



Whakatū Marae Waka Ama Club Membership Form 2026 - 2027

Welcome to Whakatū Waka Ama Club! Kia ora! We are a vibrant, community-focused waka ama club dedicated to promoting paddling, fitness, and the sharing of te ao Māori values through waka ama.

Our club aims to:

- Provide a safe and inclusive environment for paddlers of all ages and abilities.
- Support skill development, coaching, and rangatahi engagement.
- Maintain our waka and facilities to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all.

Club Uniforms

- Uniform items available: shirts, race singlets, vests, jackets, hoodies, capes, beanies.
- Order online: pbco.co.nz/collections/whakatū-marae
- Delivery timeframe: 2–5 weeks (sent directly to individuals).

Waka Bookings

- All waka bookings are managed via the TeamSnap App.
- Use of the small waka requires prior sign-off.
- Once signed off you will be added to TeamSnap
- Contact Roi or Oshaque for support.

Membership Fees

- Adult (18 years and over) \$80
- Under 18 years \$20
- First-Time member \$40
- Half-year membership (April-September) \$40

Membership Form

Please provide and attach a 'headshot' & a scanned copy of formal ID
Email completed membership forms to:
oshaque.unuwai@whakatumarae.co.nz

Full Name:

Gender:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Phone:

Emergency Contact details

Name:

Relationship to you:

Address:

Phone:

Payment Details	
Bank: ASB – Nelson Branch Account: 123165 0399770 00	Payment / Deposit Date:
Signed:	Date:
Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18 years):	
Health Disclosure	
Do you have any health issues we should know about? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
If yes, please provide details and any action plan:	

Risk Analysis & Management System		
1. Capsized waka	2. Unknown medical Condition	3. Knocked unconscious by Ama
4. Slipping on the boat ramp	5. The boat ramp & car park traffic	6. Gear failure
7. Cutting feet on rocks	8. Cannot recover from the trip	9. Unexpected weather change
	Casual Factors	Risk Reduction Strategies
People: Skill, attitude, age, fitness, ratio, experience, health	Inexperience of Paddlers: - Waka tipping, cannot recover - Medical condition (asthma, etc.) - Knocked unconscious by the ama - Panic in the water - Wearing no footwear - Slippery ramp	Experienced instructor: - Session checklist of all ailments/medication of paddlers - 1:5 Ratio of paddlers to experienced kaihoe - Paddlers to wear appropriate clothing - All sessions to be tailored to the crew's abilities - All waka to carry an emergency kit (spare lash, flare, bung etc). - Dry tipping drill before going on the water - All paddlers 14 years and under must wear a PFD - Waka must have a PFD for each paddler
Equipment: Clothing, shelter, transport, specific gear, safety	- Bailer lost when tipping - Appropriate clothing - Ama coming undone or knocked off	Safety check pre-session - Spare paddle - Dry/emergency bag, extra lashing, flare, communication device, first aid. - Wear appropriate clothing
Environment: Weather, terrain, water,	Rough or cold weather Sudden weather change	Session to be conducted within the crew and the

season, tides.		steersman's ability. Take into account the wind, weather, tide and ability of all. If in doubt, don't go out. Blanket rule of the CLUB OC1/2. If there are extensive whitecaps in the haven, don't go out.
Emergency Procedure to manage each identified risk: Upset Waka: Steersman guides paddlers to safely right the waka. Medical Emergency: Steersman gives first aid, calls 111, and takes the person to shore or waits for the ambulance. Water Recovery: Steersman positions the paddler safely and coordinates with the safety boat to transfer them to shore or medical care.		Emergency Gear required: 1. Charged cell phone/communication device. 2. First aid 3. Spare bailers 4. Spare hoe 5. Flare 6. Spare lashing 7. Lights at night
Membership Information & Conditions By joining Whakatū Waka Ama Club, you agree to: 1. Actively participate in club clean-ups and maintenance. 2. Support and participate in club fundraisers and events. 3. Contribute to the upkeep of club facilities (e.g., tidy the shed, maintain waka area). 4. Offer your skills where possible (e.g., coaching, fundraising, towing canoes, kōmiti member). Safety & Guidelines • You must be signed off before using club waka (W1 / W2). • Always follow club safety rules. • Life jackets must be worn if you are not a confident swimmer, as instructed by the Steersman, or if you are under 14. • Failure to follow club guidelines may result in termination of membership. Disclaimer While every precaution is taken, Whakatū Waka Ama Club will not be held liable for personal injury or harm to paddlers.		
Acknowledgment By signing below, I agree to the conditions of membership outlined above.		
Name:	Signature:	Date:
Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18 years):		
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