

A group of surfers, some wearing bright yellow shirts, are standing on a sandy beach. They are holding surfboards and looking towards the ocean. In the background, there is a large, green, grassy hill with some trees and a few houses visible at its base. The sky is clear and blue.

SPORT GISBORNE TAIRĀWHITI

ANNUAL REPORT

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CHAIR REPORT

Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti has had another successful year. I say this with full confidence knowing that the feedback we receive from Sport NZ and our region's communities reinforce this comment.

This success is down to the fantastic management and staff that are employed at Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti. This team strive to implement our strategic plan go above and beyond to deliver high quality exemplary service.

This year has not been free of adversity. Te Tairāwhiti had more than its fair share of the cyclones and rain bombs that devastated our region. Flooding, silt deposits, slips, power outages, evacuations and road closures affected many of our community, especially those in rural areas. The team at SGT reacted swiftly, getting themselves out into the community by rolling up their sleeves and assisting in the clean-up, helping in kura and schools and driving well-being kaupapa in those communities most affected by the cyclone.

Our appreciation and thanks are extended to all the Trusts and Government Agencies who were quick to respond and provide much need funding to help get our region through these troubling times. Nearly \$300,000 of funding support was secured and distributed throughout Gisborne and East Coast. A special mention must go toward NZCT who provided an additional \$250,000 to enable our "Pay Half, Play Hard" initiative that allowed many codes to reduce membership's subscriptions for the 2023 year.

The proactiveness of our leadership team and staff throughout the numerous states of emergencies declared was extremely commendable and highly welcomed by the community. I must add that having witnessed the quality and the "can do attitude" of our staff over several years I am overly not surprised by the speed and quality of their response.

How we address the effects of climate change will be a challenge for our Board in the coming

years. This year has become Gisborne's wettest on record and there are still four months to go. Our Board will need to find mechanisms that can be put in place to limit the disruptions caused by this excessive rainfall.

Another challenge will be ensuring the Tairāwhiti Sport and Recreation Facilities proposal continues to be a priority for our region. It is great to see Gisborne's new swimming facility, the Kiwa Pools will be open to the public early in September.

It has taken too long for this to happen. Let's hope the urgently needed indoor sports stadium and adequate storage facilities for our river sports have a much shorter timeframe towards completion.

I would like to once again extend my thanks and appreciation to my colleagues on our board, Grant Bramwell (Deputy Chair), Andy Cranston, Naomi Whitewood, Walton Walker, Theo Ackroyd, Lyall Evans, Alice Pettigrew, Belinda Mackay and Tui Babbington. They are a group of volunteers who contribute their time because they want to make a difference to our region. They work co-operatively and diligently to challenge and support management and staff and their efforts certainly do make a difference. It is a privilege working with such a dedicated group of individuals who all play instrumental roles in leading our trust with their insights and unique expertise.



CE REPORT

Tēnā koutou

There is no easy way to describe this past year. Any reflection is dominated by the impact of the extreme weather events that battered our region and culminated with Cyclone Gabrielle. But against that challenging backdrop, new opportunities and successes also emerged that need to be celebrated.

Cyclone Gabrielle was a cruel blow to many of our communities who have faced more than their fair share of adversity. The scale and impact meant that we had to stop what we were doing and determine how we could best contribute to the response. We also had to recognise that members of our own team had been affected, and that they would be called upon by their communities to help in recovery efforts that sat outside of their traditional mahi.

To say I am proud of the team's efforts would be an understatement. Times of challenge test the strength of an organisation and its values, yet our entire team fronted up and did us proud. There is much we learned during this time, and we know we will have to do things differently in the future, but our contributions were valued by many in the community.

A huge thanks needs to be given to our team for their selfless actions and commitment to helping our region recover. I feel privileged to work alongside our team every day, and the connections they have formed across communities were vital for the cyclone response (as well as our general mahi). I also need to thank my Chair Steve and the wider Board for the support they provided to all of us – including allowing us to change direction and remaining great advocates for the mahi that we do.

In reflecting back over the year, the growth of Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti also tells an important story. We had a team of fewer than 20 people five years ago, whereas now, we are well over 30 with kaimahi spread across the region from Tūranganui-a-Kiwa right up to Wharekahika. That growth is significant, as it reflects the increased value that is being placed on the well-being of our communities – and the



recognition that physical activity, nutrition, and events that connect people are crucial components of that well-being.

This growth also highlights the strengthening partnerships we have been able to form with those that share a similar vision and kaupapa to us. Whakawhanaungatanga/relationships are vital to achieving our outcomes and the aspirations of our communities. In last year's report I spoke of the new partnership with Te Runanganui o Ngāti Porou and Sport NZ for the He Oranga Poutama expansion up the Coast. This has been a great opportunity where we are already seeing benefits. This year I can add the significant new partnerships we have formed with the Eastern Central Community Trust, and the Ministry of Education.

These exciting new opportunities align well with our strategy and provide us with the ability to have an even bigger impact with what we do. It reflects the trust being placed on our organisation to achieve mutual outcomes. An important component of this trust is the bicultural journey underway at Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti. We recognised some time ago the need to ensure we had the ability to respond to the needs of all communities within Te Tairāwhiti and recognise our Te Tiriti commitment. Increasing our ability to view the world through a Te Ao Māori lens, and incorporate Te Reo, Tikanga, and Mātauranga Māori into our mahi has been an exciting and challenging journey – and we still have some way to go – but it has been embraced by the team and we feel inspired and enlightened. I also need to acknowledge those kaimahi within Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti who have graciously shared their knowledge as part of this journey.

Thank you to everyone who has supported Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti over this past year. Whether you are longstanding or new partners, your support is vital as we can't work in isolation. The flexibility we saw from our many funders during the cyclone crisis was phenomenal. I also want to thank the many tireless champions in our community who keep sport, active recreation, and play running. You often don't get the recognition you deserve, and this was a very tough year for you, yet you found ways to keep activity going that is loved by our communities.

And finally, by the time this report is read, we will be close to losing a few key members of the team who are embarking on exciting new chapters in their lives. You know who you are, and hopefully you know how much you have meant to the wider organisation, but also me personally. We will miss you, but you will always be part of the Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti whānau.

OUR BOARD



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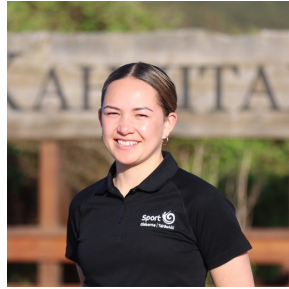


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OUR TEAM



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Accountant

AT A GLANCE

- **750**
Adult GRx Referrals
- **50**
Active Family Referrals
- **40**
Early Childcare Centres, Te Kōhanga Reo, Te Puna Reo supported
- **862**
Total participations at Well Wāhine Week (Town, rural and Coast)
- **\$255,628.48**
In Tū Manawa funding released
- **\$355,481.40**
Cyclone relief funding released
- **1,559**
Titirangi Mt. Everest participants
- **488**
Quarter Marathon and Fun Run participants
- **206**
Swim the Distance participants
- **1,982**
WeetBix Challenge participants
- **1,483**
Gymnastics participants (Town and Coast)
- **10**
Tairāwhiti Rising Legends
- **\$250,000**
Funding for Pay Half, Play Hard
- **12**
Number of Taupua Tairāwhiti clients



POST CYCLONE SUPPORT

Alongside the Cyclone Relief/Recovery Funding, and Pay Half Play Hard initiative, we wanted to physically get out there, support our community and do our bit to help those in need. This took shape in multiple, different ways.

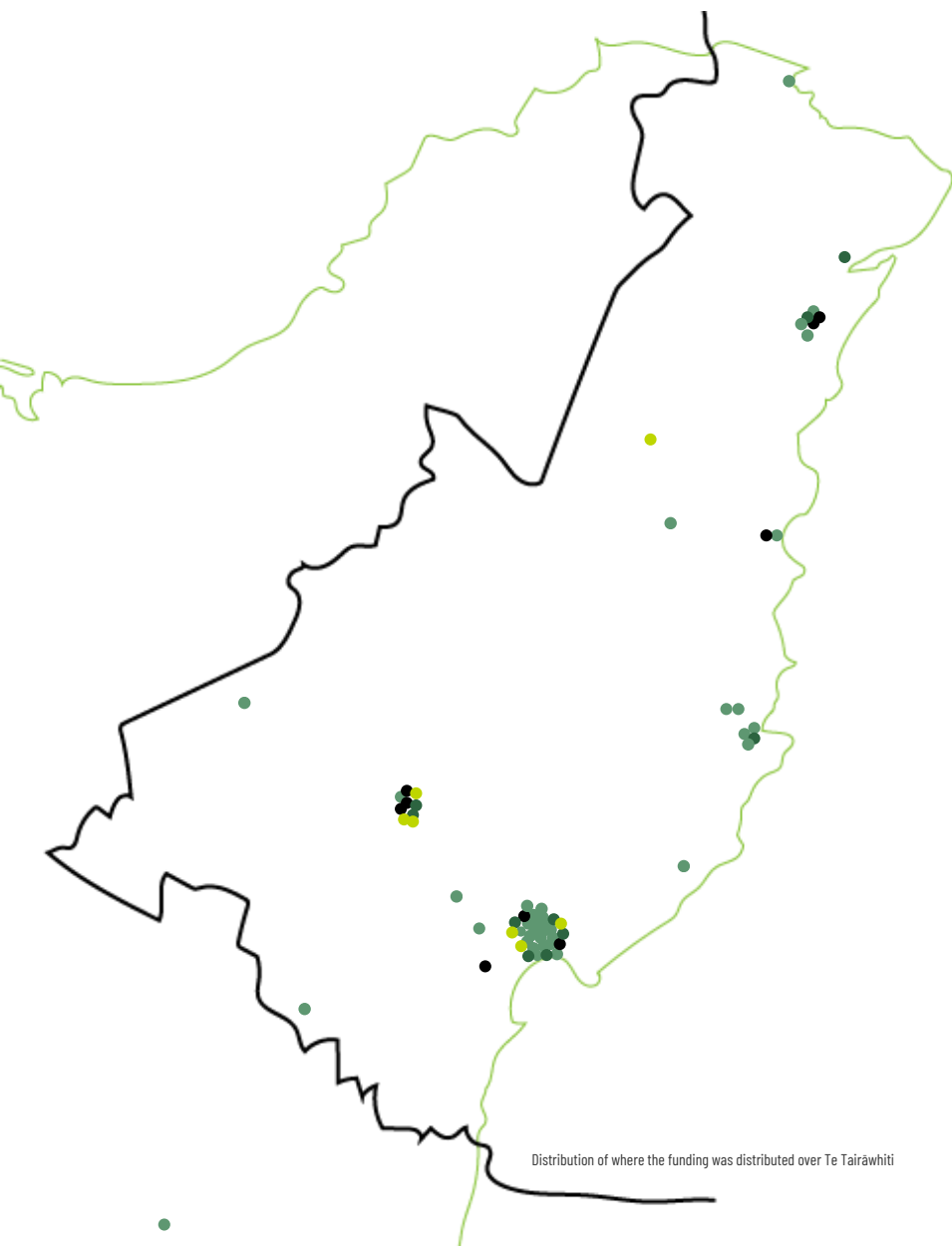
After the coming days of the cyclone, Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti kaimahi rallied together to come up with ways to help. We volunteered our time by distributing newspapers for Civil Defence and Ngati Porou. We assembled teams to help clean up the Wairoa Adventure Trust, the Gisborne Gymnastics Club and Pinehollow Riding school, and we also helped prepare the kai parcels at Te Karaka Area School.

With the displaced whānau staying at Te Karaka Area School, we wanted to try ease their stress and bring a bit of joy back into their lives, so we set up tākaro days for the tamariki and rangatahi. We had staff rotating in shifts with a range of activities, sports and games to keep the young ones entertained while the parents took a break.

Once things had settled down, we wanted to continue our support and put more love back into the Te Karaka community and uplift the spirits of the Te Karaka tamariki. With the help of the Gisborne Boardriders Club, we were able to host a beach day at Northern Makorori with surfing, games and kai. The day was a hit! Tamariki were beaming with smiles, and having fun while trying something new.

We also wanted to do something special for the ladies of Te Karaka, as wāhine so often put themselves last. As part of our Well Wāhine Week, we collaborated with providers and sponsors to give these ladies an opportunity to put themselves first with free haircuts, manicures, mirimiri (massage), jewellery and kai.

CYCLONE RELIEF FUND



As part of our response to Cyclone Gabrielle we established a Cyclone Recovery/Relief Fund for the sport, active recreation, and play sectors.

This involved the repurposing of existing funds within the organisation, and connecting with other funders who were willing to show their support by making financial contributions. The other funders included Sport NZ, the Department of Internal Affairs, Trust Tairāwhiti, and the Eastern and Central Community Trust.

The \$355,481.40 in combined funding has been used to provide fast and accessible funding for those most in need of support.

Funding distributions covered travel for those who were impacted by road closures, extra accommodation costs, or who were experiencing financial hardship due to income loss; gear due to structural damage or gear that was damaged or contaminated; and activation to get people and communities active, connected, and participating again.

We were able to help and provide funding for over 50 groups that included schools and kura, kohanga, sport and active recreation groups.

“We know this funding has been vital in ensuring activities can continue during these difficult times where people are experiencing real hardship”

Stefan Pishief, Chief Executive, Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti



*Within the 2022-2023 financial year



*As of 1 July 2023



Pay half PLAY HARD

Te Tairāwhiti was hit hard by Cyclone Gabrielle, not only with regards to the loss of homes, critical infrastructure, and employment, but also in terms of mental and emotional wellbeing.

Sport provides an opportunity for connection, purpose, and caring for tinana and wairua through being active. In economically challenging times participation in sport drops as people are forced to make tough choices, yet sport has a critical role in restoring wellbeing and helping people and communities with their recovery.

So, alongside the Cyclone Recovery/Relief Fund, we launched a new initiative with the New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT) to ensure players could save money while keeping active and connected.

NZCT awarded us with a major grant of \$250,000 for cyclone relief to ensure the continuance of sport within Te Tairāwhiti. This funding allowed high-participation winter codes, particularly with large numbers of tamariki and rangatahi, to be able to offer half priced player fees for 2023 which reduced the financial burden on families and removed a huge barrier to people participating.

Codes that received the funding were football, rugby, basketball, hockey, squash, badminton and netball.

Funding towards this initiative was also received by a number of national sporting codes. Special thanks to New Zealand Rugby, The Provincial Union outside of our region, New Zealand Football and New Zealand Netball.

Although the funding was significant it wasn't possible to cover all sporting codes, so we're considering other support mechanisms for year-round codes and the summer sports.

FACILITIES

Mareikura Waka Ama

A new lease process was triggered due to the original site being deemed not-fit-for purpose following cyclone Gabrielle. The lease has been granted and it is anticipated development will start in early 2024.

Regional Pool Heating

Comet Swimming Club is leading this project and working with pool heating specialists to develop the scope of work in partnership with schools and Trust Tairāwhiti. The project is looking at each school pool and what is required to make them more user friendly, extending the swimming season for each school. The schools being scoped at the moment include: Tolaga Bay, Hatea-a-Rangi, Hiruharama, Te Waiu, Rerekohu and Ilminster. There may be capacity to look at others in the network but these details are still being worked through.

Whakarua Park

Structural engineers report has been completed on the grandstand. The structure is substandard and has been deemed to be earthquake prone. Whakarua Park board are working with Trust Tairāwhiti to obtain project management support.

Victoria Domain

Trust Tairāwhiti has committed pre-construction funding towards the Victoria Hub Development including the pre-construction costs for a court resurfacing project (captured in the early wins project scope) and the pre-construction costs for the wider development of the recreation hub. This will enable the wider project to effectively be 'shovel ready' when it comes to the later stages of the project which will require external funding.

Horouta Waka Ama

Pre-construction funding has been secured. Consents planner and Architect have been engaged to lead pre-construction work e.g. Geotech, consent planning, land use, and services assessments.

Indoor Facilities Centre

Request for Proposal (RFP) went live on the Government Electronic Tender Service (GETS) on Friday 28 July. The purpose of the RFP process is to engage a consultant to carry out a feasibility study for an indoor multipurpose centre in Gisborne-Tairāwhiti. If the project is deemed feasible, the intention is to use the report to kick-off the project and start conversations with funders as well as using existing funds to commence.

A Facilities Business Case was developed and submitted to Government. The aim of this business case was to secure significant government funding to develop a suite of facility hubs across the region. Although government funding didn't eventuate, the business case resulted in the securing of \$15 million in funding towards 'Early Win' projects from Trust Tairāwhiti. Updates on these projects can be seen in the graph on this page.

One of the facility projects we are putting significant focus into achieving is the development of an Indoor Centre.

Tairāwhiti has the worst indoor court provision in the country – by a mile! Much smaller towns have far better facilities. We shouldn't, and will no longer, accept this. Our region needs significant investment in infrastructure following the cyclone – housing, roads, water etc. However, there also needs to be investment in well-being facilities that will help the hauora of our communities for many years to come. The two can be done together.

The desire is to develop an indoor centre that would cater for sports such as basketball, volleyball, netball, futsal, pickleball as well as a range of other recreation and community groups. It would allow tournaments and events to be held and could be used for other purposes such as an evacuation centre.

We have started a media campaign to build advocacy and gain traction on establishing a multi-purpose centre in Tairāwhiti and we are supporting a feasibility study that will finalise the critical details.

FACILITIES INSIGHTS

“We don't have to make do, but we do have to make a move and throw more than our voice at this. We need some good brains, hardworking people that want the best for our community not just their own sport or kaupapa. We need time to get this project underway, not just wait for it to appear on our doorstep.”

We sat down with Gisborne Basketball Association Chair, Kylie Turuwhenua-Tapsell, and talked about what it would mean to them if Tairāwhiti had an Indoor Centre.

Gisborne Basketball Association (GBA) are currently stretched between two venues. The cost alone to hire the space is one issue, but it is also the volunteer stretch, the number of referees needed and the burn out this group experience when you're working to support delivery for 30-40 weeks of the year.

As a result, they had to cap their numbers and turn away teams because they just didn't have the space or people power. They had 190 tamariki involved in miniball, 270 rangatahi for their secondary school league, 200 players in their club ball league and for representative teams in the past year they've sent away 217 players.

Due to participation numbers and venue capacity constraints for their miniball programme, the event needs to be held outside, which makes it dependent on the weather. There have been instances, like the recent weather we endured, where it had to be cancelled and tamariki have missed out. If they had a three-court facility they could provide their current three-day format, and greatly increase opportunities for our rangatahi with less of a stretch on volunteers.

At the moment, GBA send teams away for competitions, as there is no venue locally capable of hosting, which is a financial barrier for many whānau and instead moves them towards

fundraisers that require a lot of time and effort. It can cost anywhere from \$20,000 - \$30,000 to send a group of teams to one event (let alone 3-5 in the year) which could be saved by whānau if GBA were able to host in a local venue that is up to the correct standards.

When asked what it would mean for Gisborne Basketball Association if there were an indoor centre in Tairāwhiti, Kylie answered:

“We could grow to meet the needs of our hapori. We'd love to develop social and mixed grades, different modified options for different abilities and ages and expand some of the current local offerings so we don't have to turn anyone away. With that momentum we'd be able to build our infrastructure as an organisation and look to employ staff to support the growth. The flow on effect is far, far wider than just a space to play and could open more opportunities for Basketball Clubs and movements to build as well like the Ngāti Porou Basketball crew, Filipino Basketball whānau, the Raiders Basketball movement and Gizzy Hoops.”





SPORT DEVELOPMENT

With a change in leadership at the CE and Board levels of Ngati Porou East Coast Rugby in 2021, and a noticeable impact on the game and Ngāti Porou people through the Covid-19 pandemic – the NPEC Board felt it timely to reflect and review the 2022 year of Rugby, as well as connect with clubs to understand how they could strengthen and evolve their support.

Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti facilitated a culmination of four face to face hui and 56 online feedback responses with club members, players and Committee members. Following the discussions, a review report was produced to provide guidance on key themes that whānau wanted to develop or improve for the 2023 season, but more importantly, the report highlighted system and club support recommendations that would provide consistent, clear guidelines for clubs and the Union while helping to support succession and operational governance at a club level.

The NPEC Board should be commended for their reflective practice and open mindsets to learning and growth through this process. Taking this journey alongside passionate and committed clubs and committees with a future-focused solutions-based approach, highlights the importance and love Ngāti people have not only for the game, but for the whānau who are the life of all that is rugby on the coast.

KEY THEMES

 **Competitions**

 **Development**

 **Age Group**

 **Officiating**

 **Coaching**

 **Communications**

 **Rules and regulations**

KAI ON THE MOVE

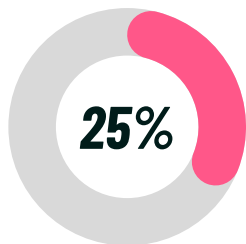
Nutrition and eating well has become confusing, and there is a lot of nutrition noise out there. There's a strong need to simplify kai: getting back to the basics of growing your own kai, harvesting, and cooking a meal.

The impact of poor health and long-term conditions can be devastating for individuals, families and communities, from quality-of-life impacts, productivity and income loss, and premature death. These impacts are largely preventable through interventions that improve nutrition and wellbeing.

Our whānau, kura and community are motivated to make positive changes to their nutrition and eating habits, however they lack the knowledge and resources to start this journey. Schools and kura have a strong desire to deliver lessons based on nutrition and providing hands on cooking experiences with students, however they lack the knowledge and resources to do so, especially for our schools and kura based up the Coast.

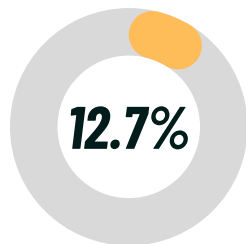
With this vision, and with the help of funding from Te Puni Kōkōri, we brought the project to life with our Kai-Var.

We were granted funding to lease a Nissan Navara that has been modified to hold cooking equipment and utensils.



of all Tairāwhiti kids are overweight

VS.



kids overweight nationally



KAI ON THE MOVE

Our project aims to reduce the noise of nutrition and empower our tamariki, rangatahi and whānau to make small changes to their eating habits that help to enhance their overall wellbeing. Youth and rangatahi who eat well lead healthier lifestyles and thrive to their full potential. By targeting tamariki and rangatahi, our project focuses on the prevention of long-term health conditions later in life.

The Kai-Var delivers a mobile kai wānanga to schools and kura. The mobile kai wānanga teaches traditional maara kai practices, provides hands on cooking experiences, incorporates the Maramataka and how it relates to the growing, harvesting and cooking of kai, tikanga and the value of culture.

The Kai-Var also provides a better understanding of nutrition, and how important it is to show manaaki to ourselves and our own whānau as much as we manaaki our manuhiri.



OPUAPUA KARAWHIUA

We met, had discussions, shared whakaaro and gathered insights from 'ngā Mareikura o Hikurangi' - kōhine Māori from years 7-13 at Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Waiu o Ngati Porou and Ngata Memorial College in Ruatorea.

We encouraged individuals to reflect on:

- Their identity and personality
- Discussed values (what matters)
- Passions (what excites them)
- Strengths (what they're good at)
- Motivations (key driving forces and inspirations)

Each session was tailored to suit the values of the Kura and how that helps shape the identity of our kōhine, with emphasis on the history, customs and language of Ngati Porou.

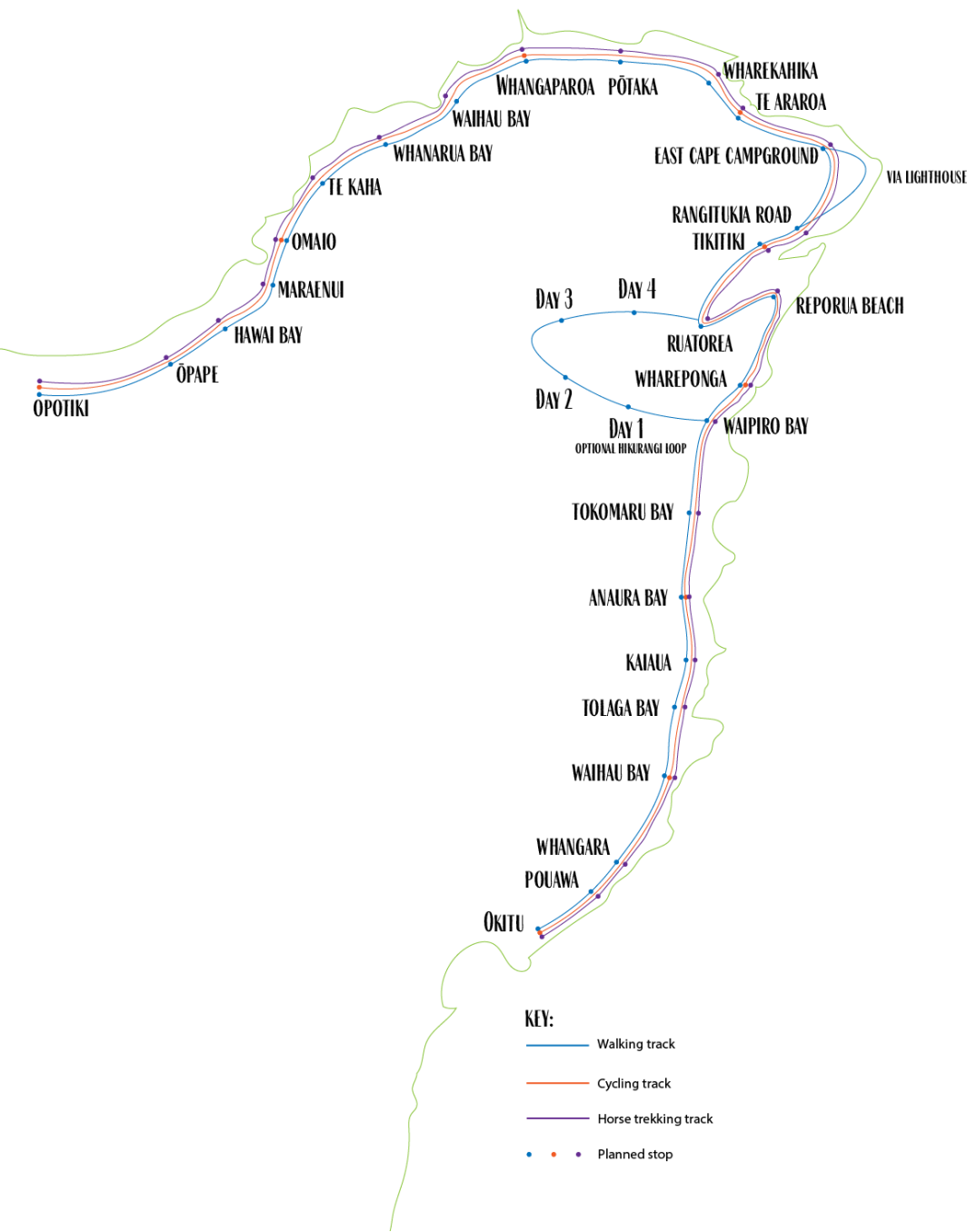
It was important for us to touch on 'te rongo-a-tinana' and 'te rongo-a-ngakau' and what impact our natural senses have on the way our kōhine see the world (te ao Maori and te ao whanui). We identified that kōhine Kura Kaupapa Māori have a deeper understanding and awareness of the impact of tikanga and language revitalization strategies in comparison with kōhine from mainstream schools.

There was a strong appreciation for Turangawaewae (place of belonging) - marae, hapu, iwi and 'ngā kawenga runga Marae' shown by kōhine Kura Kaupapa Māori, with mainstream kōhine proving a strong sense of understanding of financial literacy and it's impacts on society.

Overall, the desire to want to grow and develop holistically as an individual was prevalent throughout.

Opuapua Karawhiua!

TE ARA TIPUNA



Te Ara Tipuna is a project for the people and the land of Te Tairāwhiti. It aims to connect tangata whenua to the ways of their ancestors; how they connected to te taiao and how they sustained life for whānau and hapu.

It is a joint venture between Ngāti Porou and Te Whānau-ā-Apanui. A range of social, recreational and environmental assessments have been presented, and government funding being sought.

The project is about re-establishing the ways in which whānau and hapu moved around and connected with each other, through the building of infrastructure and hundreds of kilometres of accessways for pedestrians, cyclists, and horse riders.

The Ara will stretch from Gisborne to Opotiki and will provide connection to marae and significant cultural and environmental landmarks for Ngāti Porou and Te Whānau-a-Apanui. It will include 500km of walking trail, 380km of biking trail and around 375km of horse trekking trail. The trails will consist of raised boardwalks, boardwalks and gravel tracks. The project is still in the planning stage, so the distances, elevation and times are subject to change.

The walking trail has additional options, the Hikurangi Loop, which walks around the culturally significant Hikurangi Maunga, and the East Cape Lighthouse loop.

Although the primary purpose of the development of Te Ara Tipuna is to restore connectivity and enhance well-being, particularly since recent weather events have further deteriorated State Highway 35, it will also provide opportunities for economic development, local entrepreneurial endeavours, and unique tourism experiences that would be unrivalled anywhere in the world.

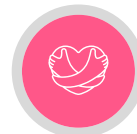


TE ARA TIPUNA

This part of Aotearoa is home to rich cultural heritage, stunning landscapes of mountains, rivers, beaches and bush and has proud traditions of diving, hunting, fishing, paddling and haka. Supporting local people to create businesses and to financially support their whanau by sharing their knowledge, stories and places of recreation will be a by-product of Te Ara Tipuna.

We have produced a recreational assessment but our role in the project also includes gathering insights about recreation aspirations and trends, promoting, developing and supporting the recreational initiative, and utilising our kaimahi who are based in communities on the Coast.

The relationship between nature and health:



Increased health and wellbeing from access to green and natural spaces



Improved opportunities for physical activity



Providing opportunities for people to recreate together and improve social connectivity



Reduced stress and the ability to mentally recharge



Short term benefits of improved mood and physical health benefits of exercise

INSIGHTS TO ACTION

Insights to Action is an excellent example of using insights and letting youth lead to create favourable change through co-design.

Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti (SGT) coordinated the active recreation project with Gisborne Girls High School (GGHS), using insights from the Voice of Rangatahi Survey, in conjunction with student co-design sessions. The project was to include co-design, youth voice, youth leadership and the Mana Taiohi principles of youth development.

Sport NZ selected SGT along with four other Regional Sport Trusts, to participate in the pilot, which aimed to influence meaningful change within secondary schools, leading to improved physical activity experiences for rangatahi.

Key findings showed that 40% of GGHS students agreed that the range of activities needed to be improved, and that they wanted less competitive environments, and more social activity. From these findings, discussions on how the project would be implemented began, then the plan was shared with Sport NZ, who approved it to the value of \$10,000.

The activities that were chosen, based off the suggestions during co-design, included tennis, skateboarding, yoga, mini golf, trampolining, walking up the local maunga, bubble football, orienteering and more fun school games. GGHS named this project 'Physical Activity and Me'. The project proved to be effective in getting more students involved, and appeared to improve the feeling that PE is fun and welcoming.

This project showed how using co-design as a method for curriculum planning is an effective way to create more engagement from students, and how important it is to be committed to incorporating students voices into the curriculum. It also showed how vital it is to have the support from the school in achieving successful outcomes.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP TŪ MANAWA

Our journey of supporting young people into decision-making roles started with our KiwiSport Panel. (Kiwisport was the Sport NZ fund that pre-dated Tū Manawa.) On that decision-making panel, we had one student from Lytton High School. In 2020, when Sport NZ wound up KiwiSport and launched the Tū Manawa fund, we took that opportunity to revise our panel structure.

Between 2020-21, we talked with our young person to learn what good support looks like. While we wanted to increase the youth presence on that panel, since it's a fund for young people, her feedback reinforced that decision. Young people appreciate having at least another young person, if not more, to sit alongside. We asked her if she wanted to shoulder-tap another young person to join the panel, which she was happy to do. Additionally, we asked one of our staff, a young woman in her early 20s, if she would join our CE and board member as an Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti member on the majority external panel.

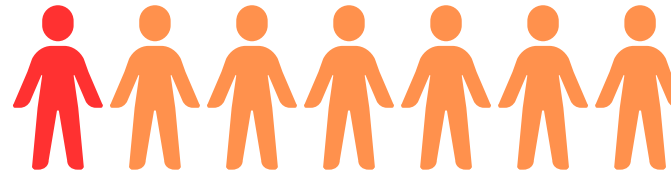
In 2021, we added a second young person, and by March 2022, we'd increased the representation of young people on our decision-making panel to 3 of 8. This new structure allowed new young people to be welcomed on with experienced young people. The newest young person can take an observatory role the first round if they wish, ensuring there would still be young people's contributions.

Our Tū Manawa lead connected with the young panelists ahead of the decision-making hui to answer any questions about the applications or the process. We lead the hui in a way that respects and defers to the knowledge of these young people. Their insights about why projects are important or the barriers faced by young people are valued and often the perspective that brings the panel to unified decisions.

Our new model pays our non-staff young panelists, like we do when contracting young people. Additionally, we check in to learn about other ways we might support them or their interests. For example, one young panelist was interested in attending a national conference on the fund, held in Waitangi. That conference was attended by our Tū Manawa lead and this young person, who was invited to sit on a panel, a highlight of the conference.

YOUTH REPRESENTED IN OUR TŪ MANAWA ACTIVE AOTEAROA FUND PANEL:

2020:



2021:



2023:



TŪ MANAWA ACTIVE AOTEAROA

ROUND SIX - AUGUST 2022

APPLICANT	\$\$\$	TO DELIVER
Dancefit Studios Ltd	\$2,300	Inclusive Dance (Active Rec). This project expands a pilot program to deliver 10 small-ratio, inclusive dance classes to 12 young people with high needs and/or disabilities. This project is different than their commercial delivery.
Gisborne Boardriders Club	\$20,500	Surf for Life - East Coast (Active Rec). This project will deliver the second year of the 3-year plan of this large-scale project to grow the capability and access to surfing at 3 communities on the East Coast.
Lytton High School	\$16,129.75	Te Whare Tuapua Tu Manawa (Active Rec). This project builds on the project delivered in a previous round. This project will deliver a variety of activities to the two groups in the school's high-needs syndicate.
Patu Tahi Boxing Club Incorporated	\$7,590.64	Te Ha o Hineahuone (Active Rec). This project will purchase equipment and pay for delivery of 2 non-contact boxing fitness classes to 25 student peers at GGHS. This application was conceptualised and written by a rangatahi, a Sports Prefect at GGHS and competitive boxer.
Ruatoria City Sports Club	\$10,300	Ruatoria City Sports Club (Sport). This project will purchase equipment (Rugby-related as well as other sports and active rec costs related to hunting and bush pursuits) to expand the offerings that the club provide to their junior members.
Te Kura o Māngātuna	\$3,000	WHENUA WENEREI (Active Rec). This project will purchase trap-making kits, along with other items that will support their learning in, of, and support of their local environment.
TKKM O Taperenui A Whatonga	\$10,827.25	Netball Festival for Whatonga (Sport). This project will purchase and install netball hoops, purchase playing uniforms, with the goal to facilitate a Netball Festival for 4 East Coast kura.
Tolaga Bay Golf Club Incorporated	\$6,335	Tolaga Bay Golf Club Rangatahi Coaching Clinics (Sport). This project will purchase equipment and pay for delivery of skill sessions and sport opportunities for young people of the Tolaga Bay.
Tolaga Bay Inn Charitable Trust	\$3,067.44	Community Engagement Initiatives of Recreational & Sporting Activities (Active Rec). This project will purchase equipment and secure workshop delivery to create fun and positive opportunities in the skate park in UAWA. The purpose of this is to create a foundation of rangatahi co-design and insights to inform the yet to come investment in this park, particularly the skate park re-build.
Turanga Tangata Rite School	\$6,242	TTR Hākinakina (Active Rec). This project aims to remove travel and equipment barriers to 12 young people who attend this special character school to participate in a variety of activities across the week (50 activities across the term).

Upper Central Zone of NZRL Inc.	\$9,107.50	Kiwi Tag Module (Sport). This project will contribute to the purchase of equipment and pay for delivery and transport for a 5-week Kiwi Tag rugby league module for rural kura.
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FAST FUND ROUND - OCTOBER 2022

APPLICANT	\$\$\$	TO DELIVER
Parafed Gisborne Tairāwhiti	\$9,991	Project No Limits (Active Rec). This project delivers a year of adapted sports and physical activities to young people living with disabilities. It delivers an average of 5 small ratio sessions per week and monthly whānau-inclusive, have-a-go days. The funding supports the delivery of these sessions by external providers, venue hire, and in some cases equipment rental or purchase. The project will also support Parafed members living on the Coast with travel costs.
Tairāwhiti Adventure Trust	\$5,100	NZ Skate Nationals and Pump Track World Qualifier Community Events (Active Rec). This project will deliver 4 community events aimed at supporting over 50 local rangatahi and tamariki alongside the high-profile events at the new skate park and pump track. These community events will break down barriers for young people, particularly young women and girls, to engage in skateboarding. In addition to kai, the funding will support delivery by local skateboard groups, and purchase 10 skateboards so that lack of equipment isn't a barrier to participate.
Whānau Fit '72	\$9,973.30	Whānau Fit '72 (Active Rec). This project builds on a grassroots fitness programme delivered by and for the Patutahi community. This funding will support the purchase of gym equipment to keep pace with their growing membership. It will also pay for the delivery of sessions, 3 times a week for 10 weeks.

FAST FUND - NOVEMBER 2022

APPLICANT	\$\$\$	TO DELIVER
Paikea Ariki	\$8,744	Rugby League Summer Series (Sport). This project will deliver a 6-week Rugby League competition, providing opportunities to young people beyond those who compete at the representative level. The project will support the purchase of sports equipment and pay for travel for an East Coast kura to participate in the Gisborne-based league.
Surely Skate	\$7,000	Surely Shred (Active Recreation). Surely Shred is an all-comers skate competition, geared towards engaging girls, young women and non-binary skaters of all skill levels. The Surely Skate tutors/mentors -- themselves young, female, and non-binary skaters -- will deliver 10-15 workshops leading up to the competition. This project will break down the barrier for young people to skate in a competition and to see themselves as valuable users of our high-profile skate park, normally a safe space for boys and young men. Note: this is an application by/for rangatahi, and specifically one of the fund's priority groups: girls and young women.
Te Araroa Districts and Progressive Assoc.	\$10,000	Matakaoa Rangatahi Sports Academy (Sport). This project will pay for kai, equipment, and wages to deliver a project of multiple sports and activities. For 12 weeks over the summer, the project will deliver 2 sport codes per week, 4 weeks at a time, as well as deliver online dance and fitness sessions with new equipment. Engagement will include whānau from neighbouring East Coast communities.
TKKM o Hawaiki Hou	\$10,000	Hōpuni Wharekura (Active Recreation). This project delivers 3 days and 2 nights of local activities that build on the aspirations of young people of this kura and align to their co-designed curriculum framework in fun ways. This project breaks down barriers to participate in activities such as yoga, surfing, and fishing. Woven through this itinerary of active recreation activities are leadership and other skill-based wānanga.
Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Whatatutu	\$9,832.60	E Tipu Ai Te Pakiaka Tangata, Me Whakatō He Purapura Wairua (Active Recreation). This project will break down travel and isolation barriers for the young people of this kura to pursue Tennis. The project will pay for bus travel to the Gisborne Tennis Club, where they will receive professional coaching. The project also pays for equipment to support daily all-kura fitness sessions during Term 1.

Te Kura Reo Rua o Waikirikiri	\$9,500	Play Based Learning (Te Pae Whakaaio) (Play). Through co-design with Enviroschools students and whānau with special needs students, this project will design and install a sensory garden and play-based learning space. The whānau-inclusive project breaks down barriers for young people of the kura who live with trauma and other special needs. The play spaces will bring calm, safety, and play to their place of learning and support the young people to develop self-regulation skills in order to rejoin the classroom.
Youthful	\$9,405	What is the potential for Basketball to be on Parau Street (AR). This project will purchase more durable equipment, source skills training through the GBA, as well as basic ball playing necessities (shoes and balls) to expand their social basketball experience. For the rangatahi who attend these community youth groups, basketball is a passion, the activity that allows them to grow their self-worth, and at times, the glue that holds the groups together.

LARGE FUND - NOVEMBER 2022

APPLICANT	\$\$\$	TO DELIVER
Kaiti School	\$20,000	Kaiti School Sports Academies (Sport). This project builds on their project delivered in 2021/2022. In the intervening time, two further sports have been requested by the young people of the school, namely Hockey and Basketball. This project will purchase equipment, pay koha to the coaches (a combination of whānau and staff out of school hours), deliver sport-specific, industry-quality coach development workshops, and purchase kai for breakfasts for before-school trainings. Although the project costs more, the application asks for a \$20,000 contribution from TMAA.
NPEC Principal's Assoc + SFLT	\$27,500	Swim For Life Tairāwhiti (Active Rec). This project continues a delivery that was funded in 2022 by TMAA. The collective of 15 kura across the East Coast seek swim survival lessons organised by the Swim for Life Tairāwhiti Trust and embed the lessons into localised, Kaipapa Māori contexts. In the years that this project has been delivered, the Trust have grown the number of Coast-based staff who deliver lessons to this collective of kura from zero to 4.

FAST FUND - FEBRUARY 2023

APPLICANT	\$\$\$	TO DELIVER
ATAWHAI Charitable Trust	\$8,383	Mentoring programmes (AR). This project, joint funded with MSD, will deliver a 4-pronged programme (youth mentoring, Holiday programmes, and afterschool programmes in water safety education/ surfing and mountain biking) to 160-200 young people who are at risk for a variety of reasons. The TMAA funding will purchase surf boards and mountain bikes to deliver the physical activities woven into their wider curriculum. The curriculum is steered by the participants and whānau and targets the specific needs of this at-risk community.
Dancefit Studios	\$4,800	Inclusive Dance (Active Rec). This project expands a previously funded program. It will deliver 20 small-ratio, inclusive dance classes to 30 young people with high needs and/or disabilities. This project is different than their commercial delivery. Important to note, this project is one of few that deliver to this high-priority group.
TKKM o Horouta Wananga	\$10,000	Manini waka, Tere waka (Sport). This project will deliver a year of activities as part of a long-range Kaipapa Māori project developed for Māori incorporating all values of te aho matua me ona tikanga, through the vehicle of Waka Ama. This kaupapa, designed in part by the rangatahi, is guided by holistic wellbeing of the child. The request will pay for equipment, delivery of program (100 participants, whānau-inclusive), and for uniforms for the kura to bring all their taura to compete in waka competitions at the end of the year.

TOTAL AMOUNT

\$255,628.48



TAUPUA TAIRĀWHITI

Horouta Waka Hoe joined the Taupua Tairawhiti project upon its conception almost two years ago. Taupua was launched as a shared services hub to support community groups with their back office processes and help to create better financial processes and enhance transparency and accountability to help our community organisations thrive. Often volunteers within community groups are overwhelmed with the volume of admin and time pressures relating to their club.

Over the last 20 months Taupua has gotten to know the Horouta Waka Hoe whanau and built trusting relationships with Walton, Florrie and Kiwi. The team at Taupua believe in the kaupapa Horouta delivers throughout Tairawhiti and respect their commitment, integrity and passion for their sport in our community. The high quality of coaching and travel opportunities Horouta provides to tamariki, rangatahi and hapu is inspiring and most recently Horouta has taken teams to events in Tahiti, Whitianga and Worlds in Samoa.

Behind the scenes of these amazing experiences, performances and events there is extensive organizing, bills to be paid, pre payments, GST returns, annual financial statements and charities requirements, membership management, tracking reports, budgets and contract negotiations that no one sees.

Taupua has been able to support Horouta Waka Hoe with these back office needs and create transparency to management that helps with planning and budgeting. It's an enjoyable partnership and job satisfaction is high when working with meaningful relationships. Horouta is in a growth phase and Taupua will continue to support them during this time by facilitating Xero training to expand in-house capability and encourage succession of members through sharing the ownership of responsibility involved with running such a worthwhile club.

PLAY

IPU TĀKARO - IN CASE OF EMERGENCY PRESS PLAY

Cyclone recovery is in full swing, with play activities being requested by our hardest-hit communities as they look to support the health and well-being of their affected tamariki and rangatahi. During the initial response phase, we delivered daily tākaro sessions at Te Karaka Area School, as previously mentioned. These regular sessions gave the tamariki a daily rhythm and a sense of normality while allowing them to process and gain some understanding of the events going on around them. This culminated in SGT arranging an epic beach day.

Our coast community told us that during Cyclone Gabrielle and in the following response and recovery phases, play resources would have been great for their tamariki and rangatahi to have had access to at the civil defence centres. Play during a crisis reassures our tamariki and rangatahi that they are safe, and provides them with a sense of normality, to process the events and recover a sense of joy.

With funding available through He Oranga Poutama, we reached out to our coast tamariki and rangatahi to gather their insights on what these play resources might look like, where they might be stored, who would look after them and what the rules for their use might be.

Working across our SGT staff, we mapped out 23 places where people gather in an emergency, beyond the official Gisborne District Council sites. We then workshopped with tamariki and rangatahi to build the sport, active rec and play resources they would want to have during an emergency.

The resources needed to be durable, multiuse, and work across all ages and abilities, as well as be useful at night or in no-power situations. Continual weather events hampered the

insight-gathering opportunities for our staff. Of the 23 sites identified, we managed to gather insights from 7 schools/kura and contacted another 8 who expressed interest in receiving a play pack.

Whangara School came up with the name Ipu Tākaro (play container) for the resource pack.

NGĀ MANU TAUPUA

Over this reporting year, our Ngā Manu Taupua team has worked hard to provide support for our rural communities. With a well-established support service existing in Turanga, we have taken the opportunity to branch out into Te Karaka and Uawa over the past year. We have utilised all three of our programmes (Tamaiti Mataara, Mokopuna Mataara and Kia Pakari te Ora – formerly known as Green Prescription) to provide whānau-friendly opportunities.

In November we hosted Ka tipu te hauora e hika ki Uawa. Similar to our community event in Te Karaka, this was an opportunity to connect with the Tolaga Bay community and collaborate with local health providers (Te Whare Hauora o te Aitanga a Hauiti and Hapai te Hauora Aotearoa). We provided play resources for tamariki, kai for whānau, and Hapai te Hauora contributed bubble wrap fun soccer for rangatahi. Approx. 50 whānau attended.

Similar to the whānau event hosted in Te Karaka, this event aimed to bring whānau together to connect, move, play and enjoy kai. With this in mind, it was rewarding to see parents attend with their tamariki, joining in on play and cheering on the bubblewrap soccer games.

“Was a good way to reconnect with each other and work together”
- Te Whare Hauora o te Aitanga a Hauiti kaimahi.



NGĀ MANU TAUPUA

Following our Ka tipu te hauora e hika ki Uawa event in November, our team has connected with several local organisations to provide ongoing wellness support. Working in collaboration with Te Whare Hauora o te Aitanga a Hauiti, Uawa Community Health Centre, Tolaga Bay Area School and the Tolaga Bay Innovation Hub, our team has been delivering support fortnightly in Tolaga Bay since April.

These visits involve:

- » Supporting local kaumatua groups with safe exercise opportunities
- » Meeting with local whānau kanohi ki te kanohi to establish their wellness aspirations and opportunities for us to support
- » Establishing a free evening exercise class, open to all, for a safe and local group exercise option
- » Attending a mums and bubs class regularly to educate about nutrition and movement
- » Hosting workshops requested by local whānau (e.g. budgeting, nutrition)

Aho Fit is a fortnightly exercise class based at Tolaga Bay Area School. Developed in response to feedback from local whānau, the class is open to all ages and ability levels in the Tolaga Bay area. The aim of these sessions is to create an accessible exercise option for local whānau to grow their confidence with movement. When designing this class, our team met three key barriers; venue, cost and the need for a child-friendly space.



VENUE

We were fortunate to connect with Tolaga Bay Area School who have recently received Sport NZ Tū Manawa funding to purchase exercise gear. By combining this gear with our exercise advisors, we have been able to activate a space for local whānau to exercise in each fortnight.



COST

Many whānau have expressed the need for budget-friendly options. With recent cost-of-living pressures, it's more important than ever to make affordable options available. To accommodate this, we have opted to offer this class for free. We are grateful to Tolaga Bay Area School for allowing us to use this venue at no cost.



CHILD-FRIENDLY SPACE

Finally, it is important that this class accommodates working individuals and is hosted after regular working hours. However, this means many whānau would need to bring their kids with them. To enable this, our Mokopuna Mataara Kaiarahi who works with mokopuna under five-years old, is onsite to supervise and play with tamariki, allowing adults to exercise. On average, approximately 20 whānau attend Aho Fit sessions each fortnight. Our kaimahi look forward to continuing to collaborate alongside the Uawa community to deliver responsive opportunities such as this.

Since beginning these events in August 2022, we have noticed increased interest in our support by both whānau and local communities. Self-referrals have returned, and regular sessions and support have been developed from local whānau input.

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