



# uarahi Hou

*Pathway to Treaty-based Multicultural Communities*

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## **Blessings for the Hikoi**

Kaumatua Hui October 2019



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## Introduction

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Kai me te Korero was an evening that took place following the launch of Multicultural New Zealand's Huarahi Hou strategy - a new pathway to a Treaty-based multicultural society. Senior kaumatua and Maori with status from around the country gathered to share their wisdom and stories, and weave together a common aspiration with connected stories and perspectives that encapsulate what treaty based multiculturalism means to all of us. We gathered at the James Cook Hotel in Pōneke on the evening of Thursday 24th October as a gesture of whakawhanaungatanga, to make the connections that would plant the seeds of precious relationships to come.



## Whakawhanaungatanga

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"It's about being connected. Whanaungatanga is about relationships and whānau working together to make decisions and act in ways that support the betterment of the whānau. Whakawhanaungatanga is the act of building these connections."



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## Tangata



Representatives came from Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Hine, Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Kurī, Ngāti Toa, Ngāti Kurukuru, Ngāpuhi, Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika, Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai, Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki, and Kahungunu ki Wairarapa. Te Ātiawa Tribal Council kaumatua Ihakara Puketapu, Dame Iritana Tawhiwhirangi, and Pancha Narayanan from Multicultural NZ are the kahukura leading the hikoī. Other kahukura who tautoko this hikoī include Ann Dysart from E Tu Whānau, Kate Frykberg from Te Muka Rau, Rakesh Naidoo the NZ Police National Engagement Advisor, Meng Foon the Race Relations Commissioner, Gregory Fortuin a past Race Relations Commissioner, Wally Haumaha the Deputy Police Commissioner, and Mike Tana the past Mayor of Porirua City.

## Kahukura

"E Tū Whānau Kahukura are the people who inspire change in whānau and communities... Kahukura: actively create an environment in which non-violence is the norm, are models of non-violence in their personal lives as well as within their own whānau, marae and community, provide leadership to the people and groups around them, and recognise and support other emergent leaders."



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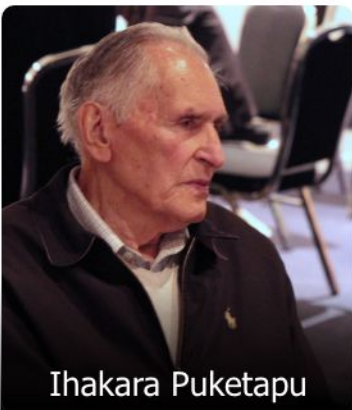
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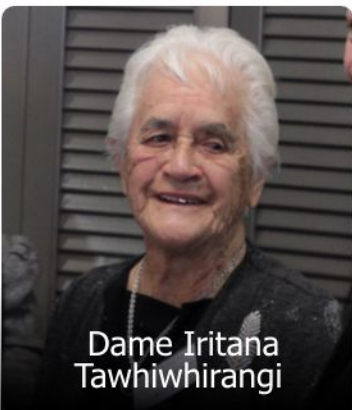
### Words from the evening



Ihakara Puketapu

"NZ is a democracy, and every one of us, no matter what culture we're from, has a basic responsibility to uphold that democracy. As a Maori and as a citizen of this country, we have an obligation to contribute to this country to keep it safe, fair and free. We are privileged to be in such a place and we must maintain that."

"Let us think about our mokopuna in everything we do"



Dame Iritana  
Tawhiwhirangi

"No one should have to abandon what they're doing and become something they're not; that's what causes problems. As soon as you try and get people to behave differently from what they value and deserve to be respected for, you will be fighting the Treaty in the same way as we have been for generations without resolution. Always do as much as we can with the little that we have."



Pancha Narayanan

"It's great to have you all here together, and I value that friendship. One of our kaumatua said to us - 'you're not ready to talk relationship yet. You need to learn to connect first' And I would like to humbly say this is our endeavour to connect first, so that we can build the relationship. Huarahi Hou will be founded on aroha, mana manaaki, whanaungatanga, whakapapa, korero awhi and tikanga"

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## Kōrero

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The collective kaupapa that emerged from the messages of the speakers

### MANAWA

The connection between peoples  
has to start from the heart

Identifying the way forward through  
the lease of the heart, not the mind

### WHAKARĀMEMENE

Acknowledging the value of rangatahi  
and kaumatua and supporting them  
through family

Sharing language and sharing food  
are powerful ways to bring people  
together

### KOTAHITANGA

Reaching a place where we can  
recognise that people are not so  
different as we think

Creating a space where the factions  
and definitions that usually separate  
people can be left at the door

### TAONGA

An awareness that each person holds  
taonga and value that they can add  
to one another

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"The one thing I have learnt is that we're all human - our wants, our dreams, our desires are all the same... And I think at heart that's our reality. And so the question is, how do we make New Zealand the place we really want it to be? Where we acknowledge and respect the similarities, and the differences."

**Ann Dysart, E Tū Whānau**

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### KAWA

Te Tiriti embodies principles of good faith, partnership, intention, participation, mutual respect, mutual reasonableness - these are shared principles that we can embody tangata ki te tangata too

### WHAKAUTE

Mutual respect of each other and each other's right to live in their own skin and embrace their own culture  
Respect and education in tikanga is necessary to preserving the mana of a culture



“We need to stop engaging minorities tokenistically and start actually trying to come together and respect differences. New Zealand will be a wonderful place to live in once we’ve sorted this nonsense out, because all the different cultures bring a beautiful colourful mosaic. If we can learn to value each other, respect each other, care for each other, have a healthy disagreement... we’re all shareholders of this country, each one of us. “Who owns what” is a myth. As Maori, we don’t own the land, we are trustees of it. We have to change the language, change the framework through which we relate to each other. It’s about reaching out to each other, respecting the contribution that we can all make to this country, letting go of needing to figure out who’s done what.”

**- Dame Iritana Tawhiwhirangi**

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## The hikoi so far

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**2006**

First connection between UHMCC and Orongomai Marae

**2008**

Welcomed into te ao Maori by Ngā Pōtiki at Papamoa Marae

**2010**

Running Noho Marae for migrants in conjunction Community Sector Taskforce

**2016**

Opening korero around ethnic communities and tangata whenua/te Tiriti at Ethnic Communities Engagement Summit

**2017**

May 2017: First blessings for Huarahi Hou during hui at Waiwhetu Marae

October 2017: Pilot sessions consisting of Noho Marae at Orongomai and Pipitea Marae

**2019**

Presentation of Huarahi Hou approach at FECCA Conference in Tasmania AUS  
Men with Mana Project run in Porirua connecting Ngati Toa and Syrian Refugees  
Kai Korero with kaumatua nationwide



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Our places of home



Tahuwhakatiki Marae



Orongomai Marae



Waiwhetu Marae

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May 2017: First blessings for Huarahi Hou during hui at Waiwhetu Marae



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Pilot session of Noho Marae at Orongomai Marae, local migrant communities



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## First steps toward settling-in



### E Tu Whanau

All community organisations to be embracing E Tu Whanau as values for safety, networking fellowship and community



### Noho Marae

A stay-over at marae as pilots for what we would like every migrant in this country to experience as part of their



### Mokopuna

Doing the mahi now to ensure our children and grandchildren are truly inheriting a Treaty-based country



### Women's Wellbeing Framework

A wellbeing framework for women of all cultures to fully realise their potential in New Zealand



### Men with Mana

Keeping men safe from committing violence through purposeful engagement and community connections that give esteem and self respect

Tehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini  
My strength is not mine alone, it comes from the collective

**- Pāterangi, Ngati Kahungunu**

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## Conclusion

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Multicultural New Zealand was humbled to see the support for this kaupapa, and acknowledged that there is still much to learn, but is absolutely committed to this hikoi. It was apparent that this coming together of peoples is much needed and much welcomed. The evening ended with a well-earned meal and much warmth and laughter. This evening highlighted the importance of creating a space for people to speak from the wisdom of the heart. It is rare in a professional context to have an environment and group of people so ready to give and receive universal truths. In this case the feedback and engagement from many parties spoke to the clear power of it.



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"This hikoi is not about reaching into the future, it's about bringing the future to us"

- **Multicultural New Zealand**

## **AROHA**

Giving with no expectation of return.

## **WHANAUNGATANGA**

It's about being connected.

## **WHAKAPAPA**

Knowing who you are and where you belong.

## **MANA / MANAAKI**

Building the mana of others, through nurturing, growing and challenging.

## **KŌRERO AWHI**

Positive communication and actions.

## **TIKANGA**

Doing things the right way, according to our values.

*Te Mana Kaha  
o te Whānau*

