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The kōwhaiwhai (scroll ornamentation) depicted throughout this publication is derived from the pou whenua (landmark) called Te Herenga Tangata, erected to mark the construction of a new bridge crossing the Rangitikei River at Mangaweka in 2022. The kōwhaiwhai tells the story of two illustrious Ngāti Hauiti ancestors, namely Matangi and Tamatea Pōkai Whenua, who traversed the Rangitikei and Manawatū districts hundreds of years ago.

Matangi came into the district from Wairarapa in pursuit of whirikōkō or flocks of tūi and on his travels named many places as he went. The intuitive direction of his journey, and the movements of the whirikōkō he followed, are reflected in the kōwhaiwhai design on the right panel.

Tamatea Pōkai Whenua came to Aotearoa aboard the Tākitimu waka and journeyed into the Rangitikei district naming places and leaving mōkai (pets) along the way. His journey of exploration and travels are shown on the left panel.

As both patterns flow together, a pātiki form is created paying homage to the kōwhaiwhai pātiki design adorning many wharepuni (meeting houses) throughout the region. All of the motifs and patterns seen within the kōwhaiwhai are relatable to the Rangitikei River and the people of the region.

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Ko te manu e kai ana i te miro, nōna te ngāhere

Ko te manu e kai i te mātauranga, nōna te ao

The bird that partakes of the miro berry reigns in the forest

The bird that partakes of the power of knowledge has access to the world



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OUR LOGO

Our logo was designed by one of our Ngāti Hauiti whānau, Shane Bennett, and visually represents the kaupapa of our organisation.

WHENUA - The Whakauae a Tamatea
and Ruahine Ranges

RŌPŪ - Whakauae research unit

IWI - Whānau, hapū and iwi

AWA - Te awa o Rangitikei

WHANAUNGATANGA - Te Ao Māori
Local and intertribal relationships

TE AO - Global and
international relationships



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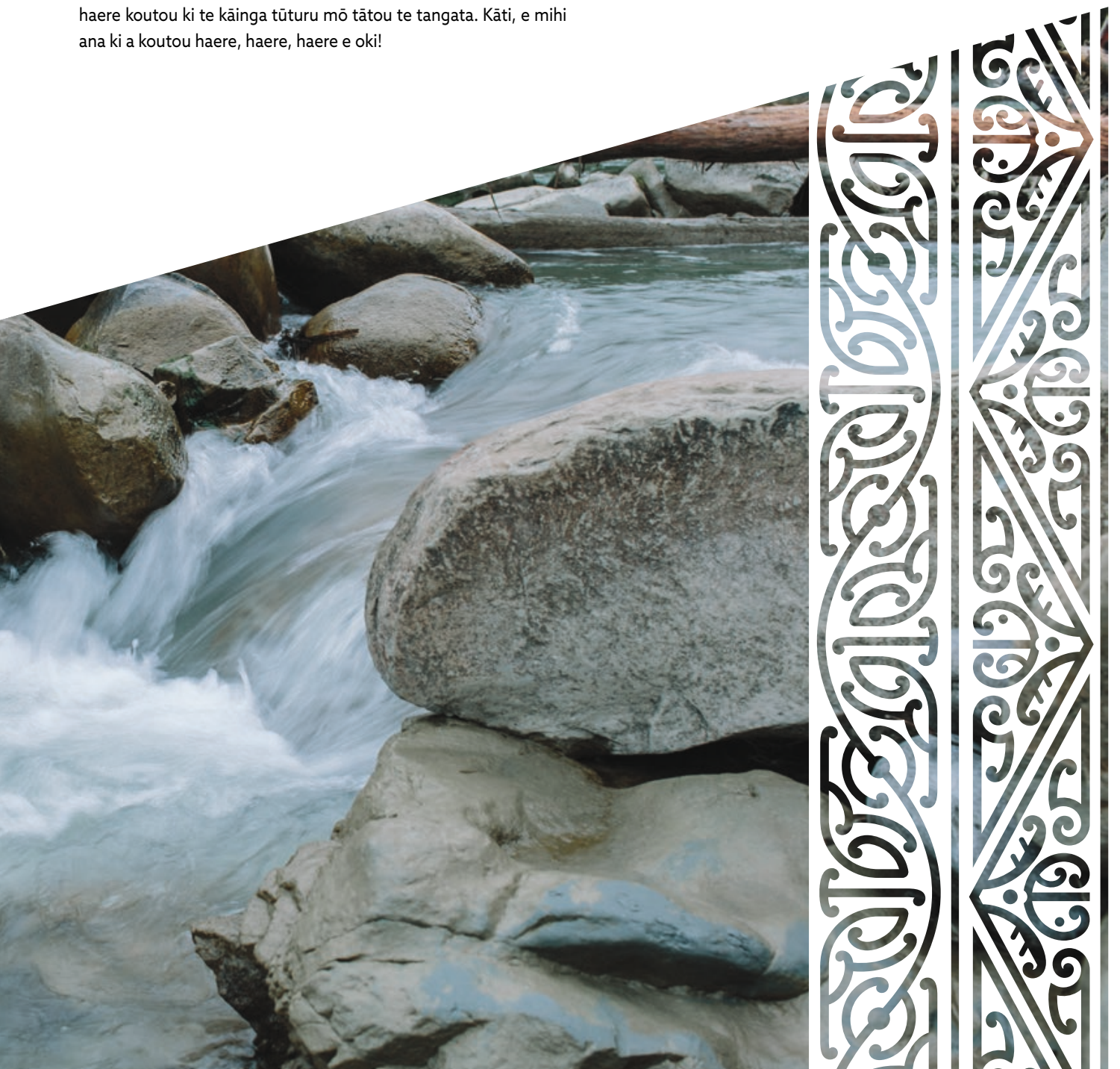
MAUMAHARA

Ka anga atu tāku tītiro ki te maunga tapu a Aorangi, ā, ka huri ki Ruahine te pae maunga. Piki ake ki te taumata o Mekura, ka tītiro ki te awa e rere nei ko Rangitikei! Ka paria ki uta ki Pātea, ka paria ki uta ki Otoa, ka paria ki uta ki Otara, ka tatū ki Te Hou nei ko Ngāti Hauiti e mihi atu nei!

Ki ngā mate hūhūa o te wā, o te wiki, o te marama, otirā o te tau, kei te tangi aroha ki a koutou. Takahia atu rā te ara whānui ā Tāne, haere koutou ki te kāinga tūturu mō tātou te tangata. Kāti, e mihi ana ki a koutou haere, haere, haere e oki!

Tihei mauri ora ki a tātou ngā waihotanga ake o rātou kua wehe atu ki te pō.

E ngā maunga whakahī, e ngā kōawaawa, e ngā taniwha o tēnā iwi o tēnā hapū, nei rā te mihi maioha ki a koutou. Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā rā koutou katoa.





CHAIR'S REPORT

WHAKAUAE BOARD CHAIR, ANTHONY THOMPSON

(Ngāti Hauiti, Ngāti Whitikaupeka)

Tihei mauri ora!

Ka tau hā whakatau te Rangi e tū iho nei!

Ka tau hā whakatau te papa e takato ake nei!

Ka tau hā whakatau ki te taumata o Meikura kei Ruahine!

Ka tau hā whakatau ki te maunga tapu ko Aorangi!

Ka tau hā whakatau ki ngā awa Ko Rangitikei ko Moawhango rahi!

Ka tau hā , ka tau hā , ka tau hā ake rā ki te rohe o te iwi roa ko Mōkai Pātea!

E mihi atu nei ki ngā whakapapa Māori atu ki a lo nāna te tīmatanga

Me te mihi ka tika ki ngā mate o te wā, koutou kua wheturangitia haere haere whakangaro atu rā. Hoki atu ki tō kāinga tūturu, ki tō ake Hawaiki nui, Hawaiki roa, Hawaiki pāmamao Hei reira ōu tūpuna e tatari ana i ā koe. Nā reira oki, oki, oki ai

Āpiti hono tātai hono rātou ki a rātou. Āpiti hono tātai hono tātou te hunga ora ki a tātou. Mauri ora e te kanohi ora.

Ki ngā maunga whakahī, ki ngā awa whakahirahira o tēnā rohe, o tēnā rohe, o tēnā rohe. Tēnā koutou, otirā ki ngā tāngata whenua, tēnei taku mihi nui ki a tātou katoa.

“Whakauae has used this challenging time to learn and grow in an ever-changing environment and adapt to our new “norms”.

Tēnā koutou tēnā koutou tēnā koutou. Mauri ora ki a tātou katoa.

Aue! ka kūkū tēnei e tū poho kerurū ana, it is with immense pride that I write my first Chair's report for the *Whakauae Annual Report*. I want to begin by acknowledging Peter Fraser, our former Chair, firstly for his work in guiding and supporting Whakauae to where we are today and secondly for supporting my journey to becoming the new Chair. I am eternally grateful for your support and belief in me Peter, as I am sure the Whakauae team are too for your support and belief in them.

I reflect on Peter's decision to step aside and allow the necessary space for me to take on this next challenge. It demonstrates his belief in the promise of future leaders and the need to develop them. E mihi kau ana ki a koe Peter. I also want to take this opportunity to pass on a few words from Peter. He wishes to acknowledge the significant work of Whakauae in securing its share of the Health Research Council's \$38.3M Independent Research Organisation Capability Fund investment, and the contributions of the entire team in terms of achieving this. He wishes to also acknowledge the leadership of Amohia throughout the process.

I want to echo Peter's comments and acknowledge the Whakauae team's efforts, and Amohia's leadership, in this great achievement. Since I have been a Whakauae board member it has been a constant that there is a great need to build capacity and capability, not only in our team but also in the wider research sector.

The plans that the Whakauae team have in place to use the funds are both innovative, and creative and align with the vision and purpose of Whakauae. I look forward to the team's implementation of those plans. Another significant milestone for Whakauae, so again I want to really celebrate the work all members have contributed.

The past year has been another significantly difficult one with the effects of Covid-19 still lingering, so it seems to be a feat in itself to have survived the year. I want to acknowledge the team for their ability to manage the challenges that we faced throughout an already troubled year. Not only did you manage these but they were managed consistent with ngā tikanga o Whakauae: rangatiratanga, ngākau tapatahi, manaaki, hauora, and mātauranga. As Chair, it makes me extremely proud to see our tikanga upheld.

Whakauae has used this challenging time to learn and grow in an ever-changing environment and adapt to our new "norms". Although difficult, I believe that these changes bring many new opportunities to the organisation's doorstep. It brings me much excitement to see what the future of Whakauae might look like and the further impact we can create through our high-quality research.

One of the new ideas presented by the board to the Whakauae team is that of sustainability. What does it mean to be a sustainable business? A sustainability wānanga was facilitated, by me and our new board member Tamahauiti Potaka, with the Whakauae team late in the year. We presented a broad overview of what sustainability in a corporate setting looks like and explored how Whakauae might adopt some of these initiatives. Looking at sustainability, not only through an environmental lens but also through a social and governance lens, is critically important. The biggest question for us is, what does a sustainable research sector look like? I believe that this is a question that needs to go out to the research sector as a whole. We are looking forward to delving into the notes of our sustainability wānanga and building our sustainability plan to share in the next annual report.

I am thoroughly honoured to be the new chair of the Whakauae Board, and I look forward to the exciting and innovative research ahead of us. I look forward to us challenging the norms. I look forward to the growth that awaits Whakauae. I look forward to the impact to come from our research over the next year. Let us get excited and energised for the year ahead in our commitment to transform Māori lives through excellent research.

Me taipari whakarewa waka ngā whakaaro - Let us elevate our thinking.

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, mauri ora ki a tātou katoa.





DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ruia taitea, kia tū ko taikākā anake

Strip away the sapwood so that the heartwood stands alone.

Stay centred when things are difficult.

(Te Roro o Te Rangī, Te Arawa, Battle of Tawharakurupeti)

In 2022, our team was fortunate to enjoy time together furthering our learning of te reo Māori and discussing tikanga Māori as part of a programme developed by Ngāti Hauiti uri, Jack Potaka, through his business Te Tari Consultants. Each week the tutor for our course, the amazing Te Whainoa Te Wiata, would introduce us to one whakatauki/whakatauākī and one kiwaha which would inevitably lead to animated discussion not only about the beauty, depth and richness of te reo Māori but also about the various tikanga and principles that we, as ngā tai e whā, bring to our workplace.

The above whakatauākī, whilst not one of those introduced to us by Te Whainoa, nevertheless demonstrates the many layers of meaning that can be deduced from the seemingly simple utterances of tupuna. It is also a fitting introduction to my report as I reflect on a year during which more than ever we have weathered a range of challenges. Those challenges have required us to remain centred and focused on those things that are of critical importance to us as a Hauiti-owned entity, expressed in the values of rangatiratanga, hauora tangata, manaaki tangata, mātauranga and ngākau tapatahi aurere.

For our team 2022 can rightly be described as a year of “firsts”. For instance, 2022 was the first year of implementation of our first ever Whakauae-led research programme grant, *Kia Puāwai Ake Ngā Uri Whakatau: Flourishing Future Generations*. This five-year, Health Research Council-funded programme brings together nearly 30 researchers, designers, students, and advisors from around Aotearoa, all of whom have a commitment to the generation of new Māori knowledge to be used to inform policy, service, community and whānau-level solutions to improve the health and wellbeing of all whānau Māori. The programme grant work is offering an incredible learning opportunity, both for us and for our many partners, compelling us all to think courageously and act fearlessly as we seek to disrupt the status quo through the practice and dissemination of high-quality health research.

Acting fearlessly was certainly the order of the day as we took on the wero laid down by our healing community to design and host the first ever, online Rongoā Māori symposium, *Tū Mai Rongoā*. This one-day event, held on 29 June, was timed to coincide with Matariki and was held in conjunction with a range of partners including the Ministry of Health, ACC, the Interim Māori Health Authority and Te Kāhui Rongoā. Inspired by our work with the Rongoā Māori community, as part of *Te Ao Rauropi: Mapping the Biosphere of Rongoā* Māori Health Research Council-funded research project, the purpose of the symposium was to reawaken our understanding of Rongoā, calling forth the mana and the mauri of Rongoā so that it again becomes a normal and natural aspect of our everyday interactions with the world. Over 1,000 people registered for the event, demonstrating the huge interest that exists in Rongoā Māori as a means not only of healing, but also of maintaining and sustaining our wellbeing.



WHAKAUAE DIRECTOR, DR AMOHIA BOULTON

(Ngāti Ranginui, Ngāi te Rangi, Ngāti Pukenga)

This year too was also the first that we sought to “launch” a research project in a community setting. Members of the *He Waka Eke Noa* research project, one of the three research projects included in our *Kia Puāwai Ake Ngā Uri Whakatupu* research programme, hosted the project launch at the Gonville Café Library, next door to the Gonville Health primary care service, our partners in the research. The launch attracted kaimahi from Gonville Health, the Whanganui Regional Health Network, Te Kunenga Ki Pūrehuroa – Massey University, Te Aho o te Kahu Cancer Control Agency along with Rātā Marae committee members.

Growing the next generation of researchers was also a key theme for 2022, as our organisation for the first time hosted more than two PhD students. Our current PhD students are staff members, Tom Johnson and Stacey Ruru (Tom in our design team and Stacey on the *Kia Puāwai Ake Ngā Uri Whakatupu* research programme) and Aneta Cram, our 2022-2023 Pae Tawhiti Scholarship recipient.

We were fortunate too in 2022 to learn of our successful award of a further seven years of HRC funding to build Māori health research capacity and capability. 2022 certainly saw us ‘step up’ in terms of the range of scholarships, internships and studentships we were able to custom design and offer to those young and enthusiastic rangatahi who will be our future generation of researchers and leaders.

These are just some of the “firsts” we experienced this year. Others are described elsewhere, and in more detail, throughout the pages of this annual report. As you read, you may get a better sense of the sheer volume and range of work in which our team has been involved. The volume, breadth and indeed timeframes of that work made for a challenging year, if not an exhausting one. As we look back now over three “Covid” years, never has the need for evidence-based, critical, and trustworthy, Kaupapa Māori insight and analysis, such as that which our team is able to provide, been greater.

There have been times during the year however, when that need has threatened to overwhelm our team, and we have struggled to balance the many demands placed upon us. It is at such times that I am thankful that our team can hold fast to our core purpose, our values and the whanaungatanga we have created here at Whakauae. For their professionalism, their dedication, and their commitment to the vision of transforming Māori lives through excellent research, I salute our team – researchers and support staff alike. As researchers, we could not do our mahi without the unwavering support and encouragement of our business and administration team; our behind-the-scenes heroes who make the work out front seem so effortless - ngā kairangahau ki mua, te hāpai ō ki muri. I invite you now to immerse yourself in this 2022 *Whakauae Annual Report* in the hope that you enjoy reading about our different activities in this year of “firsts”.

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WHAKAUAE BOARD DIRECTORS

ANTHONY THOMPSON, BSc

I have been a member of the Whakauae Board of Directors for four and a half years and took up the position of Board Chair in mid-2022. I began as a rangatahi representative on Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti, transitioning to being a representative of one of my hapū, Ngāti Whiti-Hauiti in 2019. In 2019, I also joined the Rangatahi Group of the National Iwi Chairs Forum and am a representative on the Pou Taiao.

I have appreciated the many opportunities I have had to learn from iwi leaders. As a rangatahi, I participated in the Ngāti Hauiti young leaders development programme *He Whetū Arataki*, which was part of my preparation to take up future leadership roles within the iwi. It is my aim to help nurture others and support the future for our Māori people. I have a keen interest in hauora and the future wellbeing of whānau, hapū and iwi. My passion is to help preserve our culture and work towards improving our future prospects as a people.

I have recently completed a Bachelor of Science, with a double major in environmental science and geo-spatial science. In 2015, I successfully completed a certificate of oral proficiency in Te Reo Māori with Te Wānanga Takiura o Ngā Kura Kaupapa Māori o Aotearoa in Rūmaki Reo. I am currently employed by SkyCity as the Group Sustainability Manager. My aim is to gain management experience and build relationships within the private sector to bolster my skills and knowledge and use these experiences to give back to my iwi and my people. I aim to continue building my knowledge around the three pillars of sustainability: environment, people, and economy, by continuing my development in governance, environment, and cultural aspects both Indigenous and Western. My partner and I live in Tāmaki Makaurau with other Hauiti whānau.

DR ERICA WILLIAMS

(Ngāti Whakaue, Ngāti Pikiao,
Te Whānau ā Apanui) MSc, PhD

I am currently Pou Whakarae – Te Hiringa Taiao with the National Centre of Māori Environmental Research (Te Kūwaha) at NIWA (the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research) based in Wellington. Since joining NIWA in 1995, I have been fortunate to be involved in a wide variety of research areas, including bioaccumulative contaminants in mahinga kai species, the priorities of Māori communities for the restoration of their freshwaters, a wide variety of taonga species-related research/restoration projects, and capacity building and monitoring approaches for Māori communities. In May 2019, I was appointed as a Board Director with Whakauae Research.





Whakauae Board Chair, Anthony Thompson (centre) with new Board Directors, Tamahauiti Potaka (left) and Simon Karipa (right)

SIMON KARIPIA

(Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa, Te Ātihaunui-ā-Pāpārangi, Ngāti Hauiti) BA (Hons), LLB, PG Dip Bus Ad (Dist.)

I descend from Te Rina Hunia (a consequence of the marriage of Ruta Kau of Ngāi Te Ūpokoiri and Kawana Hunia of Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa) and Hoani Mete-Kingi (son of Te Rangi Paetahi of Te Ātihaunui-ā-Pāpārangi and Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa). I was born in Whanganui and now reside there with my partner and stepdaughter.

I am an experienced company director, trustee, and senior executive with a legal and management background. My professional career has included executive roles in the public sector, financial services sector and roles with iwi/Māori organisations including a stint as Business Manager with Whakauae Research Services Limited, Claims Manager with Mōkai Pātea Waitangi Claims Trust, General Counsel at Te Ohu Kaimoana and General Manager at Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō. I have also run my own consultancy providing a number of services to iwi/Māori organisations.

My other current governance roles include chairing both Te Ngakinga o Whanganui Investment Trust and Whanganui Iwi Fisheries Limited (the commercial entities of the Te Awa Tupua settlement), director of Whanganui District Council Holdings Limited (the Council-controlled organisation for Whanganui District Council), director of Te Pūia Tāpapa GP Limited (a pan-iwi/Māori investment fund) and an alternate trustee on the Crown Forestry Rental Trust. Previously, I have served as a rūnanga member for Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa, a trustee of the Papawhenua Charitable Trust, a member of the independent Charities Registration Board and an independent member of the Federation of Māori Authorities' Audit and Risk Committee. I joined the board of Whakauae Research Services Ltd in August 2022.

Outside of work I enjoy fishing, hunting, and relaxing at home. I have played both senior rugby (including representative honours while at university) and senior cricket and enjoy most ball sports.

TAMAHAUTI POTAKA

(Ngāti Hauiti, Ngāi Te Ohuake, Te Ātihaunui-ā-Pāpārangi) B Comm, BSc

I am a descendant of Rora Te Oiroa (Ngāi Te Ohuake, Ngāti Hauiti, Ngāti Hinemanu) and Utiku Potaka's (Ngāti Hauiti) youngest son Tumihau (Jack) Potaka. Tumihau married Raihania Waitere (Ngāti Apa, Tūwharetoa, Te Ātihaunui-ā-Pāpārangi) and had my koro Tumihau Potaka II. Koro Tumihau married my nan Hilda Chadwick (Ngāti Tama, Te Ātihaunui-ā-Pāpārangi) and they had my father, Eldon Potaka. I grew up in Ōtaki attending kōhanga reo and kura tuatahi before moving to Rotorua to attend boarding school at Raukura (Rotorua Boys' High).

I joined the board of Whakauae Research Services Ltd in mid-2022 as an Associate Director and rangatahi representative. I am currently a Strategy and Implementation Analyst at Fonterra. I have held a range of roles across the organisation working largely on responsible sourcing commitments, sustainability strategy, Māori strategy and sustainability solutions. In 2021, I completed a conjoint Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Science degree from Waipapa Taumata Rau (University of Auckland), majoring in management, marketing, marine science and geography. I am presently residing in Tāmaki Makaurau. Outside of mahi I enjoy spending time with mates and whānau, exploring my whakapapa, attempting CrossFit, and being in or on the water.

OUR VALUES

As the only iwi-owned Māori health research centre in Aotearoa New Zealand, we work under the direct guidance of a governance board that includes three iwi members further strengthening the ties between Whakauae and Ngāti Hauiti.

Our values, ngā tikanga o Whakauae, guide the activities we undertake as a research centre, both internally in our day-to-day business and externally in the community, in our dealings with funders or commissioners of research, with partners and with research participants. Our values link to, and derive from, the universal values set by our Rūnanga and provide greater detail on how we must conduct ourselves in our work. Our operating values are:

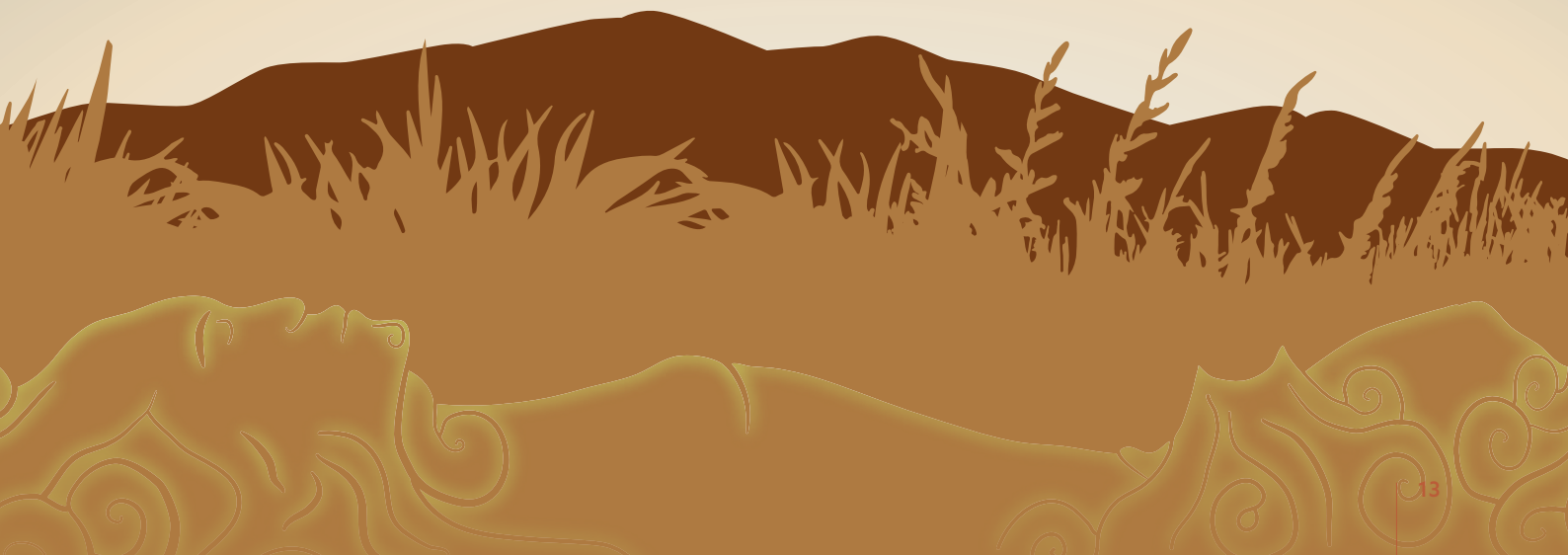
NGĀ TIKANGA O WHAKAUAE

Ko te tīmatanga, ko ngā tikanga kua whārikihia e Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti mō ngā mahi katoa o ngā rōpū e mahi ana i raro i te maru o te iwi nei. Ko ngā tikanga nui, ko te mana; rangatiratanga; kaitiakitanga; manaaki tangata me te whanaungatanga. E kaha ana a Whakauae ki te hāpai i ēnei tikanga katoa, otirā, kei raro nei he māramatanga anō e pā ana ki ngā tikanga hei kaiārahi ki ngā mahi katoa o te rōpū rangahau nei.

- **Ko te Rangatiratanga te kaupapa nunui**
Rangatiratanga: We will uphold the right of Māori to determine their own aspirations and the pathways for achieving them. As an iwi-owned entity, Whakauae is accountable to the Ngāti Hauiti Rūnanga, through our own governance board.
- **Ko te Hauora Tangata te kaupapa matua. Ko ētahi o ngā āhuatanga nui e pā ana ki te kaupapa nei ko te tīnana, te wairua, te hinengaro me te oranga o te whānau.**
Hauora Tangata: Whakauae embraces a holistic understanding of what constitutes good health for all. We acknowledge the dimensions of the physical body, spirituality, knowledge and understanding, along with the wellbeing of the entire whānau as the key principles of wellbeing.
- **He mea nui ko te Manaaki Tangata i roto i ngā mahi katoa, ahakoa ko wai, ahakoa kei hea.**
Manaaki Tangata: In all our actions and interactions, we will uphold high standards of care and respect for each other and all the people and organisations with whom we interact.
- **Ko te Mātauranga e āheitia te whanaketanga mō ngāi tātou, mō te iwi Māori.**
Mātauranga: We acknowledge that knowledge, encompassing academic achievement, excellence and mātauranga Māori, is the key enabler of Māori growth and development.
- **Ko te Ngākau Tapatahi me te Aurere te waka kōkiri.**
Ngākau Tapatahi Aurere: It is through professionalism, integrity, diligence, and genuine passion that we aim to build our reputation and make true progress as a research service.



MĀTAURANGA HAUORA
TANGATA
NGĀKAU **MANAAKI**
TAPATAHI **TANGATA**
AURERE
RANGATIRATANGA





OUR ORGANISATION

Whakauae Research Ltd was established by Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti in 2005. The aim of establishing Whakauae was not only to develop the research capacity of Ngāti Hauiti but also to offer a broad range of Kaupapa Māori research services both nationally and internationally. Whakauae is unique in its position within Māori health research as it is directly accountable to Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti. We are recognised by our peers as highly competent researchers “producing robust research in a timely manner” and we are passionate about transforming research results into change at practice and policy levels.

Whakauae focuses primarily on health services and health policy research, evaluation, and Māori public health research. The team has grown from two staff initially in 2005 to 13 staff members currently. Whakauae largely utilises Kaupapa Māori qualitative research methodologies however, through research partnerships we can employ a mixed method approach if the research requires this.

In December 2011, Whakauae became both a separate limited liability company and a wholly owned subsidiary of Te Maru o Ruahine Trust. Whakauae Research Services Limited has a stand-alone Board of Directors and in June 2012 registered as a charity continuing to operate under the auspices of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti.







RESEARCH PLATFORMS

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES AND 2022 MILESTONES

The Whakauae Strategic Plan 2018 – 2023 developed by the Whakauae team, the Whakauae Board and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti identifies the following five platforms that guide our work:

1 PLATFORM ONE: TAHI RESEARCH

The conduct of an integrated programme of research producing high quality, high value research findings of use to our key stakeholders

2 PLATFORM TWO: RUA RELATIONSHIPS

Consolidation of existing and development of new relationships with key stakeholders to ensure the timely uptake of our research results

3 PLATFORM THREE: TORU LEADERSHIP

The provision of distinctive insight, critical analysis and thought leadership at a local, national and international level

4 PLATFORM FOUR: WHĀ ORGANISATIONAL CAPACITY AND CAPABILITY

Investment in our capacity and capability to ensure the ongoing sustainability and success of the organisation

5 PLATFORM FIVE: RIMA TRANSLATION, UPTAKE AND IMPACT (TUI)

Research findings advocated for forceful action resulting in positive change in the lives of iwi / Māori

Our platform objectives and 2022 milestone achievements are reported in the following pages.

1

PLATFORM ONE: TAHI

RESEARCH

THE CONDUCT OF AN INTEGRATED PROGRAMME OF RESEARCH PRODUCING HIGH QUALITY, HIGH VALUE RESEARCH FINDINGS OF USE TO OUR KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Objective 1 - Continue to build on the track record of successful Health Research Council of New Zealand (HRC) grant applications

2022 Milestone - At least one project and / or programme grant application submitted.

In 2022, we completed the comprehensive HRC Independent Research Organisation Capability (IROC) funding application process. Funding was subsequently awarded, for seven years, and announced by the HRC in May¹ 2022. Through investment in an equity-driven approach to capacity and capability building, we are using the funding to support a system shift to realise Māori health and wellbeing aspirations. The investment will allow us to build on the gains we have made thus far as a Kaupapa Māori health research centre and capitalise on the unique skills and abilities of our staff, our mātauranga and Western knowledge; our robust systems; communities and partnerships.

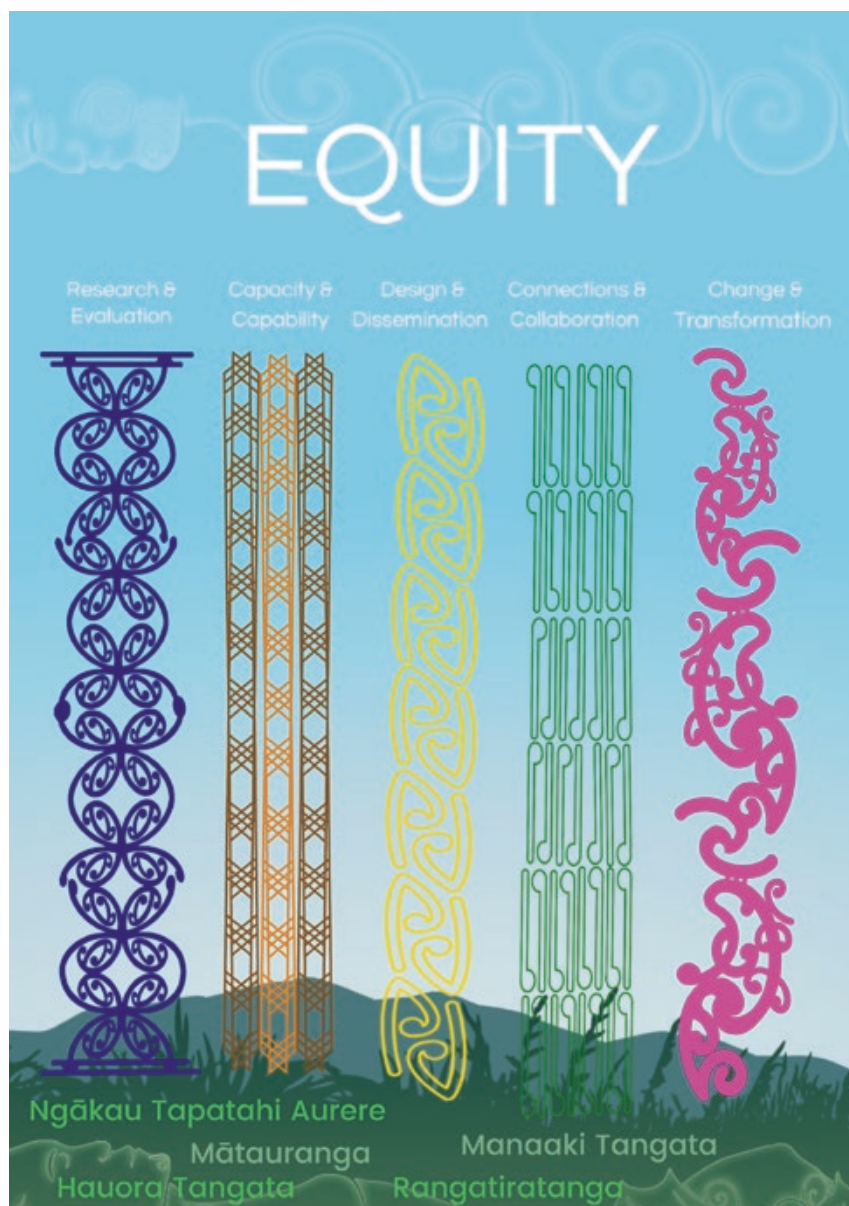


Following our IROC application interview. From left: Sonja Loveridge, Stacey Ranginui, Gill Potaka-Osborne, Dr Amohia Boulton, Mel Potaka-Osborne, Lynley Cvitanovic and Tom Johnson

Whakauae is one of four research organisations awarded a share of the \$38.3M IROC funding. The funding recognises nationally significant work conducted by organisations outside of the mainstream government and university sector. Receipt of the award underscores Whakauae's pioneering work to support health equity for Māori. Of note, two of the four organisations awarded IROC funding are Māori research centres dedicated to Kaupapa Māori research; both are based in Whanganui.

A revised IROC platform plan was developed and submitted to the HRC in the second half of 2022, in response to the funder's feedback on our proposed platform plan. The revised plan, outlining the use of the first four years of IROC funding, was subsequently negotiated with the HRC. Our overarching IROC platform plan is organised under five pou: research and evaluation; Māori health research workforce capacity and capability; design and dissemination; connections and collaborations; and change and transformation.

¹ <https://hrc.govt.nz/news-and-events/38m-support-independent-research-new-zealand>
<https://www.whakauae.co.nz/blog-item/131/>



The five pou underpinning the Whakauae IROC platform plan

An additional output linked to our objective of building on the track record of successful Health Research Council of New Zealand (HRC) grant applications included the submission of an HRC Career Development Award application by PhD candidate and Whakauae team member, Stacey Ruru (Ngāti Hāua, Ngāti Raukawa). Stacey's doctoral research, entitled *Mō ngā uri whakatipu: Women leaders paving a pathway for future generations in governance*, is being undertaken at the University of Waikato under the supervision of Associate Professor Bridgette Masters-Awatere (Te Rarawa, Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau, Ngāi Te Rangi) and Professor Chellie Spiller (Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairoa). Stacey's PhD is aligned to the *Rapua Te Ara Rangatira, Kia Hikitia Ai Te Oranga Tangata* research project within Whakauae's programme grant (discussed elsewhere) and consequently her second academic supervisor for her degree work is Dr Amohia Boulton.

In late 2022, Stacey was advised of her success in applying for an HRC Career Development Award and she was also fortunate to be awarded a Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Māori Futures Programme PhD Scholarship. These will be held concurrently. Stacey is currently provisionally enrolled in the Waikato Doctoral Programme and is preparing for her confirmation assessment in early 2023.



Whakauae kaimahi and PhD student, Stacey Ruru

Objective 2: Continue to contribute to the ongoing development of knowledge and scholarship in the application of Kaupapa Māori research

2022 Milestone – Incorporate Kaupapa Māori thinking, methodology and methods into new projects.

Gill Potaka-Osborne (Te Ātihaunui-ā-Pāpārangī), in previous Kaupapa Māori evaluation capability building mahi with Te Oranganui Trust (Whanganui), developed an Awa Hikoi tool drawing on the Whanganui whakataukī, “ko au te awa, ko te awa ko au”. The potential for the tool to be used more widely has led to its adaptation for *He Waka Eke Noa* research project whānau data collection, complementing the interview process. At the close of 2022, we introduced Te Mauri o Te Awa tool to whānau participating in the research with positive responses. Because it can also be used as part of a collaborative data collection process, independently conducted by whānau at their own pace, Te Mauri o Te Awa tool has particularly resonated with participants in this early phase of the research.



Mauri o te Awa

Our Kaupapa Māori thinking was further extended and refined through the intensive, iterative and reflective process of crafting the HRC IROC grant application referenced above. The IROC funding, which came into effect late in 2022, is already being used to further build our research and innovation capability. Our dissemination of Kaupapa Māori thinking, methodology and methods reached a new high point with the successful production and delivery of the mid-year *Tū Mai Rongoā Māori Online Symposium: Calling Forth the Mana of Rongoā* event. Over 1,000 people registered for this one-day online event. Inspired by our work with the Rongoā Māori community, under the umbrella of *Te Ao Rauropi: Mapping the Biosphere of Rongoā Māori* research project, the symposium saw us moving beyond contracted research project outputs to again partner with agencies including the Ministry of Health, Accident Compensation Corporation, and the interim Māori Health Authority, as well as Te Kāhui Rongoā.

Current perspectives on the place of Rongoā as a taonga tuku iho, in our shared commitment to improving health equity for all, were shared during the symposium. Session presenters included Pā Robert McGowan QSM and Donna Kerridge, both renowned healers and committed Rongoā Māori advocates.

Our *Te Ao Rauropi: Mapping the Biosphere of Rongoā Māori* research project presents unique opportunities to incorporate Kaupapa Māori thinking, methodology and methods into our mahi. Data collection processes continued to be refined resulting in the capture of increasingly rich and vibrant stories that effectively resonate for our communities. Drawing on the findings of *Te Ao Rauropi: Mapping the Biosphere of Rongoā Māori* research project, a third paper in our *Te Pūtaka - Whakauae Raro Occasional Series* was also published this year. The series, launched in 2020, provides a forum for original research, review and commentary on issues of relevance to whānau, hapū and iwi Māori informed by Kaupapa Māori thinking, methodology and methods. Co-authored by *Te Ao Rauropi: Mapping the Biosphere of Rongoā Māori* research team, *Rongoā Māori: more than mirimiri and pani* explores the defining elements of Rongoā Māori with a view to enhancing awareness and understanding.

Kaupapa Māori thinking, methodology and methods are routinely centred in our research and are reflected in other 2022 dissemination including a conference presentation drawing on our completed HRC-funded D3 research project: **Potaka-Osborne, G.**, Parata, K., & Taylor, T. Having 'Skin in The Game' in Kaupapa Māori Evaluation. *Aotearoa New Zealand Evaluation Association Conference*; an international journal paper: **Boulton, A.**, Devine, T., McMenamin, K., & Walsh-Tapiata, W. Te Ranga Tupua: an Iwi (tribal) response to COVID-19 in Aotearoa New Zealand. *International Journal of Indigenous Health*, 17 (1); and the technical report, **Boulton, A., Allport, T., Taylor, T., Cvitanovic, L., & Potaka, U.** *The Island always calls you back: a whole of community approach to wellbeing on the Chatham Islands*.



Online promotion of Tū Mai, June 2022



Pic: Lyndon Hookham

Objective 3: Identify and conduct discrete, small-scale, research projects with the potential to contribute to Pae Ora, where funding to support this work is not otherwise available.

2022 Milestone – At least one research project is conducted which contributes to Ngāti Hauiti/ community aspirations for wellbeing.

In 2022 two projects were initiated by Whakauae researcher, Utiku Potaka to preserve the cultural integrity of Hauiti thereby contributing to wellbeing aspirations. Each project will produce a tangible resource for the use of iwi members now and into the future. A repository of knowledge inclusive of Ngāti Hauiti waiata, whakataukī and karakia has been drafted as part of *Te Pou Herenga* project. Content was discussed in a wānanga in October 2022 and is now being peer reviewed. The second project, a Ngāti Hauiti mātauranga *Pūrākau Book Series* for children has also been initiated. Information for the first volume in the series, *Te Kōrero ā Matangi* has been gathered and a first draft is currently being prepared.



Whakauae Pou Tikanga and researcher, Utiku Potaka alongside the tomokanga at Rātā Marae 2022



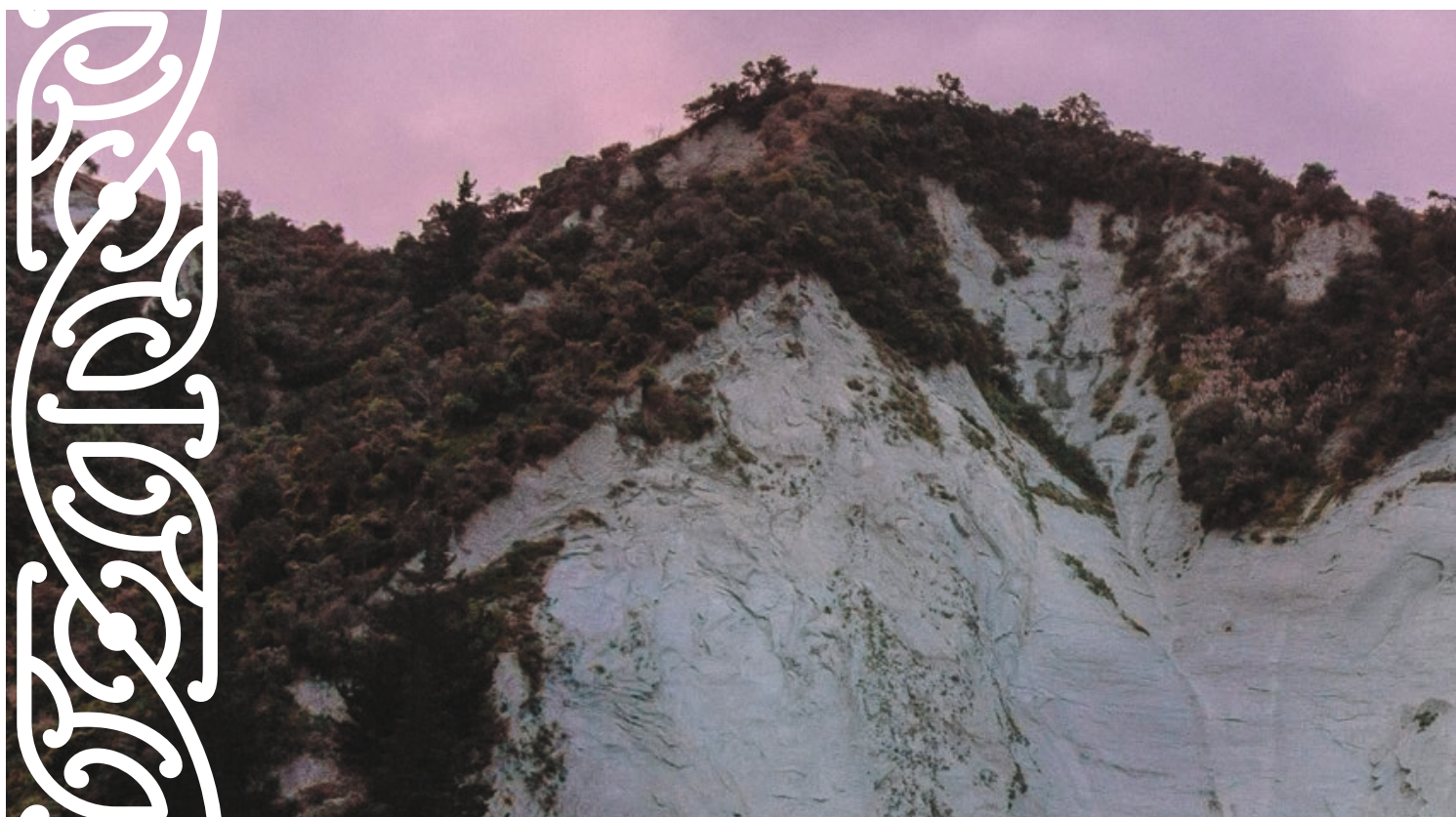
2 PLATFORM TWO: RUA RELATIONSHIPS

CONSOLIDATION OF EXISTING, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW, RELATIONSHIPS WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS TO ENSURE THE TIMELY UPTAKE OF OUR RESEARCH RESULTS.

Objective 1: Investigate and advance additional alliances and collaborations with research groups that can support us to achieve our overarching vision.

2022 Milestone – Continue to work with academic, community and media partners to support Māori aspirations for structural transformation.

Our strategic alliance aspirations have been furthered with IROC funding coming into effect in late 2022. Foundational work undertaken in the IROC planning phase prioritised development of formal alliances with a range of organisations nationally and globally. These include AUT, through Professor Denise Wilson, Seven Directions Center for Indigenous Public Health (USA), the Millet Foundation (Taiwan), the Indigenous College of Arizona and the Ongomiizwin Research Indigenous Institute of Health and Healing at the University of Manitoba through Director, Professor Josée Lavoie. Renewal of our MOU with Wai Research, Te Whānau o Waipareira, is an additional priority. We have prepared formal letters to our intended strategic partners notifying successful award of IROC funding and proposing ways to formalise our research relationships.



Objective 2: Further strengthen our ability to contribute to iwi-based governance, leadership and decision making where they impact Māori wellbeing outcomes.

Our key achievement against Objective 2 has been the successful completion of the first year of the *Rapua Te Ara Rangatira, Kia Hikitia Ai Te Oranga Tangata* research project under the umbrella of our *Kia Puāwai Ake Ngā Uri Whakatupu* research programme. This project is well underway with the full complement of staff engaged. A literature review is nearing completion and ethics approval has been gained following review by the New Zealand Ethics Committee. Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti has approved the project and agreed to trial the leadership model developed as an outcome of the study. *Rapua Te Ara Rangatira, Kia Hikitia Ai Te Oranga Tangata* is discussed in further detail in the Research Projects section of this report.



Kia Puāwai Ake Ngā Uri Whakatupu
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PLATFORM THREE: TORU LEADERSHIP

THE PROVISION OF DISTINCTIVE INSIGHT, CRITICAL ANALYSIS AND THOUGHT LEADERSHIP AT A LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

Objective 1: Further contribution to the academy through critical analysis, publishing, advocacy and thought leadership.

2022 Milestone - Māori health equity advocacy opportunities identified and prioritised.

Emma Rawson-Te Patu (Ngāi Te Rangi, Ngāti Ranginui, Ngāti Raukawa) was appointed mid-year to the newly established Māori Public Health Equity Lead 0.4 FTE role, positioning us to better address Māori health equity issues. Emma has already identified, prioritised and begun to action advocacy opportunities. In addition to being responsible for integrating and consolidating Māori and Indigenous public health within Whakauae's research programme, she will connect our research findings with key public health issues in Aotearoa. That work will demand positioning Māori knowledge, practice and approaches to wellness at the forefront of health promotion action.

Our ongoing mahi with the National Iwi Chairs Forum (NICF) too evidences our commitment to identifying and prioritising Māori health equity advocacy opportunities. This year, we were commissioned by Pou Tangata, NICF to analyse the Crown's response to the Abuse in Care Royal Commission of Inquiry. Pou Tangata sought an analysis independent of the Crown. We were approached to prepare the analysis because of the critical lens we are able to bring to interpreting government policy, process and practice. Our ability to articulate the issues and propose relevant solutions is equally important.

The *Abuse in Care, Royal Commission of Inquiry - Analysis of Crown Response to the Inquiry Hearing* report was tabled at the NICF quarterly hui on 2 November 2022. It was subsequently endorsed by the Forum which accepted all the recommendations put forward, specifically acknowledging the relevance of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The report, and in particular the recommendations included, has since been shared with the Minister of Social Development, the Ministry of Social Development, Te Puni Kōkiri and the Abuse in Care Crown Response Unit. We understand that other Crown agencies have also been able to now access the report.

The NICF has received feedback on the report, from a number of quarters, ranging from wholly supportive of the findings through to the less favourable. Abuse survivors, in particular, have indicated feeling validated by seeing their concerns addressed in the report recommendations. The report provides Pou Tangata with the opportunity to promote the recommendations with a mandate from the National Iwi Chairs. For the NICF, the benefits of being able to access

analysis and scholarship, such as that offered by Whakauae, have been acknowledged by the Pou Tangata. These benefits include supporting the NICF to provide informed advice on matters affecting whānau, hapū and iwi when engaging with government.

In 2022, the NICF additionally commissioned Whakauae to critically analyse, and prepare a report on, the proposed New Zealand Income Insurance Scheme (NZIIS). Our analysis focused on aspects of the NZIIS likely to particularly impact Māori drawing on a review we conducted of published and grey literature, as well as media and expert commentary. Recommendations were framed for the consideration of the NICF taking into account the fit between the proposed scheme and the overall aspiration of the NICF for oranga whānau – the wellbeing of all Māori whānau.



Emma Rawson-Te Patu

Objective 2: Maximise opportunities for knowledge exchange with Māori, iwi, community, and tertiary institutions

2022 Milestone - Knowledge exchange outcomes are documented for all Whakauae research projects.

This year, we prioritised the achievement of knowledge exchange outcomes for each of our three programme grant research projects as they moved into their first phase of implementation. Each research team worked alongside the Translation Uptake and Impact (TUI) team to develop initial research dissemination strategies at 'the front end'. The TUI team's dissemination framework was successfully applied and tested in workshops with each of the three *Kia Puāwai Ake Ngā Uri Whakatupu* research teams.

TUI is further discussed, with specific reference to implementation as part of the research programme, in the Research Projects section of this report. It is also referenced more generally below under Platform Five.

Objective 3: Time and resources allocated to researchers for "service" activities (e.g., supervision, reviewing, assessing and advisory and governance roles).

2022 Milestone - A 0.2 full-time equivalent academic service role is allocated to senior researchers.

Once again, the Whakauae team rose to the challenge of committing time and resources to academic service activities during 2022. Dr Amohia Boulton continues to provide technical advice to Pou Tangata within the National Iwi Chairs Forum (NICF) and to supervise two doctoral students and a post-doctoral student. She remains a member of Te Tira Takimano (Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga), of the Malaghan Institute's Māori Advisory Committee, of the He Kāhui Oranga, Māori Governance Group Healthier Lives National Science Challenge, and of the *Health Promotion Journal* of Australia's editorial board.

Dr Tanya Allport acted as second supervisor for doctoral student Tom Johnson and as supervisor for Donna Te Whiu's master's in Applied Indigenous Practice at Te Wānanga O Aotearoa. She also co-chaired an HRC awards committee. Gill Potaka-Osborne continued her membership of Te Whānau o Waipareira Ethics committee. Emma Rawson-Te Patu was a reviewer for the *Australia New Zealand Journal of Public Health*, President-elect WFPHA and an International Conference Committee member for WPHC 2023. Lynley Cvitanovic acted as an Australian Evaluation Society (AES) International Evaluation Conference 2022 abstracts peer reviewer and as an HRC Health Delivery Research Investment Round peer reviewer.

As outlined below, in the External Workforce Capability Building section of this report, five postgraduate Whakauae scholarship students were also guided and mentored by Drs Boulton and Allport. The intensive work associated with scholarship student mentorship increased significantly this year as a result of our ability to attract and involve more students in the Whakauae work programme.



2022 inaugural Whakauae Kia Rite Scholarship recipient, Danielle Sword

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PLATFORM FOUR: WHĀ ORGANISATIONAL CAPACITY AND CAPABILITY

INVESTMENT IN OUR CAPACITY AND CAPABILITY
TO ENSURE THE ONGOING SUSTAINABILITY AND
SUCCESS OF THE ORGANISATION

Objective 1: Ensuring our ongoing sustainability and viability as a Kaupapa Māori health research centre

Milestone – A human resource recruitment, retention and sustainability plan developed and implemented.

Key elements of our human resource recruitment, retention and sustainability approach were addressed with the development of a staff wellbeing policy. The policy incorporates individual and collective wellbeing plans. This year, plans have been supported with an annual one-off wellbeing payment to be utilised at the discretion of each staff member.

Continuing a long standing Whakauae practice, staff are encouraged to collaboratively identify professional development goals with their manager and plan how these will be addressed. Goals are documented, as part of a regular performance appraisal process, and reviewed and revised in a working partnership. Capability building is thus supported through professional development focused on competencies (integrated skills, knowledge and practice) consistent with staff roles and aspirations.

To support the ongoing sustainability and viability of Whakauae, in-house professional development activities were undertaken. Research team members and PhD student, Aneta Cram participated in a three-day writing retreat at Makoura Lodge, near Āpiti in October. Given the success of the retreat, we will likely schedule more in future.



Writing retreat participants. From left: Dr Tanya Allport, Tom Johnson, Dr Amohia Boulton, Aneta Cram and Utiku Potaka



Other in-house professional development activity in 2022 included systems change workshops facilitated by the Innovation Unit; additional media training delivered through WharePR; and a Māori research and sustainability wānanga facilitated by Board Chair, Anthony Thompson and Board member, Tamahauiti Potaka. Researchers also participated in a Kaupapa Māori Appreciative Inquiry methodology workshop facilitated by Dr Fiona Cram (Ngāti Pāhauwera) of Katoa Ltd, under the umbrella of our *Kia Puāwai Ake Ngā Uri o Whakatupu* research programme, and in various conferences both face to face and online.

Dr Fiona Cram facilitating the Kaupapa Māori AI workshop for the *Kia Puāwai Ake Ngā Uri o Whakatupu* research team

Several members of the research team participated in conferences that were held *kanohi ki te kanohi* for the first time since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Australian Evaluation Society (AES) International Evaluation Conference in Adelaide, South Australia took place in September 2022 and the Aotearoa New Zealand Evaluation Association (ANZEA) conference was held in Wellington in October 2022.

Gill Potaka-Osborne presented at both conferences, whilst Mel Potaka-Osborne (Te Ātihaunui-ā-Pāpārangī) was awarded an Emerging Indigenous Evaluator Scholarship to participate in the AES 2022 International Evaluation Conference. She was also successful in her application for an ANZEA conference scholarship. Dr Amohia Boulton joined Gill and Mel at the ANZEA conference where she was an invited keynote speaker.

Doctoral students Tom Johnson, Stacey Ruru, Kiri Parata, Aneta Cram; intern, Rachel McClintock; and *Te Ao Rauropi: Mapping the Biosphere of Rongoā Māori* team member, Glenis Mark all participated in the Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga International Indigenous Research Conference (online). In addition to presenting on their own PhD and project work, Tom, Stacey, and Kiri also co-presented a paper on how the *Kia Puāwai Ake Ngā Uri Whakatupu* research programme is providing a unique environment for our PhD students to flourish. Mid-year, two members of the administration team took part in a long document formatting workshop held in the Manawatū.

We also significantly grew our capacity this year with another four new staff members coming on board. Vicky McLeod-Ngatuere (Ngāti Rangi, Te Ātihaunui-ā-Pāpārangī) joined us as full-time personal assistant (PA) to the team, in January 2022, along with Ayesha Maraku (Mōrehu, Ngāti Kahungungu) who took up the newly created full time position of executive assistant (EA) to Whakauae Director, Dr Amohia Boulton. Doctoral student, Stacey Ruru (refer Platform One above) joined the team early in 2022 with former Whakauae Pae Tawhiti Scholarship holder, Emma Rawson-Te Patu joining us mid-year. Emma will begin doctoral study in 2023.



Ayesha and Vicky (back row) with whānau and the Whakauae team at Rātā Marae



2022 Whakauae Winter Scholar, Sophia Newton

In addition to internal team capability and capacity building, Whakauae continued to invest in building external capability through hosting a number of student scholarships. Grace Irwin (Ngāti Porou) successfully completed her Summer 2021-2022 scholarship with us as did Meretini Bennett-Huxtable (Ngāti Whitikaupeka, Ngāti Tamakōpiri, Ngāti Hauiti me Ngāi te Ohuake). Later in the year, inaugural Whakauae Kia Rite Scholar Danielle Sword (Ngāti Pariri) conducted a literature review exploring the development of Kaupapa Māori theory and practice over the last decade in Aotearoa.

During the winter months, we hosted another two students: Sophia Newton (Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Kahungunu, Waikato Tainui) and Ema Tu'akoi (Ngāti Whakauae, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Maru - Hauraki, Ma'ufanga, Holonga ki Tongatapu). Sophia worked on a taonga tuku lho project with Whakauae Pou Tikanga, Utiku Potaka.



2022 Whakauae Winter Scholarship student, Ema Tu'akoi

Meanwhile, Ema worked alongside Dr Tanya Allport on a literature review as part of our *He Mahi Tirohanga - Māori Research Capacity and Capability* research project.

Dr Boulton continued to jointly supervise PhD student Aneta Cram (Ngāti Kahungunu) and is primary supervisor for Dr Aria Graham's (Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Pōrou, Samoan) postdoctoral study. She is also part of Danielle Sword's supervision team and a second supervisor for Stacey Ruru's doctoral study. Dr Tanya Allport is a secondary supervisor for PhD student, Tom Johnson and we contracted Dr Heather Gifford to provide secondary supervision for doctoral student, Kiri Parata (Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai, Ngāti Toa Rangatira, Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Ruanui, Ngāi Tahu).

Objective 2: Ensuring our staff have opportunities to learn and practice tikanga Māori in all aspects of our business fully embedding tikanga Māori in the culture of Whakauae.

2022 Milestone - Whakakaha tātou i a tātou

Whakauae Pou Tikanga, Utiku Potaka developed a 2022 wānanga programme early in the year incorporating te reo, waiata, karakia and iwi whakapapa sessions. Mid-year, Utiku arranged a 10-week series of one-hour te reo sessions facilitated online by Te Whainoa Te Wiata (Rereahu, Tainui, Ngāti Rangitahi) under the umbrella of Te Tari Consultants. Our whanaunga, Jack Potaka (Ngāti Hauiti, Ngāti Tama ki te Upoko o te Ika) is the director of Te Tari. All team members have been active and enthusiastic wānanga programme participants throughout 2022.

Utiku led a Whakauae hīkoi, in December 2022, which took in cultural sites of relevance to Ngāti Hauiti in the Manawātū rohe to the east of the Rangitikei River. During the hīkoi, we traced some of the footsteps of Matangi whose exploits go back through 35 generations of oral history.



Whakauae team members at the Waitapu Stream, Manawātū during the December hīkoi

Descendants of Matangi intermarried with the people of Ngāti Hauiti. A number of geographical features in the upper Manawatū rohe are associated with his adventures and named accordingly. We visited several of these including the Waitapu Stream in an area once well known for its abundant birdlife and thus as a food source. The hīkoi concluded with a visit to Te Manawa, Museum of Art, Science and History in Papaioea where we were hosted by Nuwyne Te Awe Awe Mohi and Cindy Lilburn. The visit further cemented our knowledge of some of the extensive associations between Ngāti Hauiti and the Manawatū rohe.



Team members (from left) Gill Potaka-Osborne, Emma Rawson-Te Patu and Mel Potaka-Osborne at Te Manawa Museum, Papaioea

The Whakauae team continued to prioritise tikanga including through the hosting of mihi whakatau and poroporoaki as well as having a presence at significant events around the rohe including tangihanga, pōwhiri and mihi whakatau.

In preparation for a Ngāti Hauiti exhibition, Pou Tikanga, Utiku Potaka has been working on a centralised on-line database of taonga tuku iho. Wānanga with Ngāti Hauiti kaitiaki have been convened, on two separate occasions, contributing to formulating an exhibition plan comprising elements not previously included. Utiku has been supported in this Ngāti Hauiti exhibition mahi by Whakauae Winter Scholar, Sophia Newton. Sophia's main interest is in the often-fraught relationship between Māori and museums in Aotearoa, as well as overseas. She is particularly passionate about the care of taonga within these museums as well as the mana attached to whānau caring for their own taonga.



Objective 3: Contract capability to effectively communicate research, including results, externally.

2022 Milestone - The communication of excellent research to external stakeholders is prioritised by all Whakauae staff.

WharePR was contracted this year to manage the communication of specific elements of our research. This included communications associated with the promotion and follow up of the mid-year *Tū Mai Rongoā Māori Online Symposium: Calling Forth the Mana of Rongoā* event. WharePR has also managed the Whakauae website review and update which will involve a complete overhaul of the content and design. The refreshed website will be launched in 2023.

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PLATFORM FIVE: RIMA

TRANSLATION, UPTAKE AND IMPACT (TUI)

RESEARCH FINDINGS ADVOCATED FOR
FORCEFUL ACTION RESULTING IN POSITIVE
CHANGE IN THE LIVES OF IWI/ MĀORI

Objective 1: Creation of an internal research culture that prioritises translation, uptake and impact (TUI)

2022 Milestone - Mana enhancing communication with external stakeholders.

The Whakauae TUI framework refers to 'Translation, Uptake and Impact'; key aspects of dissemination which we have identified and prioritised. The tūi is of great significance to Māori and is considered to be a messenger between Atua and humans. The tūi, a mediator of communications in te ao Māori, is used as a metaphor in our TUI framework; TUI activities aim to transform research findings across systems and worlds (*refer Figure 1*).

TRANSLATION refers to the reworking of key messages, derived from research findings and other insights, into communications that are easily understood by, and which resonate for, intended key audiences. For Whakauae, those audiences are often whānau, hāpori Māori, hapū and iwi. Translation is represented by the korokoro (throat) of the tūi, whose unique call relates critical information between different stakeholders (from whānau to decision makers).

UPTAKE refers to key messages resulting in change to how something (e.g. a health service) is designed or delivered. The wings of the tūi represent the 'uptake' of the information; the actioning of the message through the flight of the tūi.

IMPACT is the result of the changes that occur in response to research findings and other insights. The impact of the research is represented by the seeds - ngā kākano - dropped by the tūi across the forest floor resulting in new life and growth.

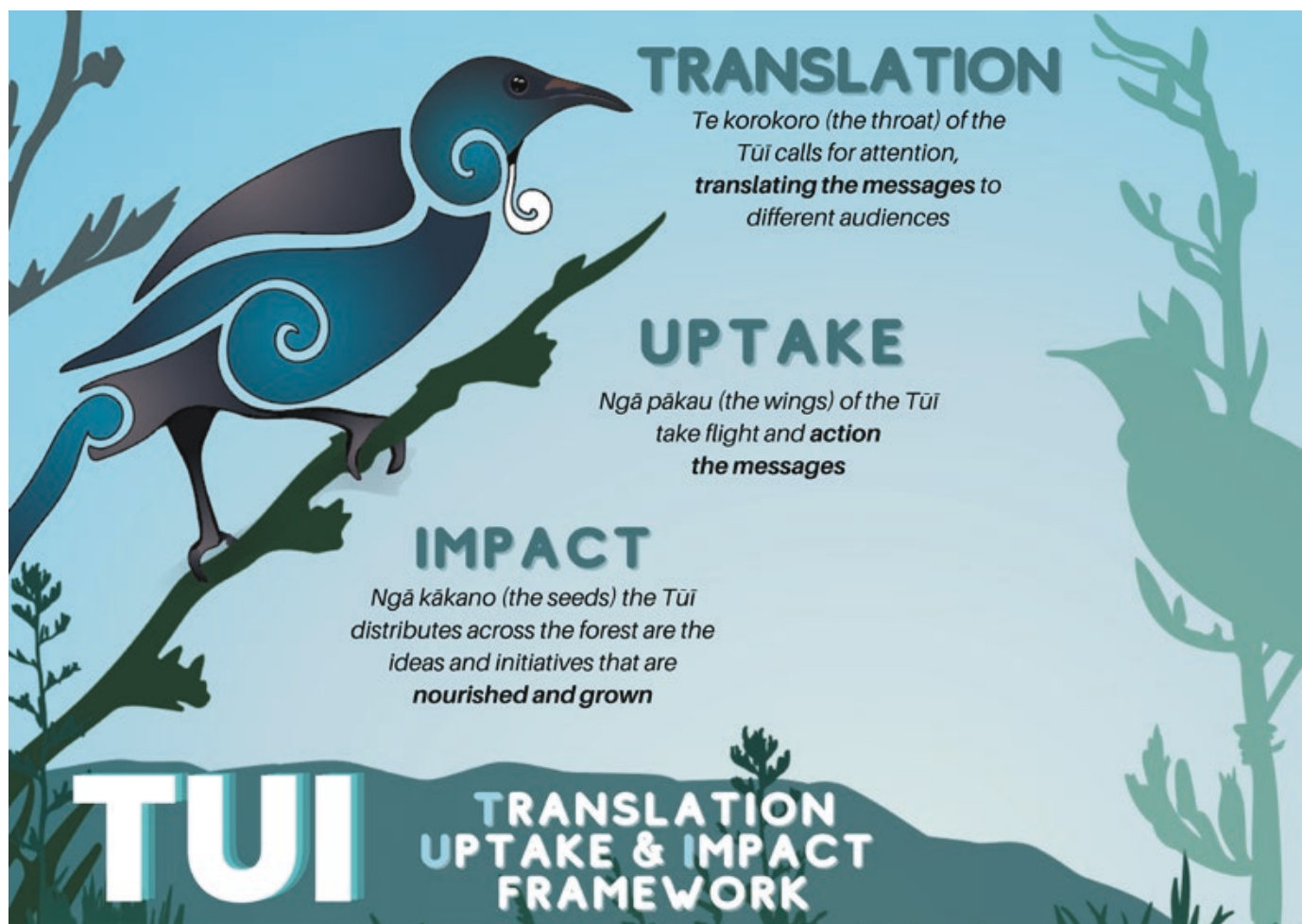


Figure 1: Whakauae TUI Framework

The TUI framework has been applied across all our research projects in 2022. A systematic process has been used to select dissemination methods to be employed, across the various phases of a project, to best reach the intended audience and realise maximum benefit for Māori wellbeing.

The framework has been evolving to also address key Campbell Squared-commissioned communication audit issues identified prior to the COVID-19 pandemic unfolding. Those issues included targeted communication, specific audience reach, strategic government and policy maker engagement, media engagement and community reach. The TUI strategy incorporates an evaluative/outcomes measurement process, which we this year tested with *Tū Mai Rongoā Māori Online Symposium* dissemination activities.

The outcomes measurement process is also more broadly tied to the evolving systems change work we are undertaking as a research entity.

A further component of our TUI work has been the continued investment of resources in a refreshed website. Website development, which has been project managed by Whare PR is well underway. Using the unique opportunity provided by the refresh, and thanks to funding for innovative and impactful outputs, we are also looking at the development of videos and other story media to better engage people in our research and research projects.

OTHER NOTABLE 2022 EVENTS

CHANGES TO WHAKAUAE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Long-time Whakauae Board Chair, Peter Fraser (Ngāti Hauiti) stood down from the Board in mid-2022 following almost a decade of service. We hosted his poroporoaki, at Whakauae Raro, on 4 August 2022 followed by a dinner at Frank Bar and Eatery. Highpoints of Pete's time with us, both as chair and prior to that as a board director, were shared among those present. They included Pete's wife, Putree and current fellow board directors along with Whakauae staff.

Peter's unfailing loyalty to Whakauae, his renowned aptitude for storytelling, his commitment to furthering the wellbeing interests of the people of Ngāti Hauiti and his well-developed sense of humour were all in turn celebrated. Peter has worked diligently and tirelessly to support Whakauae. He has been part of the organisation's journey from a fledgling entity to a now maturing and rapidly growing research centre. He will be sorely missed, and we wish him well in all his future endeavours.

Board member, Anthony Thompson took over Peter's role as Chair at the mid-year Board hui and was formally appointed at the November 2022 hui. Also formally joining the Board at the November hui, as newly appointed directors, were Simon Karipa and Tamahauiti Potaka.

From left: Utiku Potaka with retiring Whakauae Board Chair, Peter Fraser on the Ngāti Hauiti farm at Rātā



STACEY RANGINUI MOVES ON

Whakauae Assistant Accountant, Stacey Ranginui (Te Ātihaunui-ā-Pāpārangi) took up a new role, as Kaitohutohu Whakatipu Pakihi Māori Business Growth Advisor with Te Manu Atatū Whanganui Māori Business Network, in November 2022. She is relishing the challenges that come with her new role and is grateful to be able to draw on her experience and networks, including those built up over her 13 years with Whakauae, in the process.

In 2009, when Stacey joined Whakauae there were just five full time staff members and one part time staff member. The organisation had only an emerging presence in the health research space, operated on a shoestring budget, and shared a Whanganui District Council subsidised office building with local health and social services community-based providers. In keeping with our commitment to capacity building, Whakauae supported Stacey as she studied towards her Diploma of Business Studies, Accounting/Management at UCOL and her Bachelor of Accounting through the Open Polytechnic. The provision of paid study time, in-house mentoring and opportunities to practice in a real-life environment through learning 'on the job' proved invaluable elements in Stacey's growth. In addition to honing her business and accountancy skills, Stacey has also been supported to participate in te reo Māori training during her time with Whakauae.

Stacey leaves behind a well-established Kaupapa Māori health research centre that has more than doubled its number of staff, consistently attracts HRC funding and has achieved a robust standing in the health research world. She can rightly take credit for at least some of that development with the contributions she has made in terms both of her paid work role and, more importantly, through her commitment to honouring the place of Whakauae as an iwi-owned and mandated entity.



Stacey Ranginui

Stacey's strong interest in fostering the factors that are unique to a Kaupapa Māori approach to business enterprise has grown in recent years. We look forward to supporting her on her new journey sharing her skills, knowledge and gifts with Māori-led businesses around the rohe.

ATTENDANCE AT THE AUSTRALIAN EVALUATION SOCIETY (AES) CONFERENCE

Whakauae staff members have a long tradition of contributing to the Australian (formerly Australasian) Evaluation Society through participation in the work of the Society and at the annual international conference. In 2022, team members Gill Potaka-Osborne and Mel Potaka-Osborne travelled to Australia with Te Oranganui Trust (Whanganui) kaimahi to enjoy a few stimulating days once again with colleagues from the evaluation profession. The Society's International Evaluation Conference for 2022 was held in Adelaide, South Australia on the traditional lands of the Kurna people. While there, Gill Potaka-Osborne took the opportunity to catch up with long-time friend, Lisa Warner (Anangu Yankunytjatjara, Pitjantjatjara) who resides in Adelaide. The Whakauae team initially met Lisa at the AES 2011 International Evaluation Conference, also held in Adelaide, over a decade ago. She has since collaborated with us, and a wider team of researchers, on the trans-Tasman *Strengthening Evaluation Practices and Strategies in Australia and New Zealand* (STEPS) project. Initiated by Dr Amohia Boulton and Associate Professor Margret Cargo (then at the University of South Australia), the STEPS research began in 2014 and was successfully conducted over a period of four years.



Gill Potaka-Osborne (left) and Lisa Warner, Adelaide 2022

At the conference Gill along with Mel Maniapoto and Hayden Bradley, kaimahi at Te Oranganui Trust, a Whanganui-based kaupapa Māori health and social services provider, presented a paper on co-designing Indigenous youth programme evaluations (discussed in more detail under Project Reports). Mel Potaka-Osborne, who had been awarded an Emerging Indigenous Evaluator Scholarship to take part in the conference, spent time listening to inspiring Indigenous presentations and gaining insight into Indigenous-led evaluation. She particularly enjoyed hearing about Indigenous evaluators leading their own evaluation initiatives, as opposed to being dictated to by colonising interests, and finally being able to put faces to many of the names she was familiar with through her research and evaluation work. She also appreciated the acknowledgment that she and her Indigenous scholarship recipient colleagues were accorded at the formal conference dinner.



Mel Potaka-Osborne (seventh from right) with fellow Emerging Indigenous Evaluator Scholarship recipients, AES President, Kiri Parata (third from right) and Indigenous Culture and Diversity Committee member, Sharon Clarke (first left)

DR AMOHIA BOULTON BECOMES FELLOW OF THE AUSTRALIAN EVALUATION SOCIETY

At the 2022 conference, Dr Amohia Boulton was officially inducted as a Fellow of the Australian Evaluation Society (AES) along with long-time friend and colleague, Sharon Clarke (Wergaia, Wemba Wemba, Djadwajali, Gundjitimara). The title of Fellow was created by the AES in 2003 to formally recognise long term members who have made significant and sustained contributions to the theory and practice of evaluation as well as to the work of the Society. Prospective fellows are nominated by AES members. Amohia was nominated for the award by former Society President, Lyn Alderman (Australia) and Vice President (New Zealand), Liz Smith; women who Amohia had worked alongside while on the AES Board. Nominations are assessed by a committee of Fellows and a representative of the current AES Board.

There are currently 25 AES Fellows including Nan Wehipeihana who was the first Indigenous Fellow of AES. Nan, who presented the award, observed that Amohia and Sharon had worked closely together as Board members leading the move within the AES to provide the Society with “the proper perspective and tools to be more inclusive of the cultural safety of First Nations people and communities.” Nan noted that the two were deliberately nominated at the same time to reflect the way they had worked as a very influential team to bring about these changes. In speaking to Amohia’s contribution to the Society over the years Nan remarked that “the AES has benefited greatly from Amohia’s strong background in Māori-led research and evaluation and has worked closely with AES Indigenous members, in particular Sharon, to bring about similar change in Australia. Amohia has been very active working with AES committees and projects to develop the Cultural Protocols, cultural safety training and the First Nations Cultural Safety Framework.”

Amohia could not attend the conference and asked that Gill Potaka-Osborne accept the award on her behalf, reading a prepared acceptance speech. In that speech, Amohia recognised the many AES members who had supported her throughout her time as an ordinary member, committee member and board member, giving thanks to, among others, mentor Jenny Neale, former Presidents David Roberts and Lynne Alderman, AES stalwart, Executive Officer Bill Wallace and friend and colleague Sharon Clarke.



AES 22 International Evaluation Conference



RESEARCH PROGRAMME AND PROJECTS

WHAKAUAE-LED RESEARCH

FUNDER

CONTRACT TITLE

Health Research Council of New Zealand (HRC)	<p><i>Kia Puāwai Ake Ngā Uri Whakatupu: Flourishing Future Generations</i> research programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Rapua Te Ara Rangatira, Kia Hikitia Ai Te Oranga Tangata</i> research project • <i>Tō Mātou Kāinga, Tō Mātou Ūkaipō</i> research project • <i>He Waka Eke Noa</i> research project • <i>Translation, Uptake and Impact</i> project <p><i>Te Ao Rauropi: Mapping the Biosphere of Rongoā Māori</i> research project</p>
Ministry of Health	<i>Te Kākano: Rangatahi Health and Wellbeing Innovation Evaluation</i> (Te Oranganui Trust)
Te Puni Kōkiri / Ha o Te Ora Trust	<i>Chatham Islands Whānau Wellbeing Study</i>
Independent Research Organisation Capability Fund (HRC)	<p><i>He Mahi Tirohanga – Māori Research Capacity and Capability Building</i> research project</p> <p><i>Te Ranga Tupua Response to Covid-19</i> research project</p>

KIA PUĀWAI AKE NGĀ URI WHAKATUPU: FLOURISHING FUTURE GENERATIONS RESEARCH PROGRAMME

Start / Finish Dates:	1 November 2021 – 31 October 2026
Principal Investigator:	Dr Amohia Boulton

Research Team: Utiku Potaka, Dr Tanya Allport, Gill Potaka-Osborne, Mel Potaka- Osborne, Kiri Parata, Stacey Ruru, Lynley Cvitanovic, Tom Johnson (Whakauae), Dr Heather Gifford (Pirere Consulting), Professor Denise Wilson, Professor Stephen Reay, Professor Cassie Khoo (Auckland University of Technology), Associate Professor Bridgette Masters-Awatere (University of Waikato), Paora Crawford Moyle, Dr Pat Neuwelt (independent researchers), Lucia Gribble & Dr John McMenamin (Health Solutions Trust)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The research question underpinning this five-year programme of research is: What Māori knowledge is required to shift system responses to enable better health outcomes for Māori? The programme aims to generate new mātauranga Māori and create systems of knowledge translation that facilitate uptake of key findings to enable improved health outcomes for Māori. The four programme objectives are to: (a) establish new knowledge on the leadership, governance and decision-making models required for iwi/ Māori to make significant and enduring advances in the equity of health outcome; (b) build knowledge on safe and healthy home environments for whānau Māori to flourish; (c) establish whānau and clinical concepts of good practice in the primary health care system; and (d) achieve knowledge translation for impact pathways to facilitate key systems change. Objectives (a) to (c) link to each of three new research projects to be undertaken (knowledge generation), while objective (d) relates specifically to knowledge translation. The research projects which align to each of the programme objectives are:





The *Rapua Te Ara Rangatira, Kia Hikitia Ai Te Oranga Tangata* research project's Utiku Potaka at the *Kia Puāwai Ake Ngā Uri Whakatupu* Systems Change workshop

Project 1: *Rapua te Ara Rangatira, Kia Hikitia Ai te Oranga Tangata* – Leadership, governance, and decision-making models to achieve health equity for Māori, Lead: Dr Amohia Boulton (Objective 1).

Project 1 will investigate the role iwi can play in leadership, governance, and decision-making in the health sector. By investigating the optimal governance and decision-making models required of iwi, we aim to align the potential of Māori governance with the urgent change that is required to achieve the goal of equity of health outcome for Māori.

Project 2: *Tō Mātou Kāinga, Tō Mātou Ūkaipō* – Whānau conceptions of home: supporting flourishing home environments, Lead: Professor Denise Wilson (Objective 2).

The aims of this project are to (a) understand whānau conceptualisations of 'home' related to connectedness, people, place, and space, and their influence on whānau members' needs for safety and wellbeing, particularly within a Covid-19 context; (b) co-construct and produce whānau-centred model(s), safety and wellbeing indicators and resources for whānau to enhance safety and wellbeing at home and within their communities; and (c) construct an outcomes framework and indicators to measure the impact of the whānau-centred model(s) developed.



Tō Mātou Kāinga, Tō Mātou Ūkaipō research team members. From left: Professor Denise Wilson, Dr Tanya Allport and Mel Potaka-Osborne

OUTCOMES / ACHIEVEMENTS

2022 saw the launch of the *Kia Puāwai Ake Ngā Uri Whakatupu* research programme with each of the four projects embarking on, and successfully completing, the establishment phase of the research. A full complement of research team members (20) has been recruited across all projects along with a number of masters and PhD students coming on board as part of the programme commitment to grow Māori health research capacity.



Kia Puāwai Ake Ngā Uri Whakatupu research programme team members at their October hui in Whanganui

Each of the four projects has an academic team leader who is responsible for the overall running of their project and their team's work. A programme manager is employed to monitor progress across the programme as a whole and to facilitate effective communication between all four projects. Programme Leadership Team hui are held quarterly, with expertise also being sought to guide the programme of research as a whole through the two expert advisory groups we have established; a Tikanga Advisory Rōpū and a Translation, Uptake and Impact (TUI) Advisory Group. Each meets six-monthly or as required. In addition, several project specific expert advisory groups have been established and are regularly convening.

Projects 1 – 3 have each applied for ethics review and successfully gained ethics approval for their proposed research. Summer internships made available for post graduate students have resulted in literature reviews being completed relevant to each of the four projects. Towards the end of the establishment phase, all projects have begun to engage whānau, hapū, iwi and hāpori Māori in a variety of ways. The first round of data collection has begun with whānau and primary health care staff participating in interviews. Local partnerships have been formalised with hāpori in some of the projects and Ngāti Hauiti is directly engaged with the programme through the *Rapua te ara Rangatira* project.

Significant design outputs and ideas have been developed, under the umbrella of the TUI project, with a dissemination framework being developed, applied and tested in workshops with projects 1-3. A dedicated website for the *Kia Puāwai Ake Ngā Uri Whakatupu* research programme

has also been created (<https://kia-puawai.whakauae.co.nz/>) under TUI team leadership inclusive of the development of a *Kia Puāwai* video.

All projects have begun to integrate systems change thinking, aspirations and pathways into their research to varying degrees.

This integration has been influenced by full *Kia Puāwai* team participation in several workshops with the Innovation Unit (<https://www.innovationunit.org/>) during 2022.



Exploring systems change at the *Kia Puāwai Ake Ngā Uri Whakatupu* research programme team's October hui



TE AO RAUROPi: MAPPING THE BIOSPHERE OF RONGOĀ MĀORI

Start / Finish Dates:	1 September 2020 – 31 August 2023
Lead:	Dr Amohia Boulton
Research Team:	Dr Tanya Allport, Gill Potaka-Osborne (Whakauae Research), Dr Glenis Mark, Donna Kerridge (independent researchers)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

A significant gap exists between our understanding of Rongoā at its most fundamental and its potential to rebalance spirit, land, people. To date, no single study has attempted to ascertain the wider range and diversity of wellbeing benefits to which Rongoā contributes, both to the people and to the environments we inhabit. Building on previous work undertaken by members of the research team, this study is investigating the breadth and depth of the practice of Rongoā to identify how, and in what manner, Rongoā delivers benefit within our communities. The research seeks to articulate the contribution that Rongoā makes to the health and wellbeing of the Aotearoa New Zealand population and our environments.

OUTCOMES / ACHIEVEMENTS

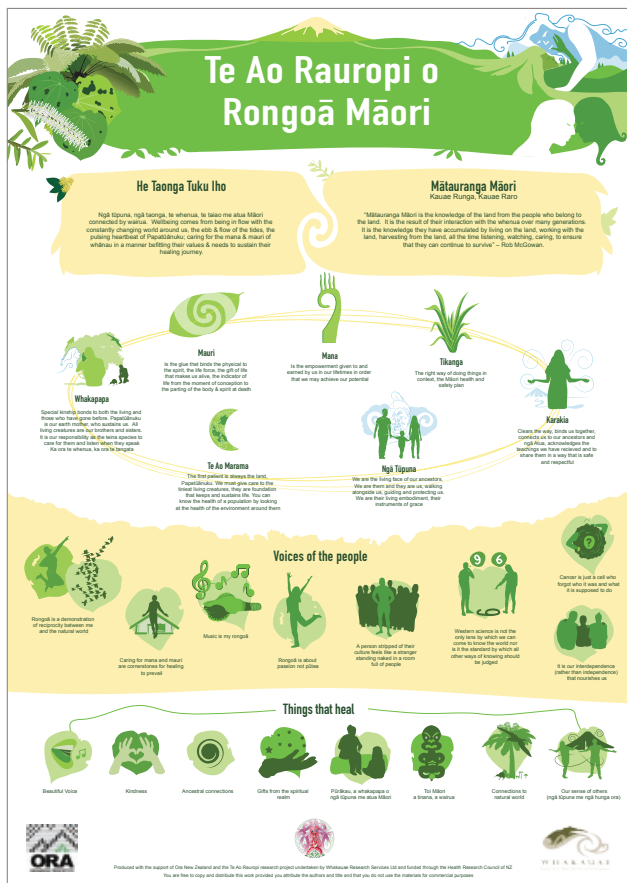
2022 was a big year for the *Te Ao Rauropi: Mapping the Biosphere of Rongoā Māori* research team as we moved through Phase 2 of the research into Phase 3. In-depth case studies were completed, with members of the team conducting interviews with more than 50 Rongoā healers and their patients from around the country as well as facilitating two wānanga focus groups.

Analysis of the research data informed the production of four dissemination outputs. These outputs included two infographic posters developed to share early study findings more widely. The first poster privileged participant voices and highlighted the many different expressions and impacts of Rongoā. The second described the relationship and connections that Māori have with the whenua.

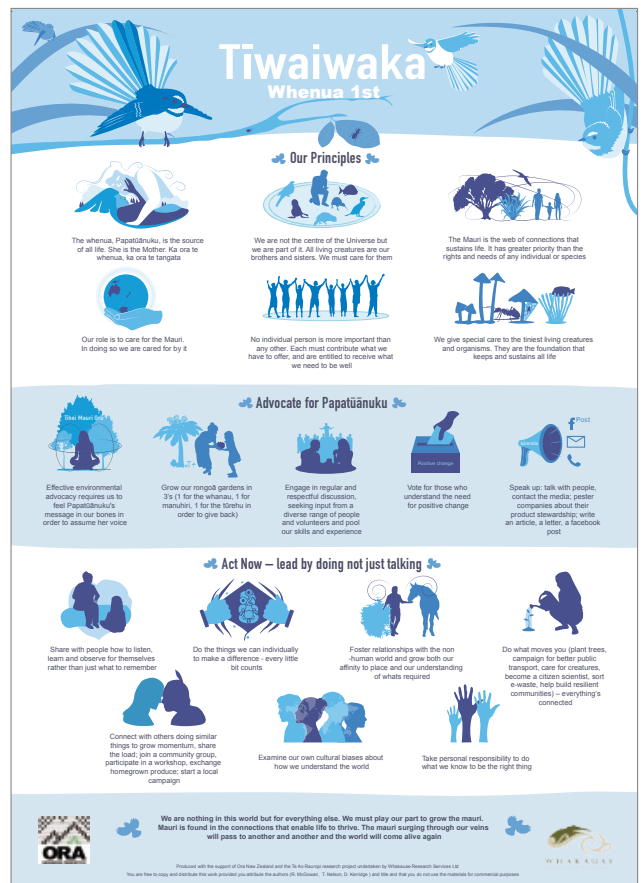
In addition, the team submitted two articles for publication. *Rongoā Māori: more than mirimiri and pani'* appeared in the *Te Pūtake Whakauae Raro Occasional Paper Series* mid-year with

a further paper, exploring the importance of land to healing and of healing to the land, later being published in the *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*.

In June 2022, Whakauae co-ordinated and hosted the *Tū Mai Rongoā* online symposium. The purpose of the symposium was to support Rongoā as a normal and natural aspect of our interactions with the world, promoting wider understanding. We were partnered in symposium mahi by key stakeholders, including the Ministry of Health, the Interim Māori Health Authority, the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) and Te Kāhui Rongoā Trust. The symposium was a great success with more than 1000 registered participants and a live audience of over 400 on the day. A symposium report, capturing key themes, was produced along with an infographic poster summarising the speakers kōrero. A further infographic developed for symposium stakeholders explores rangatahi understanding of the Rongoā sector.



Te Ao Rauropi o Rongoā Māori infographic poster



The Tiwaiwaka Whenua 1st infographic poster



The Rangatahi Talk Rongoā Māori infographic poster

Members of the research team engaged with media to promote the symposium and a broader understanding of Rongoā. A press release was prepared and invitations to participate in interviews with both TV's *Te Karere* programme and with Radio Watea were accepted. Print and digital media articles, based on the team's press release, were also published by various media outlets.

2022 ended on a high note with members of the project's expert advisory group participating in a second hui. In February 2023, the research team will conduct further data analysis and begin work on "mapping" Rongoā in its entirety in the final phase of the study.

HE MAHI TIROHANGA - MĀORI RESEARCH CAPACITY AND CAPABILITY BUILDING

Start / Finish Dates:	June 2022 – December 2023
Lead:	Dr Tanya Allport
Research Team:	Dr Amohia Boulton (Whakauae Research), Teresa Taylor (independent researcher) and Ema Tu'akoi (Whakauae scholarship student)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Whakauae has a long history of supporting Māori student development as well as emerging Māori and Indigenous health researchers. That support has included scholarships which have been developed and awarded to students, across a broad range of disciplines, at undergraduate, masters, doctoral and post-doctoral levels. Bespoke in nature, our scholarships have catered to the holistic wellbeing needs of each recipient; an approach that appears to have worked well. Having recently secured Independent Research Organisation Capability (IROC) funding from the Health Research Council however, we now seek to critically review and further refine our capability building initiatives. Our aim is to be more strategic and aspirational in developing a long-term vision for how to support capacity and capability building for Māori research.

This research is important as it will identify specific facilitators and barriers to accessing Māori student support, as well as reviewing types of support and delivery of support, for Māori health and wellbeing research outside the academy. Recommendations to facilitate the on-going nurturing of Māori students will also be identified through the research. The first-hand accounts of Māori students will be utilised to inform, strengthen, and improve the provision and delivery of the Whakauae Māori research capacity and capability building support, currently on offer.



He Mahi Tirohanga research project lead, Dr Tanya Allport

OUTCOMES / ACHIEVEMENTS

A capacity and capability building literature review was conducted, in the second half of the year, by Whakauae Winter Scholarship student, Ema Tu'akoi guided by the wider research team. An ethics proposal was also prepared and submitted to both the New Zealand Ethics Committee and to Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti for review. Following ethics approval, participant interviews were successfully conducted, using data collection tools designed by the research team. Preliminary data analysis has taken place with further mahi a rōpū analysis planned for early in 2023. The team is currently in the process of writing up initial study results in a draft journal article to be submitted in 2023, along with finalising the literature review for submission to *Te Pūtake Whakauae Raro Occasional Paper Series* for publication.

TE KĀKANO: RANGATAHI HEALTH AND WELLBEING INNOVATION EVALUATION (TE ORANGANUI TRUST)

Start / Finish Dates:	1 April 2019 – 30 June 2022
Lead:	Gill Potaka-Osborne
Whakauae Researcher:	Lynley Cvitanovic



At the AES Conference in Adelaide, South Australia. From left: Mel Potaka-Osborne, Kiri Parata (AES President), Nan Wehipeihana, Haydon Bradley, Gill Potaka-Osborne and Mel Maniapoto

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Te Kākano Rangatahi Health and Wellbeing Innovation was developed and is being delivered by Whanganui-based Māori health and social services provider, Te Oranganui Trust. Supported by the Ministry of Health through Te Ao Auahatanga Hauora Māori: Māori Health Innovation Fund, its aims include implementing a specific mātauranga Māori approach and co-design methodology intended to actively engage rangatahi (16-22 years). The intent of *Te Kākano* is to connect rangatahi to Te Awa o Whanganui and to te taiao, alongside addressing the range of issues that they face along the way. The initiative utilises a Whānau Ora outcomes approach to work alongside rangatahi to set goals, connect them to te Ao Māori and become work ready. A developmental evaluation is being conducted inclusive of formative, process, and outcome components. The evaluation explores if, and how, the initiative contributes to enhancing the health and wellbeing of rangatahi and their whānau.

OUTCOMES / ACHIEVEMENTS

Early in 2022, in response to the success of *Te Kākano Rangatahi Health and Wellbeing Innovation*, Te Oranganui Trust collaborated with the Rangitikei based Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa to launch *Te Kākano ki Rangitikei Rangatahi*.

A highlight of the year was a presentation delivered by Gill Potaka-Osborne (Whakauae) and Te Oranganui Trust staff members, Mel Maniapoto and Hayden Bradley at the Australian Evaluation Society (AES) 2022 International Conference in Adelaide. The presentation “The boys have as much say as what we do around what happens”: Co-design in Indigenous youth programmes and evaluation design focused on *Te Kākano* and another Te Oranganui rangatahi programme, *Tapestry of Truth*. The presentation explored the successes and challenges of evaluating programmes for rangatahi, including the impact of Covid-19. The presenters concluded that the programmes effectively addressed rangatahi Māori inequity using approaches underpinned by mātauranga Māori. Additionally, they acknowledged the positive relationships between programme staff and evaluators, adding value to programme content and success. The presentation attracted much interest from other Indigenous providers and evaluators working with rangatahi.

Our final report to the funder has also been used to inform a process and impact assessment of all recently concluded *Te Kākano* projects nationwide.

CHATHAM ISLANDS WHĀNAU WELLBEING STUDY

Start / Finish Dates:	22 February 2021 – 31 March 2022
Lead:	Dr Amohia Boulton
Research Team:	Dr Tanya Allport, Utiku Potaka, Lynley Cvitanovic (Whakauae) and Teresa Taylor (independent researcher)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Late in 2019, Whakauae was commissioned by Te Puni Kōkiri to conduct wellbeing research in the Chatham Islands. The aim of the research was to explore the self-identified wellbeing needs of the Islands' population. Findings were to be used to inform and advocate for sustainable, longer-term, targeted funding to more effectively address whānau/hunau wellbeing needs. The objectives of this Kaupapa Māori research project were to: describe whānau assessments of current whānau wellbeing; document the self-identified and unaddressed wellbeing needs of whānau; identify the needs that can potentially be supported by agencies and services outside of the whānau; identify challenges associated with adequately supporting unaddressed wellbeing needs; and draw on study findings and a shared analysis to propose recommendations for service solutions with the greatest potential to enhance whānau wellbeing.



The Chatham Islands Wellbeing Study report (2022)

OUTCOMES / ACHIEVEMENTS

We worked with Chatham Islands health and social services provider, Ha o Te Ora Wharekauri Trust Community Services to initiate the research early in 2020. The uncertainties associated with Covid-19 however, then conspired to significantly impact all subsequent stages of the research. Our first 10-day fieldwork visit was not able to take place until April 2021. A second fieldwork visit followed in June 2021. However, a third visit to present the research team's data analysis and offer participants the opportunity to refine study results through a "sense-making" process, was unavoidably postponed. Ongoing Covid-19 constraints in 2022 finally resulted in the third visit being cancelled. Study findings were eventually shared with Ha o Te Ora's Board through the medium of Zoom.

Despite these challenges, the team was able to prepare a final research report entitled *The Island always calls you back: a whole of community approach to wellbeing in the Chatham Islands* and disseminated both hard and electronic copies of the report to participants, and to the Chatham Islands community more widely, in mid-2022. Findings from the study were also shared with a range of stakeholders including other health providers, DHB representatives as well as with Paul Eagle MP for Rongotai, whose electorate includes the Chatham Islands. Since publication, Te Puni Kōkiri personnel have indicated that the report will be a useful guide for them in their work with the Chatham Islands into the future. We have additionally been advised that the report had been positively acknowledged by the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust during the Chatham Islands online stakeholder forum, and that the Ministry of Education's Regional Public Service team had read the report closely and was committed to following up on the education issues raised.

TE RANGA TUPUA RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Start / Finish Dates:	January 2021 – 31 March 2022
Lead:	Dr Amohia Boulton
Research Team:	Wheturangi Walsh-Tapiata, Dr Katie McMenamin, Tom Devine



Research team members. From left: Wheturangi Walsh-Tapiata, Dr Amohia Boulton, Katie McMenamin and Tom Devine

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Late in 2020, Whakauae were approached to assist in a research project to document the local, iwi-led response to the initial Covid-19 lockdown of March 2020. The research was requested by Te Ranga Tupua, a collective made up of 12 iwi entities and organisations from the South Taranaki, Whanganui, Waimarino and Rangitikei regions². The work was funded through IRO funding from the Health Research Council of New Zealand; Pūtea Aroha, (a fund established by Te Ranga Tupua to support emergency and disaster relief activities in the rohe); and Covid-19 funding from Te Oranganui Trust. Originally conceived as a small project, due to the willingness of informants to participate and the rich information that was collected, the study became a significant piece of work for Whakauae through 2021. Project team members included Wheturangi Walsh-Tapiata, the Mataiwhetū (CEO) of Te Oranganui; Dr Katie McMenamin, a Pākehā postdoctoral fellow; and Tom Devine, a young, Pākehā student from Whanganui. In addition, staff members from Te Oranganui assisted with data collection, while other whānau members completed transcribing and, where necessary, translation of interviews.

OUTCOMES / ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2022 the draft technical report was completed and peer reviewed by an iwi leader who had been involved in the 2020 Covid-19 response. The review recommended that the draft report be professionally edited and reduced in length. An editor was subsequently engaged late in 2022 and the feedback received will be worked through early in 2023. In addition to producing a technical report, research team members prioritised the publication and dissemination of journal articles on aspects of the iwi/Māori response to Covid-19. Two journal articles were accepted for publication in 2022: Devine, T., Allport, T., Walsh-Tapiata, W., & Boulton, A. Equity, public health messaging and traditional Māori knowledge: the Te Ranga Tupua COVID-19 response. *Journal of Humanistic Psychology* and Boulton, A., Devine, T., McMenamin, K., & Walsh-Tapiata, W. Te Ranga Tupua: an Iwi (tribal) response to COVID-19 in Aotearoa New Zealand. *International Journal of Indigenous Health*, 17 (1). In addition, a third commentary paper was submitted for publication in the *Australia New Zealand Journal of Public Health* in 2023.

² Te Ranga Tupua (TRT) is a collective made up of 12 iwi entities and organisations from the South Taranaki, Whanganui, Waimarino and Rangitikei regions: Te Tōtarahoe o Paerangi (representing the tribe of Ngāti Rangī), Mōkai Pātea Nui Tonu (representing the tribes of Ngāti Hauiti, Ngāti Tamakōpiri, Ngāi Te Ohuake, Ngāti Whitikaupeka); Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki – Ngāti Apa (representing the tribes of Ngā Wairiki me Ngāti Apa), Ngā Tangata Tiaki o Whanganui, (representing the tribes and hapū of Tūpoho, Tama Upoko, Ngāti Haua, Ngāti Uenuku); and Te Kaahui o Rauru, representing Ngāa Rauru kii tahi.



WHAKAUA SUB-CONTRACTED PROJECTS

CONTRACTING ORGANISATION

SHORT TITLE OF CONTRACT

McDonald-Sporle Ltd	<i>Te Hao Nui</i>
Victoria University of Wellington	<i>Enhancing Primary Health Care Services to Improve Health in Aotearoa New Zealand</i>
Auckland University of Technology (AUT)	<i>Kei roto tō tātau rongoā: A community/whānau-based approach for wellbeing</i>

TE HAO NUI

Funder:	Health Research Council of New Zealand
Start / Finish Dates:	1 August 2018 – 2023
Lead:	Andrew Sporle, McDonald Sporle Ltd
Whakauae Researcher:	Dr Amohia Boulton (Co-Investigator)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

This longitudinal study links existing data resources: the data from Te Kupenga 2013 and 2018; Census 2013 and 2018; the Integrated Data Infrastructure (IDI); and the Longitudinal Census Database. The focus of the work is to use the existing data to explore the determinants of rangatahi wellbeing as defined by two local communities and one DHB. Linking into existing iwi and regional Māori development plans, these regional projects will produce information that will immediately inform the delivery of services and interventions to improve rangatahi wellbeing, while providing templates for the approach to be replicated by other communities and regions. Focusing on informing local interventions and policy, the study will transform national statistics into locally accessible information linked into service delivery planning and evaluation at the iwi, rohe as well as regional levels. It aims to create a resource within the official statistics system that can be used for research, evaluation, and monitoring of rangatahi wellbeing on an on-going basis.

OUTCOMES / ACHIEVEMENTS

Extended Covid-19 lockdowns in Auckland during 2020 and again in 2021 severely impacted progress on this project as access to datalab facilities was restricted and key statistical support staff were reassigned to other projects. The project re-started in late 2022 at which time an extension to ethics was sought and granted through to April 2024.

Despite the setbacks brought about by Covid, a number of technical activities have been completed such as the linking of Te Kupenga data to other key Integrated Data Infrastructure (IDI) datasets including Census 2013 and the creation of age-based cohorts for Māori by ethnicity and descent based on Census 2013. The linking will enable statisticians and statistical modellers to undertake cohort analysis of Māori outcomes.

The wider team has produced a number of academic papers based on these activities and has been engaged in workforce development, supporting two students undertaking their Bachelor of Science in Statistics degrees at Auckland University. The appointment of a kairangahau Māori to lead the community engagement component of the project will proceed in 2023. A paper on the project has been accepted by the *International Indigenous Policy Journal* and is due for publication in 2023.

ENHANCING PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO IMPROVE HEALTH IN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

Funder:	Health Research Council of New Zealand
Start / Finish Dates:	1 October 2018 – 30 September 2023
Lead:	Dr Clive Aspin, Victoria University of Wellington
Whakauae Researcher:	Dr Amohia Boulton

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Enhancing Primary Health Care Services to Improve Health in Aotearoa New Zealand is an HRC- funded programme of research investigating the effectiveness of the country's primary health care system. To be conducted over five years, the research is examining existing service delivery models and investigating improving service access for a range of population groups. The research programme comprises a suite of five interconnecting research projects each of which focuses on a specific aspect of the primary health care system. Whakauae will contribute to the overall programme including to one project that will specifically examine Māori access to, and experience of, the primary health care system. The title of that project is *Raranga tāngata, oranga tāngata: Integrated care for Māori health and wellbeing*. A critical aspect of this project is investigating the potential for the improved integration of primary health and social services provision for Māori.

OUTCOMES / ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2022, the third phase of our study was completed. This phase involved the collection, coding, and analysis of the study's first set of data from 27 tohunga, rangatira and national informants in Māori primary health care (PHC). The original research plan also allowed for a second set of data to be collected through two wānanga with whānau participants. These wānanga were to focus on whānau views of primary health care and expectations around integrated health care. Whilst ethical approval was gained for these wānanga, the ongoing presence of Covid-19 during 2022 significantly impacted the collection of this second data set. These wānanga have now been deferred to 2023.

Despite the delays in holding whānau wānanga, towards the end of 2022 the study moved into its final phase. The final phase involves the analysis of data, to produce concluding ideas around how, and why, specific care or services work to enhance (or detract from) the experience of integrated care and services for whānau Māori. Although data collection had not concluded in 2022, the analysis was able to begin with the first data set.

In November, a policy brief entitled *Indigenising Our Future: A Call To Action*, written from analysis of this data, was distributed widely across government and throughout Māori health and social services communities. The policy brief focused on the radical systems change that Māori health leaders interviewed in the He Waka Eke Noa phase had called for. To truly transform PHC outcomes for Māori, informants insisted that the opportunities for radical disruption currently presented by health system reform must be grasped, through a deliberate return to Kaupapa Māori approaches. There was much interest from the media in the policy brief, with radio, print and television interviews following. As a consequence of the release of the brief, Te Aka Whai Ora also invited members of the team to support their national review of Suicide Prevention Services. A second paper from the study has been accepted by the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health and is due for release in mid-2023.



The *Raranga tāngata, oranga tāngata: Integrated care for Māori health and wellbeing* research project policy brief



KEI ROTO TŌ TĀTAU RONGOĀ: A COMMUNITY/WHĀNAU-BASED APPROACH FOR WELLBEING

Funder:	Health Research Council of New Zealand
Start Dates:	1 February 2022 – 31 January 2025
Lead:	Professor Denise Wilson, AUT
Whakauae Researcher:	Dr Tanya Allport

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

This Kaupapa Māori study is exploring a whānau wellbeing approach for the prevention of violence and harm, supporting aspirational and successful whānau futures. The aims of the research are three-fold and are to (1) co-construct and implement a whānau wellbeing approach to improve the overall health and wellbeing of whānau and tamariki (2) develop and conduct feasibility testing of whānau wellbeing measures for adults and tamariki and (3) produce a prevention approach that is whānau, hapū, iwi, and hāpori owned and driven.

The study is utilising co-construction wānanga to gather stories from whānau who have had mokopuna removed by the state or who have mokopuna who have been in state care. Key informant participants are also being recruited. The whānau violence prevention approach the study is taking will contribute to reducing the harms associated with violence and provide solutions to the unnecessary removal of mokopuna from their whānau.

OUTCOMES / ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2022, the research team successfully engaged with seven Māori health and social service providers across Aotearoa to further the aims of the study. Working closely with these providers, participants across each of the provider sites were recruited to take part in an initial round of data collection-focused co-construction wānanga. A total of 56 whānau members and key informants participated in seven wānanga contributing a wealth of data to the study. Following completion of the data analyses for this first round of wānanga, a second round will be conducted in 2023 building on initial findings.

WHAKAUA PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

PARTNER

Seven Directions Indigenous Public Health
Institute (USA)

TITLE OF PROJECT

International Indigenous Gathering Ground



INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS GATHERING GROUND

Funder:	Global Innovations Fund & HRC Independent Research Organisation Capability Fund
Start Date:	January 2021
Whakauae Lead:	Dr Tanya Allport
Seven Directions Lead:	Dr Christina Oré

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The *International Indigenous Gathering Ground* project is a virtual knowledge exchange between Whakauae and Seven Directions. Seven Directions is the first national public health institute in the USA focused solely on Indigenous health and wellness and is based at the University of Washington. The Institute seeks to enhance connectivity across tribes, communities and organisations dedicated to ensuring the health and wellness of American Indian and Alaska Native peoples. Our joint research project aims to build shared approaches, frameworks, and potential solutions to address current Indigenous health and wellbeing issues.

This project will lay the foundation for continued global collaborative Indigenous knowledge development for improved community health and wellbeing. The need for Indigenous knowledge exchange, joint research and collective practice has been highlighted by the recent Covid-19 pandemic. Strengthened Indigenous systems build upon relationships, access resources and exercise authority to respond quickly and effectively to population and public health crises, such as Covid-19, food insecurity, fiscal crisis, and climate change.

OUTCOMES / ACHIEVEMENTS

During 2022, our partnership relationship with Seven Directions Indigenous Public Health Institute was strengthened through regular hui convened to consider evolving Indigenous public health issues both here in Aotearoa New Zealand and in the United States. These discussions enabled us to further think critically about specific Indigenous public health matters as they evolve within the context of Aotearoa's changing health system. We jointly developed a plan for the drafting of a journal paper, to be submitted in 2023, and also carried out preliminary preparation of a strategic relationship agreement to be finalised in 2023.





GROWING THE MĀORI HEALTH RESEARCH WORKFORCE

Whakauae has a robust history of commitment to growing the Māori health research workforce. Indeed, growing the workforce has been a priority for the organisation since day one. Gill Potaka-Osborne was right here, as the first kaimahi, when Ngāti Hauiti and its Whakauae founding director, Dr Heather Gifford launched the organisation in February 2005. Having previously worked with Heather at Taumata Hauora Trust Māori Development Organisation in Whanganui, Gill had some idea of what she was getting herself in to! In the years since, she has successfully transitioned through the roles of administrator then research assistant to fully-fledged researcher and evaluator in her own right.

Gill explains that she was introduced to the health research and evaluation practice space “by osmosis” as she “followed Heather around the rohe ... just slotting in wherever she needed me.” Incrementally, Gill developed participant recruitment, data collection and data analysis knowledge and skills along with an emerging appreciation of research ethics and their application in practice. Her previous work, as a WINZ case manager, had given her “a pretty good understanding of systems” and, as Heather had also observed, “an intimate understanding of my community...through sport, kōhanga, kapa haka, and whakapapa which would be useful in research and evaluation”.

As Gill’s competencies continued to evolve, it became increasingly clear that formalising her learning was going to be critical both for her own development and to growing the capacity of Whakauae. The organisation invested in structured upskilling and, as Gill reflects, “I have done some fantastic learning with awesome trainers such as Shore Whariki, Nan Wehipeihana, Fiona Cram, Delwyn Goodrick, Jess Dart and Kate McKegg to name but a few”. She enrolled at Massey University and completed an undergraduate degree in 2011 followed by a Postgraduate Diploma in Social Sector Evaluation and Research in 2016.

Gill continued with postgraduate study enrolling in a master’s degree in Māori Studies, with a focus on evaluation, which she successfully completed in 2019. With her Whakauae colleagues, she also participated in a range of te reo Māori programmes of learning including with Te Wānanga o Aotearoa. These years were particularly busy as she juggled study, full-time work and sport alongside her extensive whānau commitments.



Gill with her father, Mike Potaka at her 2012 Massey University graduation



Gill (left) and Whakauae founding director, Dr Heather Gifford

As well as learning on the job, structured and formal study, Gill's research and evaluation kete has been complemented through her collegial contributions to the academy. These contributions have included both peer reviewed and non-peer reviewed publications as well as national and international conference presentations. In addition to co-authoring many technical reports for Whakauae, Gill has co-authored papers published in journals that include the *Journal of Indigenous Wellbeing: Te Mauri-Pimatisiwin*, the *New Zealand Law Journal*, *Evaluation Matters - He Take Tō Te Aromatawai*, *Kōtuitui: New Zealand Journal of Social Sciences*, the *International Journal for Equity in Health* and *Tobacco Control*. She has prepared abstracts successfully selected for presentation at conferences including He Manawa Whenua Indigenous Research, Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga International Indigenous Research, Healing our Spirit Worldwide, Lowitja Institute International Indigenous Health and Wellbeing as well as Australian Evaluation Society (AES) International and Aotearoa New Zealand Evaluation Association (ANZEA) conferences.

Gill explains that Whakauae has supported her growth as a Māori health researcher through nurturing her Kaupapa Māori approach, her critical thinking skills and her ability to contribute to research that provides evidence for more equitable health and wellbeing outcomes for Māori. Whilst Whakauae has provided the resources to consolidate Gill's development "it's the people in the organisation that have provided encouragement and support by simply believing that I could do it" that have made the difference. She is extremely grateful for the input of her colleagues who have "pushed me over my comfort zone ... and encouraged thinking in the Kaupapa Māori space."

She is also quick to acknowledge the support of Ngāti Hauiti kaumātua including Uncle Neville Lomax, Uncle Jim Cunningham, Uncle Peter Richardson, Aunty Bo, Maria Taiuru, and Paddy and Jo Potaka - especially in the early days of the Whakauae journey. "My dad had time out at Rātā in his youth so many of their names were already familiar to me when I started" she explains. Gill also acknowledges and thanks Sue Kavanagh (Ngāti Hauiti) who did much of the administrative mahi for Whakauae in the first five years of its operation. Her whānau too have played a key role in her Māori health research development journey. She credits her parents, Marie Osborne and Mike Potaka for instilling work ethics and the values that have helped her to interact effectively with communities. Her immediate and extended whānau have been there encouraging and supporting her along the way as she balanced study, work, home, and play.

Gill is an integral member of the research project team currently conducting the three-year Whakauae-led study, *Te Ao Rauropi: Mapping the Biosphere of Rongō Māori* (refer Research Projects section above). She is also a valued member of the *He Waka Eke Noa* research project team. *He Waka Eke Noa* is a part of the Whakauae-led *Kia Puāwai Ake Ngā Uri Whakatupu* research programme (refer Research Projects section above). In addition to her formal research project roles, Gill continues to contribute to the academy in a wide range of ways including as a member of the Auckland based Waipareira Whānau Trust's Ethics Review Committee and through the development and delivery of regular conference presentations.



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ENTITY INFORMATION

Whakauae Research Services Ltd

For the year ended 31 December 2022

‘WHO WE ARE AND WHY WE EXIST’

Legal Name of Entity

Whakauae Research Services Limited

Entity Type and Legal Basis

Company and Registered Charity

Registration Number

CC47845

Entity's Purpose or Mission

OUR VISION IS: Transforming Māori lives through excellent research.

OUR MISSION: From thought to action - driving high quality kaupapa Māori research, that is innovative, collaborative and “cutting edge” to create positive change.

Entity Structure

Whakauae Research Services Ltd was established by Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti in 2005. The organisation is a wholly owned subsidiary of Te Maru o Ruahine Trust, accountable to Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti.

Whakauae was established to make a difference to the lives of Māori, to develop the research capacity of Ngāti Hauiti and to offer a broad range of Māori centred research services both nationally and internationally. Whakauae is unique in its position within Māori health research being directly accountable to its iwi owners through Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti. The organisation's primary focus is health services and health policy research, Māori public health research, health promotion evaluation and primary care research. Whakauae utilises largely kaupapa Māori qualitative research methodologies. However, through research partnerships we are able to offer a mixed method approach if the research requires this. We are proud of our track record of sustainable, effective partnerships. We have strong community linkages with whānau, hapū and iwi. We also partner with academic institutions and health service providers to develop and deliver research.

Main Sources of Entity's Cash and Resources

Our research is funded through a mixture of contestable central government research grants, consultancy, international collaborations and commissioned evaluation.

Main Methods Used by Entity to Raise Funds

We have a range of funding sources including contestable funding from government agencies, private consultancy, contracts with academic institutions, and with health and social services providers. We do not raise funds from the public.

Entity's Reliance on Volunteers and Donated Goods or Services

Whakauae Research Services relies on the members of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti to voluntarily provide support and guidance for its work, and on the whānau, hapū and iwi members who support us through sharing their perspectives and experience, assisting us in our journey to knowledge

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APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Whakauae Research Services Ltd

For the year ended 31 December 2022

The governing body are pleased to present the approved financial report including the historical financial statements of Whakauae Research Services Ltd for year ended 31 December 2022.



Anthony Thompson
Chair
6 June 2023



Erica Williams
Director
6 June 2023



STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE

Whakauae Research Services Ltd

For the year ended 31 December 2022

DESCRIPTION OF ENTITY'S OUTCOMES

Our vision is: Transforming Māori lives through excellent research.

Our mission: From thought to action: driving high quality kaupapa Māori research that is innovative, collaborative and cutting edge to create positive change.

As a kaupapa Māori health research centre that is iwi-owned and mandated we seek to transform the lives of Māori whānau, hapū and iwi by providing high quality, timely and relevant research and advice that:

- gives priority to the desires of Māori to live and flourish as Māori;
- influences policy, funding and delivery decisions which affect Māori at the local, regional and national level; and
- contributes to iwi-identified goals and objectives.

	2022	2021
Conducting Research		
Total number of active revenue contracts during the year	13	17
Revenue contracts through academic institution or community partnership	8	9
	2022	2021
Research Dissemination - Academic Excellence		
Presentations at conferences & other events	12	9
Published outputs including: peer reviewed articles and technical reports	17	22
Other print, broadcast and online media	44	33
	2022	2021
Building Capacity - Supporting Others		
Research scholarships - Masters level and above	7	5
Supporting others to disseminate research	1	-
	2022	2021
Service to Community and Academic Leadership		
Governance Roles	7	7
Academic supervision and advisory roles	9	9
	2022	2021
Future Focus		
Submit expression of interest for a research concept	-	-
Submit full project proposal for research funding	-	1
Partnering with others to submit research proposals	-	1

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the attached Accounting Policies and Notes to the Financial Statements and the Auditor's Report.



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Whakauae Research Services Ltd

For the year ended 31 December 2022

'HOW WAS IT FUNDED?' AND 'WHAT DID IT COST?'

	Notes	2022	2021
Revenue			
Revenue from providing goods or services	1	2,203,495	1,586,553
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	1	21,346	9,410
Other revenue	1	42,271	1,233
Total Revenue		2,267,113	1,597,196
Expenses			
Volunteer and employee related costs	2	1,241,367	934,350
Costs related to providing goods or service	2	795,262	494,106
Grants and donations made	2	43,620	25,500
Other expenses	2	115,687	93,058
Total Expenses		2,195,936	1,547,014
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		71,176	50,181

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Whakauae Research Services Ltd

For the year ended 31 December 2022

‘WHAT THE ENTITY OWNS?’ AND ‘WHAT THE ENTITY OWES?’

	Notes	31 DEC 2022	31 DEC 2021
Assets			
Current Assets			
Bank accounts and cash	3	532,761	234,851
Debtors and prepayments	3	35,396	10,519
Term Deposits (90-365 days)		478,635	318,718
Total Current Assets		1,046,792	564,088
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	4	56,648	34,391
Term deposits (>365 days)		200,000	200,000
Other non-current assets	5	116,822	111,822
Total Non-Current Assets		373,470	346,213
Total Assets		1,420,262	910,301
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and accrued expenses	6	287,008	107,858
Employee costs payable	6	117,238	105,579
Income in advance	7	637,886	355,805
Total Current Liabilities		1,042,132	569,242
Total Liabilities		1,042,132	569,242
Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)		378,130	341,059
Accumulated Funds			
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	8	378,130	341,059
Total Accumulated Funds		378,130	341,059

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Whakauae Research Services Ltd

For the year ended 31 December 2022

'HOW THE ENTITY HAS RECEIVED AND USED CASH'

	2022	2021
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Donations, fundraising and other similar receipts	-	(60,437)
Receipts from providing goods or services	2,468,640	1,629,081
Interest, dividends and other investment receipts	10,681	4,101
Cash receipts from other operating activities	42,095	2,596
GST	(1,366)	486
Payments to suppliers and employees	(1,922,176)	(1,428,177)
Donations or grants paid	(53,927)	(21,500)
Cash flows from other operating activities	(136)	(34)
Total Cash Flows from Operating Activities	543,811	126,116
Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities		
Receipts from sale of property, plant and equipment	102	-
Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment	(51,981)	(28,465)
Cash flows from the sale (purchase) of investments	(159,917)	(203,653)
Cash flows from loans made to other parties	-	69
Cash flows from other investing and financing activities	(34,105)	(32,319)
Total Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities	(245,901)	(264,368)
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Cash	297,910	(138,252)
Cash Balances		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	234,851	373,103
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	532,761	234,851
Net change in cash for period	297,910	(138,252)

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the attached Accounting Policies and Notes to the Financial Statements and the Auditor's Report.



STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Whakauae Research Services Ltd

For the year ended 31 December 2022

'HOW DID WE DO OUR ACCOUNTING?'

Basis of Preparation

The entity has elected to apply PBE SFR-A (NFP) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting - Accrual (Not-For-Profit) on the basis that it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses equal to or less than \$2,000,000 for the prior two years. All transactions in the Performance Report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. The Performance Report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The entity is registered for GST. All amounts are stated exclusive of goods and services tax (GST) except for accounts payable and accounts receivable which are stated inclusive of GST.

Income Tax

Whakauae Research Services Ltd is wholly exempt from New Zealand income tax having fully complied with all statutory conditions for these exemptions.

Bank Accounts and Cash

Bank accounts and cash in the Statement of Cash Flows comprise cash balances and bank balances (including short term deposits) with original maturities of 90 days or less.

Employee Benefits

Employee benefits are recognised when the service is performed. Annual leave is accrued as earned.

Interest Revenue

Interest revenue is recognised as it accrues, using the effective interest method.

Property Plant & Equipment

Items of Property, Plant and Equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. Where an asset is donated to the entity, its cost is measured at its current value as at the date of acquisition.

Depreciation is charged on a diminishing value basis over the useful life of the asset. Depreciation is charged at rates calculated to allocate the cost of the asset less any estimated residual value over its remaining useful life:

- Computer Equipment: 40-67% Diminishing Value
- Furniture & Fittings: 13-25% Diminishing Value
- Office Equipment: 10-40% Diminishing Value
- Website: 50% Diminishing Value

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date and are adjusted if there is a change in the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits or service potential embodied in the asset. Gains and losses on disposal of fixed assets are taken into account in determining the operating result for the year.

Operating Leases

Operating leases are those which all the risks and benefits are substantially retained by the lessor. Lease payments are expensed in the periods the amounts are payable.

Other Non-Current Assets

The loan to Mokai Patea Waitangi Claims Trust is recorded at fair value ie cost plus interest receivable less any impairments.

Revenue from Providing Goods and Services

The Company receives revenue from the Health Research Council, Ministry of Health, District Health Boards, and various academic institutions. Revenue is recognised in the period the services are provided.

Term Deposits

Term Deposits are classified as current when the maturity date is less than 365 days from balance date. All other Term Deposits are classified as non-current.

Tier 2 PBE Accounting Standards Applied

The Company has not adopted any Tier 2 standards.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies. Policies have been applied on a consistent basis with those of the previous reporting period.



NOTES TO THE PERFORMANCE REPORT

Whakauae Research Services Ltd

For the year ended 31 December 2022

1. Analysis of Revenue

	2022	2021
REVENUE FROM PROVIDING GOODS OR SERVICES		
Contract Research Income	2,135,989	1,582,053
Minor Income	67,506	4,500
Total Revenue from providing goods or services	2,203,495	1,586,553
INTEREST, DIVIDENDS AND OTHER INVESTMENT REVENUE		
Interest Received	21,346	9,410
Total Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	21,346	9,410
OTHER REVENUE		
Bad Debts Recovered	42,000	-
Gain on Disposal of Fixed Assets	75	852
Sundry Income	197	380
Total Other revenue	42,271	1,233

2. Analysis of Expenses

	2022	2021
VOLUNTEER AND EMPLOYEE RELATED COSTS		
Directors' Fees	9,250	8,750
Other Employee Related Costs	74,949	35,929
Wages & Salaries	1,157,168	889,671
Total Volunteer and employee related costs	1,241,367	934,350
COSTS RELATED TO PROVIDING GOODS OR SERVICES		
Office Expenses	71,597	65,931
Rent	41,372	39,884
Research Costs	109,325	77,824
Research Subcontractors	471,570	272,779
Sponsorship - Symposium	64,009	-
Travel	37,390	37,688
Total Costs related to providing goods or services	795,262	494,106
GRANTS AND DONATIONS MADE		
Scholarships & Sponsorship	43,620	25,500
Total Grants and donations made	43,620	25,500
OTHER EXPENSES		
Auditor's Remuneration	4,770	2,470
Bad Debts	-	42,000
Consultancy	80,500	29,152
Depreciation	29,604	15,459
Legal Expenses	585	3,594
Loss on Sale/Disposal of Fixed Assets	92	342
Other Expenses	136	41
Total Other expenses	115,687	93,058



3. Analysis of Assets

	2022	2021
BANK ACCOUNTS AND CASH		
ANZ - Call Accounts	231,591	159,359
ANZ - Operating Account	300,934	74,992
ANZ - Petty Cash	237	500
Total Bank accounts and cash	532,761	234,851
DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS		
Accounts Receivable	19,594	-
Interest Receivable	6,223	558
Prepayments	9,579	9,961
Total Debtors and prepayments	35,396	10,519

4. Property, Plant and Equipment

	2022	2021
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT		
Computer Equipment	103,021	68,589
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Computer Equipment	(68,028)	(46,883)
Total Computer Equipment	34,993	21,706
FURNITURE AND FITTINGS		
Furniture and fittings	17,325	15,834
Accumulated Depreciation - Furniture and Fittings	(8,443)	(6,876)
Total Furniture and Fittings	8,882	8,958
OFFICE EQUIPMENT		
Office Equipment	19,544	18,100
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Office Equipment	(15,470)	(14,466)
Total Office Equipment	4,074	3,635
WEBSITE		
Website	11,600	7,095
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Website	(2,900)	(7,003)
Total Website	8,700	92
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	56,648	34,391
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE		
Computer Equipment	24,133	12,860
Furniture & Fittings	1,567	1,501
Office Equipment	1,004	1,006
Website	2,900	92
Total Depreciation Expense	29,604	15,459

SIGNIFICANT DONATED ASSETS RECORDED

There are no significant donated assets recorded. (Last year - \$nil).

SIGNIFICANT DONATED ASSETS - NOT RECORDED

There are no significant non-recorded donated assets. (Last year - \$nil).

5. Other Non-Current Assets

	2022	2021
Loan to MPWCT	100,000	100,000
Loan to MPWCT - Interest Receivable	16,822	11,822
Total Other Non-Current Assets	116,822	111,822

The Mokai Patea Waitangi Claims Trust (MPWCT) is a group of iwi including Ngāti Hauiti that are responsible for negotiating a Waitangi claims settlement. Whakauae Research Services Ltd loaned \$100,000 to MPWCT at the request of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti.

- interest: 5% per annum;
- term: the earlier of 6 years from the first Drawdown Date (20 August 2019), or the 10th Business Day after the actual date financial settlement is paid by the Crown in respect of the Claims.



NOTES TO THE PERFORMANCE REPORT

6. Analysis of Liabilities

	2022	2021
CREDITORS AND ACCRUED EXPENSES		
Accounts Payable	260,604	83,023
GST	26,404	24,835
Total Creditors and accrued expenses	287,008	107,858
EMPLOYEE COSTS PAYABLE		
Provision for Holiday Pay	67,480	63,350
Provision for Sabbatical Leave	49,758	42,229
Total Employee costs payable	117,238	105,579

7. Income Received in Advance

	2022	2021
Health Research Council – Independent Research Organisation Funding	-	97,440
Health Research Council – Kia Puawai Ake Ngā Uri Whakatupu	266,669	72,463
Health Research Council – Te Ao Rauropi	133,321	99,997
McDonaldSporle Ltd – Te Hao Nui	-	85,905
Health Research Council – Independent Research Organisation Capability	237,896	-
Total Income Received in Advance	637,886	355,805

The company has entered into various contracts with funders and the term for some of these contracts extends beyond balance date. For each of these contracts the directors have calculated the amount received prior to balance date for which expenses have yet to be incurred and these amounts are recorded as Income Received in Advance.

8. Accumulated Funds

	2022	2021
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Opening Balance	341,059	323,197
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)		
Current year earnings	71,176	50,181
Dividends paid	(34,105)	(32,319)
Total Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	37,071	17,862
Total Accumulated Funds	378,130	341,059

9. Share Capital

The company has issued 283,399 ordinary voting shares. All shares have equal voting rights and share equally in dividends and surplus on winding up. The shares have no par value. None of the shares are held by the Company. There have been no movements in share capital during the year. (Last year - \$nil).

10. Commitments

	2022	2021
COMMITMENTS TO LEASE OR RENT ASSETS		
Office Lease: Within 1 year	33,834	35,494
Office Lease: > 1 year	-	32,536
Total Commitments to lease or rent assets	33,834	68,030

The company has committed to and contracted for \$nil of future capital expenditure which has not been accounted for in the financial statements. (Last year - \$nil)



11. Contingent Liabilities and Guarantees

There are no contingent liabilities or guarantees at balance date. (Last year - \$nil).

12. Related Parties

	2022	2021
PAYABLES		
Contribution to expenses of its parent, Te Maru o Ruahine Trust, (GST excl.), (included in expenses below)	475	-
Funding application support to its parent, Te Maru o Ruahine Trust, (GST excl.), (included in expenses below)	20,000	-
Support of Iwi chairs attendance for parent, Te Maru o Ruahine Trust, (GST excl.), (included in expenses below)	-	750
Total Payables	20,475	750
REVENUE		
Whakauae Research Services Ltd has provided accounting support and opportunities for capacity building to its parent, Te Maru o Ruahine Trust, during the year (GST excl.), (including receivables above)	-	4,303
Total Revenue	-	4,303
EXPENSES		
Whakauae Research Services Ltd has provided funding application support to its parent, Te Maru o Ruahine Trust, during the year (GST excl.).	20,000	-
Whakauae Research Services Ltd has paid management fees, dissemination expenses, and provided other contributions to its parent, Te Maru o Ruahine Trust, during the year (GST excl.).	11,475	19,750
Whakauae Research Services Ltd has paid a dividend to its parent, Te Maru o Ruahine Trust, during the year	34,105	32,319
Total Expenses	65,580	52,069

13. Ability to Continue Operating

The entity will continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

14. Events After the Balance Date

There were no events that have occurred after the balance date that would have a material impact on the Performance Report. (Last year - nil).

15. COVID-19

During 2021 the ongoing impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic impacted our research and the business faced a number of challenges to completing research that required input from partners. We continued to deliver academic outputs and developed new ways of working.

With regard to the future impact of the pandemic, these have the potential to disrupt research fieldwork, data collection and analysis and it is possible that project deliverables may be impacted. We report any concerns regarding project deliverables to our funder as required.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Shareholders of Whakauae Research Services Limited

Report on the Performance Report

We have audited the performance report of Whakauae Research Services Limited on pages 69 to 79 which comprises the entity information, the statement of service performance, the statement of financial performance and statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 December 2022, the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022, and the statement of accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion:

- a) the reported outcomes and outputs, and quantification of the outputs to the extent practicable, in the statement of service performance are suitable;
- b) the accompanying performance report on pages 69 to 79, presents fairly, in all material respects,
- the entity information for the year then ended;
 - the service performance for the year then ended; and
 - the financial position of Whakauae Research Services Limited as at 31 December 2022, and its financial performance, and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit) issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit of the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of accounting policies and notes to the performance report in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)), and the audit of the entity information and statement of service performance in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (New Zealand) ISAE (NZ) 3000 (Revised).

Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Performance Report section of our report. We are independent of Whakauae Research Services Limited in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 (Revised) Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, Whakauae Research Services Limited.

Emphasis of Matters

As disclosed in note 6 to the financial statements the company have loaned Mokai Patea Waitangi Claims Trust \$100,000. The Mokai Patea Waitangi Claims Trust (MPWCT) is a group of iwi including Ngati Hauiti that are responsible for negotiating a Waitangi claims settlement. The repayment of the loan is earlier of 6 years from the first Drawdown Date (20 August 2019), or the 10th Business Day after the actual date financial settlement is paid by the Crown in respect of the claims. The Company has not determined whether any potential impairment exists due to the maturity of the loan. We have not modified our audit opinion in respect to this matter.

The Company has recorded \$266,669 as revenue in advance for Health Research Council – Kia Puawai Ake Ngā Uri Whakatupu contract in the statement of financial position. The company has had delays in the delivery of some of its contracts due to COVID-19 and illness. Due to the allocation of wage/salary expenditure not being allocated on a research contract basis it was difficult to determine the appropriate allocation of revenue earned versus the costs incurred. Management have made an estimate of completion of contract to determine the amount carried forward as revenue in advance. We have not modified our audit opinion in respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Performance Report

The Directors are responsible for:

- (a) Identifying outcomes and outputs, and quantifying the outputs to the extent practicable, that are relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable, to report in the statement of service performance;
- (b) the preparation and fair presentation of the performance report on behalf of the entity which comprises:
 - the entity information;
 - the statement of service performance; and
 - the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of accounting policies and notes to the performance report in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit) issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board, and
- (c) such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the performance report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the performance report, the Directors are responsible on behalf of Whakauae Research Services Limited for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate Whakauae Research Services Limited or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Performance Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

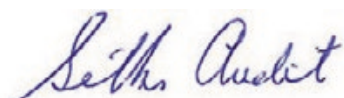
Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of the auditors responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at the External Reporting Board's website at:

<http://www.xrb.govt.nz/standards-for-assurance-practitioners/auditors-responsibilities/audit-report-8/>

Restriction on Responsibility

This report is made solely to the Directors, as a body, in accordance with section 42F of the Charities Act 2005. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Directors those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Mark Fraser
Silks Audit Chartered Accountants Ltd
Whanganui, New Zealand
Date: 6 June 2023





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