangihanga. This range and number of rōpū using the marae facilities continues to showcase and reinforce Rehua Marae as an important meeting place for our local and wider community.

It is exciting to see the development of a strategic vision and a strategic plan that will help provide a pathway for all to participate and be involved in the development of the marae and its facilities.

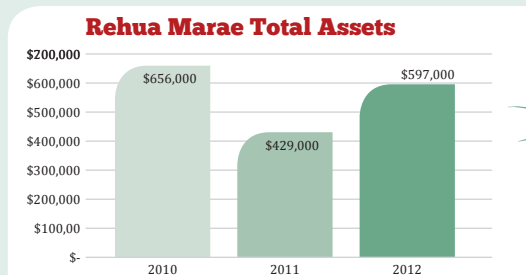
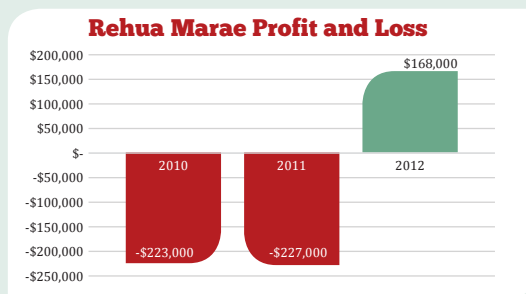
*Mo nga tamariki katoa, tatou e hakai nei  
It is for all our children we strive*

Raylee Price  
Marae Manager

## Treasurers Report

### Summary of Rehua Marae Finances for Year Ended 30 June 2012

➤ Profit:	\$168,037 (2011: \$266,822 loss)
➤ Total Assets:	\$597,235 (2011: \$429,128)



### Points to Note:

- IRD debt of approximately \$350,000 has now been settled and cleared;
- From an operating perspective, Rehua Marae is running at a small profit;
- We have implemented a new Finance System, Xero Online;
- DJCA (Accountants) has been engaged to provide accounting support to Rehua staff and the Trust Board; and
- There has been notable improvement in our financial record keeping, administration and controls.