

Community Outcome: Te Mana Whakahaere - *Autonomy*



Tikanga/ Kawa (values):
Rangatiratanga (Whanau based self determination)
Tautoko (Vision Moemoeā- Aspirations/ goals)
Active protection of Māori interests in accordance with the treaty of recognition of Iwi Māori.

The Waitakere experience has shown that given the opportunity communities including the Māori community are very capable of creating, controlling and managing their affairs. Community ownership or enabling communities to be future makers recognises that Māori communities are self-governing, which involves a Māori world view, appropriate representation, varied levels of reporting and mandating, inclusive consultation processes, agreed priorities, timeframes and a collective voice. The Waitakere way is about working smarter and cooperatively to find local solutions.

Related outcome areas

- Whaiora - *Participation in Society*
- Strong Economy - *He tupuranga kaha ihi wana*

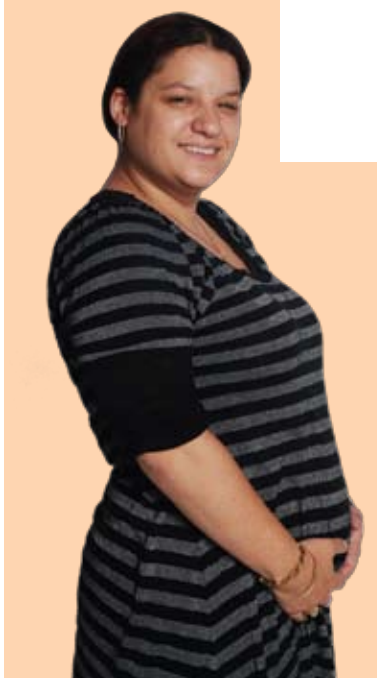
Who are some of the key contributors to making this outcome happen?

Who	How
Ngati Whatua and Te Kawerau A Maki	• A wide variety of tribal development initiatives
Waitakere City Council	• Te Taumata Runanga monthly meetings
Te Whanau O Waipareira Trust	• Whānau monthly meeting, Kaumatua monthly meeting
Hoani Waititi Marae	• Marae Committee, Whare Wananga meetings, Kura kaupapa and Whare Kura meetings

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 some specific planned and completed initiatives.

Community Outcome	Intent	Initiative	Who
Te Mana Whakahaere – <i>Autonomy</i>	Strengthen the role of Māori leadership in council's decision making processes	Review of Te Taumata Runanga, including the implementation of Te Aho Tumanako	Te Taumata Runanga, Council
	Establish an asset base for tribal development	Pursuit of Treaty of Waitangi claim settlement	Ngati Whatua and Kawerau a Maki
	Support the realisation of Māori potential	Implementation of the Māori Potential Framework, with key outcome areas of mana (leadership), rawa (resources) and matauranga (knowledge)	Te Puni Kokiri



"Safety and community spirit is important to me."

Jamiee, Ranui

Protecting Māori Heritage

The council works closely with two manawhenua groups in the city Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngati Whatua on resource management issues. The District Plan, chapter four, contains statements by both groups outlining their own resource management concerns. Both sets of statements make reference to heritage, including heritage sites and waahi tapu. These two groups have specified heritage areas within the city.

The cultural heritage inventory of the Auckland Regional Council is another source of information that records some aspects of Māori interests in the form of archaeological sites. There are over 600 sites in Waitakere. Most are midden sites and other sites show recorded evidence of past Māori settlement.

● **Table 32: Summary of types of recorded archaeological sites in Waitakere (2007)**

Summarised site type	Number	%
Māori midden site	298	48
Māori living and gardening site (surface features such as terraces, pits, platforms)	80	13
Site of historic building or buildings or settlement	75	12
Caves and rock shelters with evidence of occupation by Māori	67	11
Historic structures, machinery and industrial sites	40	6
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Burials	20	3
Others (sites with no archaeological evidence or not classified)	7	1
Total recorded sites	623	100

Source: Auckland Regional Council, Cultural Heritage Inventory

● Example: Te Atatu marae development

The council's Marae Support Policy recognises the role of marae as an important public space and supports the expression of Māori culture and practices through marae development.

The Te Atatu Marae development project is a key priority for the council, the Māori community and wider community of Waitakere. The project has been through a lengthy process involving the Environment Court to achieve a district plan change. A working group known as the Te Atatu Marae Development Group enables key members of the community to work alongside the council. The development group ensures that the momentum of the project is maintained in council processes, and other external processes which impact on the project's development.



"More trains and buses is what I'd like to see in my community and a food market."

Alistair, Glen Eden