



Working Group Task: Draft Whare Pukenga Guidelines

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Outline for Guidelines:

1. Values: What values drive this kaupapa?

- Kotahitanga - Vision
- Rangatiratanga/Mana Motuhake
- Whanaungatanga
- Manaakitanga
- Kaitiakitanga
- Tikanga

2. Purpose

The Whare Pukenga consists of our living taonga who have made an outstanding contribution to impact nationally the revitalisation of our taonga and enhanced the values that protect Te Ao Maori. It is an honour that is given by our Iwi through the National Iwi Chairs Forum. It recognises rangatiratanga enhancing the lives of all whanau in Aotearoa.

It will also be another way in which the Forum will be relevant to our people through our Iwi

This award does not replace any award that Iwi have for their members nor is it a service award.

The award will comprise admission to the Whare Pukenga, a written citation and a taonga.

There will be three vetting points ie Iwi, selection panel and the Forum. The successful candidate will need approval from all of these vetting points.

The working group recommends that no limit be put on the number to be admitted at this stage.

3. Criteria:

Actions contribute significantly to the revitalisation of our values (Taonga)

Demonstrated leadership

Change instigated has universal impact for whanau, hapu, marae and iwi

Change may show benefit for the whole country

4. Process

The process will involve:

- Identification
- Nomination to Iwi

- Iwi endorsement
- Selection by appointed panel
- Recommendation to NICF
- Appointment to Whare Pukenga
- Presentation of award
- Publication

4.1 Identification: Any individual or group can identify a candidate. Once identified, the nominee will make a statement about what the candidate has done, how it has contributed to the revitalisation on our taonga and the impact it has had on whanau, hapu, iwi and Maori. The statement will also include what the candidate has done to demonstrate leadership. This statement is important because it is the basis of the citation should the nomination be successful.

4.2 Nomination: Once the statement is completed, the individual or group will make a nomination to the candidate's Iwi. The Iwi may invite the nominee to speak to the nomination. Nominations may be made to more than one Iwi to which the candidate belongs. The Iwi will make a decision to endorse the nomination or turn it down. This is the first vetting stage. If the nomination is endorsed, future stages are the responsibility of the Iwi. Iwi may wish to add to or change the statement that accompanies the nomination

4.3 Selection panel. A selection panel will be appointed by the NICF. An interim panel of 5 Rangatira will be established and they will have tenure until 5 Rangatira have been appointed to the Whare Pukenga. At that point the selection panel will consist of 5 members of the Whare Pukenga appointed by the Forum.

4.4 Selection: The Iwi will progress the nomination to a selection panel. The panel will invite the Iwi to speak to the nomination and then will make a decision against the criteria. Written notes will be kept that will help explain the decision. The selection panel will notify the Iwi of its decision. They will not be required to give reasons for their decision. This process will be confidential. This is the second vetting stage.

4.5 Presentation to Forum: If the nomination is successful, the Iwi will present it to the Forum for decision by resolution. *(Iwi name) recommends that (candidate's name) be appointed to Te Whare Pukenga.* The citation will be available to the members of the Forum and the Iwi may speak to the nomination. Once that is completed, any Iwi (through their Chair) may make a comment or ask a question. This is an open process.

4.6 Appointment: Once discussion has been completed, the resolution will be put and decided. If there is any objection, Iwi will be polled by a roll call. The appointment is made if **80%** of those polled agree.

4.7 Presentation: It is recommended that the citation be translated into te reo by the Iwi to ensure it is their reo. A certificate will be designed and the citation printed onto it.

The certificate will be presented by the Iwi

4.8 Publication: A page will be developed on the NICF website and names of members of the Whare Pukenga will be listed along with their citation. That page will be the responsibility of the Secretariat

Administration

Funding is being sought. If it is secured, the Whare Pukenga will be administered by the Secretariat. In the meantime, the programme will be administered and funded by Pou Tikanga and Pou Take Ahuarangi.

An oversight committee will assist the programme to be implemented over the next 12 months. This committee should be appointed by the Forum in May.

Interim Selection Panel

It is recommended that an interim selection panel be established until at least 5 members have been appointed to the Whare Pukenga. The working group recommends that the interim panel comprises 3 Iwi Chairs and two others. Names will be presented to the May Forum for appointment

Posthumous Awards

This award is intended for living persons. The working group recommends that once this award has been established, that a separate award programme be developed for those who have passed on.

Draft Recommendations

1. That the Forum adopt the Whare Pukenga Guidelines (as amended?)
2. That the Forum appoint the following as the oversight committee until November 2022: Lisa Tumahai, Mike Smith, Margaret Mutu, Te Huia Bill Hamilton
3. That the Form appoint the following as the interim selection panel: (Names please)