

13 March 2022

Tena koutou katoa,



*Ko Pokopoko te Taniwhā
Ko Mataara, ko Rangiriri te rakau e ngāu i te ngāru
Ko Hoeroa te Ngāru
Ko Mahūhū ki te Rangi te Waka
Ko Ngāti Whātua te iwi*

Ripia Marae is located West of Dargaville at 1625 Pouto Rd, Te Kopuru 0391, and is within Ngāti Whātua/Te Uri-ō-Hau “cultural footprint” which recognises the relationship with ngā Maunga: Tokotoko and Maungaraho, the whenua, the awa: Northern Wairoa and the Kaipara Harbour, and the mana whenua, including the local community – Te Kōpuru.

Ripia Marae and its people live, play and work across and beyond Te Kopuru/Dargaville and continue to maintain their connections to this cultural landscape. So much so that where there are opportunities to support our community of Te Kōpuru, the Marae is always keen to be involved.

Ripia Marae Trustees and the whānau endorsed on 13 March 2022, that a “support letter” be forwarded to the community of Te Kōpuru application for the Community-Led Development programme.

Ripia marae is aware that this application has the potential to give a “voice” and a message that our small rural community can achieve its aspirations with partnership support which will give rise to improving favourable outcomes for the future.

‘E hara taku toa, i te toa takitin, engari he toa takitini’: Success is not my work alone, but the work of many”

Te Atua e manaaki, e tiaki i ngā wā katoa.

For and on behalf of Ripia Marae Trust

Scottie Williams

Ripia Marae Kaumatua