



St. Joseph's & Te Rau Oriwa Complex

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Te Rau Oriwa/St Joseph's Hall

The Rau Oriwa Trust was established by the Bishop of our Diocese, in 1994.

The Trust has responsibility on the Bishop's behalf, for the marae and hall complex attached to St Mary's Church.

In particular, we are charged to "promote and foster the special nature of the complex as a meeting house, cultural centre and parish centre for the mutual benefit of the Maori people of the region, the parishioners of St Mary's Parish and the wider Catholic community of the region" (Trust Deed 31/7/1994).

Our current Board Trustees are: Kataraina Millin (chair), Barbara Vine (treasurer/secretary), Ruth Ockey, Raukura Boatwright, Cate Joyce, Claire Heffernan

The latest news from The Rau Oriwa Trust is that we have managed to secure sufficient funding from grants to allow for major renovations of the main kitchen in the hall. This work will be completed during the week of 18-22 March.

As a Charitable Trust, we struggle to remain solvent, as our only income is from hiring out the facilities. We still have rates, insurance, maintenance to pay regardless of bookings, and we would encourage all parishioners and friends to consider using the hall or marae for future functions. Many family functions including weddings have successfully been held at the hall and marae in the past. Our charges are very reasonable and inquiries/bookings can be made with Jo at the parish office.

If anyone is interested in becoming involved in the Te Rau Oriwa Trust please either see one of the Trustees, or Jo in the office.

God bless you all, Kataraina Millin (Chairperson)