



TE MARU O HINEMIHI*

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

When? THURSDAY APRIL 10, 2014

***Where? Room B13 (Basement Area), UCL Institute of Archaeology
31-34, Gordon Square
London, WC1H 0PY***

What time? Starting at 7:00pm (sharp)

Kia ora! You, your friends and whanau are cordially invited to attend this event to hear what the Te Maru komiti have been up to this last year, our proposals for 2014/15 and to elect (or re-elect) komiti members. *We will be delighted to see you.* If you plan to attend, please let us know before-hand so we can ensure enough tea cups are on hand...

Would you like to join our komiti? Our komiti currently comprises around 12 people from different backgrounds and professions, each of whom bring to the table their commitment, energy, ideas, experience, skills and visions. The komiti meets every six/seven weeks in Central London (and sometimes at Clandon Park, Surrey) for agenda-led meetings lasting around two hours. Travel expenses can be claimed for attendance. *If you think you have something tangible to offer Te Maru, please get in touch with Alan Gallop (Chairman) at alan@alangallop.co.uk before April 10 to discuss this.*

Please also note: Hinemihi Annual Maintenance Day at Clandon Park – Sunday June 15 starting around 10:00 am and ending around 4:00pm. This is a chance to

get up close and personal with the only Maori Meeting House in the UK and help clean surfaces on the carvings of grime and other deposits collected over the last year. *All are welcome. Bring a packed lunch and wear clothes that you're happy to get dirty! Bring the family!! Get involved!!!*

This year's Hinemihi 'hangi' will take place at Clandon Park on Sunday June 29 – for further information visit <http://kohanga.co.uk/hangi>.

We look forward to seeing you and/or hearing from you.

Alan Gallop – Chairman, Te Maru O Hinemihi

* *Hinemihi O Au Tawhito* (Hinemihi of the Old World) is one of only four antique Maori Meeting Houses to be found outside of New Zealand - and the only one to be seen in the open air. She originally stood in the tiny settlement of Te Wairoa, near Rotorua, and was one of only a few wooden buildings left standing following the eruption of volcanic Mt. Tarawera in June 1886. She was brought to Clandon Park in Surrey in 1892 by William Hillier, the 4th Earl of Onslow, at the end of his term of office as Governor of New Zealand. In April of this year Hinemihi will have 'lived' under the sky at Clandon Park for 122 wet and cold English seasons and is now in urgent need of restoration. It is the joint vision of the National Trust and Te Maru O Hinemihi to eventually use Hinemihi as a Whare-wānanga – a house of learning - for UK-based Maori people and local community groups of all kinds and all ages in Surrey and surrounding counties.

Te Maru O Hinemihi (In the Embrace of Hinemihi) is a National Trust 'friends group' who have taken on the task of creating an agenda for Hinemihi's restoration programme. It is made up of volunteers from different backgrounds and professions including academics and others working in academia, an architect, business people, a performance artist, a writer, an artist (who is also an Anglican Minister), a professional weaver and teacher - and a Maori heritage expert who also happens to be the great-grandson of the man who originally carved Hinemihi back in New Zealand in 1881. At the moment we are not seeking people with skills in building, painting or woodwork. But as soon as funds are raised to restore Hinemihi we will need plenty of voluntary help in this area. What we need right now is people with experience in fund raising, liaising with corporate organisations and event organisation/management. Interested? Please drop an e-mail to alan@alangallop.co.uk outlining what you think you can offer this exciting project. We're waiting to hear from you....