Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu: Progress Update

Overview of investment approach & activities

‘Transformative change to build sustainable whānau capability’

Target population: Whānau and families in Te Waipounamu

Commissioning Pipeline
Open tender funding rounds that enable whānau to submit their ideas, projects and initiatives for funding, coaching and other support

Whānau Capability Development
Investment to support the growth and development of initiatives that create social impact for whānau

Whānau Enhancement
Investment in Whānau Ora Navigators and Rū Whenua to work with whānau to support planning and implementation activities

Engagements & research activities

Recent and upcoming engagements
- Symposium in July 2016 to share best practice and how best to achieve Whānau Ora outcomes
- Participating in and preparing for Tū Pono, a whānau engagement campaign to encourage and promote conversation about Māori responses to family harm, which is being developed alongside of Te Pūtahitanga’s involvement in the Integrated Safety Response pilot commencing on 1 July 2016
- External engagements (including evaluation activities)

Research and evaluation activities
- Undertook a demographic analysis of whānau in Te Waipounamu
- Developed a results-based accountability framework for commissioned initiatives and performance of Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu
- Commissioned evaluation of initiatives and the Te Pūtahitanga approach
- Commissioned scoping analysis to explore rangatahi development, succession and engagement with marae

Map of activities

Whānau Ora Navigators
Commissioning activities

Whānau profiles & experience

Whānau assessments
ORA applications are open to all individuals, whānau and other groups with an innovative, local-level, whānau-centred idea. A recent initiative has been in promoting ‘sites of safety’ through the elimination of bullying and violence (‘Te Punanga Haumaru’); addressing family harm (‘Tū Pono’) or understanding how best to address the impact of post-earthquake recovery efforts for whānau in Ōtautahi. All initiatives must address the seven Whānau Ora outcomes and be measured under a RBA framework.

Whānau experience
Whenua Kura is a Ngāi Tahu led partnership between Te Tapuae o Rehua, Ngāi Tahu Farming and Lincoln University, which seeks to grow Māori leadership in agriculture. It is a pathway for Māori to gain qualifications and employment on Ngāi Tahu farms, within the wider agricultural sector and to lead the way in best-practice farming. Whenua Kura also helps students get a job at the end of their training and go on to higher levels of agricultural study at Lincoln University. Currently Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu invests in community pastoral support for over 80 individuals.

A number of events have also been held as a vehicle to bring the community together, including a community and whānau hāngi, community BBQ and farm naming, community firewood delivery to kaumātua and ‘learn to cook’ kai workshops.

Investment update (as at 31 March 2016)

Commissioning Pipeline
Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu has invested in 51 whānau-developed initiatives. These focus on a range of outcomes, from supporting whānau to access respite care for kaumātua to early interventions to support vulnerable children.
Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu has implemented several new funding streams focusing on Maara Kai projects, achieving outcomes through physical activity, supporting whānau through access to resource to enable them to overcome challenges and strengthening those who support whānau struggling with family violence.

Whānau Capability Development
Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu has invested in capability development programmes, including Te Kākano o te Totara / Leadership Programme; the Accelerator / Te Papori o Whakarite; and the Symposium. These provide the opportunity to support the growth and development of initiatives through wānanga, networking, Whānau Enterprise Coaches and professional mentors.

Whānau Enhancement
Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu also supports whānau through a workforce of 24 Navigator FTEs and 5 Rū Whenua FTEs. Navigators support whānau to achieve their aspirations across a range of outcomes.

Highlights of performance

51 Whānau-developed initiatives invested in through the Commissioning Pipeline

24 Whānau Ora Navigators supporting whānau in Te Waipounamu to achieve their aspirations

5 Rū Whenua supporting whānau in Christchurch to achieve their aspirations

6 Whānau Enterprise Coaches supporting the development of whānau initiatives

100+ Hours of Whānau Enterprise Coach time with 16 entities