

Wānanga mō Te Ratonga Whenua Māori

Key Insights – Blenheim

Wānanga on the proposed Māori Land Service

22 September 2016

22 Attendees

Whatungarongaro te tangata, toitū te whenua.

As man disappears from sight, the land remains.

“To Māori, land is everything. Land provides our sense of identity, belonging, and continuity.”

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Key insights from wānanga tables - written

CORRECT ADVICE TO INFORM OWNER DECISION MAKING

PRIORITY

THE SERVICE: ^{Advice} ^{Support} ^{Resources}

~~Structure~~ Structure / Gov

- Rates
- Facilitate Communication
- Mentoring training
- Succession (requirements)
- connect * hubs, engage
- meeting * experienced ^{need}

WHY: ^{to new ow} ^{court requirements} re: thresholds, meetings, notices

CORRECT ADVICE TO INFORM OWNER DECISION MAKING

FREE SERVICE FOR WHĀNAU INCLUDING APPLICATIONS

PRIORITY

~~Support~~

Free service for whānau including applications.

WHY ^{We have contributed enough to economy}

Cost is a barrier for our whānau as many cannot afford to pay. Deters them from using the service.

WHĀNAU ORA MODEL

PRIORITY

Whānau Ora Model to ensure ^{future} the protection + security of Māori land ownership

WHY

Whānau Ora has a multitude of outcomes

- education
- health
- employment
- housing
- WHAKAPAPA
- MARAE
- WHEIWA.
- KAITIAKITANGA.
- RONGOA.
- CORRECTIONS.

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Correct advice to inform owner decision making

- Our priority is the structure: advice, support and resource
- Property rates – currently guidelines set out by district council – don't pay rates, or reduced rates
- Communications between bodies
- Mentoring and training
- Contact with those able to offer mentoring
- Succession requirements - currently in the MLC, example, we don't know where owners live on one block there are 28 owners registered 12 are deceased and the record is not updated
- Connect the hubs and enquiries and experience
- Court requirements for meetings, thresholds and notices
- Correct advice to inform owner decision making processes

All these issues are important and makes for the good running of a whānau trust. It sets a process in place. If you follow it will look after the whenua.

Information about land ownership

- Current and up to date information that is accessible and simpler.
- The information we would most like access to is ownership details. This information can be passed to relevant agencies and to the iwi responsible in the area.

Makes it easier for individuals to access.

Free service for whānau including applications

- Our priority is that the services are affordable and free.
- People that we see and need to be facilitating these engagements need to be skilled, especially around disputes resolution.
- If going to court, even MLC, need to be really on top of Māori Land issues.
- Court is a very uncomfortable place, we need specialist advice around resolution processes.

Local knowledge is important to contextualise the issues that are going around in particular hui. Issues in the far north will be different to issues in the south. For these experts is important.

- Making people feel comfortable when going to these mediations that they are in a place where whanau feel comfortable. The public arena of the local courthouse is not appropriate. There are things about the comfort and security of your information.
- Information needs to be accessible, our whānau is spread out and overseas. Electronic options are needed to support application by people around the world.

Whanau Ora model

A holistic model: principles of life – house, job, education and health, so its about making sure our families are in a good mind set. When they are not in a good mind-set how can they succeed in all this other process if the haven't got the basics of life? In a good space they can contribute to our community, to our iwi, hapu, and whanau. It's about being in that good space.

The base for us is healthy family. Healthy wellbeing making sure the next steps are made easier, free and here in the rohe – then processes are not so challenging.

Whānau ora model to ensure protection and security of Māori land ownership.