

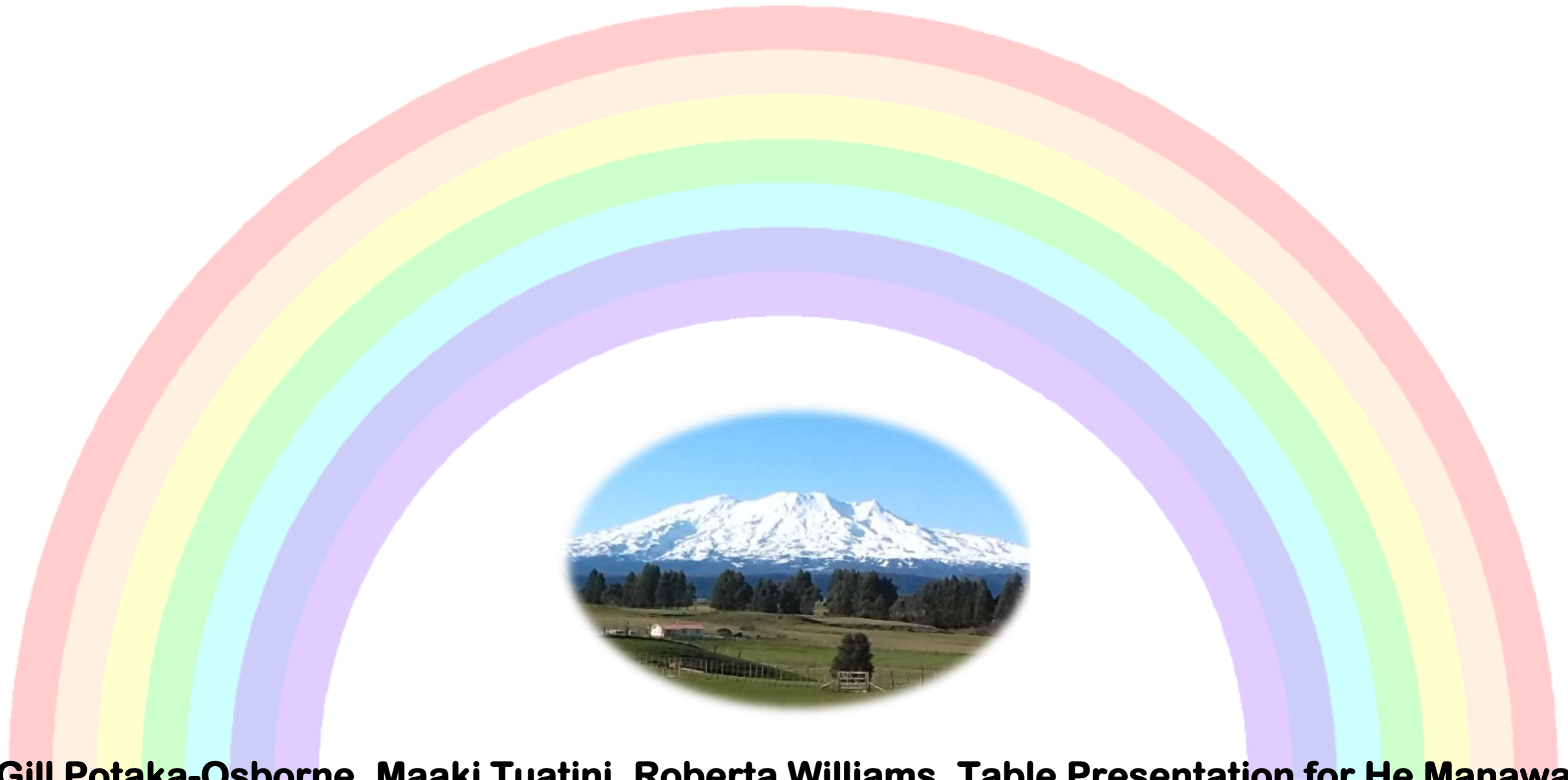
Every mountain top is within reach if you just keep climbing: Building Sustainable Futures in the Marae Space.

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Mount Ruapehu is the metaphorical ancestor of the Māori people of Raetihi. Known as Matua Te Mana he has a significant presence in the community culturally, economically and physically, and is pivotal to the health and wellbeing of the tribes of the area. At the base of Mount Ruapehu, at Raetihi Pah, local hapū members are leading Te Puawai o Te Ahi Kaa (TPoTAK) innovation project in partnership with Te Oranganui Iwi Health Authority. TPoTAK seeks to enhance the wellbeing of whānau who live locally and who maintain the fires of occupation critical to sustaining tribal structures.

Whakauae Research is working alongside the community to evaluate TPoTAK taking a Kaupapa Māori approach. Presenters will share the successes and challenges of carrying out a participatory evaluation in a geographically isolated space where funding and evaluation capability is limited. Transforming whānau lives to ensure future sustainability of the marae are anticipated long term project outcomes. Through building kaimahi evaluation capability, and closely involving the wider community, the evaluation seeks to contribute to that sustainability. Kaimahi are being supported to participate in national and international evaluation conferences as well as to jointly develop whānau-friendly, interactive evaluation tools. We will explore development of the project logic model and whānau use of the model as a road map for project delivery. We will explain how kaimahi have facilitated evaluation activities and demonstrate the value of ‘sense-making’ sessions as a way of testing whānau resonance with evaluation findings.

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Gill Potaka-Osborne, Maaki Tuatini, Roberta Williams. Table Presentation for He Manawa Whenua Conference 2017, Claudelands, Hamilton.

IN THE BEGINNING: This project came from the desire of Ngāti Uenuku, Raetihi to invest in the future of their paepae and marae which was lonely because of little use other than tangihanga. In order to rejuvenate Raetihi Pah, they first needed to understand where all the people had gone. A walk through their urupa revealed that many of their people had died early from unknown causes.



Why are our people dying at a young age?



What are our people dying of?



How can we prevent this from continuing?



We need to do something now!

Why?

THE IDEA



Like many successful projects all it took was someone to have a bright idea and the drive to make it work

WHAT IF?



Let's do something innovative

IF WE...

Complete a Health Needs Assessment

Develop measurable strategies

Develop and implement programmes & activities

Plan the approach



And hopefully this will happen

WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE...

Advancement of Whānau Ora and affirmation of positive Māori approaches which improve Māori health outcomes

Promotion of Māori service delivery systems that value health and social service collaboration and employment of whānau centred interventions

Recognition of service models that address the needs of whānau, hapu, iwi and Māori communities

Enhancement of physical, spiritual, mental and emotional health, giving whānau control over their own destinies.

Project and Evaluation



THE WHO

- MOH
- Te Oranganui
- Marae Trustees & Kaumatua
- Whakauae Research

Te Puawai o te Ahi Kaa, Raetihi



THE WHERE



- Raetihi Pah and surrounding area



2013 - 2017



THE WHEN



- 2013 EOI, Funding Application
- 2014 MoH Contract, Evaluation Plan
- 2015 Logic Model, Rubrics, Evaluative Tools
- 2016 Focus Groups, Photo Narratives, Surveys, Muralling
- 2017 Analysis, Writing



THE HOW

OUR OVER-ARCHING EVALUATION APPROACH



Kaupapa Māori - marae based evaluation activities, for Māori by Māori with Māori.



Participatory - kaimahi collecting evaluation data, surveying the participants, sense-making.



Qualitative - "cup of tea" words, whānau days, feedback.



Collaborative - design tools together such as logic model and rubrics, muralling.

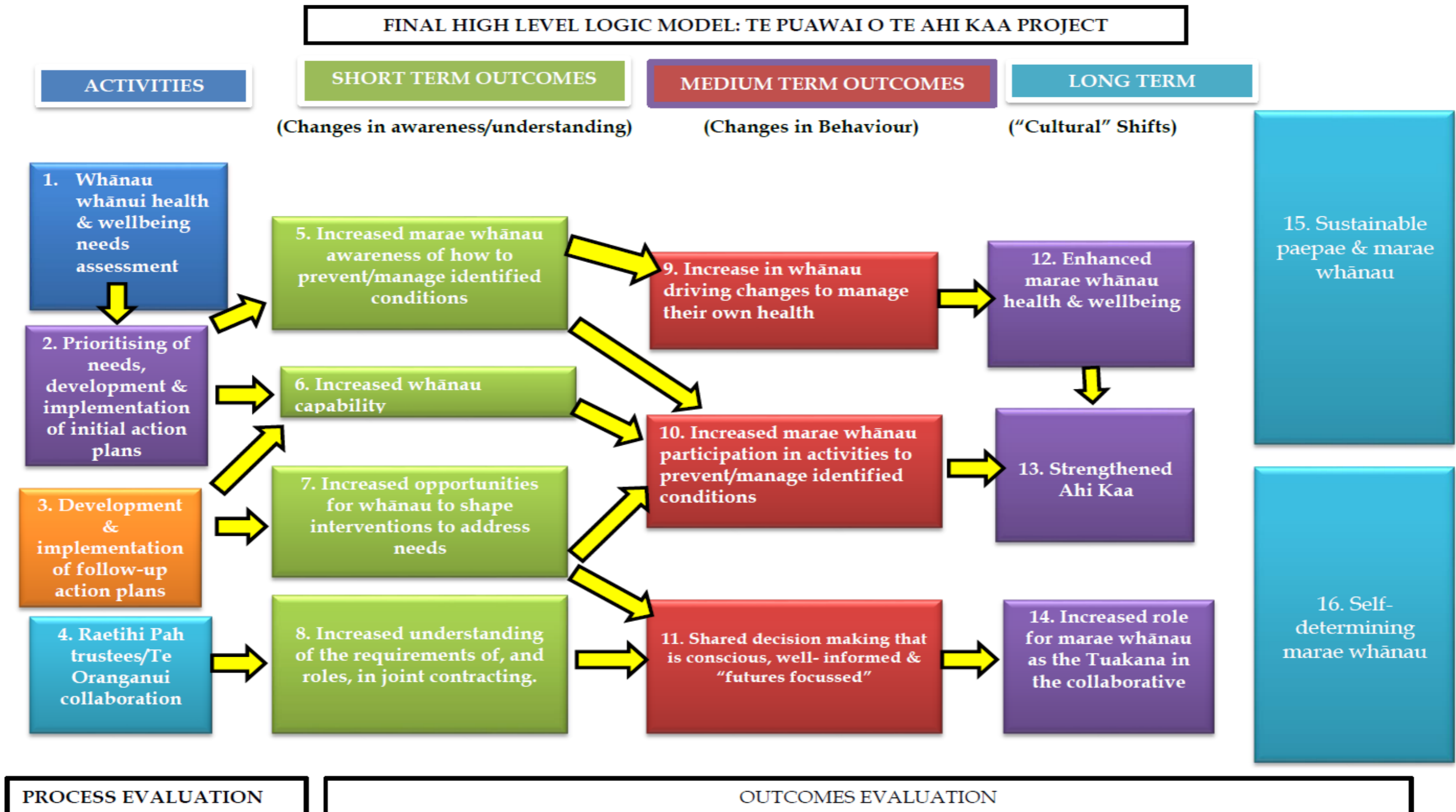


Capability Building - data collection, participation and co presenting at national & international conferences.

This experience (AES Conference) enhanced my thinking, skills and networks to test the essential message of evaluation. The Landscape of Evaluators can challenge your head space and move your soul to usual places.

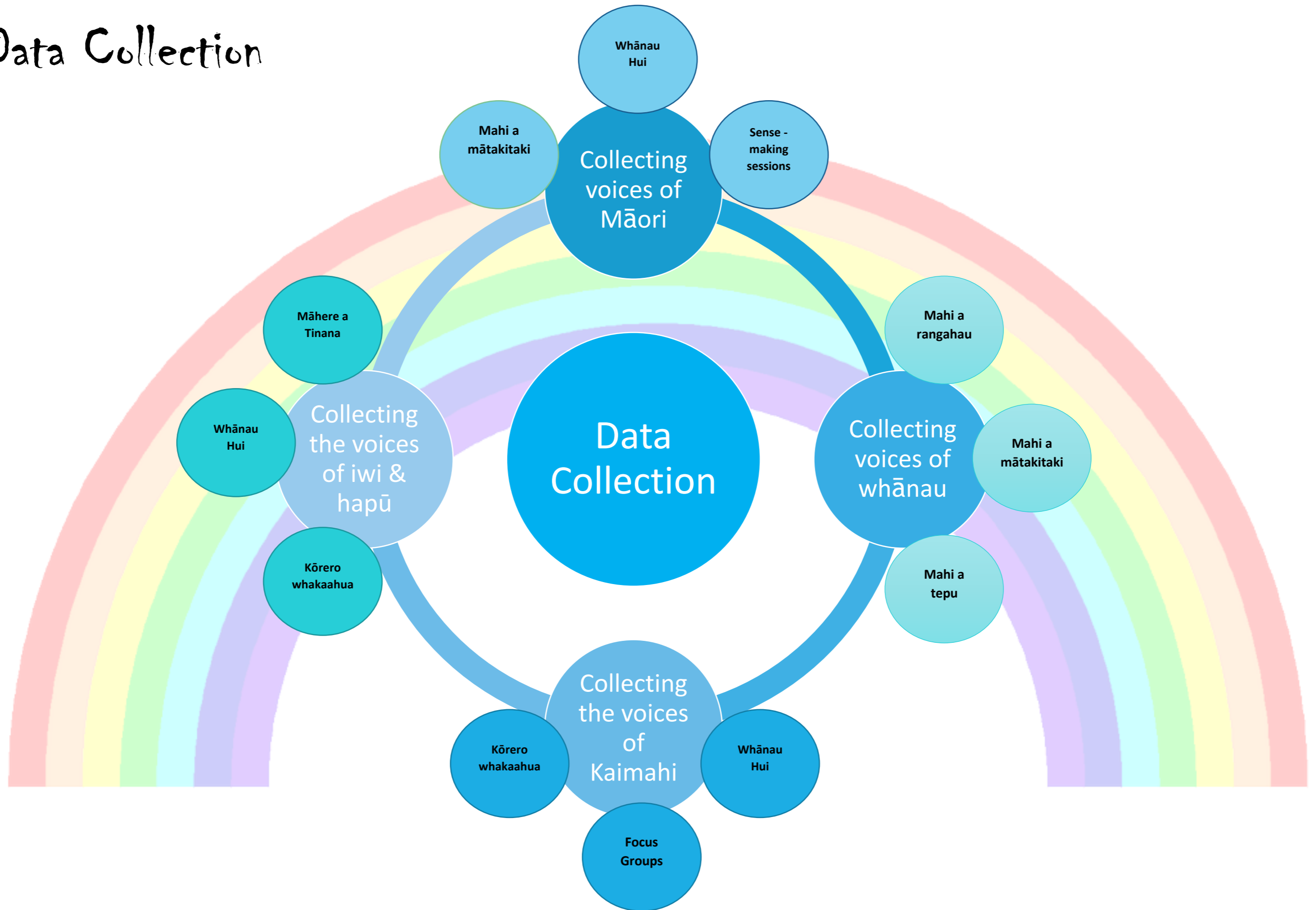
My highlights of the conference was meeting other scholarship recipients and listening to their stories, journeys and connecting to their rhythms. Reality of this conference I gain enormous wealth of knowledge, skills, information and a greater understanding of evaluation processes. I've come back from this conference with new energy and rhythm which will continue to influence with my mahi and people. I can truly state that the world of evaluation isn't that scary after all.

FINAL HIGH LEVEL LOGIC MODEL: TE PUAWAI O TE AHI KAA PROJECT



Whānau is described as those who have stayed home to sustain the Ahi Kaa. The principle of Ahi Kaa to keep the home fires burning so those whānau associated with the marae and its sustainability. Email Nancy Tuaine 18.12.15

Data Collection



Building Evaluation Capability



ANZEA 2016



AES 2016



Advisory Group Survey



AES Conference 2015

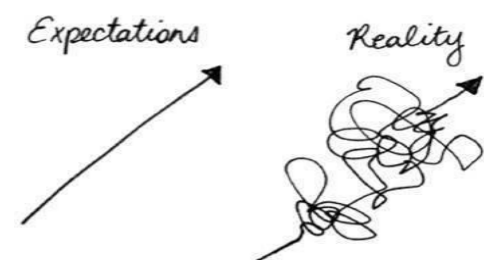


Whānau Hui



Photo Narratives

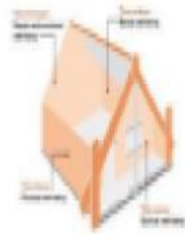
Pros & Cons



as for He Manawa Whenua conference.



THE RESULTS



The majority of whānau believe that Te Puawai o te Ahi Kaa is giving their whānau the chance to have a say about what they can do to better look after their own health

Being able to have a voice is very much the kaupapa of Te Puawai



Nearly all of those surveyed felt a part of the Te Puawai o te Ahi Kaa Project and believed it gave them a say in how to look after their health better

Te Puawai o te Ahi Kaa had definitely showed us & encourages us to better improve our health as a whānau



Where to from here?



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