

# **WELLBEING SUMMIT**

## **NOTES FROM WORKSHOP GROUP 7: MAORI CAUCUS**

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### **Workshop 6 : Kaumatua and Kuia**

- Feel warm, safe, secure and empowered
- Children take responsibility for elders
  - Check upon each other
  - Tautoko/awhi manaaki
  - Keeping up with rates difficult
- Spaces – what relevance is that for Maori, not enough meeting places for all our people or appropriate spaces for social interaction
- Good to caucus first, not many Maori in group
  - Holistic approach
  - Bureaucrats are for individuals
  - Community mandate

### **Workshop 3 – Rangatahi**

- Need for outreach services, access, healthy and safe environment
- Included in decision making, management of information
- Intervention programmes – wrap around services, whānau environment
- Looking at different ways of reducing inequalities
- Strength based approach
- Mentors
- Maori/pākehā different communities
  - Hard to connect for Maori
  - Maori service providers/workers are missing – what does that tell us about the health of our community
  - Maori don't vote

### **Workshop 2: Turangawaewae, Hapu and Iwitanga**

- Maori found it difficult to participate
- Framework of summit unsuitable – tight timeframes against the lores of hui
- Lack of time in workshops not planned well
- Lip service – Te Taumata Runanga
- Concerns about commitment
  - Treaty
  - Maori community
- Wellbeing strategy plays lip service – evident in Maori representation in WBC Summit
- Concern about how Maori are portrayed in the community
- Responsibility on our babies
  - We need to pick up the responsibility of their care
- Need facilities for our people/rangatahi/call centre
- Better transport for koutou katoa
- What do kaupapa models look like for us
- Understand urban Maori needs differ from suburban
- Urban/suburban
  - Language is different
  - Knowledge gap for us
  - Time for learning
  - Actualise kaupapa Maori models

- Council needs to invest in employment/education opportunities for Maori
- Deficit for Maori – they don't have enough to live on
- Praise whānau who manage on less
- Cycle of deprivation
- Our response to prepare for the future
  - Planning
  - Decision making
  - Free health/education
- Inappropriate advisors working for our whānau
- Food security – can afford to eat
- Profits from gambling/alcohol don't come back to our people

**Possible Action**

- Community garden driven by kaumātua/kuia, whānau/rangatahi
- Maori as entrepreneurs – buying properties
- Underlying issue – violence
- Finding the glue to keep us together