



Te Waipuna Puawai Annual Report 2022



te waipuna puawai
MERCY OASIS Ltd



Our Vision

Whakamana te oranga wairua o te tangata me te whenua.

Well-being for our communities and restoration of the earth.

Our Mission

Kia u te mahi kotahi whakarawea te mana wāhine. Te mana whānau, me te mana iwi whānui.

Working together to strengthen women. Strengthen families and strengthen community.

Our Values

Te Tapu o te Tangata Respect

Aroha Compassion

Tika Justice

Manaakitanga Hospitality

Mana whakaha Mutual enhancement

What we do

To improve the health and wellbeing of the Tāmaki community, we:

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- Build healthy relationships to reduce family violence
- Enhance child development, learning and family wellbeing
- Innovate financial wellbeing initiatives
- Deliver community-based education programmes
- Activate or support community-led initiatives



Our Approach

Our Mercy kaupapa requires this kind of response:

- Collaborative, relational, holistic
- Community-based, community-led
- Whānau-centred, outcome-focussed
- Innovative, relevant, life-giving
- Earth-aware, Tiriti-based practice

Our goals

Our strategic plan challenges us to:

- Live our Mercy Kaupapa
- Demonstrate our positive impact on the community
- Develop a sustainable organisation

Outcomes we strive to achieve

- Women and whānau are thriving and safe
- A viable organisation offering a safe haven
- Recognised as an engaged member of the Tāmaki community
- Informed and committed stakeholders
- Evaluation and evidence-based reporting that demonstrates impact
- A Culture of open communication and working together
- Mercy kaupapa woven through all out activities and processes

Tumuaki - Chair's Report

Luke Ryan
Tumuaki/Board Chair



E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā rangatira o Tāmaki Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

The past year has undoubtedly been one of the most challenging years to date for our organisation. From our Tāmaki community members to our service providers, our funders who support our programmes and our wider whānau, no one has been immune to the disruptions we have faced. There has been a striking increase in the needs of our community who are hurting and are now navigating very new and uncharted territory. We remained resilient and were determined to come together as best we could to redesign how we can support our community further.

Our biggest challenge was to work around mobilising a community who were not able to sit down together. For Te Waipuna Puawai, the community is at the very core of our mission.

Our outreach hasn't been as unified, having faced some of our longest and hardest periods of isolation alongside a changing dynamic in our community. This challenge presented an opportunity to work differently.

Te Waipuna Puawai pushed new initiatives throughout the year, extending our community reach online and working with our funders to think resourcefully to meet our community's growing needs. We carefully researched what those needs were and responded swiftly, although sometimes not swiftly enough. We have been receptive to the way progress can both start and stop, looking after the health of our own organisation's staff and remaining

fluid despite changing restrictions.

We learnt that our organisation needed to reassess what we are doing. Many of our programmes have been developed over many years and there is an undeniable opportunity to go in search of other people in our community to hold hands with and expand our impact. We looked to see if the invitation from our community was still there, leading in-depth discussions of what is changing and how we can best respond.

It has become abundantly clear that Te Waipuna Puawai need to spend more time in the community. This will be our biggest focus going forward in the next 12 months. It will be difficult, after two years of adapting to a new reality and a raft of reasons to remain apart, but now more than ever we must band together with our community and partner organisations. We have been in discussion with the Sisters of Mercy, assessing how Te Waipuna Puawai can come together with community boards for community

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development as one whole, while expanding our reach.

Several of our programmes are going through significant changes, and we are in the process of finding our best way forward. Our HIPPY programme's contractual funding has changed and we are looking to reform in a way that still meets the need of our women and children. For the HEART movement, we are listening carefully to our community, transitioning from our initial invitation to incubate the movement, and taking time to discuss our next steps to support this.

I would like to acknowledge each of our board members: Deputy Chair Nicola Brehaut and Dickie Humphries, as well as Janine Roberts and Scott Russel supporting the governance oversight of our organisation. Our committee went above and beyond this year, meeting regularly to discuss the needs of our community,

Despite our challenges, Te Waipuna Puawai has proudly come out strong, continually securing ample funding for a dynamic and coordinated effort that we work hard to evolve. During a time of in-depth consultation and transition, our board, management, and staff have stood up and carried the weight. We are eager to see these efforts materialise in 2022 and beyond.

and assessing the challenges, ideas and opportunities that arose outside of our monthly board rhythms. The strength and mana upheld by Chief Executive Bill Takerei, despite the additional weight he has carried over the year, is outstanding. As was the humbling support and aroha from the Sisters of Mercy who continue to look over our organisation.

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Nā te Atawhai hūmārie He whānau kotahi tatou

The tender Mercy of God has given us one another.

Luke Ryan

Tumuaki/Board Chair

Manukura Chief Executive Report

Bill Takerei

Manukura/Chief Executive Officer



Tihei Mauri Ora!

**Ko te maunga o Maungarei e tu tonu mai
ki te awa o Tāmaki e rere atu rā ki te moana
o Waitemata
ki te waka o Tainui, ki nga iwi o Waikato-Tainui,
Ngāti Whātua, Ngāti Paoa
Mihi mai, mihi mai ra**

**Ko Waiatarua te rohe
Ko Ruapotaka te marae, he marae mo
te hāpori katoa
Ko Te Waipuna Puawai, he wāhi atāwhai,
he wāhi manāki
Ko nga Whaea Atāwhai o Aotearoa e mihi
atu nei ki te ao hurihuri, ki te ao hou**

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tatou katoa

The Tāmaki community continues to be one of the most impacted areas in Tāmaki Makaurau housing redevelopments and the face of our community is changing remarkably. The increasingly diverse profile of our community members and their needs continue to inform our proactive response. As we move on from pandemic restrictions and look ahead, our Tāmaki whānau are facing many new challenges with Te Waipuna Puawai's targeted support.

Our organisation is refocusing our efforts on wellbeing, environment, and mental health developments, progressing our Community Education, Whānau Resilience and financial wellbeing initiatives to launch in the coming year. Coming back into the fold of normal operations in a new Covid-19 environment, pandemic related funding is expected to reduce, yet we are confident in what's to come.

My involvement as the community representative on the Tāmaki Regeneration Company Board (TRC) is ongoing well with plans to establish a community governance model. This is an exciting space to ensure our goals as a community will be achieved and will further enhance Te Waipuna Puawai and the wider Tamaki community.

Our HIPPY programme continues to deliver to our whānau despite Covid-19 restrictions. Unfortunately, funding will cease this year however Te Waipuna Puawai have plans to transition the HIPPY component into a wider and more comprehensive woman's and children's service within the coming year with planning well underway in the interim.

The HEART movement has proudly concluded its 10th year as a superb community-led initiative with aims to prevent family violence and strengthen Tāmaki whānau relationships. We are currently in discussions with the Tamaki community to transition or bring the programme back to community who have requested us to return this initiative to a new entity that has community governance.

Te Waipuna Puawai's continues to progress its commitment to providing a range of financial wellbeing initiatives in partnership with community as a key growth area. One area we are exploring is a whānau savings pool initiative developed and proposed by Tyrone Tangata-Makiri, following a delay some funding has been received to build this further and is an exciting development.

Many of our new community education

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courses have a wellbeing focus and are in the development phase, crafted based on community needs and values. While many of our courses are step programmes, our future aims are to develop our programmes as an opportunity for participants to gain qualifications and engage more facilitators from the wider Mercy network.

Te Waipuna Puawai continues to expand its thinking around Whānau Resilience initiatives to further support Tāmaki families through their ongoing challenges. 'Tāmaki Whānau' a collective that came out of a community response to covid-19 has guided our community through pandemic-related messaging this past year, supplemented by our free counselling service. We have a view to expand this service, reposition our initiatives with changes to funding and improve a coordinated effort to support our community on all levels.

The resilience shown by the staff within our organisation and the Tāmaki community throughout the year has been honourable.

I would sincerely like to thank all the current staff of Te Waipuna Puawai in their commitment whilst operating during a very difficult year particularly

during lockdowns. I also acknowledge staff who have left this year, Ren Joe and Melefatai Palavi from the HEART Movement, Leanne Martin from HIPPY, Teremoana Terepai and Purekau Mana-Daniela from our administration and to Sister Linda van Bussell who provided us all "safety" and direction particularly during covid 19.

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Heart

The HEART movement is a community-led initiative drawing upon a unique community mobilisation approach with aims to prevent family violence and foster healthy relationships within the Tāmaki community.

HEART uses strength-based kōrero woven into every workshop, event, and initiative to build connections and lead social change for Tāmaki neighbourhoods. Now at its 10-year milestone, HEART has proudly developed a dynamic community of Change Agents and advisory groups who continue to protect and direct the HEART mission.

With the help of our incredible partner organisations, HEART hosts numerous opportunities to engage the Tāmaki community in healthy discussion of sensitive themes. Everything we do is grounded within a theory of change and carried out within four key phases: Learning, Connecting, Acting and Influencing.

HEART has faced another difficult year amidst the fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic, yet we've

continued to forge ahead and deliver above and beyond our objectives. Ren, our incredible HEART Change Leader was confident in HEART's preparedness to deliver a programme that has evolved to meet the community's changing needs. And there were many; the Tāmaki community changed greatly over the past year, with mounting pressure on whanau evident in upward trends of domestic violence, food insecurity and hindered access to support services. In January we welcomed Mara as our interim HEART Lead, perfect for the role based on her previous mahi as our Kaiwhakahaere Kaupapa (Acting Phase Lead).

"What was clear within feedback from our community was a need for connection – a safe space to discuss issues they were facing and a cleared pathway for extra support."

Tamara | Coordinator

HEART graciously received increased funding and engagements with community leaders and partner organisations to create a web of support for the community. With the help of the HEART collective and our partners, we were able to work together to fill the gaps.

Learning armed our community with the knowledge to get through:

HEART welcomed Josie in May 2021 as our new Kaiwhakahaere Akoranga (Learning Phase Lead) tasked with organising workshops that provided a space for parents, practitioners, and whanau to learn, connect and share their lived experiences on topics relevant to the community.







With lockdown commencing, HEART continued to deliver training sessions online with a welcomed interest from organisations outside of Tāmaki joining in to see our mahi and how we are helping our community.

Peter Thorburn and our incredible community leaders continued to deliver popular online training sessions regularly capping the 100-participant limit. There was a fantastic turnout for anger management, ADHD, and drug addiction workshops. Josie successfully implemented a “kete” that held training resources for community members to hold on to what they’d learnt.

“A huge nga mihi nui to the HEART team. Thank you for hosting the OutLine/ Rainbow Youth training that I attended online. My child is part of the rainbow community and I am a proud mother. I learnt a lot from that training.”

Katie

Lockdown was also the perfect environment to learn from each other with Change Agents launching online HEART kete sessions, showcasing their hobbies and skills as a way to stay connected with the community. As restrictions eased, HEART was excited to resume face-to-face workshops with

a 25-participant limit in venues open to both vaccinated and non-vaccinated community members.

Coordinators were impressed to see an increase in men attending HEART training sessions and we continue our aim to attract a more diverse audience that is truly representative of the Tāmaki community. While HEART provides opportunities to learn for everyone, we aim to improve how we direct our knowledge to those who benefit most.

Connection built support networks for our whanau in isolation:

As Tamaki faced their longest lockdown, connection was needed more than ever and HEART maintained a proactive approach. With the support of Foundation North, HEART launched the community ‘Phone Tree’ where community members could sign up to contact 5-10 whanau, friends, or neighbours in Tamaki during lockdown and check on their wellbeing.

Callers could then give up to two \$50 prezzy cards, two adult well-being packs and two child wellbeing packs for whanau who needed a helping hand.

Much like the aims of HEART’s weekly Women’s, Men’s and Kotahitanga Koru groups, the community phone tree initiatives aim to connect

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the Tāmaki community via conversation, championing our slogan “No judgement, no advice”.

The initiative received overwhelmingly positive feedback, bringing smiles to whanau across Tāmaki during a very difficult time for us all.

Acting brought tangible change to the Tāmaki community:

Despite our best intentions, the inaugural HEART Mana Wāhine week that was planned to kick off in September 2021 was held online during lockdown, postponing the full schedule to March 2022 with a limit of 25 attendees. Funded by Tāmaki Regeneration and Auckland Council, the event was worth the wait, spanning 4 days of korero for wāhine to discuss topics unique to them under the theme of Te Whare Tapa Whā.

Collaborating with more than 20 organisations, the event provided Kaupapa for our nannies, clothing swaps, pamper sessions and zero waste workshops, providing a safe space for our wāhine in celebration of International Women’s Day.

Influencing shares insights from our mahi so we can see the tangible change we are making:

HEART welcomed Isoa as our Kaiwhakatairanga o HEART Movement (Influencing Phase Lead), overseeing many aspects to his role including the management of our social media platforms; facebook, Instagram and even Tiktok. He updates our website with blog posts and insights which is neatly summarised each month in our HEARTbeat Newsletter. Isoa brings added light to our team, facilitating Men’s Koru Groups alongside HEART Change Agent Joel Carpenter and is a valued husband, father, St Mary’s Church minister and Tāmaki community member.

As Aotearoa begins to slowly relax restrictions in the coming months, HEART will gladly resume more trainings and events for the Tāmaki community in keeping with our mission. He wake eke noa – We’re all in this together!

Highlights

- ✓ 694 HEART training participants (up by 206 on last year)
- ✓ 998 Residents at HEART events (down due to lockdown)
- ✓ 2643 Additional online attendees during lockdown Alert Levels 4 & 3
- ✓ 66 HEART Change Agents (up 24)
- ✓ 2330 Facebook followers (up 61)
- ✓ 315 Instagram followers (up 90)
- ✓ 1315 Newsletter subscribers (up 193 plus)
- ✓ 3301 Whanau assisted during lockdown Alert L4 & 3
- ✓ Incredible HEART to response to COVID-19
- ✓ Impact reaching far and wide

Whānau Resilience

Te Waipuna Puawai continues to extend our targeted support to the Tāmaki community affected by a pandemic, seeing through the continuation of a coordinated effort to help develop resilience for Tāmaki whānau. What began as a ‘call to action’ in 2020 with the onset of the pandemic evolved through lockdowns, changing restrictions and now our newest challenge – Covid in our community.

‘Tāmaki Whānau’ a community-led initiative established with the help of funders Tāmaki Regeneration Company and the Ministry of Social Development has taken an agile approach in response to the ever-changing Covid landscape we have faced in 2021. The past year has presented many points of opportunity for the initiative with the rollout of Covid vaccinations, community events and rapid-antigen tests, and with Covid inevitably sweeping through Tāmaki neighbourhoods.

Te Waipuna Puawai has been the lead coordinator “holding space” in the weekly Tamaki

Whanau forums held online for the community to discuss how they are coping through Covid times, what extra support is needed to protect their wellbeing and ensuring practical support is provided such as hygiene and food parcels. On occasion, forums were attended by local members of parliament and ministers for community to advocate for their needs and resources. This coordination role has been critical to all efforts happening to avoid duplication and to manage the community expectations.

Te Waipuna Puawai also coordinated a communication strategy through the ‘Tāmaki Whānau Facebook page’. It was clear that there was a need for government messaging to be translated into a Tamaki community context using local role models, posters, local community-minded messages, and public health advice through regular Facebook posts.

Tāmaki Whānau was a concentrated effort to lead the community in its response through a very tough time for us all.

We plan to expand our whānau resilience initiatives in the coming year, actually bringing new programmes into the fold with an emphasis on face-to-face support to whanau and leading coordination of current services in Tamaki including our onsite counselling services.

Our counselling service:

Our Te Waipuna Puawai counsellor Lyn Norton provides much-needed support to whānau, couples and tamariki throughout a very difficult year for our community. The free service provided up to five counselling sessions to family groups and individuals. Self and organisational referrals were made through Te Waipuna Puawai via Facebook, website and contacting the office.

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Taking place every Thursday at the Glen Innes site on Waddell Avenue, counselling covers a range of issues with our community members regarding relationships, inter-generational trauma, anger, abuse, parenting, anxiety, and depression. There is a growing need for connection while whānau grappled with feelings of isolation and disconnect from their community support systems during lockdowns and social distancing restrictions, which is “not the Maori worldview” says Lyn.

The TWP counselling approach utilises the Maori Health Model - Sir Mason Durie’s Te Whare Tapa Whā and Indigenous Resource Tihei-wa Mauri Ora to assess where our community members are on their wellbeing journey. The sessions employ a strength-based approach that focuses on the individual and their whānau.

Counselling addresses the complexities and layers of issues our community members present with. Sessions were relocated online during Covid lockdowns and restrictions to deliver support that aided our community during a time when it was needed most. Whānau often opted for a phone call or video communication to accommodate constraints of looking after

their health and well-being. Services were extended to fit with what was needed in the community, extending access to further aid such as Foodbank’s and Healthline.

Counselling remains important to retain or build community connections and to bring awareness to the extra support systems that are available to the community. Looking toward the year ahead, Te Waipuna Puawai will develop the counselling programme further as there is a vital growing need for whānau and tamariki support.

“It was very helpful, and it made me think twice about what I’m doing; thank you always for your support. I am grateful to know that the support is real and that this is an opportunity for me to work on any issues. Having regular support to express my thoughts and feelings safely is important to me.”

Counselling Participant

Highlights

- ✓ ‘Tāmaki Whānau’ holding space for the community online during lockdown
- ✓ Regular online forums attended by local ministers
- ✓ 80 community members received counselling



Financial Wellbeing

Te Waipuna Puawai has invested in a community-led project to improve the financial wellbeing of the Tāmaki community across its development for the past three years.

Project lead for In the flow state (ITFS), local entrepreneur and HEART Change Agent Tyrone Tangata-Mariki has been instrumental in this space through financial forums, financial podcasts and financial strategies to strengthen financial wellbeing in our community in partnership with Te Waipuna Puawai.

The implications of the pandemic and the steady rise of the cost of living inevitably have added more and more pressure to Tāmaki households and their finances. Many of our Tāmaki whānau are under serious financial stress with very little opportunity to save or access loans, at risk of accumulating bad debt. To alleviate this issue, it's not about teaching our community to budget, but rather putting sustainable strategies in place to increase their income as a family.

The whānau savings pool is an innovative project led by Tyrone and recently Te Waipuna Puawai has secured funding to pilot a portion of this project. The living economies concept encourages whānau to pool their savings together. Regularly contributing a small sum, whānau can easily access urgent finance for unexpected fees and to alleviate financial stress. The savings pool is a sustainable long-term

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investment for whānau to build upon their wealth together, demystifying our attitudes toward wealth-building strategies and allowing easy access to capital.

Tyrone developed a small pilot of the savings pool with great success amongst his own whanau members in early 2021 and it has undergone a period of development to test the outcomes achieved throughout the year. The whānau savings pool will roll out this year, with a view to support 4-5 family groups. It reflects a long-term commitment that Te Waipuna Puawai has invested in and will continue to develop.

To align to funding opportunities, there has been a plan to implement these projects slowly. Taking the time to develop structurally sound programmes has been a key driver to the long-term success. The whānau savings pool is a reflection of Tyrone's dedication in partnership with Te Waipuna Puawai.

This innovative financial wellbeing initiative is an exciting space and has demonstrated the benefits of a community-minded financial strategy to build upon their wealth collectively. We are eager to see the whānau savings flourish in the coming year and beyond.

Highlights

- ✓ Secured funding for the 'Whānau Savings Pool' initiative
- ✓ A view to support 4-5 family groups in the coming year



Hippy

Funded through the Great Potentials Foundation, HIPPY (Home Interaction Programme for Parents and Youngsters) is a two-year, home-based, inter-generational, structured education programme.

HIPPY engages parents in the education of their children aged three-four years old. Parents work with their tamariki for 15 minutes each day over a 30-week period, preparing them for a successful transition to school. The contract with Great Potentials includes quarterly written reports and annual site visits.

Reihana Riwaka and Roi Boyd, our Kaiwhakaako (coordinators) continue to deliver an incredible programme for our Pt. England/Panmure and Glen Innes communities alongside three incredible paraprofessional tutors. Usually completing the programme with their own tamariki, HIPPY tutors work part-time and are assigned to HIPPY whānau for a two-year

period, gaining skill and confidence to re-enter the workforce.

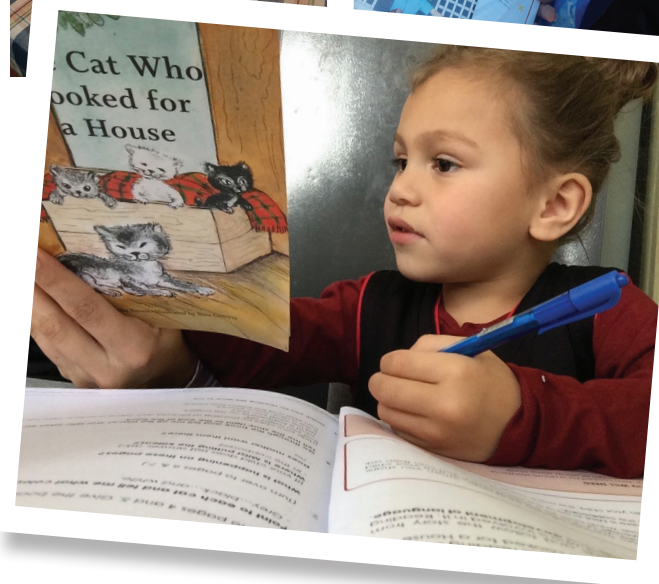
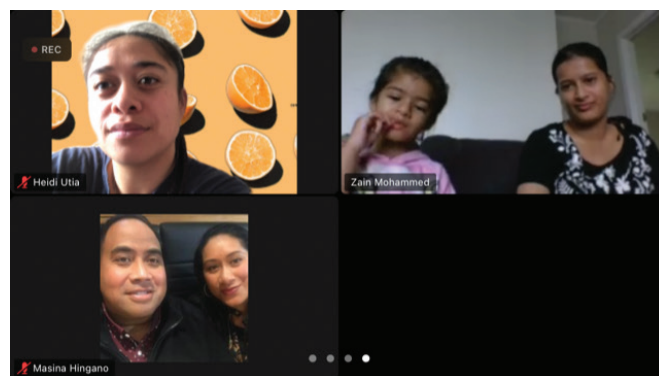
The ideal 'HIPPY way' is to train tutors alongside their HIPPY families as they enrol in February and move through the modules as a cohort each week. Understandably, HIPPY coordinators have had to be flexible, rescheduling meetings and being mindful of some larger HIPPY families who live in households with limited devices and are isolated at home with their older tamakari.

It has been the most challenging year to date, and HIPPY took it as an opportunity to learn, re-evaluate and find new ways of doing things. The goal across the year has been to retain as many HIPPY whānau as possible, delivering a high-quality programme despite any Covid-sized challenges that present themselves. While recruiting new HIPPY whānau has remained challenging, HIPPY has refocused its attention on what's proved most challenging of all and set a goal to retain 80% + of the 45 existing HIPPY families currently completing the programme. To encourage HIPPY whānau engagement and retention in the coming year, Kaiwhakaako intend to increase their regular contact with each family.



"I believe the HIPPY programme gives children the confidence to cope with the routines within a classroom by preparing them in all areas of development. It gives them a great start on their learning journey."

Reihana Riwaka | Coordinator



"HIPPY is a head start for us in our son's education. We can have confidence in his learning because we took part in the foundations of his education."

Heidi Utia | Tutor

Having dealt with virtual delivery the previous year, HIPPY was well prepared and determined to continue the delivery of a programme that encapsulates the spirit of HIPPY. HIPPY extended their goodwill, collaborating with

service providers such as Ruapotaka Marae, Kai Collective, the local council and St Ignatius Church, kindly donated care packages, sleepwear, clothing items, gift vouchers and over 70 food parcels to our HIPPY whānau.

Kaiwhakaako aim to resume their usual methods of recruiting and put greater emphasis on contacting HIPPY whānau who are falling behind on the programme and may need to exit. It's time to come back into the fold of a community-minded approach, coming together, connecting and leaning on each other once again despite what challenges present themselves.



"Liam was a shy and quiet boy, therefore, I was worried about his transition to school, but to my surprise, he adapted well. Because of HIPPY, we have established homework time after school. I was amazed and happy at the same time thinking that I am bearing the fruit of all the hard work that was gone into doing HIPPY for the last two years."

"From any angle and direction, I am so indebted to the HIPPY programme provider. This has really helped set a solid foundation of literacy, numeracy, creative thinking, asking questions, confidence, critiquing the mind, and many more. There are endless benefits to doing HIPPY."

Dawa | HIPPY mum

"HIPPY is a miracle. Before we started on this amazing programme Adut could not talk. She made sounds but it was very hard for me to understand her and what she wanted. I tried my best to understand her, but it was frustrating at times.

It was challenging in the beginning to do HIPPY. I wanted to stop as she was not doing anything, and I was also slow in reading and understanding on my own. With the help of the HIPPY Coordinator and Tutor supporting me not to give up, wow die we make a breakthrough.

My daughter still made the sounds, but I noticed she was pointing to the correct answer. Week after week she made progress. I was also happy and excited to do it with her. I am a proud mum now. Before my daughter cannot speak but now, she can count in English numbers 1 to 5. She can say most of the colours and name a few shapes. This is huge progress for my daughter.

"After 11 weeks of doing HIPPY, my daughter and I are started to have little talks. This is a miracle! I always feared that she would not be able to talk. Thank you to the HIPPY programme for helping me help my child. Thank God for this opportunity. I will not give up"

Rachel | HIPPY mum.

Highlights

- ✓ 41 new enrolments across the year
- ✓ 45 enrolments overall as of March 2022
- ✓ Dedicated tutors investing time and enthusiasm into our HIPPY whānau
- ✓ Enthusiasm from HIPPY whānau and tamariki
- ✓ 7 graduates over the year

Community Education

Te Waipuna Puawai continue to offer free education courses to the Tāmaki community as a steppingstone for our whānau who have surpassed the education system, providing a safe space to learn or discuss.

Hosted at our purpose-built Ellerslie facility or online, our free education courses are a blend of learning and kōrero, empowering our community with the knowledge to restore their confidence within themselves and strengthen relationships with their whānau. The courses cover a range of topics, typically running every term for 6-8 weeks and are open to anyone in the community who wants to learn.

Ko wai ahau

Hosted by our long-standing course facilitator and dedicated counsellor Whaea Rangi Davis, Ko wai ahau ("Who am I?") was a new course introduced to our programme this year that proved a huge success among its participants from our local community and beyond. Unlike our usual structure, Ko wai ahau was a 4-hour session hosted via zoom in November that was open to individuals from all backgrounds, both Māori and Non- Māori. Rangi encouraged participants to dive deeper into their whakapapa, locating themselves within their ancestral past and challenging present; then use this as a mirror for an empowering future.

Working collectively, Ko wai ahau participants explored the concepts of rangatiratanga, kaitiakitanga and mana; discovering how they already exist within themselves and how they can translate them into their everyday lives. Participants created their pepeha based on their personal heritage. In doing so participants

strengthen their own inner being and then their relationships with others as a result. While originally planned in person, Rangi was pleased to host 29 participants online with the hopes to facilitate the course again in the coming year. Ko wai ahau will refocus toward "Who am I now in this changing time?" – remaining grounded and resilient within a constantly changing landscape.

"We have to be creative and think of new ways to help our community members reconnect with themselves and with others. This can only occur if each person stands within their own brilliance and is open to the potential of others."

Whaea Rangi Davis | Facilitator





Introduction to Reo Māori:

Te Waipuna Puawai continued to offer our popular introduction to Te Reo Maori course each term, shifting the 6-8-week course online during lockdowns and once again attracting attendees from across the country. Kaiako (teacher) Tamati Patuwai, guides participants through a beginner course made for our community members who are anywhere on their Te Reo speaking journey; integrating concepts of Te Aou Māori, mihi, pepeha, whakapapa and basic conversation skills. For Māori, it's an opportunity to revitalise their cultural identity and check in on their Te Reo speaking journey. For those who aren't tangatawhenua, it was fantastic to share in each other's cultural backgrounds, deepening our relationship with Te Reo Māori in the spirit of learning.

While some Maori wanted to build their karakia, other non-Māori wanted to simply better understand Te Reo they hear on the radio or television. Everyone came together in search of a deepened connection to their shared Whenua. The Introduction to Te Reo course aims to get our community on board wherever they are on their Te Reo speaking journey and showcase exactly why it is a good waka to be on. *"An amazing journey of discovery and inspiration. Tamati gently draws out the best in each of us to find how, through an understanding of Te Reo, the three baskets of knowledge can inform and revitalise all our lives."*
Peter | Participant

Capacitor

Te Waipuna Puawai strives to create new courses that are informed by the topics, skills and knowledge that are in demand and relevant to our community each year. Sister Margaret facilitated a new pilot course added to our community education programme this past year titled 'Capacitor' meaning to enable or empower.

Capacitor aims to arm community leaders with

wellness practices, team cooperation and self-development skills to build upon their inner strengths and resources.

Drawing upon a holistic approach, the course material first enabled participants to develop their personal skills that could then translate into their work within the community including outreach services, health professions, ministry, education, social work, refugee aid and voluntary work.

For the team at Te Waipuna Puawai, coordinating community education courses both in-person and online has been a blessing. Online courses mean more whānau can attend beyond our Tāmaki borders, tuning in from all over the country.

Looking ahead, it's time to put COVID-19 to the back of our minds and extend our programme's reach of connection and kōrero. Our blended learning options aim to give our participants the confidence to be out in the community once again, and a safe space to share their lived experiences with others on topics that remain relevant and in demand.

Highlights



53 Te Reo course participants



30 Ko wai ahau online participants



15 Capacitor participants



Several new courses in development



Fantastic participant feedback

Financial Review

For the year ending March 2022 Te Waipuna Puawai had an operating budget of \$857,700 and have a surplus budget of roughly \$2,000.

The distribution of Te Waipuna Puawai revenue streams were similar to the previous year, made up of philanthropic foundations (79.6%), donations (17.2%), government grants (2%) and other sources (0.6%).

Just over 79% of our operating budget covered

programme costs; slightly more than last year, while 19.6% went toward management and administration costs, 1% depreciation and 0.1% loss of disposable assets.

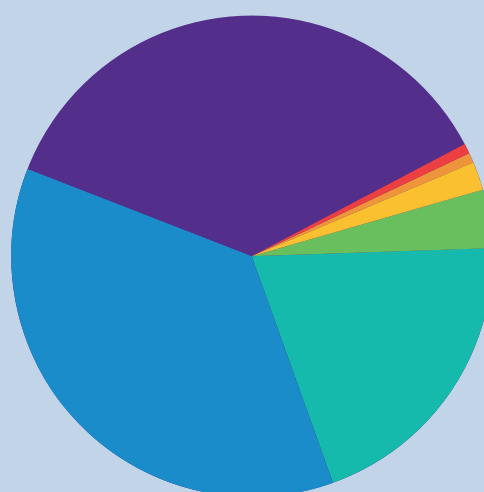
We are proud to maintain enduring relationships with our production partners and philanthropic partners. Cash donations further support funding deficiencies for our programmes and services. Full audited accounts are available upon request.

Revenue



Philanthropy	79.6%
Donations	17.2%
Government Grants	2.0%
Interest	0.7%
Other	0.6%

Expense



Family Violence Prevention	38.7%
Home Interaction Program	32.6%
Management & Administration	19.6%
Growing Financial Independence	4.0%
Whanau Community Resilience	2.7%
Adult Education	1.3%
Depreciation/Write off	1.0%

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