

Te Kete Hononga trial impacts

TE KETE HONONGA TRIAL PROGRAMME EVALUATION REPORT

TKH was a great programme that helped open my eyes to all the different services, funding opportunities and training providers. I will definitely be using my connections found via this programme to help my rūpū progress with their conservation mahi.

Streamlined regional services supporting community-led efforts

The trial laid the groundwork for a localised collective impact model, focusing on closing capability gaps, supporting collaborative partnerships, and optimising resource distribution. Quality relationships built between communities, service and training providers, and govt agencies – opening up an equitable space to map resources, priorities, and areas of expertise to achieve socio-ecological outcomes.

It was the networking that I really learnt a lot from. Understanding other people's projects and how they operated. That's where I got my gains from the programme... If you go back to 'connectivity catalyst' – that's exactly what it's like.

Navigating potential challenges and accelerating project planning and delivery

Te Kete Hononga fostered tuākana-tēina¹ relationships: the ability for teina trial groups to authentically connect, ask questions, and learn from tuākana trial groups to improve capabilities and capacity.

1. A core concept within Te Ao Māori originating from older-younger sibling relationships, to describe reciprocal learning/knowledge-sharing from more experienced people around their lived experience/expertise.

I found the biggest issue for a lot of the groups is knowing where to go to get the training, which agencies, what funding is available. Te Kete did a lot of the legwork – making navigation easier.

Positive progress towards improving access to services

Trial groups engaged and aligned with new partners who share the same values and appreciation for the connection between taiao and tāngata.

Connecting with very knowledgeable people – there's a wealth of knowledge across these different agencies and communities. That's the richness of this trial is that knowledge-sharing.

Empowering people is the ngākau of Te Kete Hononga

Te Kete Hononga has empowered...

- **Trial participants:** upskilling, connection, and coordination to set a vision and a pathway forward
- **Govt:** invited into communities where relationships did not yet exist or had been fraught for a long time
- **Training and service providers:** uptake within rural communities and awareness of the supports available
- **Māori and non-Māori organisations and groups:** mātauranga Māori knowledge sharing being respected and considered a taonga

If anything has come out of this trial, it's a sense of unity within our community. We've seen our community go from separated to coming together. Where I see this trial has helped us is just connecting it all together – meeting other hapū within Hokianga who are at different stages and being able to draw that information from them... Just that whakawhanaungatanga with our neighbouring hapū.

A need and desire for collaborative partnerships

- Two completed Catchment Action Plans
- A three-year \$450k govt funding commitment for one trial group
- Continued growth of community initiatives
- Continued sharing of tools/gear between community groups

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MONTH TRIAL:
DECEMBER 2022 – JUNE 2024

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KAIRARANGA
(COMMUNITY WEAVERS)

16

GROUPS

173

PARTICIPANTS

139

TRIAL ELEMENTS
(TOOLS, TRAINING COURSES,
TEMPLATES, SERVICES, GUIDES)

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TRIAL PARTNERS: DOC, NATIONAL
BIOHERITAGE SCIENCE CHALLENGE,
MINISTRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT,
CISCO FOUNDATION