

MODERATOR'S APPEAL OHOPE MARAE



14 March 2023

Tēnā koutou. Greetings to you.

I write to update you, and to show you, the work taking place to safeguard the treasure that is Ohope Marae. I also encourage you to support the completion of this important work.

In December, [I wrote](#) that Te Aka Puaho advised Council of Assembly of the need to undertake earthworks to retain a slope to the side of Te Maungarongo at the marae. In [this video](#), and the image above, you can see that this work is underway.



There is some urgency here. Recent storms, flooding and land slips in the North Island have reaffirmed the need for this work to be carried out as soon as possible.

Thanks to your generosity, our appeal has already raised \$20,000 of the estimated \$110,000 required. We still have a long way to go. I encourage you to please raise the idea of giving to this appeal with your parish.

Together let's ensure this peaceful sanctuary remains open to all, available to all, and a place of significance for us and generations to come.

Donations can be made to:

- Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand bank account (if you do not have the details, please contact Katrina@presbyterian.org.nz or phone Katrina 04 381 8283)
- Please include on your deposit reference: Mod Appeal
- Email for donor receipt: katrina@presbyterian.org.nz

Your gift will contribute directly to this project and continue to ensure the marae remains a place of welcome under the maihi – the sheltering arms of Christ and God's church.

Kia ora rawa atu
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Video link: <https://vimeo.com/807353659>

Website page: <https://www.presbyterian.org.nz/moderators-appeal-for-ohope-marae-march-2023-update>

