



From Nothing We Create Possibility



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Kia Ora! Nau mai haere mai ki Awataha

The history of Awataha Marae

Awataha basically means "The river flowing at the side". It's a place at Shoal Bay on the northern headland of the basin Te Kopua o Mata Kamokamo. The place is part of the site of an ancient papakainga or village---Te Korekore---settled perhaps a thousand years ago and occupied until 1923 by the Kawerau people. It is known that the Kawerau suffered greatly at the hands of invading tribes but returned to their ancestral land to re-establish their papakainga.

Introduction to Awataha

Awataha Marae is a community organization. It consists of the place and its peoples. It is very much a vibrant entity with a head a heart and a body. The Marae is the heart, steeped in a rich spiritual and cultural heritage. While Awataha is described as an "urban Marae" its roots are in both its people and its spiritual antecedents. While it is connected this way it will always have its heritage.

Most importantly, Awataha is connected to its spiritual head, Tane Whakapiripiri - he himself is the gatherer and connector of people - *he tangata, he tangata, he tangata*. Our communities include Maori on the North Shore of Auckland New Zealand, Maori connected to Maori on the North Shore and people on the North Shore. Yet we seek to connect to all people and all communities.

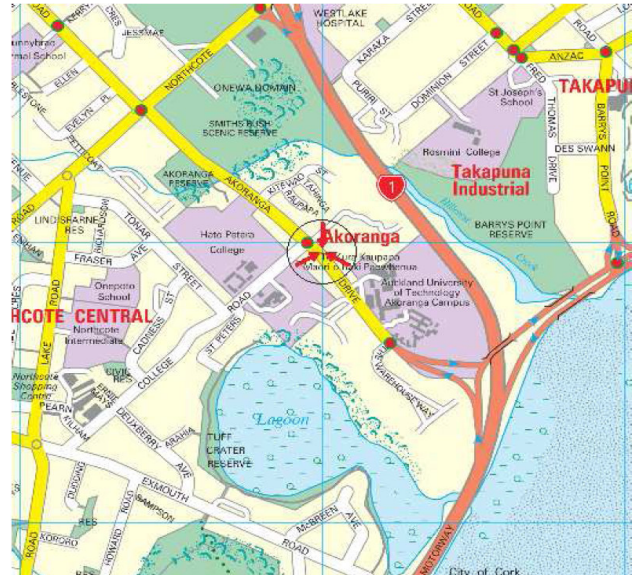
AWATAHA MARAE EXPERIENCE



We are pleased to offer your organisation our Maori Culture and History Programme which is a unique opportunity for participants to experience local Maori culture on a working urban Marae.

Location

We are conveniently located right next to the Northern Motorway on the North Shore of Auckland. This provides easy access to and from our location. For those coming from the south we are a brief journey past the harbour bridge, about 10 minutes from the heart of Auckland City. For those coming from the North we are right at the gateway to Auckland City just before the Harbour Bridge.



EVENTS - CONTACT DETAILS

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Awataha Marae Experience Programme

Programme Schedule 1

10:00am	Bus Arrives at Awataha
10:00-10:30am	Powhiri – Welcoming Ceremony
10:30-10:50am	Morning Tea – Maori Bread and preserves
10:50-11:15am	Programme Session #1- Perform a Waiata (song) and- Me Te Takaro (play a game) with us. Maori told their Whakapapa (geneology) through Waiata (song) and Korero Puurakau (stories).
11:20-11:35	Programme Session #2 – Whakairo (carving). Get to see first hand a Whakairo (carving) in progress using traditional carving tools. Whakarongo (listen) to stories of our Tupuna (ancestors).
11:35-11:55am	Programme Session #3 – Raranga (weaving). Try your hand at making a Puti puti (flower) from Harakeke (flax).
11:55-12noon	Poroporoaki – Farewell
12:05pm	Bus Departs Awataha

Programme Cost \$35.00 per person



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Programme Schedule 2

10:00am	Bus Arrives at Awataha
10:00-10:30am	Powhiri – Welcoming Ceremony
10:30-11:05am	Morning Tea – Maori Bread and preserves
11:05-11:35am	Programme Session #1- Perform a Waiata (song) and- Me Te Takaro (play a game) with us. Maori told their Whakapapa (geneology) through Waiata (song) and Korero Puurakau (stories).
11:35-12:15pm	Programme Session #2 – Whakairo (carving). Get to see first hand a Whakairo (carving) in progress using traditional carving tools. Whakarongo (listen) to stories of our Tupuna (ancestors).
12:15-1:00pm	Programme Session #3 – Raranga (weaving). Try your hand at making a Puti puti (flower) from Harakeke (flax).
1:00-1:45pm	Lunch – Hangi (cooked in the ground). A selection of succulent meat, kumara, pumpkin, potato, finely sliced cabbage and stuffing made from bread crumbs & spices.
1:45-2:00pm	Poroporoaki - Farewell

Programme Cost \$60.00 per person