



Te Taiwhenua o
HERETAUNGA

Annual Report 2024



Mauri Ora ki te Mana Māori

Strong Whānau, Vibrant Communities



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Cover: And they're off! IronMāori Tamariki Event 2024

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Te Haaro Board invite you to join us
821 Orchard Road, Camberley
Takarangi Conference Room
Saturday 30 November 8.30am

We will also have our live feed on
<https://www.facebook.com/TTOHcommunity>
Mihi/Karakia

- Apologies
- Minutes AGM 2023
- 2024 Annual Report
- Chair Report
- CEO Report
- Kaihautū Report
- Waingākau Housing Report
- Matters Arising
- Annual Audited Accounts
- Adopting Summary Annual Financial Reports
- Approve Auditors for 2025 (PWC)
- General Business
- Formal motion for the inclusion of Waitangi and Tiakitai Marae to Schedule 2 of TToH Trust Deed.
- Karakia Whakamutunga
- Parakuihi

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He karere mai i te puna aroha o Mike

Tūpapahū te reo toiere ki ngā mate kua wheturangitia, okioki tonu rā i te poho nuku.

Whatungarongaro te tangata, toitū te whenua!

Kurupākara ana te reo manioro ki ngā hau pūkeri, āmio tonu rā i te ātea o Tāwhiri.

Pāinaina i ngā hīhī o Tama-nui-i-te-rā, toitū te whenua!

Whakairongia ngā moehewa ki tō ngakau, whano, whano haramai te toki haumi e, hui e, toitū mō ake!

I am privileged to share the opening sentiments of the 2024 Annual Report for Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga (TTOH). And what an extraordinary year it has been for Te Iwi Māori from the loss of Kiingi Tuheitia to the passing of the baton to the next generation, Te Arikinui Kuīni Nga wai hono i te po, to the biggest coming together of Te Iwi Māori descending onto the grounds of Parliament and in one united voice e karanga atu ki te ao Toitū Te Tiriti. Unfortunately, we will face many more challenges and upheavals as Te Iwi Māori at the hands of this current government. We must remain united to prevail "kotahitanga".

TTOH is not immune to the challenges and policies introduced by the current coalition government. The shift in focus and direction is testing TTOH capacity to not only withstand such challenges but emerge stronger and in a better position to support whānau, hapū/marae and hapori. It involves more than just maintaining operations; it includes recognising that TTOH has developed capability and capacity to manage during challenging periods while continuing to support whānau throughout these events. This has not come about by accident but by the vision and contributions of the many.

During my time as Chair, I often reflected on those who have carried the operational responsibility of guiding the development of TTOH over the decades from Alayna Watene, who led the establishment of the organisation through some of its most turbulent times. To George Reedy, whose business acumen and understanding of the need for scale and size to harness and unlock TTOH'S full potential. To Waylyn Tahuri-Whaipakanga, now in her fourth year. Is entrusted with advancing our kaupapa to the next level. During the pandemic and Cyclone Gabrielle, Waylyn established new partnerships and revenue streams while strengthening ties with our community and marae. Thanks to the contributions of the three CEOs and of course our Kaihautū - Te Toka Tū Moana Marei Apatu ensuring that we remain tūturu and connect to our marae/hapū and Papatūānuku. They each have helped shape Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga, I believe we are well-positioned to face future challenges, whatever they may be.



Mike Paku
Tiamana

Te Haaro as decision makers has had to ensure we are well-equipped as governance to provide sound static direction for the organisation. Haaro o te kaahu ki Tuawhakarere.

Continuous governance training is essential to improving Te Haaro governing skills, enabling better decisions, risk reduction, and financial aptitude. Notable highlight for Te Haaro was the return of IronMāori, which undoubtedly aligns to TTOH purpose, objectives and values, of developing, fostering and promoting whānau well-being ā-tinana, ā-hinengaro, ā-wairua.

This year's Matariki Living Taonga awards provided an opportunity to celebrate Māoritanga at it's finest, by uplifting our peers, recognise the dedication integrity, and talent of distinguished individuals and role models throughout Heretaunga. Te Haaro o Te Kaahu Supreme Award honoured Te Aranga Marae, Omahu Marae, Waipatu Marae, and Tamatea Rugby Club for their collective manaakitanga in supporting those in need following the impact of Cyclone Gabrielle in our rohe.

Te Haaro acknowledges the ringa raupā o Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga who have shown remarkable resilience, your mahi in our community does not go unnoticed, ngā mihi. Going forward, we as Kahungunu must heed the words of the late Kingi Tūheitia Pōtatau Te Wherowhero Te Tuawhitu:

"In this storm we are strong together. The wind in our sails is kotahitanga."

He karere mai i te puna aroha o Waylyn

E te iwi, e ngā hapu maha o te rohe, e te tini, e te mano, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou i runga anō i ngā tini āhuatanga o te wā, tēnā tātau katoa,

E kore e warewaretia rātau kua riro ki tua o paerau, ki ngā kaimahi o mua o Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga, Michelle Manihera kōrua Kaye Paringatai

haere rā kōrua, otirā koutou ngā mate, haere, haere, haere

*Tātau ngā kanohi ora o rātau mā
Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātau katoa.*

Following three years of instability responding to the coronavirus and the devastation that Cyclone Gabrielle brought to our rohe, this year has been one to reset.

The Te Haaro Board has approved our Strategic Pou: Ngā Kāinga, Ohanga, Whanake, Oranga, and Mātauranga. These pillars, along with our survey results from He Purapura Whetū, provide a roadmap to redesign services to better meet the evolving needs of whānau and identify gaps in our offerings.

The survey represents the first research initiative of its kind conducted by Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga, with funding provided by Te Aka Whai Ora. The aim was to investigate the health and wellbeing status of whānau Māori residing in Heretaunga through an online survey. I would like to extend my gratitude to Te Whānau o Te Pakipakitanga o Hinetemoa for their guidance in transitioning the pilot survey into full-scale implementation. It is my hope to secure funding so that we can carry out a longitudinal study over the next decade, enabling us to identify and respond to trends and changes in the coming years.

This reprioritisation against a change in government, funding contracts and several policies has and will impact whānau Māori, but we have seen the resilience of whānau and our 480 strong team of kaimahi have also demonstrated their capability to adapt to the changing landscapes that come with incoming governments.

A major highlight of the year is that Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga is now the home of IronMāori. This acquisition aligns with our mission to promote mauri ora ki te mana Māori by encouraging whānau to participate in sports, which yield significant positive outcomes.

The investment in the housing complex on Plunket Street offers one-bedroom units for individuals or couples, addressing the need for such accommodation. This purchase facilitated the relocation of nearly thirty people from transitional and emergency housing to long-term, stable accommodation.

I am heartened by the growth of our Waingākau Housing Development. We are truly seeing a thriving community forming in Flaxmere West, and with the Affordable Rental Scheme along with Sorted Kāinga Ora, we will continue

to see more whānau taking their steps onto the home ownership ladder.

Opening He Korowai Aroha is another milestone for us. He Korowai Aroha offers a Te Ao Māori, whānau centred approach to maternity and the first 2,000 days of life for pēpi going beyond the limits of maternity care including counselling, mirimiri, rongoā and extensive wraparound support to whānau.

The addition of this service dovetails into our existing Whanake Te Kura ante-natal programme, Te Mana Waiū breastfeeding support, Tamariki Ora, early childhood health and development and Ngā Tau Miharo which improves parental capabilities and promotes emotional and social competence in Tamariki.

Our partnership with Whānau Ora commissioning agency has seen our Kaiārahi team expand as our kaimahi connect with and advocate for whānau who have multiple and complex needs which require a network of support for whānau to achieve their aspirations to move forward. As we are seeing significant growth in our aged population we are developing a Strategic Plan to ensure that our precious pounamu are cared for through their most vulnerable years. It has been encouraging to see the growth in numbers attending our Kaumātua Ora programme this year as we work to keep our nannies and koro active, connected and informed.

For every highlight and achievement mentioned above, there are numerous aspirations that have been fulfilled and countless success stories yet to be shared. These accomplishments are thanks to our Kai Ringahora, the dedicated teams of kaimahi who consistently show up each day to awahi and tautoko whānau with an unwavering commitment to our kaupapa. To the 480 strong team who bring the magic and exemplify our values in every interaction, my deepest gratitude goes out to you all for your steadfast dedication to your mahi.

Marei Apatu and my Executive Management Team, Mike Paku and Te Haaro Board, I humbly acknowledge your ongoing support and guidance this year as we head towards 40 years of realizing whānau potential in Heretaunga and beyond.



**Waylyn
Tahuri-Whaipakanga**
Kaiwhakahaere Matua
Chief Executive Officer

He karere mai i te puna aroha o Marei

Kei ngā huia Kaimanawa me ngā manu tāiko o ia marae hapū I puta noa o Heretaunga haukū nui ararau, haaro te kaahu takoto noa – Tēnārā koutou, tātau katoa i roto i te manaakitanga a tātau Kaihanga, i hōmai ki a matou te timatanga, te mutunga o ngā mea katoa

Mihi ki ngā tini mate aitua i roto ngā tōmairangi atawhai a lo te Mataaho mō ratau i haere atu ana i te ra atu tau pahure.

Heretaunga Ringahora – Calling the many hands to action

My 2022 report referred to a succession pathway and strategy, a partnership with Te Toi Ohanga Dr Anthony Cole with the support from MBIE. We set a wayfinding course to take on 30 ngā uri o Heretaunga tauira on a kaupapa journey, called mGPI, māori genuine progress indicator. The next generation of our future drivers, we are on a solid trajectory. I am pleased to report we surpassed expectation on real outcomes over the past 2 years to date:

- Marae/hapū-led; succession is success (long-term aspiration) – 10 employed/ contracted technicians.
- Filling a gap in RMA (planning/policy/regulatory/ management) and MCD – 4 Project teams, major cultural reports
- Part of capacity/capability building for marae – Uri, descendant succession
- Performing a (knowing) protection role – Ancestral Intelligence data protection management
- Representation/translation role – Advocacy, court hearings and mediations
- Build a creative activity frontier (the space of an emerging future) – Relationships local and global, indigenomics
- Preparation for future rangatira responsibilities – Mana Motuhake
- Frontline crisis management – Emergency management plans and training
- Water, awa and air monitors and being transparent – Wānanga, Te Rūnanganui, ngā marae hapū accountability.
- Supporting progress towards medium to high-risk and high-stakes outcomes – For achieve active care and protection of taonga
- To strengthen Te Reo, Tikanga/Whakapapa and relationship management – Kawa o Ngāti Kahungunu – Takitimu

Taku rei kura, taku rei ora – The blueprint to protect the essence for life and wellbeing.

The success of the Heretaunga socialisation of mGPI strategy to date continues the 10-year strategy journey, we called Te Turepaewhenua.



Marei Apatu
Te Kaihautū

As Te Turepaewhenua is an area of whenua that sits at the base our illustrious maunga tu tonu Kahurānaki, for us as humble servants, as we gaze upon, his stocky width and broad girth from across the plains from Ahuriri and Te Matau a Māui, the calling to whānau and their hapori to come together and unite, to work share have fun and take collective action for wellbeing, hau-oranga, equality, ōritetanga, this is where our Māori community development unit (MCDU&TMT) will wānanga advocate and empower our rangatahi whanau marae hapū o Heretaunga,

Ōhanga + Tikanga = Oranga The threshold and bar

Everything MCDU and Te Manaaki Taiao do will align, to the care and protection of ngā mea katoa, everything that has whakapapa, from the celestial realm of Ranginui rāua Papatūānuku and all their 70 atua children, to the terrestrial realm to protect our mokopuna young mothers and all people, he tangata, whilst active protection of all our natural physical resources and spiritual rituals and beliefs is sacrosanct, it is all interconnected to our blueprint of mahi.

Kaihaikai – Celebrations of feasts

Acknowledgements to now retired Dale Moffat, for her support wisdom across all our mahi in particular the Turepaewhenua strategy along with Patricia Nuku, the mahi continues on to the new wave and arrival of Stewart Whyte and Bree Tawhai-Peters.

Tohu toa team - kia tū, kia oho, kia mataara

The backbone to TMT - Tohu Toa project teams, Ngā Pou Mataara Hou, Morry Black, Kate McArthur, Dr Jamie Ataria and Emma Horgan, and Ngaio Tiuka and Shade Smith for NKII A mihi nui to the support and leadership from our Te Haaro board, chairman Mike Paku for the past 5 terms, fellow Chief Executive Waylyn, COO Andre and the EMT team. Maximising Ngāti Kahungunu collective strength is our MCDU mantra for the next 3 years is important from the prophetic saying of our rangatira Te Whatuiāpiti

Kanohi ki te kanohi – Pokohiwi ki te pokohiwi – Ka whaiwhai tonu atu matou

Mauri ora E!



Tenei Matau o Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga

<i>Heretaunga Ararau</i>	<i>Heretaunga of arcadian pathways</i>
<i>Heretaunga Haukū Nui</i>	<i>Heretaunga of life-giving dew</i>
<i>Heretaunga Haaro Te Kaahu</i>	<i>Heretaunga, the beauty of which can be seen only by the hawk</i>
<i>Heretaunga Takoto Noa</i>	<i>Heretaunga, from whence the chiefs have departed and we remain a reflection of them</i>
<i>Heretaunga Ringahora</i>	<i>Heretaunga, the hand of hospitality</i>

This whakatauki reflects the thoughts and values of the ancestors of this area, the unique richness of these lands, and the rich heritage of Ngāti Kahungunu ki Heretaunga. It acknowledges the past and references to Te Ao Hurihuri. It is the responsibility of our 480 Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga kaimahi to uphold the integrity of this whakatauki in its metaphoric and wider, holistic meanings. We take on these metaphoric meanings to guide the delivery of our wide range of services:

Ararau can be interpreted to mean the pathway to knowledge offered to whaiora within Oranga Hinengaro services.

Haukū Nui talks to the holistic wellbeing of the people which we achieve through our Hauora practices.

Takoto Noa relates to our environment, hapū and marae aspirations and development, seen through the work of Te Manaaki Taiao team.

Ringahora is our warm gesture of welcome and support where we awahi and tautoko whānau.

Te Haaro o Te Kaahu can be described as seeing beyond the horizon to our future. Te Haaro, our board of trustees, (see page 42) are representatives from the fourteen marae that make up Heretaunga Taiwhenua. Te Haaro board provides governance and sets the strategic direction for our organisation so that our people thrive.

In applying this whakatauki to the mahi that we have been doing for the past 39 years, we not only encapsulate our tikanga and values, but we also celebrate the uniqueness of Heretaunga, who we are, and what we do, bridging the past, present and future.

Mokopuna Decisions

Our Trust Deed, written 39 years ago set out that Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga would whakamana Te Tiriti o Waitangi which would be achieved by:

Rangatiratanga

Participating and forming partnerships with the Crown to reinforce their kawanatanga (governance) obligations, in particular their obligation to protect tino rangatiratanga.

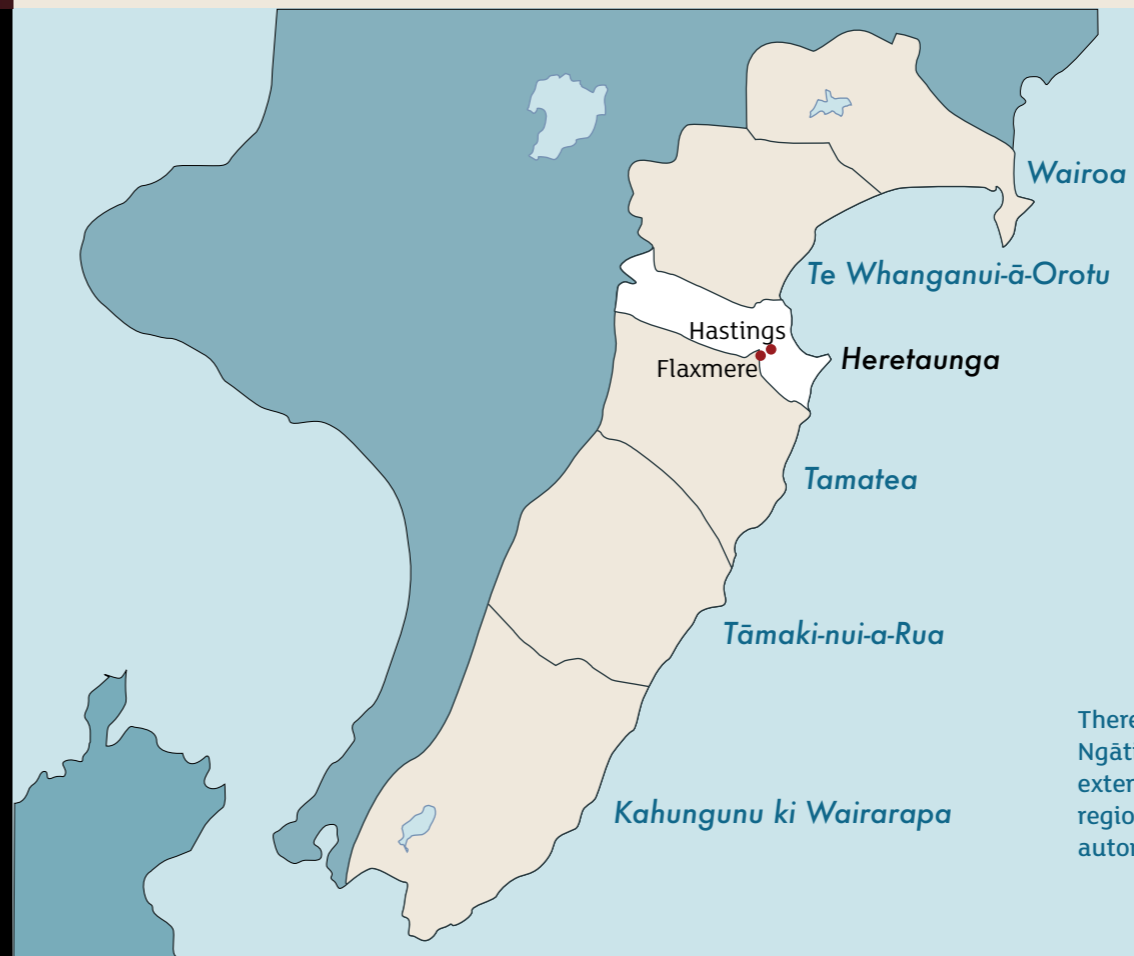
Kawanatanga

Acknowledging and affirming the mana whenua rights of hapū to exercise authority over their own affairs and achieve their own rangatiratanga. Actively working with marae/hapū and whānau to achieve collective rangatiratanga.

Oritetanga

Recognising the government's obligation to oritetanga (equality) by reducing disparities through delivering kaupapa Māori services. Ensuring marae/hapū and whānau have equitable access to government funded services.

To honour the mahi of our tipuna who set out this deed, we spoke up for our mokopuna tamariki to affirm that we do not support the repealing of smokefree legislation.

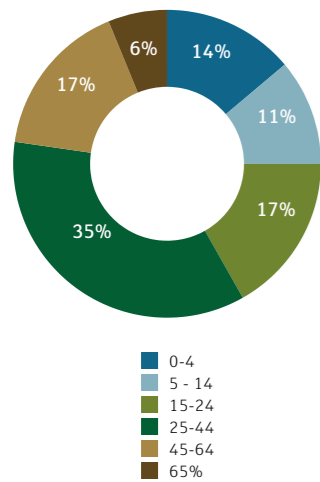


There are six taiwhenua within the Ngāti Kahungunu tribal area, which extends from Māhia to the Wellington region. Each taiwhenua has its own autonomous leadership.

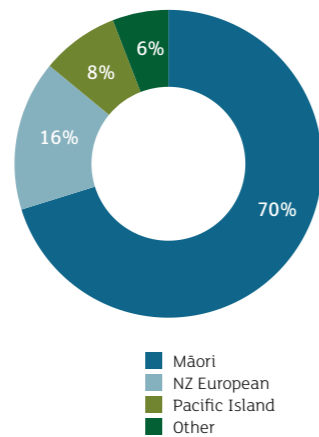
Our Whānau

Mauri Ora ki te Mana Māori is our mission statement that sets forth our goal to foster strong whānau and vibrant communities. In recent years our communities have been tested with the Covid-19 and Cyclone Gabrielle. Throughout these events Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga stood out as a beacon of awahi and tautoko offering ongoing pastoral care to support whānau back onto their feet while upholding their mana.

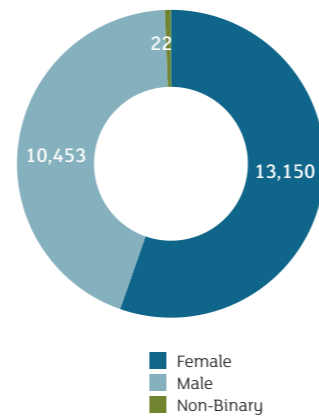
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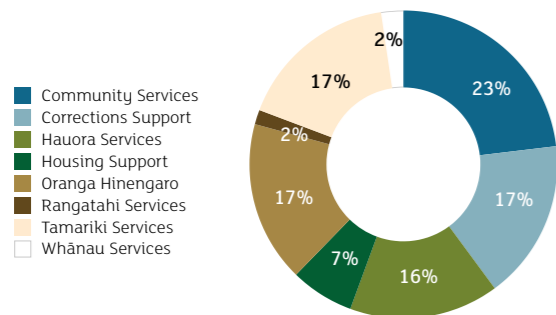
Ethnicity of Enrolled Whānau



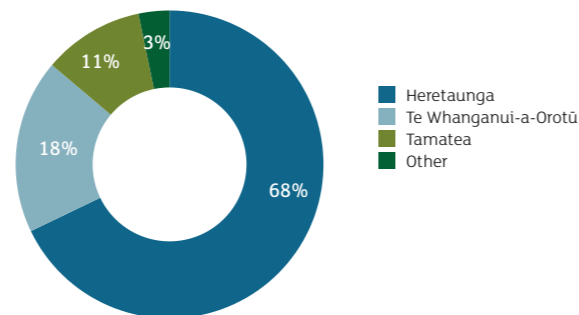
Gender of Enrolled Whānau



Types of Tautoko



Enrolled Whānau by Taiwhenua



Peter Cowan

Sponsorship Supports:
Community Sustains

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Peter Cowan, who came home from the France Paralympics, brought back the bronze medal in the Va'a single 200m VL3 Canoe event. He received sponsorship to attend the qualifiers this year as well as for his whānau to attend the Paralympics in France to support him.

I've been wanting to thank Te Haaro Board for years for all the support I've received to keep me in the sport. The funding doesn't really kick in until you reach a certain level in your career, so the sponsorship for all the extra costs has been a great help.

While it's been tough at times, I've learned a lot about the other expenses involved in attending overseas competitions. Things like having a car, a coach boat, training equipment, and even a spare paddle were new to me, but after four years, we have a better idea of the costs required to get to an event.

Leading up to the Waka Ama Sprint Championships in Hawaii and then to France for the Paralympics, I knew I had to work hard to get good results so that I wouldn't need to raise so much money upfront to attend international races. You have to treat it like a job, putting in 40-plus hours and giving it your all.

It was a bit of a strain being a stay-at-home dad for a while, but it allowed me to train hard, and it paid off.

I didn't do it alone; it takes special people around you to see the vision and help bring it to life. I'm grateful to my family, my community, and everyone who has helped.

My whānau and the wider Bridge Pa whānau have been all in – no questions asked. Even though I don't see everyone all the time, I always know they're there, supporting me and backing me all the way.

When I got home from the Paralympics, I was really tired and just wanted to call it a night, but my whānau had other plans. When my aunties organise something, it's hard to say no. I didn't expect anything big, but rolling into Bridge Pa on the back of the truck, it hit me.

Seeing my people and community come out for me was awesome. Our community needed something to celebrate after a tough few months, and this helped to heal and bring us together. It felt great to give back, especially with the Bridge Pa School Rippa Rugby team going undefeated at the AIMS Games around the same time.

We weren't just celebrating me; we were celebrating each other

and what's possible with community support. The tamariki and rangatahi got to see that anything is possible, and for me, that was really cool – to be that person for the kids in Bridge Pa

Performing Arts, Community Events and Sports Events

Month Sponsorship Approved	Recipient	Event	Venue	Amount (includes GST if any)
Performing Arts Events				
Oct-23	Cherish Sutton-Whiunui Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāti Kahungunu ki Heretaunga	Aotearoa, National Secondary School Kapa Haka Championships	Nelson	\$600
Oct-23	Foreva Haerewa Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāti Kahungunu ki Heretaunga	Aotearoa, National Secondary School Kapa Haka Championships	Nelson	\$600
Nov-23	Te Tari ā-Rohe O Kahungunu	Mokotini Annual Celebrations	Hastings	\$2,000
Apr-24	Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāti Kahungunu ki Heretaunga	Aotearoa, National Secondary School Kapa Haka Championships	Nelson	\$5,000
May-24	Charmaine Bartlett Taikura Kahungunu	Kaumatua Taikura Kapa Haka	Wellington	\$350
May-24	Makere Phillips Taikura Kahungunu	Kaumatua Taikura Kapa Haka	Wellington	\$350
May-24	Hiraina Kaio Taikura Kahungunu	Kaumatua Taikura Kapa Haka	Wellington	\$350
TOTAL				\$9,250

Community Events

Jul-23	Hinemanu Upokoiri Piringa Hapu Authority Trust	Matariki Huia Awards Dinner & Ball	Hastings	\$3,000
Aug-23	Takitimu Performing Arts School Trust	40th Anniversary celebrations of Kahurangi and Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu Māori Performing Arts School	Hastings	\$1,200
Aug-23	Waimārama Māori Committee	Hautapu Event 2023	Waimārama	\$3,000
Aug-23	Kauwaka Limited	Te Reo ki Tua - National Language Revitalisation Symposium	Hastings	\$1,200
Sep-23	Waiata Māori Music Awards Charitable Trust	National Waiata Māori Music Awards	Hastings	\$2,000
Jan-24	Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated	Waitangi Day Family Celebrations Festival	Hastings	\$5,000
May-24	Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu	40th Anniversary celebrations of Kahurangi and Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu Māori Performing Arts School	Hastings	\$5,000
May-24	Tāwhana Chadwick	Local Council Elections	Hastings	\$1,200
TOTAL				\$21,600

Sports Events

Aug-23	Peter Cowan New Zealand VL3 Men's 200m Sprint	ICF Canoe & Paracanoe Sprint World Championship (Olympic & Paralympic qualifying event)	Germany	\$1,200
Aug-23	Tahu Heremia Hawke's Bay Taekwondo Club	New Zealand Selectors Tournament	Christchurch and Auckland	\$350
Aug-23	Santarna Aranui Hawke's Bay Taekwondo Club	New Zealand Selectors Tournament	Christchurch and Auckland	\$350
Sep-23	Kahuranaki Treacher New Zealand AgeGroup Basketball	Qualifying Tournament - U19 World Cup in 2025.		\$1,200
Nov-23	Innika Hapuku-Lambert New Zealand U18 Junior White Sox Team	Oceania Qualifiers World Cup Tournament	American Samoa	\$1,000
Nov-23	Charlene Jessup	Evergreens Womans Softball Nationals Tournament	Invercargill	\$350
Nov-23	Crystal Jessup	Evergreens Womans Softball Nationals Tournament	Invercargill	\$350
Nov-23	Shianne Kelly (Team Sponsorship)	NZ Tag Football Junior Nationals 2023	Auckland	\$1,200
Nov-23	Te Matau a Maui Māori Touch Inc - Team Sponsorship	Māori Touch Nationals	Rotorua	\$1,200
Nov-23	Kamaia Mohi Hawke's Bay U15 Volleyball	Volleyball Regional Tournament	Napier	\$175
Nov-23	Te Aroha Mohi Hawke's Bay U15 Volleyball	Volleyball Regional Tournament	Napier	\$175
Dec-23	Irene de Thierry Heretaunga Basketball	NZ Māori Basketball Aotearoa Tournament	Rotorua	\$350
Jan-24	Tewhetuu Kire-Thomas	NZ U19 National Boys Softball Championship	Wellington	\$350
Jan-24	Kalarny Collier Heretaunga Basketball	NZ Māori Basketball Aotearoa Tournament	Rotorua	\$350
Jan-24	Kahuroa Collier Heretaunga Basketball	NZ Māori Basketball Aotearoa Tournament	Rotorua	\$250
Jan-24	Kalaya Collier Heretaunga Basketball	NZ Māori Basketball Aotearoa Tournament	Rotorua	\$250
Jan-24	Paul Ngerengere Heretaunga Basketball	NZ Māori Basketball Aotearoa Tournament	Rotorua	\$350
Mar-24	Jay Jackson New Zealand ISA U14 Boys Softball Team	International Softball Academy U14 Tour - Blacktown International Youth Tournament	Sydney, Australia	\$1,200
Mar-24	Elley-may Taylor	Sanix World Rugby Youth Tournament 2024	Japan	\$1,200
Apr-24	Griffin Bellamy Ngāti Kahungunu Māori Rugby League U13	Māori Rugby League U13	Hastings	\$350
Apr-24	Eriez Bellamy Ngāti Kahungunu Māori Rugby League U13	Māori Rugby League U13	Hastings	\$350
Apr-24	Te Rau Oranga Junior Squad	Waka Ama Corporate Challenge	Napier	\$200
Jun-24	Pahlyss Hokianga Basketball New Zealand's U17	FIBA U17 World Cup	Wellington	\$1,200
Jun-24	Pango Me Whero Netball Club	Red Whanau Tournament	Hastings	\$3,000
TOTAL				\$16,950

Support for Tertiary Scholarships and Marae Distributions

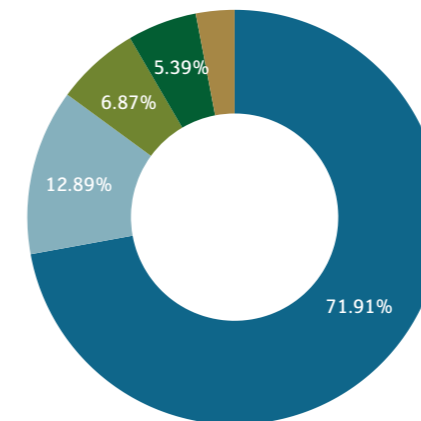
Recipient	Amount (includes GST if any)	
Tertiary Scholarships		
Lily Belle Pohatu	\$1,500	
Grace Hawkins	\$1,500	
Ben Gray	\$1,500	
Parehuia Huata	\$1,500	
Tawhirimakea Karaitiana	\$1,500	
Ana Tomoana	\$1,500	
Leanne Makea	\$1,500	
Julia Mitchell	\$1,500	
Ema Rowlands	\$1,500	
Laura Te Pohe Kamau	\$1,500	
Tukotahi Tiakitai	\$1,500	
Joanne Lucas	\$1,500	
Nicola Kihirini	\$1,500	
Hazel Watene	\$1,500	
Awhina Dixon	\$1,500	
Carolina Clarke-Pailate	\$1,500	
Cherie Chermine Heeneey	\$1,500	
Mere Tumataroa	\$1,500	
Lanson Randell	\$1,500	
Amira Gardiner	\$1,500	
Ariana Thompson Kihirini	\$1,500	
Atareta Savae	\$1,500	
Gabrielle Gray	\$1,500	
Hinemihhi Huata	\$1,500	
Heeni Natalie Carlson	\$1,500	
Shannon Mitchell	\$1,500	
Glenda Te Rito	\$1,500	
TOTAL		\$40,500

Recipient	Amount (includes GST if any)	
Marae Distributions		
Houngarea Marae	\$16,000	
Kahurānaki Marae Committee	\$16,000	
Korongatā Marae	\$16,000	
Mangaroa Marae Committee	\$16,000	
Matahiwi Marae Committee	\$16,000	
Mihiroa Marae	\$16,000	
Moawhango Marae (Whitikaupeka)	\$2,000	
Ōmahu Marae Trustees	\$16,000	
Ruahapia Marae	\$16,000	
Rūnanga Marae	\$16,000	
Taraia Marae	\$16,000	
Te Aranga Marae	\$16,000	
Te Āwhina Marae	\$16,000	
Waimārama Maori Committee	\$16,000	
Waipatu Marae	\$16,000	
TOTAL		\$226,000

Community Development Distributions

Support Type	Percentage	Amount (includes GST if any)
Performing Arts	2.94%	\$9,250
Sport Sponsorship	5.39%	\$16,950
Marae Distribution	71.91%	\$226,000
Community	6.87%	\$21,600
Tertiary Study Awards	12.89%	\$40,500
100%		\$314,300

- Marae Distribution
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- Community
- Sport Sponsorship
- Performing Arts



NGĀ KĀINGA



Heretaunga Ararau

Strengthening whānau across the housing poutama by cultivating and contributing to strong and vibrant communities.



Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga invested in 18 one bedroom homes in Hastings West taking many people out of emergency and transitional housing and motels.

Kaimahi Voice: Lisa Harley

Helping whānau navigate the system to become rent ready



At the start of the year, Whare Huakina set a goal to move 100 whānau into suitable, sustainable, permanent accommodation. We've met this goal which is a huge achievement for our team.

I've been working in Te Whare Huakina for almost five years now, managing the housing navigators for transitional and emergency housing and motels. At Whare Huakina, our goal is to help whānau get rent-ready, break down their barriers, and move forward—especially with budgeting. We want to make sure they can keep their tenancy once they move into private rentals or Kāinga Ora homes.

Our navigators help set small, doable goals, whether it's about health, mental health, or addictions. We support them in whatever way they need so that when they're ready to move into a home, the barriers are gone. Sometimes, it means referring them to Hiwa-i-te-Rangi for anxiety or depression, or connecting them with Oranga Hinengaro or Community Mental Health (Te Whatu Ora) if it's more severe. We make sure they get the right support and medication before starting the housing process.

The timeframes vary and depend on the whānau. Once everything is sorted—physically, mentally, and with the whānau—or it might involve helping them get a license or learning to budget for groceries, we get them on the housing register and guide them through the whole process.

This includes gathering documents like medical records, ID, and support letters from Oranga Tamariki or specialists. There's a lot of work involved even before they move.

Many whānau come to us with just their food and clothes. They're often really vulnerable and don't have much. Some come from He Kākano (supporting the homeless) and transitional housing, so they need support every step of the way.

The most rewarding part of my job is going to Kāinga Ora blessings and seeing whānau get their forever homes. It can take a year, sometimes over two years. We also offer aftercare, which could be as simple as a phone call or a visit. The aim is to help them reach a point where they can stand on their own. It's tough for some whānau to let go when they move into their homes, but we find ways to keep supporting them.

Our team is great at supporting each other, especially with complex cases. We sit together, give advice, and sometimes go on home visits in pairs to ensure safety. Working with MSD and Kāinga Ora has been awesome—we have really good relationships with them which benefits our whānau in the end.



Whānau voice

We looked at Whare Āhei because we were looking around for something to buy, but there was nothing that suited us, the houses were either too small or they were in a bad state for what we could afford, then our rent was increased so this came along at the right time for us. We've moved from house to house so this has made a big difference to our whānau, and the rent here is much more manageable.

Compared to other areas where we have stayed it is nice and quiet in Waingākau. There's no partying, it's quite safe and even with the trucks doing the civil work along the road, they don't start until the kids are at kura so I have nothing to worry about.

It's close to the Te Arahou bus stop which is just around the corner, on Kirkwood Road and our baby goes to the same kohanga that all the other kids went to so that's good. The longer that we live here, the more we realise how many people on the street we actually know, so that's nice.

This is the only way that whānau will be able to move forward, because food is so dear, and usually we would never look at a place like this, but with Whare Ahei, we haven't paid rent at this rate since my six year old



daughter was born and that was for a three bedroom, much smaller for all of us.

We would prefer to own, we don't want to be renting for too long, we've just never quite had enough for the deposit, so with Whare Ahei, we might be able to buy our own home, or this house soon. Because of Whare Āhei we will be able to save to buy a decent house, Sam wants to buy this house so that would be our next goal, to stop renting and own our own home.

Whare Āhei: Making Homeownership Possible

I lived at Bridge Pa with my parents for six months before moving. Mangai stayed with his mother. After six months, we relocated to our home in Waingākau. The house is spacious, with a nice yard, garage, and tile floors that I love.

One aspect I enjoy about living here is the small community within the larger community. I am a kaiako at Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu and there are a six families with kids at the same kura who live nearby. My thirteen-year-old son escorts all the younger children to the bus stop in the mornings, which is cool to watch.

There are quite a few kids around the same age as my daughters, and since everyone on the street is part of a Facebook Group, we all agreed that when the streetlights come on, then it's time for the kids to return home.

The Whare Āhei initiative allows us to save on rent to eventually get on the property ladder. We have the option to live here for five years, and I hope to purchase this home by the end of that period.

Whare Āhei - Affordable Housing

In October 2023, Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga received funding to develop 26 homes under The Affordable Housing Fund. The fund was set up by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development to increase the supply of affordable housing, with a priority on rentals in areas with the greatest need.



Planting seeds in He Kākano

He Kākano for tangata noho taiao utilises the Pōwhiri Poutama framework to welcome incomers to the whare. This includes encouraging the use of reo, karakia, learning pepeha and finally taking on the role of kaikōrero on the monthly cultural day where guest speakers are invited to attend.



Kueva moves into his forever home

Kueva Malatai who was born in Samoa first received support with Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga in October 2023, where he stayed at He Kākano whare (for tangata noho taiao). Kueva enjoyed it here because the kaimahi were good company especially at times when he felt down. He really liked having someone to talk to. He then moved into transitional housing at Camberley Court for a short time and then to emergency accommodation at Amici Motel. While he was at Amici he started working at Watties for four days a week and around this time he was offered his forever home at Ararau on Plunket Street.

“I miss He Kākano staff because they helped me a lot, I enjoyed learning Māori things like karakia and doing whaikorero in te reo Māori,” says Kueva.

“I just want to say thank you to He Kākano for helping me so much to get a home, and then Whare Huakina who helped connect me to MSD for furniture that I need.”

Kaimahi Voice: Kara Edwards

I have worked on the frontline for over 30 years, initially with Family Start, and now as Portfolio Manager for Taiora, Rangatahi, Te Puna Whakamarama, and Te Ara Waiora services. While similar issues often repeated in the past, we now have more services and better-qualified staff to support whānau. We ensure our kaimahi receive the necessary training for their roles.

Basics for training are really important for kaimahi so that they are keeping themselves safe, keeping whānau safe and keeping our organisation safe. When I talk about keeping the organisation safe, it’s about understanding policies and procedures, knowing and understanding our handbook so that they have an awareness of how we do what we do. Sometimes we take on kaimahi who have never worked in full-time work like this, so it’s about recognising that these ones need more which is important because in the long run they’re getting the best out of their employment, whanau are getting the best support that they can and Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga maintains its high standard.



ORANGA



Heretaunga Haukū-nui

Promote and support whānau mana motuhake by providing whānau led services.

I am so pleased with the call centre that we set-up through covid, employing 72 people, some who had never had a job before and others who hadn’t worked in a place like ours, so it was really important to teach them from day one about dress standards, expectations and our code of conduct.

When I look back on everyone that we hired, I’m so happy because we gave them the opportunity they needed. Some moved on to better things, others were redeployed into different services and the ones that are still there have just grown from strength to strength. You can see it in the way they dress, the way they speak and the way that they hold themselves. Working meant that they could purchase little things for their kids, they went from surviving to thriving and that’s what matters. Those are the big changes that I’ve seen with our staff.

Relationships are fundamental to having a great team so we assist our managers to build meaningful relationships with their teams and really, you can’t fault our values. If we follow our values, that covers everything. It’s so important that you practice them everywhere, with each other, with managers, stakeholders and whānau in the community no matter how trying some situations may be. Stick to whanaungatanga, kotahitanga, whakamana and kaitiakitanga and you can’t go wrong.

Consider the concept of kaitiakitanga, which encompasses more than just providing leadership and support; it involves being a guardian for the place where we work, respecting our kawa, and leading by example.

For instance, our dedicated nurses from the Philippines who joined us through Whānau Ora faced challenges due to language barriers and the need to meet our country’s nursing standards despite being qualified in their own country. Our Tamariki Ora team supported these nurses by helping them to adapt and excel, demonstrating the true spirit of kaitiakitanga. The nurses left us appreciating the essence of kaitiakitanga and embracing it wholeheartedly.

One of the aspects I appreciate about working here is the deep immersion in Māori culture. From beginning each day with karakia and waiata to our service delivery and interactions, the cultural integration is what sets this workplace apart and makes it unique. Being Māori and approaching whānau in a Māori way opens doors and breaks down barriers, which I find highly rewarding. I am proud to say that I enjoy working here and I take great pride in my culture.

Marie and Adam have someone to lean on

Adam tells us about the support that he and wife Marie received from Whānau Ora Kaiārahi, Sandra.

Sandra has been a huge help for us, for my wife and for myself.

After a medical event, Marie had to have 4 dentist appointments which Sandra booked and attended to support us both. It's just really helpful having her there because sometimes when we are with specialists it can be overwhelming, but she stays calm and asks questions on our behalf.

She makes sure to ask the right questions and the doctor explains everything including the cost to access the healthcare that we need. Once we knew what we needed to do she booked an appointment at WINZ to find out how we can access the support and funding around claiming disability allowance. We wouldn't even know where to start with this stuff, so she makes it easy for us.

After my wife had her stroke there was so much information about physio and rehab and Sandra helped us to understand what the doctors were saying and explained the exercises that Marie had to do to get stronger.

She doesn't just stop there though, Sandra is always looking for solutions and finding better options for us, so that we can afford whatever treatment is required.

Marie set a goal to walk in three weeks and Sandra has just been so involved and determined to help her get there, she has just been so helpful and so humble.

We can't thank Sandra enough, she has sorted out funding, she fills out the forms, and there are so many of them, she really takes the load off when we're just trying to focus on Marie coming right.

She's enrolled Marie into sitting exercises classes on Fridays, she is always thinking about ways to support her clients.

We have made a friend for life, it's her assertiveness when she's advocating for us that sets her apart.



Kaumātua Ora Thrives

Makareta was the second registered nurse to work at Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga in 1997 where she worked until 2012, she is still working and one day she might even go for her masters.

Makareta recalls the original kaumātua hui that were held at Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga with bus driver Karanema Bartlett driving in a bunch of kuia from Pakipaki.

Now, both Makareta and Karanema attend the kaumātua Ora programme and to this day she sees the benefits that it provides:

I come along to kaumātua hui when I can make it, there's so many new ones which is really good because word is getting out. It's sad because sometimes this is the only contact that kaumātua have.

To see how many kaumātua attend the hui and see how valuable it is. They connect with each other and share things that they would never hear from their family. They get advice on where to get help for themselves or for their whānau in different ways which is really good.

It's like a point of contact because within Māoridom it's important that we look after our kaumātua, even though we may growl away and moan –but we do listen.

As we get old we still need to mobilise and be active as much as possible, and feel as if we still have some value in life and can still give something. The kaumātua hui gives them that.



Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga is the home of
IRONMĀORI

Fifteen years following its inception, the annual IronMāori indigenous triathlon returned to Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga, the location where the event was originally conceived. This year's first event held under Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga drew nearly 180 kaumatua who inaugurated the event, followed by 200 tamariki and rangatahi competing along the boardwalk. The event day began calmly, but as the sun rose, Tawhirimatea's force increased, creating white caps that accompanied hundreds of swimmers onshore. With the participation of 304 quarter teams and 264 half teams, the atmosphere was one of whanaungatanga

and Kotahitanga. The quarter individual category had 559 registrations, while the half category had 264 participants at the starting line. Including the solo, single-discipline events, over 2,412 individuals took part in this noteworthy event. The Mauri of the event was represented in the unique clothing merchandise and race tops provided to each participant. The spirit of the event was evident throughout the day, epitomizing a true celebration of participation and achievement.



He Purapura Whetū survey

Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga was commissioned by Te Aka Whai Ora to undertake a three-year programme that aimed to enhance the collective health and wellbeing intelligence of Māori whānau living within Heretaunga.

The purpose of the report is to present the undiluted voice and views of Māori whānau living within Heretaunga. In conjunction to this qualitative information, hauora and socioeconomic data had been collated to offer a more complete understanding of the health and wellbeing status of Māori whānau residing in Heretaunga.

The report provides a framework and a set of suggested questions aligned to Pae Ora (Healthy Futures). Pae Ora sets the future direction for a health system that is equitable, accessible, cohesive and people centred.

The overarching themes of Pae Ora are:

- *Mauri Ora – Healthy Individuals*
- *Whānau Ora – Healthy Whānau*
- *Wai Ora – Healthy Environments*

Scan here for He Purapura Whetū Survey Report



He Korowai Aroha

“Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti arahia ō tātau mahi”

He Korowai Aroha provides services and supports to whānau through haputanga to early childhood. Our aim is to tautoko whānau to provide nurturing environments that support pēpi, tamariki, and whānau to thrive, reach their potential, and to achieve their aspirations.

We specialise in empowering whānau to make decisions for their future by assisting them onto pathways to well being such as connecting whānau to services to encourage positive change; Hapu māmā support including breastfeeding advice; Parenting support; Embracing and participating in Māori kaupapa; Relationship advice, counselling and rongoā sessions.



A letter from whānau:

I would like to share my feedback on the sessions I had for counselling through He Korowai Aroha.

I would like to start by sharing a bit of my background on my past counselling experiences . Because of my negative experiences and lack of trust with the mental health system, I have found it very difficult to find a counsellor that I can connect with and trust, there have been very few counsellors that I have been able to engage with and receive great support from, and you are very much one of those few that I connected with instantly and had no issues feeling safe and trusting to share my journey with.

I would like to thank you very, very much for opening up such safety for me to feel comfortable to share and heal through this part of my journey in my life.

You are extremely respectful when it comes to cultural awareness and offered karakia to start and finish our sessions and linked me in to receive a healing mirimiri as-well, I appreciate that, you have great cultural awareness.

I found the methods you taught me in identifying and creating an identity for versions of myself that aren't always serving me very helpful!

I haven't worked with a counsellor like that before and found that method really worked for me. My negative thoughts and self-beliefs quickly turned to positive thoughts and self-beliefs.

I was able to express myself honestly and authentically in your presence and in the safe space you provided for me to do so.

I felt a big growth within my emotional and mental state during the months I attended counselling with you. I really appreciated how you helped me to look at all the different pathways and perspectives of my situation with my children and I gained a lot of clarity from that.

Overall, I felt a huge positive shift in my āhua and my wairua and you really helped me restore my mauri.

I can't thank you enough for taking me on and holding that space for me during our sessions. You are amazing at your mahi.

Ngā mihi tino nui ki a koe!

Over 40% of respondents indicated that they felt unsafe in terms of their Taha Hinengaro (mental/emotional wellbeing) in the last 12 months



30%



30% said that they feel unsafe with their Taha Tinana (physical wellbeing)

21% have a health condition or disability that prevented them from carrying out daily tasks

21%



14%

Only 14% of respondents with a health condition feel like they always get the support they need from support services

42%

42% of respondents with a health condition or disability rated that they feel like they always get enough support from whānau

732 Māori whānau

MĀTAURANGA



Mātauranga Māori Heretaunga Mātauranga

Revitalise Heretaunga mātauranga and create Heretaunga resources to invest in Heretaunga tangata.

Environmentally Damaging



Our guaranteed rights and interests under Te Tiriti o Waitangi are under constant attack and threatens the peace and goodwill of Te Iwi Māori hard mahi over the past 30 years. Last year the most significant destructive weather force event in 100 years created unbelievable destruction, this year another unbelievable destructive force, a coalition government, blasts in to sever limbs and

amputate dislodge at the very hip joint, our guaranteed rights and interest of active protection and partnership under Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The pipeline to continue to just hold the line, is unrelenting, constant, work without end, a fight for our cultural survival and you got to love it. Oh, to be Māori said our Kaumatua Rangatira Eru Smith. Nā Marei Apatu.

Knowledge of Te Ao Māori

Knowledge of Whakapapa

	Number	%
Very Happy	244	33%
Happy	287	39%
Neutral	132	18%
Unhappy	56	8%
Very Unhappy	13	2%
Total	732	100%

Knowledge of Tikanga

	Number	%
Very Happy	226	31%
Happy	289	39%
Neutral	157	21%
Unhappy	48	7%
Very Unhappy	12	2%
Total	732	100%

Knowledge of Te Reo

	Number	%
Very Happy	127	17%
Happy	236	32%
Neutral	216	30%
Unhappy	121	17%
Very Unhappy	32	4%
Total	732	100%

21 % of respondents rated being unhappy or very unhappy of their knowledge of Te Reo. This was a higher % rating of unhappiness compared to their rating of their knowledge of tikanga (where 9% rated unhappy or very unhappy). Knowledge of whakapapa 10% rated unhappy or very unhappy of their knowledge of whakapapa. Both Gender Diverse or Takatāpui respondents rated being happy of their knowledge of Whakapapa, Tikanga and Te Reo.

Purea Nei - Science Wānanga

It has been 10 years since University of Otago were hosted by Ōmahu Marae. This initiative is the University's expression of relationship with our Iwi and their commitment to Māori development. Science Wānanga offers two three-day interactive science experiences for Māori students, scientists, iwi and the local community. Science is presented alongside Mātauranga Māori, encouraging students to understand connections and actions through science that is relevant to their lives. During the wānanga book work is used as little as possible, making science fun and interactive, whilst engaging students through practical and hands-on experiences.

Scan here for video



Kapa Haka Whakanuia



This year Te Oranga o Te Matau-a-Mauī (Health Hawke's Bay) invited Kāhui Ringahora - Māori Health Providers to take part in Kapa Haka Whakanuia during Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori to build and strengthen our whanaungatanga.

Any kaimahi who wanted to participate could opt-in to the kapa haka, which required commitment, dedication and for many who had never performed in a kapa haka roopu, the courage to step out of their comfort zone and immerse themselves in Te Ao Māori to fully participate and deliver a meaningful bracket.



NUKA: Transformative Indigenous Healthcare Model

Southcentral Foundation's Nuka System of Care (Nuka) is a relationship-based, customer-owned approach to transforming health care, improving outcomes and reducing costs. This year we sent nine delegates to attend the conference in Alaska, strengthening our relationship with Southcentral Foundation and building on our Ngākau Aotea staff training programme.

We know that offering integrated services can help Māori experience better health outcomes by making services more accessible, better connected, and addressing social and cultural determinants of health and through the transformational changes of Ngākau Aotea training for all of our staff, we are laying foundations for whānau to receive the absolute wraparound care that they need.



Nga Tini Whetū

Nga Tini Whetū is a whānau centred early intervention support designed to foster and strengthen whānau and improve the safety and wellbeing of our mokopuna. Marama works alongside the He Korowai Aroha team to support whānau with pepi in their first 5000 days.

Mātauranga Māori holds the key to whānau ora

My family and I have been under the guidance of Marama for three months, during which we have achieved significant milestones. Her support has been instrumental in easing our transition, particularly with our baby attending kōhanga. This aligns with traditional Māori parenting practices that emphasize community involvement and support. Marama fosters an environment of comfort and open communication, allowing us to engage in meaningful conversations that enhance our understanding of parenting.

Furthermore, Marama has facilitated networking opportunities with other services, broadening our access to resources beyond my immediate capabilities. Her assistance in organizing hui at my son's school exemplifies her holistic approach to family support. The comprehensive wrap-around care she provides includes promoting health and safety within our home environment.

Marama's encouragement to pursue further education in midwifery reflects a commitment to my personal growth and professional aspirations. She has actively supported me by providing transportation for meetings in Napier and Hastings, ensuring I am engaged with vital community initiatives. Additionally, her guidance on budgeting programs and financial mentorship has significantly improved our family's economic stability.

Experiencing mirimiri and counseling sessions through Marama's recommendations has contributed positively to my well-being. These experiences resonate with the importance of cultural practices that foster mental health within Māori communities. Overall, the past three months have been transformative thanks to Marama's support as we navigate both challenges and achievements together.





Noho Marae

Noho Marae is an Annual Event for all kaimahi at Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga to attend. Marae noho provides a safe space for kaimahi to understand the protocols of going on to a marae and taking part in the ancient rituals that take place.

Attending noho allows our kaimahi to get back to where we are as a kaupapa Māori organisation to enforce our values and reinforce and listen to the stories of our tipuna and the rohe of Heretaunga and Ngāti Kahungunu.



Te Ranga Mareikura Mahi Raranga

This marae based kaupapa about the movement forward that binds our values and visions together ā whānau, hapū, through mahi raranga.

The process of making whāriki or taonga through three day wānanga, facilitated by our Te Ranga Mareikura project team; Matua John Matthews, Whaea Keita Tuhi and Whaea Kui Tomoana from Ngāti Kahungunu whānui wanting to share their mātauranga, taonga tuku iho with any whānau willing to participate.

To date nine Heretaunga Marae have completed the wānanga with full completion expected next year

Each wānanga consist of marae me ona tikanga, whakamoemiti, whakapapa, waiata and more.

Te Ranga Mareikura is driven by Ngā Hekenga framework inspired by the rafters in Kahukuranui, Ōmahu that show connection and carry information forward to the future.

After delays caused by the cyclone, Ngā Marae o Heretaunga prioritised the completion of whāriki for the marae that were highly impacted by the cyclone such as Tāngoio, Petāne, Moteo and Waiohiki.



WHANAKE



Heretaunga Takoto Noa

Enhance whānau/hapū by empowering marae/hapū capability and capacity.

Cyclone Gabrielle Highlights Importance of Coordinated Incident Management Systems

Ngā Marae o Heretaunga and Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga attended CIMS training at Tamatea Sports Club this year. The Coordinated Incident Management System (CIMS) provides the structure for the command, control and coordination response to an emergency incident, so all personnel have a basic understanding of the principles of CIMS, its terminology and key functional areas.

Following this marae were given training on using fire extinguishers to take back to their marae.



Kaimahi Voice - George Edwards

22 years ago I started here as a Family Start worker, I had nothing, no tohu or anything, but as I worked through Family Start I was able to become a qualified registered social worker. I stayed in the role as tautoko whānau kaimahi for 12-13 years. Starting out in Family Start, with 'Nga Putiputi o Family Start' really helped because I was the only man in the team and I was taught by them and they showed me what my role should be and it really shaped me in the other roles that I have had till now.

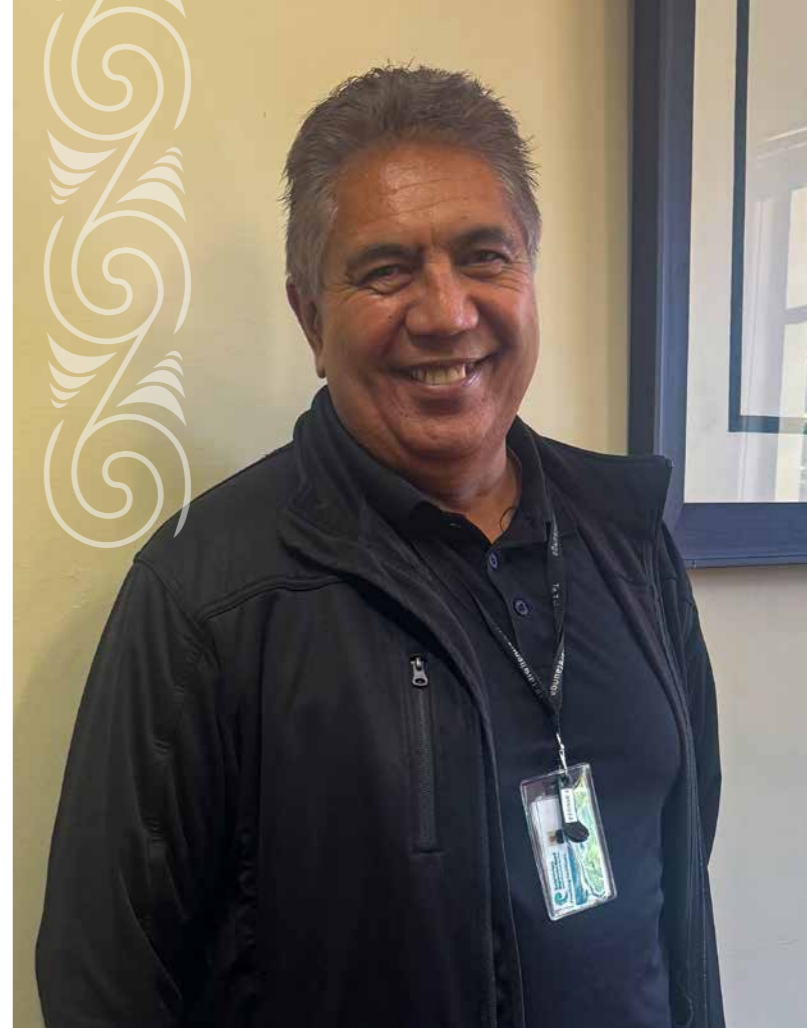
I was then part of the Maatataki team which was a culmination of a bunch of services all coming together where the door was open for any person that couldn't fit the criteria of our services. This work led to me running a dads group which was really awesome, it was meant to be teen dads, but as we gathered teen dads and older dads I carried it on as it was something in the community that was missing – there was nothing there for fathers and young dads. I would pick up the boys from high school and bring them along to these groups – a lot of times it was older dads teaching younger dads. It was a real eye opener for us, they learned how to cook, and they got more information about how to be a better father especially with having children or going into relationships where they are raising someone else's kids, they learnt how important it is just to raise the kids like they're their own.

I had a short term role in housing and then moved into Te Pae Oranga which I am now fully immersed in. Te Pae Oranga is a programme that we have with police for low offending where we offer another avenue instead of sending people to court. Keeping them out of the court system and the outcomes from that have been more than what our comrades the police had envisioned. When we first started it was 9-10% never reoffended and since then we have leapt up to 15% which is really great.

It's all about not talking down to our people, no judging our people – when I say our people that's every ethnicity, colour and creed – it's about understanding their culture and their background and being nonjudgemental.

We have a panel of community people that know of the different services available in the community and have a genuine aroha to help people go forward in a positive way. Our panel has been very successful, we have had both victims and participants (perpetrators) come and talk to one another, they've had the panel and each other crying, coming together to embrace and say sorry, with the victim saying, "it's ok – we can get through this."

It's been really great working and being part of people's lives – especially when you're walking down the street and participant's kids see you and they call out to you



across the road, I tell them how good it is to see them as a family. Even the Dads Groups, I see them from time to time and it's so beautiful to see whānau flourishing

Te Pae Oranga has been operating for 7 years and our connections with Police have been great. If we want to see this continue, because it's a kind of preventative measure, then it's up to the Police to keep believing in us, to not use judgement and keep referring people that really should be staying out of the court system through to us so that we can make those minor adjustments to stop re-offending.

The most common offences are around driver licensing, we've had people who have gone to court seven times because they continued to drive with no licence. Some people didn't know where to start, where to go or what to do to get their licence. They come through our doors and four days later they're sitting in front of me with a learners licence. They have not gone to court, they now have a licence, and they have achieved something that they thought was impossible!

I am really glad that we have a range of services at our fingertips to point people to so that they can get the help that they need so that they can keep moving forward and stay out of the court system, especially Te Poutama Tautoko, Mahea, Hiwa-i-te-Rangi and Whānau Ora.

He Purapura Whetū survey

Cultural identity, wairua (spirituality), Tuakiri (life/personal skills), hauora, mātauranga (education), and mahi (paid work)

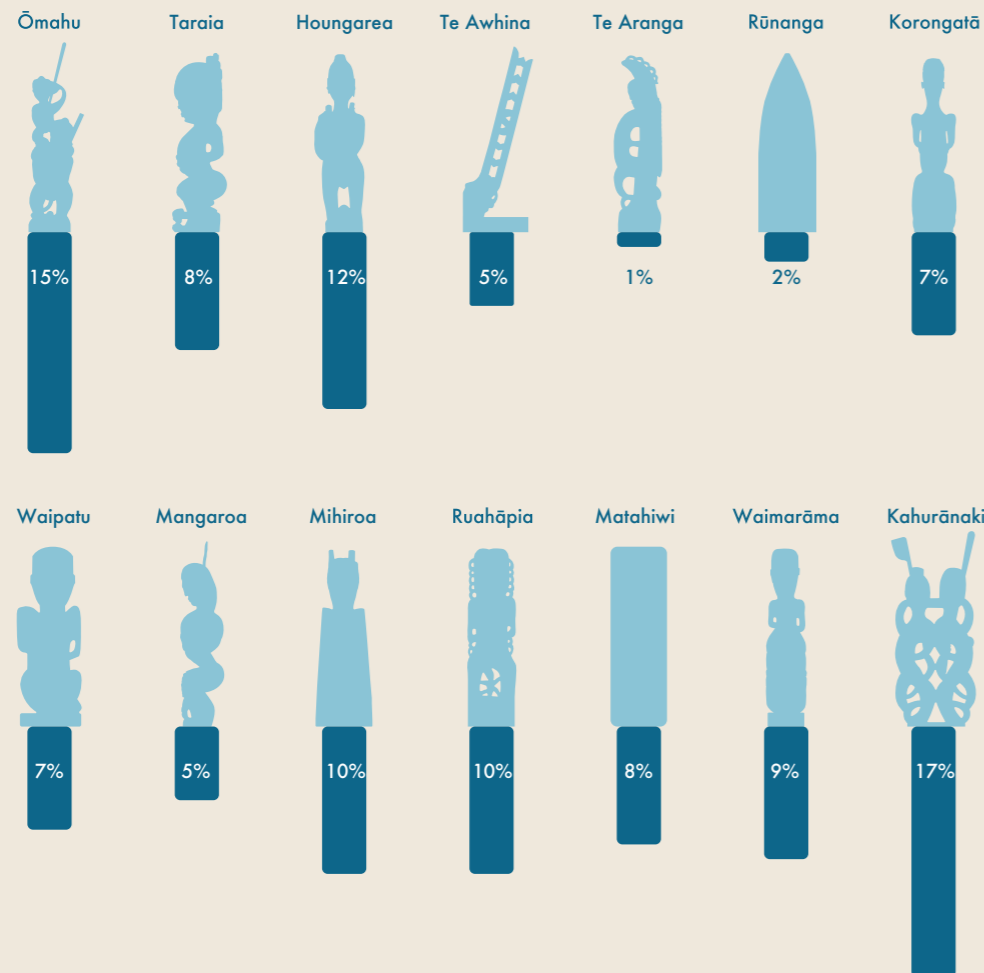


Iwi/Marae Engagement

Iwi - 77% of respondents identified as Ngāti Kahungunu iwi and 87% of these respondents identified they were Ngāti Kahungunu ki Heretaunga.

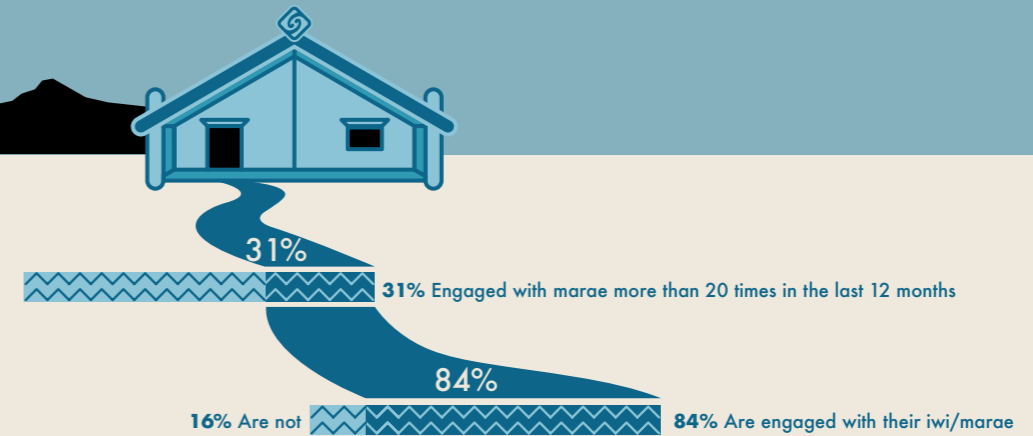
Marae - 23 % of respondent's whakapapa to a marae outside of Heretaunga.

50% of respondents identified with one marae within Heretaunga and 26.2% of respondents identified with more than one marae within Heretaunga. It should be noted that respondents selected as many marae as applicable. 84% of respondents indicated they were engaged with their iwi/ marae and 16% indicated they were not.



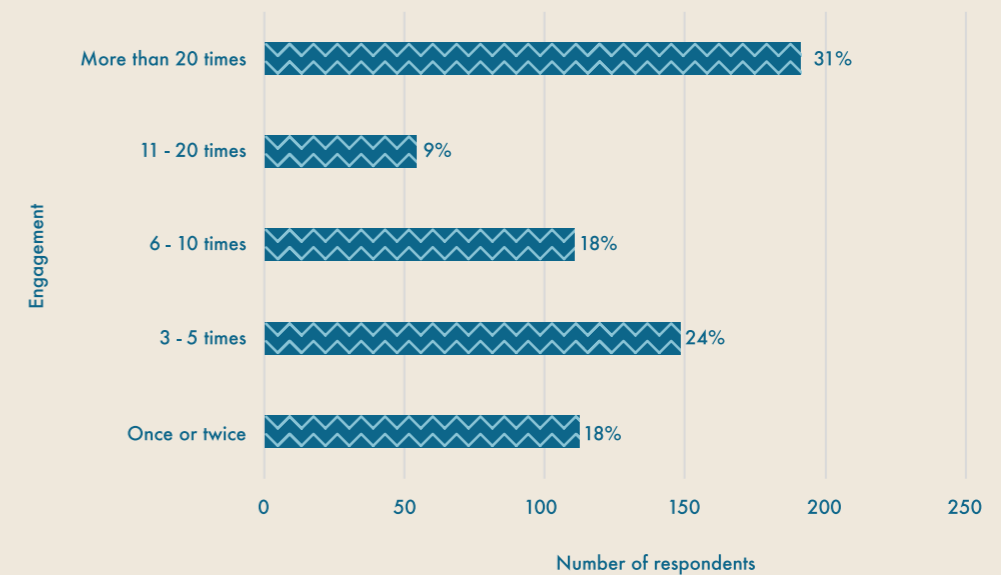
1% Winiata
 1 % Whitikaupeka
 23% Whakapapa to a marae outside of Heretaunga

Respondents engaged with Iwi/Marae



31% of respondents who were engaged with their Marae or/iwi said they engaged more than 20 time's in the last 12 months a further 27% indicated they were engaged between 6 to 20 times

Of respondents engaged : How often have you engaged with your marae and or iwi in the last 12- months?



The most common theme for not engaging with a marae and or iwi was geographic distance, cultural background and upbringing (raised away from marae, may not feel a strong cultural connection or tradition to visit marae). The remaining themes were a cultural connection (maintains cultural connection for important life events or special celebrations), on a cultural learning journey, shifts in whānau dynamics and lifestyle, work and time constraints.



Te Waireka celebrates fifth birthday

E Hine is a residential programme that offers a Te Ao Māori approach to supporting wāhine who have been referred through Corrections to heal, adjust old behaviours and work towards integration back into their community after being released from 'Te Hinaki.'

Using workbooks that connect wāhine to their whakapapa, Atua Māori and provide tools to strengthen their whare tapa whā, the thirteen week course has been life changing for many wāhine who have walked through the doors at Te Waireka in Ōtane.

As well as guest speakers from Corrections and Probation who gave full tautoko to the long-term sustainability of the service recognising the outcomes for not only wāhine but the whānau that they return to, a few wāhine in the programme spoke of their experiences sharing how they felt the wairua as soon as they arrived and gave thanks for the ongoing and heartfelt support of kaimahi.

One wāhine said that her reason for wanting to join the programme was to get closer to her whenua while at the same time, getting closer to her culture which she is hugely grateful for as she has achieved both and now feels so much more connected to who she is.

Ngā uaratanga o Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga (values) were mentioned throughout the day, with kaimahi, wāhine and manuhiri alike agreeing that by continually living, breathing and demonstrating whanaungatanga kaitiakitanga, whakamana and kotahitanga, that the aims for E Hine service and the personal goals set by each wāhine will be achieved.

Support also includes budgeting, getting birth certificates and driver license, connecting with outside services such as MSD and using computers to create a

CV or an email address. The wāhine also have access to counsellors through Te Poutama Tautoko and much loved Willy Mathewson of Narcotics Anonymous Waipukurau. Te Ara Waiora also visit to provide health checks and advice and our Whānau Ora team help with whānau plans.

When Te Waireka opened in 2019, Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga was met by a community that felt as though the rehabilitation programme would bring unsavoury behaviour to their home with one local asking "What promises can you give us that we will be safe?"

Five years later and our wāhine are warmly welcomed into not only the Ōtane community, but the wider community including Waipukurau.

Kahuirangi Tauri describes the benefits of taking our values with the wāhine into the community as a way to strengthen relationships with MSD who now provide one direct point of contact and Waipukurau Police who treat our wāhine with the utmost respect. The wāhine receive discounted gym memberships and received a donation last year from Ōtane Progressive of leftover goods that weren't required for Cyclone Gabrielle support.

Graham Wainwright of Corrections describes E Hine programme as trailblazing. Wainwright was at Corrections Head Office when the idea of wraparound support and a different way of doing things were being considered, so to return five years later he was very impressed adding that he looks forward to seeing at least another five years for the service and so long as he is at the helm, E Hine will get his continued support.

Multi-Systemic Therapy

Our Multisystemic Therapy (MST) helps whānau address the multiple causes of challenging and high-risk rangatahi behaviours, with the aim of helping whānau stay safely together, based in Palmerston North. Here is some of the feedback that our team has received:



Whānau voice

Haley helped me a lot. She helped me to grow and to tackle situations with my child almost daily. She didn't doubt me but showed me different approaches, not so harsh and to compromise more.

Caron's been very helpful. For us with Dad doing shift work it was hard to fully include him but Caron really accommodated the odd hours even coming over on Good Friday. I think it's going good but another 20 weeks would have been great

Before we started I didn't think I could do this but now everything's so much better, I can talk with my child not just yell at her.

Haley has helped with my children a lot. They talk with her even though they usually won't talk much. Haley is lovely and helping us as a family to reunite and create a bond

Rebecca is excellent and gets things off. Listens and communicates well. Very helpful, better than social workers and mental health. I've very much enjoyed my time with Rebecca and have come a long way with my child, including new rules etc. So now I'm doing a good job although my child might not agree!

The service has been an absolute lifesaver particularly being a single parent, just having someone to call late at night and discuss what was happening and what I'd done was golden. They had really good suggestions of what to do and they worked. Rebecca has been really good at dealing with my child, not pushing too hard, but challenged her a couple of times almost without her realising it. It's been awesome.

Rebecca and the team have been absolutely amazing especially when we went to OT with our child. The help and support from MST and Rebecca was fantastic. We couldn't have got where we are without them.

I couldn't be happier, Warrick was fantastic, there's a massive difference from where I was to where I am now. I'm sad to see him leave he's become almost part of the family. Even when I couldn't see him for a couple of weeks he was so resourceful and continued to be very helpful. I will recommend MST to everybody. It's a shame I didn't know about MST when my daughter was younger, the things I'm doing with my child now would have been so helpful with her

It was really great to be able to have the online sessions with Caron, with her being in a different place it was fantastic that we were still able to work with her. Especially at the start, Caron was always available and a couple of times rang people for me. She was very supportive and willing to do whatever I needed.

Helga is amazing, she's a great fit for my family and has already made a difference. I feel like there is more hope now that things will improve.

Whānau voice: A mihi to Family Start

Dear Janelle, Thank you for all that you have done for me and [redacted] these last couple of years. All of your unconditional love, support and trust will always be something I will never forget!

Both you and Kat have helped and supported me through my most hardest and life changing chapters in my life without fault. It's sad to say after 4yrs with family start that this chapter is now closing. You have helped me to evolve as a woman and mum, and I truly wouldn't know where I would be without you & Kat. Thank you for being one of my pillars. 4yrs ago I was in a domestic relationship trying to get to a place with love, safety and stability with [redacted]. To now being free of all that suffering, thriving in life and now happily engaged. As much as it's a happy ending for me and [redacted] I know it is for you too! And I'm happy you could be here for this milestone.

I will be sure that you get regular updates, and we will stay in contact.

You are amazing!!

We have removed whānau names to respect the privacy of the author.

Matariki Living Taonga Awards

The Matariki Living Taonga Awards are designed to acknowledge the hard work, integrity and talent of quiet achievers and role models across our Heretaunga communities.

This year our Mākirikiri Supreme Award went to Te Aranga, Ōmahu and Waipatu Marae along with Tamatea Rugby & Sports club for their manaakitanga, aroha and awahi of those most affected by Cyclone Gabrielle.





ŌHANGA



Heretaunga
Haaro o Te Kaahu

Empower individuals and whānau to become successful business owners and entrepreneurs through mentoring, mahi creation, innovation, and opportunity creation.

Making business Bizezi

Bizezi training gives the tools to develop a business idea and build a strong business plan to share a vision. With more than 100 participants registering for the two courses held this year, we asked a few of them what their highlights were.

Sheena Tonihi of Karakia Kreation's catering and Kai now runs the café at Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga, she says "doing the training made me confident to take the next step and gave me the confidence to know I can do it,"

"The training gave a taste of everything that is needed to start your business. I found it engaging and wanted to keep going."

Ren Karauria who owns Rens Tyres told us that the marketing side of the course really helped, so that he could understand how to create a website, what information to provide and how to promote his services.



Rush Fit

Kiri and Ritchie joined the Bizezi course because of a vision to run fitness classes in Camberley free of charge to the community with an aim to taking fitness to the people and finding joy in bringing light to other people's lives. Their classes were full of locals giving it a go, taking part and truly finding joy through fitness.



Te Haaro Board 2022 - 2024

Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga governance is carried out by Te Haaro Board of Trustees. Te Haaro determines the strategic direction of Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga and members are responsible for ensuring it is compliant with all legal and statutory requirements. The trustees are elected by 14 Heretaunga Marae.



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Chair



Kane Koko
Deputy Chair



Annette Harris
Waipatu



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Kahurānaki



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Mangaroa
NKII Heretaunga
Representative

Executive Management Team

Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga Executive Management Team are responsible for the operational side of the organisation. Their leadership ensures all of our contractual obligations are fulfilled, and that the organisation runs smoothly, safely and efficiently.



Waylyn Tahuri-Whaipakanga
Kaiwhakahaere Matua
Chief Executive Officer



Marei Apatu
Te Kaihautū



Lum Tahuri
Pou Tikanga



Andre LeGeyt
Chief Operating Officer



Catherine Sheridan
Chief Financial Officer
GM Corporate Services



Te Riwa Graham
GM Information
Technology



Jeanine Corke
GM Business Growth
and Design



Natasha Poloai
GM Human Resources



Serena Hakiwai
GM Marketing
and Communications

Managing Risk, Ensuring Quality

The Audit and Risk Committee ensures the organisation's financial and other affairs are conducted in accordance with all legal and professional requirements.

Staying Safe at Work

Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga takes its health and safety responsibilities very seriously. Our Health and Safety Committee monitors critical risks and mitigations to ensure we have a safe and healthy workforce.



Financial Summary

During the financial year 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga (TToH) Group recorded revenue of \$70.4M and a net surplus of \$7.1M.

An unqualified audit opinion was issued for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga Group experienced another successful financial year, with a 22.1% increase in annual revenue, this growth was driven by construction contracts, i.e. property sales, as well as delivering several new community-based services to whānau. This increase highlights TToH's capability to positively impact and deliver effective services to whānau in the community.

Net Surplus

The overall group result is a surplus of \$7.1M. The Group remains dedicated to providing essential community services, property developments for whānau and affordable housing projects. Although revenue has increased, operating and administration expenses also rose significantly by 13.12% (2023: 7.31%) to \$51.8 million (2023: \$45.8M), with personnel costs making up \$28.5 million of the total.

Asset Base

TToH Group has maintained a strong balance sheet. As at 30 June 2024, TToH had accumulated reserves of \$41.5M (2023: \$34.6M).

The Group continues to have the ability to pay its debts when they fall due, through a managed cash flow. The Group will continue to strategically navigate the potential opportunities and challenges within its contractual environment.

Financial History

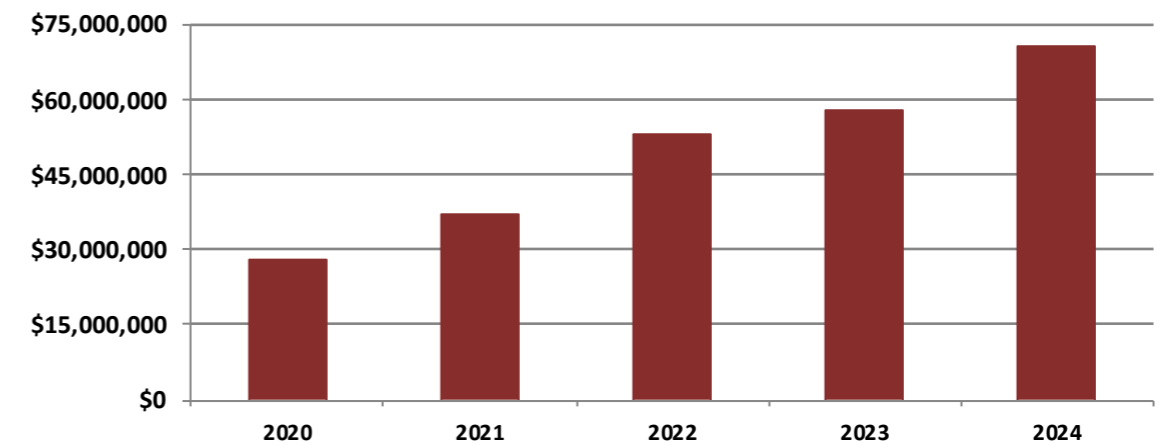
The current assets of TToH Group have been built up over 39 years through commercial contracts with government agencies and the investment of the Trust's financial surpluses.

The assets have not been derived either directly or indirectly from Treaty Settlement funds. Legally the assets belong wholly to the Trust and only Te Haaro can use them for the charitable purposes stated in the Trust Deed.

TToH Group has operated successfully for many years through informed decision making and careful management.

Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga Group Financial Performance 2020 - 2024

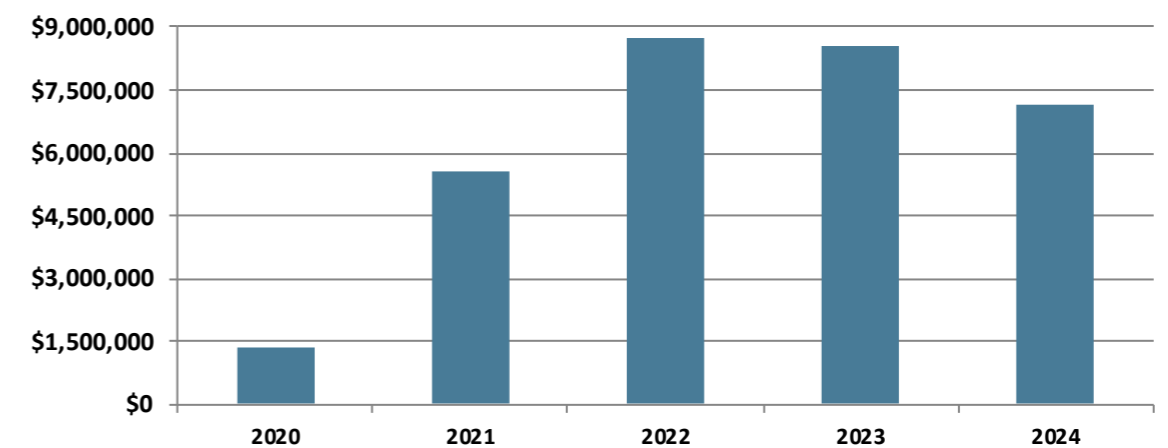
Total Revenue



Revenue

TToH Group achieved revenues during the current year of \$70.4M.

Overall Surplus



Overall profit and loss

TToH Group recorded a surplus of \$7.1M for the current year.

Te Taiwhenua O Heretaunga Trust
Summary General Purpose Financial Report
Summary Consolidated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

All figures are in NZ\$ and rounded to the nearest thousand

Summary Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense for the year ended 30 June 2024	2024 \$000's	2023 \$000's
Revenue from Operations	70,407	57,659
Cost of Sales	(12,326)	(3,962)
Gross Profit	58,081	53,697
Expenses from Operations	(51,890)	(45,871)
Operating Surplus	6,191	7,826
Finance Income	888	325
Finance Costs	(19)	(19)
Net Finance Income	869	306
Gain/(Loss) on disposal of available for sale financial assets	0	421
Net other gains	0	421
Share of equity accounted investees surplus for the year	79	0
Surplus/Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expense	7,139	8,553

Summary Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Assets/Equity for the year ended 30 June 2024		
Balance as at 1 July	34,653	26,316
Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expense	7,139	8,553
Distributions	(256)	(216)
Balance as at 30 June	41,536	34,653
Comprising:		
Accumulated Revenue and Expense	41,536	34,653
Total Net Assets / Equity	41,536	34,653

Summary Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2024		
Current Assets	50,536	40,203
Non-Current Assets	16,740	11,662
Total Assets	67,276	51,865
Current Liabilities	25,224	16,677
Non-Current Liabilities	516	535
Total Liabilities	25,740	17,212
Net Assets / Equity	41,536	34,653

Summary Consolidated Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 30 June 2024		
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	14,971	6,006
Net Cash Flows to Investing Activities	(14,959)	(6,688)
Net Cash Flows to Financing Activities	(19)	(19)
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(7)	(700)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Year	8,240	8,940
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Year	8,233	8,240

Te Taiwhenua O Heretaunga Trust
Summary Consolidated Statement of Service Performance
for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

OUR OUTCOMES

Nga Kainga	2024	2023
<i>Support whānau into housing ownership, tenancy, social and emergency housing</i>		
# of Housing Service Referrals	332	398
<i>Build 120 Homes</i>		
# of Homes Built	12	10
Oranga	2024	2023
<i>Support 20,000 whānau in the region</i>		
# of completed appointments by all services in PMS	46,500	56,956
<i>Alternative types of healthcare</i>		
# of Whānau using alternative methods of healthcare such as rongoa, mirimiri and mindfulness	121	52
Whanake	2024	2023
<i>Support Tamariki and their whānau on their journey of Tino rangatiratanga</i>		
# of core and additional visits by Tamariki Ora	4,458	4,263
<i>Support Rangatahi and their whānau on their journey of Tino rangatiratanga</i>		
# of Rangatahi enrolled in health-related services Hauora & Taiora	296	193
Ohanga	2024	2023
<i>Work with employers, industry, local government, training organisations and other entities to access or create employment opportunities for TToH community</i>		
# of goals set by Whanau relating to employment, or gaining skills, knowledge and relevant information that will increase the chance of employment e.g. licences, training etc Whānau Ora	156	158
# of staff in education or training	99	43
# of rangatahi offered cadetships, and of those cadetships, were offered fulltime jobs at TToH	2	6

This summary general purpose financial report have been extracted from the full general purpose financial report and prepared in compliance with PBE FRS 43 Summary Financial Statements. They comply with Public Benefit Entity Standards as they relate to summary financial statements. All figures are in NZ\$ and rounded to the nearest \$000's.

The full general purpose financial report was authorised for issue by the Trustees on 27 November 2024.

The full general purpose financial report have been prepared in accordance with PBE Standards and they comply in full with those Standards.

The summary consolidated financial statements do not include all the disclosures provided in the full consolidated financial statements and cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as provided by the full consolidated financial statements.

The full consolidated financial statements have been audited and an unmodified opinion was expressed over all periods presented in these summary consolidated financial statements.

A full set of the audited consolidated financial statements is available from: The Chief Executives Office, PO Box 718, Hastings 4156. Telephone 06 871 5350.

Report of the independent auditor on the summary general purpose financial report

To the Board of Trustees of Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga Trust

The summary general purpose financial report which comprises:

- the summary consolidated financial statements including:
 - the summary consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024;
 - the summary consolidated statement of comprehensive revenue and expense for the year then ended;
 - the summary consolidated statement of changes in net assets/equity for the year then ended;
 - the summary consolidated cash flow statement for the year then ended; and
 - related notes
- the summary consolidated statement of service performance for the year then ended

Our opinion

The summary general purpose financial report is derived from the audited general purpose financial report of Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga Trust, including its subsidiary (the Group) for the year ended 30 June 2024.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary general purpose financial report is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited general purpose financial report, in accordance with PBE FRS-43: Summary Financial Statements issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

Summary general purpose financial report

The summary general purpose financial report does not contain all the disclosures required by the Public Benefit Entity Standards issued in New Zealand (NZ PBE Standards). Reading the summary general purpose financial report and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited general purpose financial report and the auditor's report thereon. The summary general purpose financial report and the audited general purpose financial report does not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited general purpose financial report.

The audited general purpose financial report and our report thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited general purpose financial report in our report dated 27 November 2024.

Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees for the summary general purpose financial report

The Board of Trustees are responsible, on behalf of the Trust, for the preparation of the summary general purpose financial report in accordance with PBE FRS-43: Summary Financial Statements.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary general purpose financial report is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited general purpose financial report based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (New Zealand) 810 (Revised), Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

Our firm carries out other services for the Group in the areas of tax advisory services and a subscription to the PwC professional development portal. The provision of these other services has not impaired our independence as auditor of the Group.

Who we report to

This report is made solely to the Board of Trustees, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state those matters which we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trust and the Board of Trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.

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27 November 2024

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Pūrongo ā-Tau

Annual Report 2024

1 Hōngongoi 2023 ki 30 Piripi 2024
1 July '23 to 30 June '24



Te Taumata o Waingākau: The WHDL Board of Directors visit site to inspect the quality of homes being built for whānau Māori (L-R): Kane Koko (Director) Mike Paku (Chair), Waylyn Tahuri-Whaipakanga (Director), and George Reedy (Independent Director) – Dec '23.

Karere ā-Tiamana Waingākau Chair Message

Tangata ako ana i te kāinga te tūrangā ki te marae, tau ana. A person nurtured in the community contributes strongly to society.

As Chair, I'm once again privileged to present the Pūrongo ā-Tau for Waingākau Housing Development Limited (WHDL) for the year ending 30 Piripi '24.

Firstly, thank you to our Shareholder, Te Haaro, Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga (TToH) Board of Trustees. Your unwavering support and belief in the Waingākau vision has been critical as we have revised our internal processes and reset our approach.

Since inception in 2019, WHDL has continued to progress and gone from strength-to-strength, reaching significant milestones. We have now completed 40% of the total 87 homes in Stages 1 to 6, with a further 30% in Design or Under Construction, leaving only 30% remaining in Stage 6. This includes six Affordable Rentals, which have merged into the Waingākau hapori seamlessly. Our commitment to high standards of Haukāinga Hauora (Healthy Homes) providing warm, dry, safe and efficient homes remains unchanged. These achievements have sometimes come at costs above our budgeted spend which in some cases are a reflection of the current economic times and the costs associated with this. However, this impressive progress is a truly remarkable feat and has provided the opportunity for WHDL to reset our focus and align back to our two aspirations:

1. The primary goal and output is to make the dream of obtaining a high-quality home a reality for inter-generational whānau Māori. This is focused across Ngā Kāinga Poutama (Housing Continuum) from Affordable Rentals, Public Housing to Homeownership.

2. The ultimate goal and outcome is focused on building a supportive, inter-generational community; where whānau are at the center, people look out for each other and contribute to the thriving, positive and safe community that they live in. A strong vibrant community is a diverse and healthy community of mixed-tenure.

We are very proud that we have supported seven whānau in total (with a further two whānau likely before Christmas) to purchase a home, via the TToH supported Shared Equity Programme. Looking forward, we are pleased to announce that TToH have secured Progressive Home Ownership funding via the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development to continue to support whānau Māori via the Shared Equity pathway. This support of whānau along their home ownership journey remains the key focus, where we now have close to 30 whānau calling Waingākau home.

We are also very pleased with the start of Stage 6 civil infrastructure, which will unlock 26 more lots with an average section size of 524m². This significant project will be completed before end of the year and allow more homes as planned. This milestone will allow the team to focus on finding efficient solutions for the awkward shaped Stage 7 with neighbouring landowners and Te Aranga Marae.

Finally, we wish to sincerely thank our many partners and individuals who have supported our journey and remain resolute to our vision of a nurturing, vibrant community. We look forward to your continued support and working with you into the future.

Tihei Mauri Ora
Tihei Waingākau

Nā,

Mike Paku
WHDL Chair

Mauri noho: The Wilson-McGhee whānau starting their journey in their new home with karakia



This is our Homestead

As a family of five, with four grandchildren, Jontè and Luke had always dreamed of buying their own home and helping out their whānau. So three years ago when they were told their rental lease was up, they decided it was now or never.

The only trouble was, that none of the houses in their price range fit the bill. As Jontè says "house prices were high, and homes within our budget were a bit rundown." Luke agrees, "they were always missing one or two of the essentials on our list, and the real estate agents just talked jargon." So when Jeanette, the mortgage broker mentioned Waingākau, Jontè and Luke went online for a look.

That was the moment that changed their lives, as Luke says "once we decided to go with Waingākau, there was no more stress. We were talking the same language, and the whole process was made easy by Vanessa and the team." Their first time buying a home and buying off plans at that. Jontè and Luke agree that the experience was so good they would 100% buy off plans again.

Jontè says that shared equity was the leg-up they needed. "We could have gotten into a smaller house without it, but we really wanted four bedrooms, because with our kids the front door is always revolving, and the attached living is there for Luke's elderly parents when they need it."

"We loved the location, and we trusted the process. With Waingākau we had the confidence and the support. We could lock in the price, and the shared equity was a blessing. It really helps people who aren't quite there yet."

How does it feel having a brand-new off-plan home? "The whānau absolutely love it. So much space and it's ours. Our son and his partner live here, my god-daughter is here. This is the homestead now, like we used to have with our koroua, and that's what we had always planned."



Keys secured: Jontè and Luke making the dream of owning their own family home come true

Sorted Kāinga Ora Homeownership education

Sorted Kāinga Ora is a Te Puni Kōkiri-funded course designed to help whānau build their financial capability and support them on their journey to home ownership. Robyn Taka shares the highlights and lessons she took away from completing the eight-week course.

The very first session left a strong impression on me because our homework was to find out our credit score. That was my first lightbulb moment – you can't avoid the reality of your credit score.

Initially, talking about money was really tough. Money isn't always a comfortable topic, especially with strangers. But creating a safe space to discuss our financial situations was really valuable. Vanessa, one of the facilitators, told us early on that the more honest we were about our financial situations, the more genuine the help we would receive.

After a few of us spoke in code and didn't really get to the point, I took Vanessa's advice to heart and decided to be upfront and honest. I explained my situation and asked for help. We had been living in a weekly deficit after hitting a rough patch but saying it out loud made me feel free and open to receiving the help needed to move forward.

Being honest with them meant I got the most out of the course because they could then provide a tailored plan. They would say, "This is what you need to do." It wasn't just about being honest with them, but also with myself. Acknowledging our situation out loud gave me a starting point for change.

All of the guest speakers were fantastic – different whānau, different backgrounds, different journeys, but the same goal. That was inspiring.

I particularly connected with one speaker's story. We had both lived a simple life with paddocks, long-drops, and tank water. My kids experienced that too. I thought if they had attended, they might appreciate what we have now even more. We endured two-minute showers and trips to the laundromat, all as part of our journey forward.

Now, I openly discuss money with my kids. If we're struggling, I tell them – not to burden them, but to make them aware. By the end of the course, I checked my credit rating again, and the proof of what I had learned was there in black and white – my credit score had improved. I'm really grateful that our whānau are in a Whare Āhei home which really makes us feel closer to being able to achieve homeownership one day soon.

Getting Sorted started with Getting Real for Robyn



Robyn graduates: Rikki Te Kira and Vanessa Rimene give Robyn the thumbs up

Tā Tātau Hapori Our Community

Community members from Waingākau, Flaxmere West gathered to address ongoing anti-social behaviour plaguing the area, including unsafe driving, theft, and illegal dumping on the marae and surrounding grounds in and around Waingākau.

The group, of homeowners and residents, kura staff, Te Aranga Marae Trustees, City Assist ambassadors, Flaxmere Community Patrol members, Hastings District Council staff and Police, unanimously agreed that it is time to reclaim their streets, homes, and communities, echoing the sentiments of Henare O'Keefe from 2008 – Enough is Enough.

Matariki Perepe-Perana, a local resident, Principal of Te Kura o Kimi Ora and Chair of Te Whare Aroha o Ngā Mokopuna, emphasised the importance of extending the values taught at the kura beyond the school gates. "Whakamānawa is about honouring and respecting our whenua, our whānau, our marae, and our neighbours. All we really want is for our community and the whenua that we live on to be respected," said Matariki.

Shona West, Chairperson of Te Aranga Marae, voiced her concerns, "Enough is enough. Dumping on our marae grounds, dangerous activities, and bringing funny business into our community must stop. We need to know that our mokopuna are safe, whether they are in or around schools, kohanga, or at the Marae."

Eru Hiko Tahuri, a Waingākau homeowner, echoed these sentiments, "We are lucky to be homeowners. This is our neighbourhood, and we want to look after it," a sentiment shared by all other residents and homeowners.

Local Police officer Sue Liley who was raised in Flaxmere attended the meeting to show support for local residents and to offer assistance as part of the solution. She was joined by Hastings District Council's City Assist team, Night Security teams, and Parks and Reserves teams, who all play a role in keeping the area safe, clean, and well-maintained.

Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga CEO, Waylyn Tahuri-Whaipakanga closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their support of the kura, the marae, and the community, reminding them of the moemoeā (dreams and aspirations) of those who laid the foundation for what is now Te Aranga and Waingākau – a vision of a nurturing community where whānau flourish.



Enough is Enough: James Lyver, Matariki Perepe-Perana, Eru Hiko Tahuri and Shona West share their message on the airwaves



Whai Pānga Shared Equity

Shared Equity (or Shared Ownership) is a tool to help whānau secure a mortgage. Te Puni Kōkiri and Ministry of Housing and Urban Development support TToH to purchase a percentage of the home (equity).

The aim of Shared Equity is to help families, who otherwise wouldn't be able to step into home ownership.

Shared Equity works like a 'Deposit Booster' to aid families in getting a mortgage. Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga buys a portion of the house (equity), and over 15 years, the family buys out this share.

Since 2019 we have received over \$1million support from Te Puni Kōkiri, we have seen seven whānau become homeowners in Waingākau through this scheme with a further two whānau taking up the opportunity before Christmas this year.



Koia kei a koutou: The Walker-Morrell's have made their dream a reality through the support of TToH Shared Equity scheme

Whai kāinga Progressive Home Ownership

This year we have secured a similar opportunity to shared equity with Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which aims to provide interest-free loans to assist 11 eligible families to move into Waingākau through Progressive Home Ownership.

To access Progressive Home Ownership, priority will be given to Māori, Pacific peoples, and families with children who struggle with the deposit and mortgage repayments. This may include lower to median income households or those who can't afford to service a low deposit mortgage.

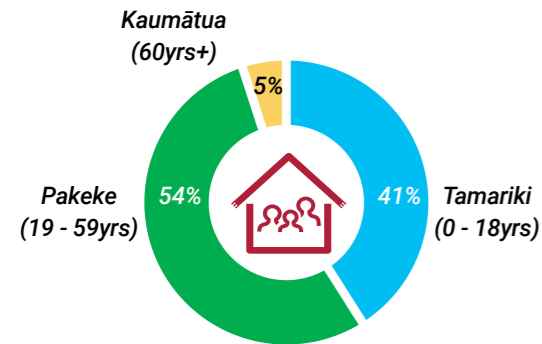


Marae whakatau: The Vlaardingerbroek whānau at Te Aranga Marae

Whānau Living within Waingākau

Waingākau remains dedicated to supporting individuals who aspire to achieve homeownership and are determined to turn that dream into a reality. The impact on our 97 homeowners has been profound, with many experiencing significant positive changes in their lives. The ambitions of Waingākau continue to grow stronger.

A key aspect of our vision involves creating a community around Te Aranga marae where generations including mokopuna and kaumātua live and thrive together.



Ringa Raupā

Pakihi tautoko Supporting small local businesses



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At Waingākau, our partnerships mean more than just working together. We help each other grow, which in turn allows us to hāpai more people on the journey. Anthony Johnson is testament to that, he's a junior architectural technician with our long-time partner - Simply Architecture.

He might not have known it at the time but Anthony's career in architecture started when he was 10 years old playing Minecraft, with a special interest in designing whare. By the time he was 14 and at St. John's College, he knew that was the direction he wanted to go in.

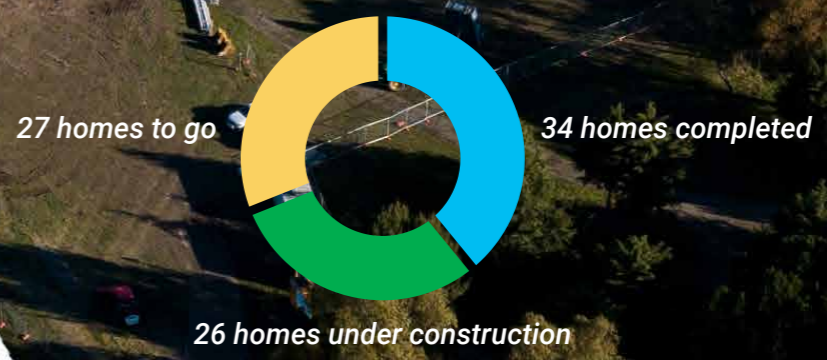
Anthony says it was his Aunty that set him on the path. "She worked at Te Aho a Māui and the architectural technology course came across her desk, so she immediately told me about it. I had a huge amount of support from my whānau right from the start, especially my mum who is an amazing role model, and I could see that all the hard work would pay off. It's just sticking to your goal and thinking of your future and the future of your tamariki."

After completing his studies at EIT, Anthony started at Simply Architecture in December 2022 and has already been involved in the design of Waingākau affordable rental homes. He says it's his dream job. "It's the kaupapa, wanting to give back to the community and seeing what Waingākau is doing for whānau. I've learnt it's not all about the designs, it's about working with the team to make sure we have the best outcome for the people who will live there. It's a learning experience that has definitely made me think about things differently."

What advice would Anthony give to young people considering a professional career path? "Gather the best support around you. Look at the long term, the bigger picture, and keep that clear vision in mind. That's what gets me out of bed in the morning." He laughs "that and my two-year-old daughter and four-year-old son, that's why I do this."



Stages 1-6 Build Progress



 **Waingākau**

**“Tangata ako ana i te kāinga,
te tūranga ki te marae, tau ana.”**

A person nurtured in the community contributes strongly to society



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