

He Rangitapu, He Tohu Ora Tairāwhiti Wellbeing Framework

Our people, whānau and communities of Tairāwhiti are able to live the lives we value, in ways that matter to us.

Welcome to part 1 of 4 in a series that will launch He Rangitapu, He Tohu Ora – Tairāwhiti Wellbeing Framework.

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This project started in 2018 as part of a strategic review. Trustees wanted to understand more about wellbeing and how they could underpin all their investment decisions using a wellbeing framework. They wanted to know whether their decisions are making a positive impact and enhancing the wellbeing of communities.

Research was completed to understand how other regions, communities, and central government here and around the world were grappling with the idea of wellbeing. In 2019 the research findings were published in a report called Tū ora ai tātou – Living well together. It's available online for anyone to read, along with 57 wellbeing frameworks that the researcher discovered during the course of the research.

Tū ora ai tātou gave a baseline understanding of how wellbeing frameworks were being developed. The report also gave the Trust a starting point to talk to people, whānau, and communities across Tairāwhiti about the things that matter most to us. We have gone far and wide engaging over 1200 people in our region. We've held focus groups, one on one interviews, presentations and a few bigger community events including a tent at the A&P show to engage with people about what matters most to them.

Wahine Bolstered by Prison Visits

Partnering with Atawhai Charitable Trust and the Mana Wahine Programme is one of many examples that illustrate the Trust's extensive engagement to understand Konohi ki te Konohi – What Matters to You?



Trust staff accepted invitations to attend a wide range of community hui in the past year. It was essential to find a balance between Trust led engagement and tapping into existing engagement programmes. One example of this saw Trust staff hosted by Whiti Timutimu and the Mana Wahine Programme for a visit to Auckland Region Women's Corrections Facility, a move that garnered praise from Whiti.

Vital outcomes of the visits have been relationships. "Sometimes listening, instead of leading, is important, and during the year, we attended numerous hui just to hear what different communities were going through," said Audine Grace-Kutia Trust Tairāwhiti GM Communities.

"This is a target audience for Trust Tairāwhiti and their wellbeing strategy," said Whiti, who is chair of the Atawhai Charitable Trust. "They will hit almost all the vulnerable factors here – no housing, no

employment, tamariki in Oranga Tamariki care, and poor health."

There was so much that could be done to help the incarcerated women, which would, in turn, help the broader community on many levels.

The aim is simple – to support those who are in prison, and to reduce the number of Māori wahine heading into prison. "What we have seen is the whānau can function quite happily without the father, but it falls to pieces without the mother," said Whiti. "They are generally the backbone of the whānau. Without a mum at home, their tamariki are usually taken care of by grandparents, aunts, and uncles if they are lucky. In some cases they end up with Oranga Tamariki. Statistics tell us if this happens, they are 9.5 times more likely to go to prison themselves."

Whiti sees generations of whānau inside – grandmother, daughter and granddaughter. "We want our whānau to thrive," she said. This means

believing in them and getting them to believe in themselves and make a fresh start when they get back to Tairāwhiti."

Through discussions during visits, Whiti said they hear similar stories of concerns from the wahine. "They are concerned they will get addicted to meth again. They find the time in prison good to get clean and back on track."

However, in developing any support, the women needed to be asked what was important to them. "This has been a cornerstone of all our korero with the wahine," she said.

Trust Tairāwhiti Community Engagement Advisor Erina Hurihanganui saw massive value in the visits. "To hear their stories, to find out what matters to them and to start to understand what support systems across our communities would help these wahine and their whānau flourish, gave us valuable insights."



AGM NOTICE

Trust Tairāwhiti hereby gives notice that its Annual Meeting will be held at the Gisborne Boys High School Hall, 82 Stanley Road, Gisborne, on Thursday 30th July 2020 at 5.30pm.

At the meeting the Trust will report on its activities over the past financial year along with the Statement of Intent and budget estimates. In addition, the appointment of an auditor for the ensuing year will be made.

All beneficiaries of the Trust are entitled to attend the meeting.

The beneficiaries comprise all natural persons domiciled in the Gisborne district, together with any

other person or entity conducting an activity or carrying on business in the district who is eligible to vote in the local Council elections, who is on the electoral role of the Council or who is connected to Eastland Network Limited's electricity distribution system.

Copies of the Trust Tairāwhiti 2019/20 Financial Statements and Auditor's report will be available in the coming week for uplifting or

perusal at Trust Tairāwhiti offices, Level 1 Shed 3, 50 The Esplanade, Gisborne, or on the website at www.trusttairawhiti.nz

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