

Community Outcome – Nga Manukura: *Māori leadership*



Tikanga/ Kawa (values);
Whanaungatanga (relationship building)
Tautoko (Vision Moemoeā- Aspirations/ goals)
Māori determination and integrity.
Sustained Iwi Māori leadership in Waitakere.

Nurturing and growing Māori leadership for the Māori community of Waitakere is ongoing and necessary. There is a number of initiatives within the Māori community which provide for the development of Māori leadership from youth leadership to sustaining experienced leadership. As Māori engage with other stakeholders, including the council on a range of issues there is a need to ensure that Māori leadership is supported in terms of its capacity to engage effectively.

Related outcome areas

- Working together - *Te Mahi Tahī*

Who is contributing to make this outcome happen?

A number of agencies is involved to achieve this community outcome. These are listed below.

| Who | How |
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| Te Whanau O Waipareira Trust | • Established elders group known as Te Roopu Kaumatua to enable kaumātua participation in decision making |
| Te Piringatahi O Te Maungarongo Marae | • Nga Puhī taurahere group – enables the voice of young people to be recognised by way of rangatahi representation within its decision making processes |
| Te Roopu Wahine Māori Toko I Te Ora (Māori Women's Welfare League) West Auckland branches. | • Strategic priority is to recruit young Māori wahine to support the development of Māori women's leadership |
| Waitakere City Council | • Established a standing committee of the council, Te Taumata Runanga and supported a Māori youth forum, Te Roopu Puawai o Waitakere |

What is being done to make this outcome happen?

While there are many agencies involved in working to achieve this community outcome, there are also many planned and completed initiatives that will help. A number of those contributing to the Nga Manukura - *Māori leadership* community outcome, are outlined in the table below.

| Community Outcome | Intent | Initiative | Who |
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| Mauri Ora - Access to Māori resources | Strengthen the role of Māori leadership in council's decision making processes | Review of Te Taumata Runanga | Te Taumata Runanga, Council |
| | | Reactivate forum for Elected Māori members | Te Taumata Runanga, Council |



"What we like about living in Waitakere is its really friendly."

Celeste & Ricky, Glen Eden East

● Example: Te Taumata Runanga

Te Taumata Runanga is deemed to have the status of a Standing Committee of the Waitakere City Council. The Taumata's objectives are to ensure that:

- Māori values are considered in the council's decision making;
- ensure that the council can meet its obligations to the tangata whenua;
- ensure that the council considers the needs of the Māori community in effective service provision;
- regularise communication between Māori and the council and its committees;
- ensure that the council is aware of and sensitive to, issues of concern to the tangata whenua and local Māori people; and
- to provide the council with a structure to facilitate input into the council's decisions that have cultural significance to Māori people.

● Example: Taura Here groups

Leadership within the Māori community of Waitakere is constantly changing, with many leaders either relocating elsewhere in the country or overseas, or returning to their tūrangawaewae. Consequently this has left a void in the Māori community, meaning the community have had to review how to grow and sustain Māori leadership. This has been achieved through succession planning, mentoring, election and representation processes. It has also been assisted by extending their networks with other Māori leaders in various designated roles, such as calling upon Māori church leaders to assist where there is need.

In response to this crisis there is a steady emergence of Māori groups developing processes to strengthen their relationships with each other, and to have an effective voice in local matters as well as maintain their links to tribal interests. These groups are known as Taura Here (networks in large urban centres, which provide links back to iwi and their taiwhenua or land districts). For example the Taura Here o Nga Puhi meets regularly at the city's community marae – Te Piringatahi o Te Maungarongo marae. These gatherings provide an opportunity for descendants of Nga Puhi living in Waitakere to reaffirm their links and to support initiatives that promote Nga Puhitanga, such as wananga held in the city, the Nga Puhi Ball held at the Waitakere Trusts Stadium, and the Nga Puhi Festival 2007 held in the Telstra Clear Pacific events centre. Taura Here processes contribute to reconnecting people with each other and provide access to a source of individuals with potential leadership capabilities.

● Example: Te Rōpu Puawai o Waitakere

The council and Te Taumata Runanga (standing committee of the council) saw an opportunity to contribute to the development of Māori leadership, and have established a forum for Māori youth to come together and share ideas on areas of particular interest.

Te Rōpu Puawai o Waitakere is an example of supporting a community process to encourage emerging leaders in a local government context. Te Rōpu Puawai was set up by Te Taumata Rūnanga to ensure that rangatahi (youth) views from across the city could be represented. The vision of this Rōpu is to nurture young Māori so that they can become strong and confident. It provides an environment for young Māori to talk directly to the council on important issues affecting Māori youth and ensure that Māori values are respected in the council's decision-making. Te Rōpu Puawai o Waitakere has not yet reached its full potential, which creates further opportunity for this forum to assist in the development of Māori leadership at another level.



"Nice school."

Daniel, Te Atatu South

"Peaceful and clean."

Faitoaga, Henderson

"Waitakere is the best in New Zealand."

Ioane, Henderson