

17TH JULY, 2019.

## TE RŌPŪ KAHURERE

### DESTINATION SURABAYA INTERNATIONAL FOLK ART FESTIVAL JULY, 2018

#### FINAL REPORT



#### PRE-PREPARATION;

The idea came in a light bulb moment among a few and through its inception to the very end, like an arrow head leading the way, the few turned into 13 (women only) travelling to Surabaya, Indonesia to perform Kapahaka in the Surabaya International Arts Folk Festival in Indonesia in July, 2018.

A lot of fundraising was carried out with a single focus to assist all members in their travel to and from Surabaya, Indonesia for this event.



**Fundraising included;** Macrocarpa Wood Sales, Catering Ngāti Poneke 80th Jubilee, Smoked Kutai at the Otaki Kite Festival .... to name a few. 4x Noho Marae and Sewing Bee's included.

#### HARENGA;

***Destination - Bintan Island & Bali then onto Surabaya.***



## FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Opening Ceremony was a collaboration of international cultural performers that were part of the Surabaya Festival. The international performers were mainly professional performers. A few of the participating countries were; Borneo, Indonesia, Malaysia, Uzbekistan, Poland, Russia, Mexico, Korea, Germany.

We were greeted by the local community in the Main Street and were transported in unique local bicycles adorned with beautiful flowers to the Surabaya Town hall. We were then treated to an elaborate shared breakfast and a red carpet dinner with the Mayor alongside our fellow participants.



We thoroughly enjoyed the cross cultural workshops. A highlight was the opportunity of teaching the local community and international performers two famous Maori items "The Haka - Ka Mate" and "Tutira Mai ngā iwi".

Our performances were tailored to meet the daily schedule and we visited various locations such as Malls, purpose built stages within different districts.

At times our programme changed to meet the allocated time frames we were given, so the need to be flexible was evident.





We participated in the local tour activities and were fortunate to plant a tree at a local park alongside our fellow festival participants.



It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to showcase our Maori culture on the international stage.



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We would like to sincerely thank the members of CIOFF New Zealand and CIOFF Indonesia representatives for all of their assistance with making our trip successful.

Our coordinator Marie Nomille & Matua Bill Nathan and team, we are extremely grateful for your support and generous encouragement.

Many thanks to Surabayan esteemed Cioff Indonesian President, Mr Said Rachmat and the Surabaya mayor, Tri Rismaharini, our wonderful coordinators and interpreters Bobbie & Avril for an excellent, well hosted festival.



It was truly a privilege to be ambassadors for New Zealand in this festival.

Te Ropu Kahurere would like to continue to build our international relationships and cultural performance opportunities to tour other countries. We would like to request the assistance of CIOFF to visit Italy and France in July 2020.





## RECOMMENDATIONS;

- THAT GROUPS LEAVE EARLY TO CLIMATISE IN PREPARATION
- WATER HYGIENE TABLETS BE TAKEN FOR WATER BOTTLES
- SHOWCASE KĀKAHU SO A FULL QUOTA OF KĀKAHU / UNIFORM BE WORN & DISPLAYED.
- THAT THE RŌPŪ TRAVELLING REPORT BACK TO CIOFF NZ WITHIN A 2 MONTH TIMEFRAME OF TRIP COMPLETION.