

From: Hilda [REDACTED]
To: [Natasha Kemp](#); [Angel Vargas](#)
Cc: [Lola \[REDACTED\]](#); [Cardena \[REDACTED\]](#)
Subject: Re: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place
Date: Sunday, 30 April 2023 7:07:42 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Ka pai happy to hui about this with you Angela. Cardena can you see if I have any free time in the dates below.

Aku mihi
Hilda
Sent from my iPhone

On 29/04/2023, at 6:19 PM, Natasha Kemp
<[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz> wrote:

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From: Lola [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Sent: Saturday, April 29, 2023 6:17:52 PM
To: Natasha Kemp <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>; Hilda [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Subject: Fwd: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place
For your information

Ngā mihi.

From: Angel Vargas [REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Saturday, April 29, 2023 3:41 PM
To: Lola [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Subject: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place

Kia ora

I am the Electorate Manager looking after Manurewa and Tamaki Makaurau Electorates. Your contact details were forwarded to me by Georgia [REDACTED]. I would like to set-up a meeting to discuss the details of using the Marae as a Voting Place for 2023 General Election. There is also a site assessment that I would need to complete, a procedure required by the Electoral Commission prior to confirming the use of a venue as a voting place.

I am available anytime after 12:30pm on Thursday (3rd May) or Friday (4th May).

Let me know the date and time that suits you best.

Thank you and I look forward to meeting you.

Ngā mihi

Angelica Tuyay Vargas | Electorate Manager – Manurewa & Tamaki Makaurau
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From: Angel Vargas
Sent: Friday, 26 May 2023 3:07 pm
To: 'Cardena [REDACTED]'
Subject: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place
Attachments: EC Recruitment Flyer - EOI.pdf

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Kia Ora Cardena

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to view the marae on 17th May to assess it as an advance and election day voting place. See my notes below:

1. As discussed, below are our proposed dates and opening hours.

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3. It would be great if the Maori Wardens can provide security during late nights and on election day. Kindly send me details regarding arrangements and hourly rates so I can get approval from my Regional Manager.
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Attached is our recruitment flyer to register interest to work and would appreciate if you can distribute it to your staff and their family/friends who might be interested (16+ can work with us). Recruitment for these roles will be available at the start of July.

Again, thank you for your time.

Ngā mihi

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From: [Angel Vargas](#)
To: "Hilda [REDACTED]"
Cc: "Natasha Kemp"
Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place
Date: Wednesday, 16 August 2023 2:10:00 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Kia Ora Hilda

I was at the Marae on 1st August for our meeting and saw Cardena by chance as she was leaving. She explained to me where the recommended alternative voting space is located.

As we get nearer to the election period, there are details that would have to be discussed further. I will send you a separate email on items that needs confirmation.

One of the more pressing matter that I would like to check is whether you know of a few people who are keen to work at the Marae as part of my voting team (team of 3 or 4 staff).

Also, if there's any other information on my earlier email dated 26/05/2023 that you want to revisit, please let me know.

Ngā mihi

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From: Hilda [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2023 10:29 AM
To: Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Cc: Natasha Kemp <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place

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Kia Ora Angel,

Not sure if you received an email from me regarding the marae and the new area we have planned to have the election booth. Would really love to catch up around this.

Aku mihi

Hilda [REDACTED]

From: Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2023 8:43 AM
To: Hilda [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place

Kia Ora Hilda

See you later at 1:30pm at the Manurewa Marae.

Ngā mihi

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From: Angel Vargas
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2023 3:22 PM
To: 'Hilda [REDACTED]' <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>; 'Natasha Kemp' <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place

Kia Ora Hilda

Just wanted to follow up if we are confirmed to meet-up on Tuesday, 1st August, at 1:30pm.

Ngā mihi

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From: Angel Vargas

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 2:30 PM

To: Hilda [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>; Natasha Kemp <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>

Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place

Kia Ora Hilda

I was thinking of 1:30pm and yes, it will be good to go through the questions again.

Ngā mihi

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From: Hilda [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 1:01 PM

To: Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Natasha Kemp <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>

Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place

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Kia Ora Angel,

Tuesday next week should be fine. What time suits you??

Be good to go through all the questions again.

Aku mihi

Hilda [REDACTED]

From: Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 12:50 PM

To: Natasha Kemp <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>; Hilda [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>

Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place

Kia Ora Hilda and Natasha

Thanks for letting me know.

Would it be possible to meet up next week so I can view the alternative voting space?

We could also discuss other details such as use of Maori wardens during late night voting periods and whether there's an available small room for overnight storage. I have mentioned these to Cardena at my last visit.

I am available to meet up anytime on Tuesday, 1st August.

Ngā mihi

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From: Natasha Kemp <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 9:58 AM

To: Hilda [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>; Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

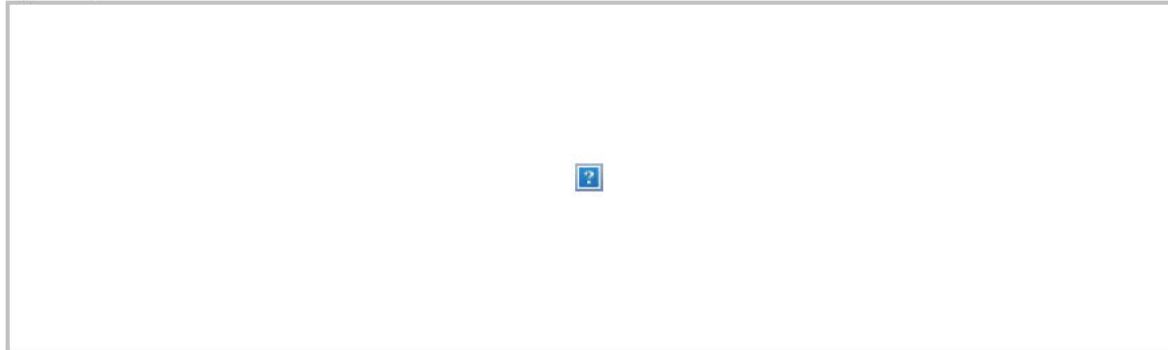
Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place

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Kiaora Angel,

We have another whare for use of the election booth at our Puna.

Nga Mihi,



From: Hilda [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, 26 July 2023 9:44 AM

To: Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Cc: Natasha Kemp <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>

Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place

Kia Ora Angel,

I would like to inform you that as of the 20th Aug 2023 the marae would be closed down due to rebuilding some of the structures of Maraei This will be a 6month project so we would love to catch up with you around what the electoral booths may look like here on our marae come October.

Aku mihi

Hilda [REDACTED]

From: Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 4:43 PM

To: Hilda [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>

Cc: Natasha Kemp <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>

Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place

Thanks Hilda

If there's any other detail on my earlier email to Cardena that you want to discuss further, please let me know.

I look forward to receiving the names for the Maori wardens.

Ngā mihi

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From: Hilda [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 12:33 PM

To: Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Cc: Natasha Kemp <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>

Subject: Re: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place

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Hourly rate for wardens would be a minimum of \$25 per hour

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On 6/06/2023, at 12:21 PM, Hilda [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz> wrote:

Kia Ora

Yes we can provide māori wardens, I will follow up with names and send these through to you.

Aku mihi

Hilda [REDACTED]

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On 6/06/2023, at 12:08 PM, Cardena [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz> wrote:

Kia Ora Angel,

Apologies for the delay in response, I have included our CEO Takutai Kemp and our operations manager Hilda [REDACTED] into the email, as explained when you came through I was just showing you around in their absence as they were called out of Auckland at the time. Takutai and Hilda will be able to pick things up from here as we move closer to the election dates.

Nga Mihi,

Cardena

From: Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, May 26, 2023 3:07 PM

To: Cardena [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>

Subject: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place
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Ngā mihi

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Ella [REDACTED]

From: Angel Vargas
Sent: Wednesday, 6 September 2023 11:24 am
To: Hilda [REDACTED]
Cc: Cardena [REDACTED] Natasha Kemp
Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as a Voting Place

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Kia Ora Hilda

Just following up on email below, hoping that you have some names for me. We prefer people from the community to run the voting place at the Marae.

Recruitment will be closing in the next few days.

Ngā mihi

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From: Angel Vargas
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2023 1:20 PM
To: Hilda [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>; Natasha Kemp [REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz
Cc: Cardena [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as a Voting Place

Kia Ora Hilda

Attached are the position description of the different roles at the voting place – Voting Place Manager, Voting Assistant and Issuing Officers.

Applicants can send in their applications via this link [General Election 2023 - Manurewa Electorate - Electoral Commission \(elections.nz\)](#) (under the APPLY button at the bottom of the page).

We are now on the last stages of our recruitment for the advance voting teams. If they can submit their online application in the next day or two, that will be great. Kindly provide me a list of the names so I can keep an eye out for their application.

Ngā mihi

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From: Hilda [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@manurewamarae.co.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz)>
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2023 12:13 PM
To: Angel Vargas <[\[REDACTED\]@elections.govt.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz)>; Natasha Kemp <[\[REDACTED\]@manurewamarae.co.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz)>
Cc: Cardena [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@manurewamarae.co.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz)>
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Morena Angel,

Wonderful to finally meet you yesterday. As per our conversation just wanted to know some action points for us to complete as I know time is of the essence.

- Names to you regarding Kaimahi from the Marae (Hilda)
- Send JD (Angel)
- Send link for Kaimahi to apply (Angel)
- Send names of security (Hilda)
- Find a locked room in the Puna (Hilda)
- 16th September is training day

Aku mihi

Hilda [REDACTED]

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From: Hilda [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@manurewamarae.co.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz)>
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2023 1:13:36 PM
To: Angel Vargas <[\[REDACTED\]@elections.govt.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz)>; Natasha Kemp <[\[REDACTED\]@manurewamarae.co.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz)>
Cc: Cardena [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@manurewamarae.co.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz)>
Subject: Re: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as a Voting Place

Ka pai e mihi Ana. We will see you next week Wednesday

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From: Angel Vargas <[\[REDACTED\]@elections.govt.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz)>
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2023 1:01:33 PM
To: Natasha Kemp <[\[REDACTED\]@manurewamarae.co.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz)>; Hilda [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@manurewamarae.co.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz)>
Cc: Cardena [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@manurewamarae.co.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz)>
Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as a Voting Place

Kia Ora

Attached is revised copy of confirmation letter of the use of the Manurewa Marae as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place in the upcoming 2023 General Election. I have increased the opening hours of Thursday, 5th October, and Friday, 6th October, from 4pm to 7pm.

A meeting has been arranged by Cardena for next week, Wednesday – 30th August. I am looking forward to see you then.

Ngā mihi

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From: Angel Vargas
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2023 12:25 PM
To: Natasha Kemp [REDACTED] [@manurewamarae.co.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz); Hilda [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [@manurewamarae.co.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz)
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Kia Ora Takutai

The opening hours for voting places were identified based on historical data from previous elections and information received from site contact.

I could try to increase the opening hours for Thursday (5th Oct) and Friday (6th Oct) to 7:00pm. I will let you know soonest possible whether this can be done as the delivery of voting services has already been locked in.

The 2nd Friday will have to remain at 4:00pm to prepare for the count on election day. There are other places at Clendon Park that are open for the full two weeks of advance voting.

It would be really good to have a face-to-face meeting to thresh out some of the other details.

Ngā mihi

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From: Natasha Kemp [REDACTED] [@manurewamarae.co.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz)
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2023 11:15 AM
To: Hilda [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [@manurewamarae.co.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz); Angel Vargas <[\[REDACTED\]@elections.govt.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz)>
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Kia ora Angel,

I have just seen the operating hours. In this community it would be good to finish later in the evening eg 7pm as this will cater for working families. The idea is that our Marae is accessible to Whanganui of this community. Can you please confirm the extended hours.

Nga mihi,

Takutai

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From: Hilda [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2023 11:10:39 AM
To: Natasha Kemp <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Subject: Fwd: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as a Voting Place

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From: Hilda [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 6:47:30 PM
To: Angel Vargas [REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as a Voting Place

Kia Ora Angel,

Ka pai I will do this first thing in the morning and send it back to you.

Aku mihi

Hilda [REDACTED]

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From: Angel Vargas [REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 6:40:01 PM
To: Hilda [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as a Voting Place

Kia Ora Hilda

Attached is confirmation letter of the use of the Manurewa Marae as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place in the upcoming 2023 General Election.

We also have a standard Electoral Commission document, Licence to Occupy for Voting Place, that will need both of our signatures. Kindly complete and return to me please. Let me know if you have any questions about the document, happy to clarify.

Ngā mihi

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From: Cardena [redacted] <[redacted]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 12:09 PM
To: Angel Vargas [redacted] <[redacted]@elections.govt.nz>
Cc: Hilda [redacted] <[redacted]@manurewamarae.co.nz>; Natasha Kemp [redacted] <[redacted]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place

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Kia Ora Angel,

Apologies for the delay in response, I have included our CEO Takutai Kemp and our operations manager Hilda [redacted] into the email, as explained when you came through I was just showing you around in their absence as they were called out of Auckland at the time.

Takutai and Hilda will be able to pick things up from here as we move closer to the election dates.

Nga Mihi,
Cardena

From: Angel Vargas <[redacted]@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2023 3:07 PM
To: Cardena [redacted] <[redacted]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Subject: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place

Kia Ora Cardena

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to view the marae on 17th May to assess it as an advance and election day voting place. See my notes below:

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Attached is our recruitment flyer to register interest to work and would appreciate if you can distribute it to your staff and their family/friends who might be interested (16+ can work with us). Recruitment for these roles will be available at the start of July.

Again, thank you for your time.

Ngā mihi

Angelica Tuyay Vargas | Electorate Manager – Manurewa & Tamaki Makaurau Electorates
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Timeline for engagement with Manurewa Marae	
Date	Activity
23 Jan	Following a connection made at Auckland Funfest (12-15 Jan), internal email exchange between Erin ■ Georgia, and Crystal to discuss the opportunity to meet with Manurewa Marae.
27 Jan	<p>Online hui between Manurewa Marae and EC, a new date to meet set for 28 Feb.</p> <p><u>Notes provided by Erin ■■■■</u> :</p> <p><i>Participants - Crystal, Erin, Georgia (Commission) Te Kou, Natasha Kemp (Manurewa).</i></p> <p><i>Crystal introduced Erin and Georgia to Te Kou. Erin and Georgia spoke about our objectives to better serve Māori during GE 2023 and our interest in partnering with Māori organisations to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Secure property for voting places significant to Māori</i> • <i>Recruit Staff who could speak Te Reo and can work in a bilingual voting place.</i> • <i>Help with community engagement to increase participation and voter turnout.</i> • <i>Te Kou spoke about the work they had done through COVID and the Census and how they were able to increase turnouts for these community events in Manurewa, he thought the Marae Committee would also be interest in partnering with the commission to provide the same support they did to the Ministry of Health and Stats NZ</i> <p><i>Next Steps -</i></p> <p><i>Te Kou would set up a follow up meeting to introduce us to the leadership team at Manurewa Marae</i></p>
2 Feb	Email exchange with Te Kou sorting contact details and confirming 28 th Feb.
28 Feb	<p>Hui at Manurewa Marae.</p> <p><u>Notes provided by Georgia ■■■■</u> :</p> <p><i>Participants - Erin, Georgia (Commission); Te Kou, Hilda (Manurewa).</i></p> <p><i>Meeting purpose -</i></p> <p><i>This meeting was arranged to follow on from the meeting that was had on January 27th. This was the first in person meeting to discuss a space to do Community Engagement as well as provide a voting place at the marae. This was discussed due to the reach that the marae has had in previous events for eg: Covid Response and Census.</i></p> <p><i>Proceedings -</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A space for Community Engagement</i> • <i>A space for the full voting period (2nd October up and including the 14th October)</i> • <i>Manurewa Marae sharing your event calendar and EC sharing key dates and time-frames.</i> • <i>Possible opportunities for Manurewa Marae staff to work within the Community Engagement space as well as working within the voting place (Marae whare). Erin suggested 2 options for this and that is Manurewa Marae gets a contract and pays staff or staff work for the Electoral Commission</i> • <i>If the staff are interested, they can work in the voting place but they would need to be employed by the Electoral Commission as they will be hired as Electoral Officials (we advised this can be discussed in more detail at later stage)</i> • <i>The Electorate Manager will need to do a voting place assessment at the Marae to ensure this is safe and secure for not only staff and voters but also voting materials.</i> • <i>If the Manurewa Marae can share key messages around Māori Electoral Option (01ST April – 14TH July) and also enrolling to vote.</i> <p><i>Conclusion -</i></p> <p><i>Tekou and Hilda were going to take these discussions to their leadership and come back to the Electoral Commission on next steps.</i></p>

28 Feb	<p>Stakeholder hui at EC Ellerslie Office:</p> <p><u>Notes provided by Georgia [REDACTED]</u></p> <p>Participants – Erin [REDACTED], Georgia [REDACTED], Jeremy Kannemeyer, Kim Lockwood, Peter [REDACTED] and Angel Vargas (Commission); Tim [REDACTED], Tautoko [REDACTED], Virginia [REDACTED], Pania [REDACTED], Robert [REDACTED], Tom ?, Ann [REDACTED] and Ariana [REDACTED] (community advocates).</p> <p>Meeting purpose – This meeting was arranged following training for our Electorate Managers in Wellington. A session was delivered by Peter [REDACTED] to our Electorate Managers about how we will improve services to Māori Voters for GE2023. So Georgia organised a meeting with our Community Advocate. They have been working with us since 2018 when we started our first lot of hui. The purpose of our community advocates is to provide insights on behalf of whanau within Tamaki Makaurau. Since 2018 we have had discussions around voting experiences and how we at the Commission can change the narrative for whanau for future elections.</p> <p>Proceedings -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opened with Karakia and Whanaungatanga for those that were new to the hui. - Showed the video that was made in Highbury around how we can improve services to Māori (video was also shown to Electorate Managers at training) - Talked about Locations, opening hours, and staffing for these voting places. - Suggestions were made from our community advocates about using Marae around Auckland, the ones that suggested were Papakura, Manurewa, Ruapotaka, Orakei, and Hoani Waititi Marae - Discussed how we can connect our Electorate Managers to our Community Advocates - Next Steps from this hui <p>Conclusion - Community Advocates understood what we were trying to do at the Commission to improve services to Māori and that was finding voting places where Māori resonate with, ensuring they have Māori working within these voting places and ensuring that the opening hours were convenient to Māori. From this meeting, Georgia connected the different community advocates to the different Electorate Managers dependent on what part of Auckland they represent. Community advocates assisted with insights on where and also gave contacts of locations so electorates manager could make contact and arrange assessments for the different voting places.</p>
3 Mar	Email exchange sharing minutes from 28 Feb Manurewa Marae hui.
6 Mar	Further email exchange noting current priority on MEO campaign starting from April 1st. Te Kou copies Natasha Kemp into this exchange.
7-9 Mar	Email exchange to organise hui with Director Voting Services. Noted by Erin that meeting with Martin will help speed up the process and secure Marae funding. Hui agreed for 14 March
14 Mar	<p>Meeting at Manurewa Marae..</p> <p><u>Notes provided by Georgia [REDACTED]</u></p> <p>Participants - Martin Rodgers, Erin [REDACTED], Jeremy Kannemeyer, Georgia [REDACTED], Kim Lockwood (Electoral Commission); Natasha Kemp, Hilda [REDACTED], Tekou [REDACTED] (Manurewa marae).</p> <p>Meeting purpose - One of the Electoral Commission’s strategic goals for GE 2023 is to improve voting services to Māori. The Manurewa marae has a very strong community base and has successfully delivered programmes to local Māori communities for Covid vaccination programmes and food parcels. The meeting was arranged to discuss the possibility of utilizing the networks established by the Manurewa marae and setting up a voting place at the marae to improve Māori voter turnout.</p>

Proceedings -

Informal discussions were held to assess this opportunity and any risk assessment of using the marae as a voting place. This would cover both advance voting and election day.

Topics included:

- *Obtaining approval for Manurewa marae's executive*
- *Any conflict of interest between the marae's CEO (standing as a candidate for the Māori Party) and the Electoral Commission's operating guidelines*
- *The marae's perceived connection with the Māori Party*
- *The role of tikanga at a voting place*
- *Setting up a voting place, including employing marae staff, training, voting place assessment, training, and any payment of using the marae as a voting place*
- *Possible involvement of Te Pae Herenga o Tamaki marae and other marae around the country as voting places*

Conclusion -

Following a useful and constructive discussion both parties agreed to discuss the issues further with their respective organisations and arrange a follow-up meeting within the coming weeks. Furthermore, there was some discussion of developing a MOU between the two parties to clearly delineate roles and responsibilities.

17 May

VP assessment completed by EM.

Notes provided by Angelica Vargas:

Participants – Angel Vargas (Commission); Cardena [REDACTED] (Manurewa Marae)

Meeting purpose -

The purpose of the meeting was to assess proposed voting space (wharekai) and explain operational requirements to Marae staff to ensure good voting service delivery to the community i.e. opening hours, preparation work (EC and marae) prior to voting period, security via Māori Wardens, secure storage of key voting materials and next steps.

Meeting Notes (taken from follow up email on 26 May) –

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26 May	Follow up email with Manurewa re VP assessment, proposed opening hours, and request for information.
6 Jun	Response from marae copying in Hilda [REDACTED] and Tarsh Kemp
26 Jul	Marae informs EM of building work taking place and need to change VP location, offer of a different location on the grounds made by Natasha. EM responds wanting to come and check alternative venue.
31 Jul	[REDACTED] feedback on draft voting places received which includes concerns expressed re Manurewa Marae.
1 Aug	<p>Meeting at Marae to assess new location.</p> <p><u>Notes provided by Angel Vargas:</u></p> <p><i>Participants – Angel Vargas (Commission); Cardena [REDACTED] (Manurewa)</i></p> <p><i>Meeting purpose - The original voting space (wharekai) became unavailable due to renovation works. An alternative space within the premises was proposed and for EC to check if suitable.</i></p> <p><i>Meeting Notes - The main purpose of the site visit was to assess if alternative space is suitable for voting in terms of size, layout, entrance/exit flow and alternatives if raining, parking and other physical site requirements. No other issues were discussed.</i></p> <p><i>Conclusion - Initial check found the space to be suitable for advance and election day voting. A meeting still had to be arranged with Hilda [REDACTED] to discuss other important issues regarding the marae as a voting place.</i></p>
16 Aug	Response to [REDACTED] noting the rationale for using Manurewa.
22 Aug	Confirmation letter and Licence to Occupy sent to Marae, confirmation of receipt received.
23 Aug	Request from Natasha around revising opening hours

25 Aug	Reply from EM with rationale and options to consider. Revised documentation sent through with change to opening hours.
30 Aug	<p>Onsite meeting with Hilda to go over details including recruitment, operations, security, costs etc. Meeting notes shared the following day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Names to you regarding Kaimahi from the Marae (Hilda) - Send JD (Angel) - Send link for Kaimahi to apply (Angel) - Send names of security (Hilda) - Find a locked room in the Puna (Hilda) - 16th September is training day <p><u>Additional notes provided by Angel Vargas:</u></p> <p><i>Participants – Angel Vargas (Commission); Hilda [REDACTED] (Manurewa)</i></p> <p><i>Meeting purpose -</i> <i>To discuss and resolve all outstanding issues prior to the marae being used as an advance and election day voting place.</i></p> <p><i>Meeting Notes -</i> <i>The following action points were discussed:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Voting space will be cleared and ready for set-up by our voting team prior to 2nd October. Entrance and exit options were assessed to make sure that the layout did not impede flow of voters.</i> 2. <i>Opening hours were confirmed by Angel.</i> 3. <i>Hilda confirmed that Māori wardens can provide security services during the voting period and names will be provided beforehand.</i> 4. <i>Recruitment was discussed – Angel will send job descriptions and link to online application for kaimahi to apply (Note: After the meeting, names of recommended candidates were provided by Hilda via e-mail but only four were appointed due to availability. One was appointed as VPM for advance and election day and the three other applicants worked only on Saturday for advance voting and on election day.)</i> 5. <i>Angel explained recruitment process and confirmed upcoming training dates.</i> 6. <i>Angel explained and emphasized the need for political neutrality within and around the voting place. Logos, flags, clothing with details of political parties or candidates and any other promotional materials were not to be displayed near the voting place. Hilda confirmed understanding and agreement to this requirement.</i> <p><i>Conclusion -</i> <i>Both agreed that all action notes or open issues will be followed-up via email messages. The next face-to-face contact with the marae will be through the voting team.</i></p>
31 Aug	Reminder email sent to complete 'Licence to Occupy' and 'Tax Invoice'. Copied to CE of Manurewa.
13 Sept	Phone call and emails exchanged regarding recruitment
21 Sept	Further recruitment related emails.
3 Oct	Complaints raised by [REDACTED] regarding social media post
4 Oct	Enquiry with Marae who note they will "look into it".
11 Oct	Complaint received from Freedom NZ Party, email to Marae who confirm that kai is provided to all people attending marae not just those who have voted.
1 Nov	Complaint received from [REDACTED]
8 Nov	Further concerns raised by [REDACTED]
9 Nov	Response to [REDACTED] from Commission.
	Receive complaint from member of the public.

Timeline for engagement with Te Pae Herenga O Tāmaki	
Date	Activity
17 Mar	Email from Natasha Kemp to EC following meeting at Manurewa on 14 March. Connects EC to Renee (Ops Manager for Te Pae Herenga).
27 Mar	Follow up email sent from Lance (Director, Health Reforms) seeking to meet with EC regarding improving Māori turnout for the GE. Notes the marae involved in the collective.
3 Apr	<p>Hui between EC and TPH, Manurewa, and Waipareira. Minutes shared by Lance later that day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki Partners to be registered as Polling Booths for the October 2023 General Election. The eight organisations included in the presentations, plus we will have others to add for example, Hoani Waititi Marae, Te Kaha O Te Rangatahi. - Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki Partners to also be registered as mobile Polling Booths for the October 2023 General Election. This is to allow our vehicles / tents etc to be set up at Parks, Community Centres, Kōhanga Reo, Kura Kaupapa Māori to improve access for Whānau. - All our Māori Partners to have their respective polling booths open for the two weeks leading into the Election (inclusive of Election Day). - The ability for our respective staff to pick up completed votes and deliver to approved Polling Booths to improve access for Whānau. - Funding and training for our respective staff to manage the polling booths. - Using your baseline digital information and dissemination through our social media networks. <p>As discussed, Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki Partners will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure there are at least 2 Te Reo Māori speakers at all our Polling Booths. - Run Rangatahi specific events to encourage young voters to register and vote. - Run Kuia and Kaumatua friendly events to encourage older voters to register and vote. - Use our various Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki and Partners social media platforms to encourage Māori to register and vote. <p><u>Additional notes provided by Georgia [REDACTED]</u></p> <p><i>Participants - Erin [REDACTED], Georgia [REDACTED], Kate Sewell, Hone Matthews (Commission); Lance Norman, Maria [REDACTED], Renee [REDACTED], Tarsha [REDACTED], Jaqui [REDACTED], Tarsh Takutai-Kemp, Hilda [REDACTED] (Te Pae Herenga).</i></p> <p><i>Meeting purpose -</i> <i>One of the Electoral Commission's strategic goals for GE 2023 is to improve voting services to Māori. Initially we had discussions with the Manurewa Marae on the 14th March and from this meeting, discussions were had around working with Te Pae Herenga Collective as we could look at a bigger reach of Māori across Tamaki Makaurau.</i></p> <p><i>Proceedings -</i> <i>This meeting began with Whanaungatanga, and then Lance Norman delivered a presentation giving an overview of the Collective, their Education Strategy and their Health Strategy. It covered their mahi on how they engaged with Māori Communities across Tāmaki (and Aotearoa) during the Covid-19 response.</i></p> <p><i>Conclusion -</i> <i>Electoral Commission staff to take this information back to the leadership team to discuss next steps. Goe to follow up with organising site assessments with partners within the Collective alongside Renee (Te Pae Herenga Collective).</i></p>
4 Apr	Internal email discussing successful hui and noting potential for relationship.
6 Apr	Response from EC agreeing with all the above and suggesting next steps:

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Site Inspections for fixed locations and an agreement of opening days and hours for advanced voting and Election Day 2. Discuss and create a shared calendar for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mobile / Pop up units for advance voting b. Enrolment / Education opportunities leading up to GE 2023 e.g., Whanau days. 3. Recruitment plan for staff working in Voting Places 4. Develop a training schedule for Takeaway votes and Voting staff. 5. Organise a wananga two weeks after the Election to review the service provided to our community.
12 Apr	Follow up email from EC seeking confirmation of site inspections.
23 Apr	Response from TPH proposing 14 sites
1 May	Acknowledgement email and additional contacts provided
4-8 May	Internal kōrero re suitability and risks of working with Collective. Agree to proceed.
12 May	Internal hui between VS and SEP to discuss risk management and planning. Agree that Directors will hold responsibility to progress MoU with the Collective
15 May	Internal approach to L&P regarding drafting an MoU
15 May	Email from Renee (Ops Lead) re enrolment information
16 May	<p>Hui between EC and TPH to discuss progressing MoU. Agree to set up a wānanga between the parties to facilitate this.</p> <p>Notes Provided by Georgia [REDACTED]</p> <p>Participants- Erin [REDACTED] Georgia [REDACTED] Kate Sewell (Commission); Lance Norman, Maria [REDACTED]</p> <p>Meeting purpose - Emails were exchanged prior to this meeting and Lance confirmed that they will propose to use the following sites for Voting Places for this year's General Election:</p> <p>(1) Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua - 1 & 3-5 Rendall Place, Auckland. (2) Te Puna Hauora o Te Raki Paewhenua - 58 Akoranga Drive, Northcote, Auckland. (3) Te Whānau o Waipareira - Ground Floor, 6/8 Pioneer Street, Henderson, Auckland. (4) Ruapotaka Marae - 106 Line Road, Glen Innes, Auckland. (5) Manukau Urban Māori Authority / Nga Whare Waatea Marae - 31 Calthorp Close, Favona, Auckland. (6) Manurewa Marae - 81 Finlayson Avenue, Clendon Park, Manukau City. (7) Papakura Marae - 29 Hunua Road, Auckland. (8) Huakina Development Trust - 15/17 Roulston Street, Pukekohe. (9) Hoani Waititi Marae - 451 West Coast Road, Oratia, Auckland. (10) Te Kaha O Te Rangatahi - 2b Jellicoe Road, Manurewa, Auckland. (11) Mobile Collection Van - Te Whānau o Waipareira - West Auckland. (12) Mobile Collection Van - Manurewa Marae - South Auckland.</p> <p>Other Sites: (13) Te Mahurehure Cultural Marae - 65/73 Premier Avenue, Point Chevalier, Auckland. (14) Orakei Marae - 59B Kitemoana Street, Orakei, Auckland.</p> <p>Danielle and Renee are the Relationship Managers for Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki partners. Jacqui is the Chair of Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki. Renee is planning on sending information out to the partners in the coming week. She will coordinate site visits with the Partners and our team over the next few weeks. Maria [REDACTED] supports the organisations with funding proposals. Both Maria and Lance will connect with the team regarding budgets and timing.</p> <p>Proceedings:</p>

	<p>A MOU that needs to be agreed and in place prior to operational aspects of setting up voting places. To develop a MOU to capture key goals and conditions relating to the relationship between EC and the Collective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify a key contact person within the Collective – Maria/Jackie - The EC to be represented by Martin Rodgers and Shane Whitfield - Ensure political neutrality - Ensure there are no incentives/inducements to encourage voter turnout - Ensure there are clear guidelines regarding political party regalia – to cover both advance voting and ED - Gain clarity about funding of sites to be used as VPs - Expand initiative to other sites in the North Island? <p><u>Voting place management</u> Voting Services to take responsibilities for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VP assessments of all agreed sites (Electorate Manager) - Recruitment - actively engage with marae personnel to recruit staff to work in the VP. To ensure political neutrality (Electorate Manager) - Appoint VP staff in conjunction with marae (Electorate Manager) - Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o To be conducted at a designated marae for all sites identified within the Collective (Electorate Manager) o Training resources required from NO to support Te Reo initiatives <p>Erin advised the need for an MOU moving forward and the next step was to organise a Wānanga between Martin/Shane for the Electoral Commission and the same level leadership for Te Pae Herenga to discuss and agree on a MOU. Georgia also mentioned that some of the proposed sites that were on offer to use as Voting Places had already been agreed to use at a local level. These sites were Ruapotaka Marae, Manurewa Marae, Papakura Marae, Hoani Waititi Marae and Orakei Marae</p> <p>Conclusion - Erin to propose a date that will work for Te Pae Herenga Collective and the Electoral Commission to discuss MOU. Erin sent emails to Te Pae Herenga Collective.</p>
17-19 May	Further internal discussion regarding logistics, noted request from Karl to have MoU in place before confirming any voting places. MoU noted to ensure coverage for political neutrality.
23 May	Internal hui to progress MoU, aiming for June 1 to hold wānanga. Proposed date shared with Collective.
26 May	Email noting yet to hear back from Collective
22 June	Email from EC seeking to progress site usage kōrero. Provided a list of the proposed sites and progress on confirming each of them as a VP.
30 June	After multiple attempts at contact, suggestion is made to halt plans with Collective and instead progress kōrero with individual marae. Agree to proceed.
4 July	Paper from VS to Board noting relationship with the Collective and related mahi.
21 July	Response to 22 June email noting contact person had been away. Advises of the need to connect with remaining partner sites to progress the kōrero.
24 – 28 Jul	Internal emails discussing whether to re-visit original plans. Email notes the link between political party and Waipareira.
2 Aug	Email from Waipareira funding lead seeking to progress our partnered approach again.
4 Aug	Hui organised for 9 August with Collective. Advice from VS is that they are still interested in locking in further voting places, and they are comfortable for hui to proceed.
7 Aug	Internal emails show final agreement to not to proceed with Collective and instead work with individual marae, Collective will be informed at upcoming hui.
9 Aug	Follow up hui to decision on working with individual marae.
	Notes provided by Georgia [REDACTED]

Participants – Erin [REDACTED] Georgia [REDACTED] Kate Sewell (Commission); Lance Norman, Maria [REDACTED] Dan [REDACTED]

Meeting purpose -

Te Pae Herenga to progress with their business case and to come together to discuss the finer details around operationalising an approach led by Te Whānau o Waipareira and Te Pae Herenga Collective

Proceedings -

An assumption was made by the Collective that all voting places that were proposed were confirmed to use as voting places for this year's GE, Georgia confirmed that she had made numerous attempts with Renee to co-ordinate site visits to the proposed sites within the Collective and there was no reply from Renee. They advised that she had gone on Maternity leave.

Conclusion -

Georgia advised that all voting places needed to be assessed and confirmed by the 22nd of August latest and at this point would not progress further. Lance thought that voting places were confirmed as they were on the draft voting services information sent to political parties, but it was clarified that these were as placeholders only and couldn't be confirmed as we could not get the assessment completed due to not having any contact from Te Pae Herenga (Renee).