



“It always seems impossible
until it’s done” (Nelson Mandela)

The journey of an Iwi-owned Health Services Research Organisation.



- Established 2005 by Heather Gifford
- Owned and mandated by Ngāti Hauiti
- Primarily focused on Māori public health research, evaluation and health services and health policy research





Heather Gifford - Director 2005-2016



Amohia Boulton - Director 2016 to present



Tanya Allport - Senior Researcher and Interim Director, 2023

Wāhine Toa



INDEPENDENT RESEARCH ORGANISATION CAPABILITY FUNDING

“We’re extremely thankful for this funding boost. It gives us the opportunity to further develop our workforce, grow research capacity, ensure that important findings are shared with key decision-makers and ultimately, to make a powerful contribution to improving health outcomes for Māori throughout Aotearoa “Amohia Boulton, Whakauae Research Services Director, 10 May 2022.



Te Ao Rauropi Mapping the Biosphere of Rongoā Māori



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ake ngā uri whakatupu

Our Tohu

The name "Kia puāwai ake ngā uri whakatupu" comes from a waiata 'Waenga Awaawa' (Richard Steedman, 2003) which speaks to Ngāti Hauiti aspirations for flourishing future generations.

THE FUNDER

The Health Research Council of NZ

HRC have invested in Whānau Research to lead Kia Puāwai- a 5 year grant for excellent & innovative research toward Māori health equity in Aotearoa.

THE KAUPAPA

Kia Puāwai

We are addressing Māori health inequity by generating new mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge) in order shift system responses to enable better outcomes for Māori

THREE RESEARCH PROJECTS

Ropua te ora Rangotira

Leadership, governance and decision-making models to achieve health equity

Tō mātou kainga, tō mātou ūkaipō

Whānau conceptions of home: creating nourishing home environments

He waka eke noa

Whānau and clinician co-design: making primary care work for Māori

OUTCOMES

The realisation of flourishing whānau, hapū and iwi, flourishing home environments and flourishing health systems

Why your influence matters

TRANSLATING RESEARCH INTO IMPACT
 UTILISING THE TUI FRAMEWORK



Project 1: Rapua te ara Rangatira kia hikitia ai te oranga tangata –

Leadership, governance and decision making models to achieve health equity

"The issues of leadership, governance and decision-making in the health system are critical for Māori if equity of health outcomes as a stated health system goal is to be achieved."



This research project aims to develop a Māori leadership and governance model that responds to Iwi needs. The project will look specifically at:

1. What is known of **traditional leadership, governance and decision-making** models employed by Iwi/Māori to keep their people well and how the principles used can be **applied in a contemporary context**;
2. The contemporary and emergent leadership, governance and decision-making **models that have evolved** through Treaty of Waitangi claims processes, and in response to Covid-19, to advance Māori health outcomes; and
3. Models that exist in similar jurisdictions and amongst other Indigenous people's which may **inform the Aotearoa context**.

Working in partnership with Ngāti Hauiti, the findings from this inquiry will guide the design of a "fit-for-purpose" model of Iwi leadership and decision-making to enhance Ngāti Hauiti wellbeing, which will be piloted over a 12-month period. Evaluation will allow for review and final iteration of the model before it is shared with regional Iwi partners for use, testing, and refinement.

Project 2: Tō mātou kāinga, tō mātou ūkaipō -

Whānau conceptions of home: supporting flourishing home environments

"To understand hauora Māori in a holistic sense, it must be seen in relation to 'home'. Safety and wellbeing at home is more than the absence of 'ill-health', or in the case of the current environment, the absence of Covid-19."



This research project aims to develop a model that captures what is required for whānau to be safe and well 'at home'. The project will look specifically at:

1. Understanding whānau conceptualisations of 'home' related to **connectedness, people, place, and space**, and their influence on whānau members' needs for safety and wellbeing, particularly within a Covid-19 era;
2. Co-constructing and producing **whānau-centred model(s)**, safety and wellbeing indicators and resources for whānau **to enhance safety and wellbeing at home** and within their communities; and
3. Constructing an outcomes framework and indicators to **measure the impact** of the whānau-centred model(s) developed.

The developed models to enhance safety and wellbeing at home will integrate Māori thinking in all areas of home and place making, including house, space, and environment design, whānau capacity and capability, and systems supports and designs. Our findings will also inform targeted use and development of whenua (land) and, more generally, will influence current policy discourse around Māori health, housing and wellbeing in the Covid-19 era.

Project 3: He waka eke noa -

Co-creating primary care that works for whānau Māori

"Primary care is highlighted as a crucial gateway to early diagnosis on the cancer-care continuum and a potential site for addressing disparities - urgent improvements and changes need to be made to allow for optimal outcomes for Māori."



system in order to create new pathways of care for Māori. Specifically, the project will:

1. Investigate both whānau and clinical ideas of **how to increase Māori access to primary health care** (PHC) in the pre-diagnosis phase of cancer;
2. Bring the **perspectives of both whānau and clinicians together** to agree on changes required in both systems (whānau and PHC) to ensure earlier diagnosis (and therefore treatment) of cancer for Māori; and
3. Test the ability of whānau and clinicians to **transform health services** through an Appreciative Inquiry process in one Primary Health Care site.

Working in partnership with Gonville Health, the findings from this research will identify specific patient and whānau attitudes, knowledge alongside actions clinician attitudes, knowledge, actions, and Primary Health Care system components to increase access to, and effectiveness of, primary care services for Māori in the pre-diagnosis phase of cancer. The experience of bringing together the whānau voice and the general practice voice will provide examples of unified approach that could be replicated in other primary care settings.

Project 4: Translation, Uptake and Impact (TUI):

knowledge translation for Impact
Pathways to facilitate key systems change

"The translation of new knowledge into transformative outcomes for communities, whānau, hapū, Iwi and Māori communities is central to Kaupapa Māori research design, where knowledge sharing is informed by powerful Indigenous concepts such as collective well-being, collective responsibility and collective accountability."

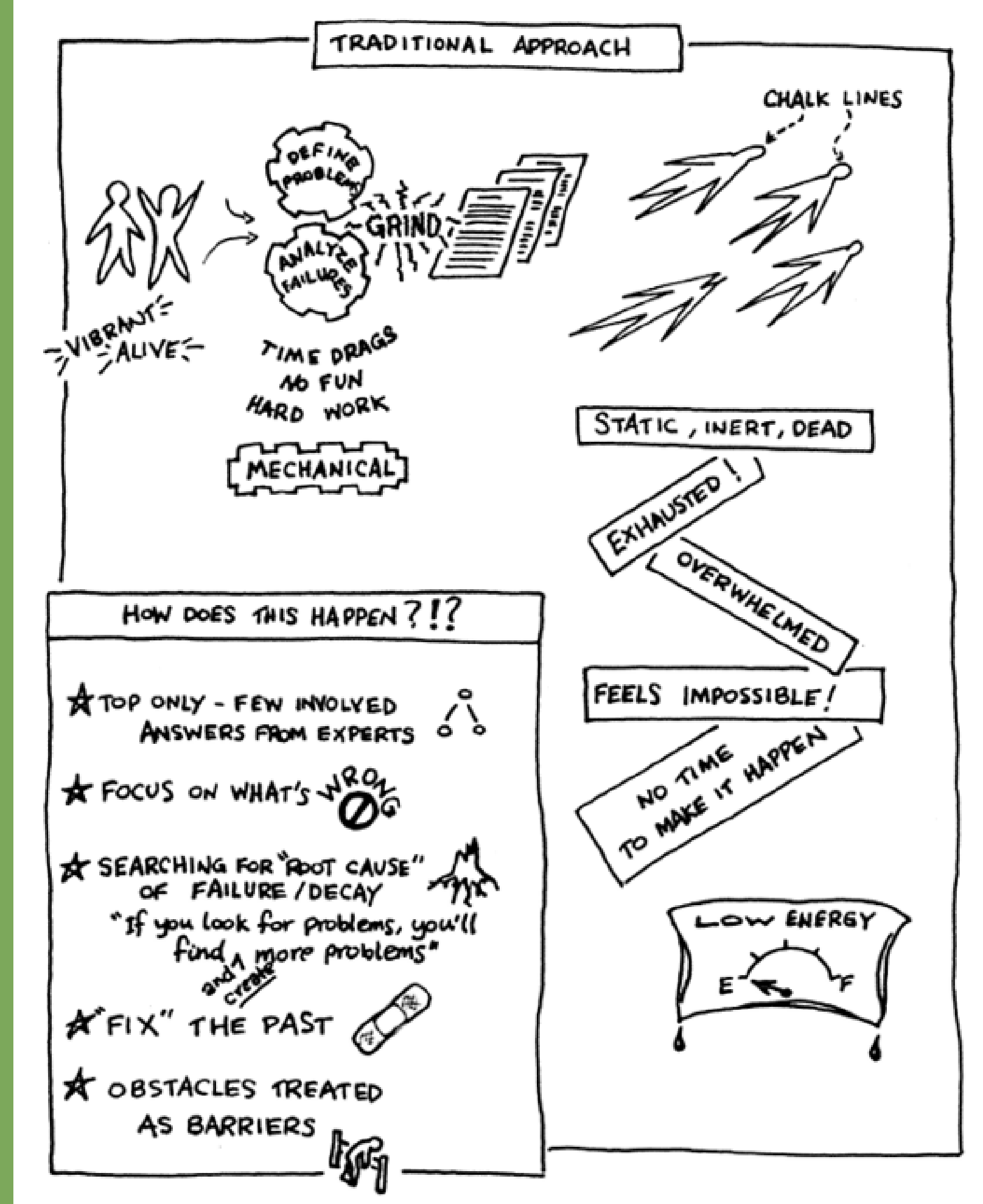
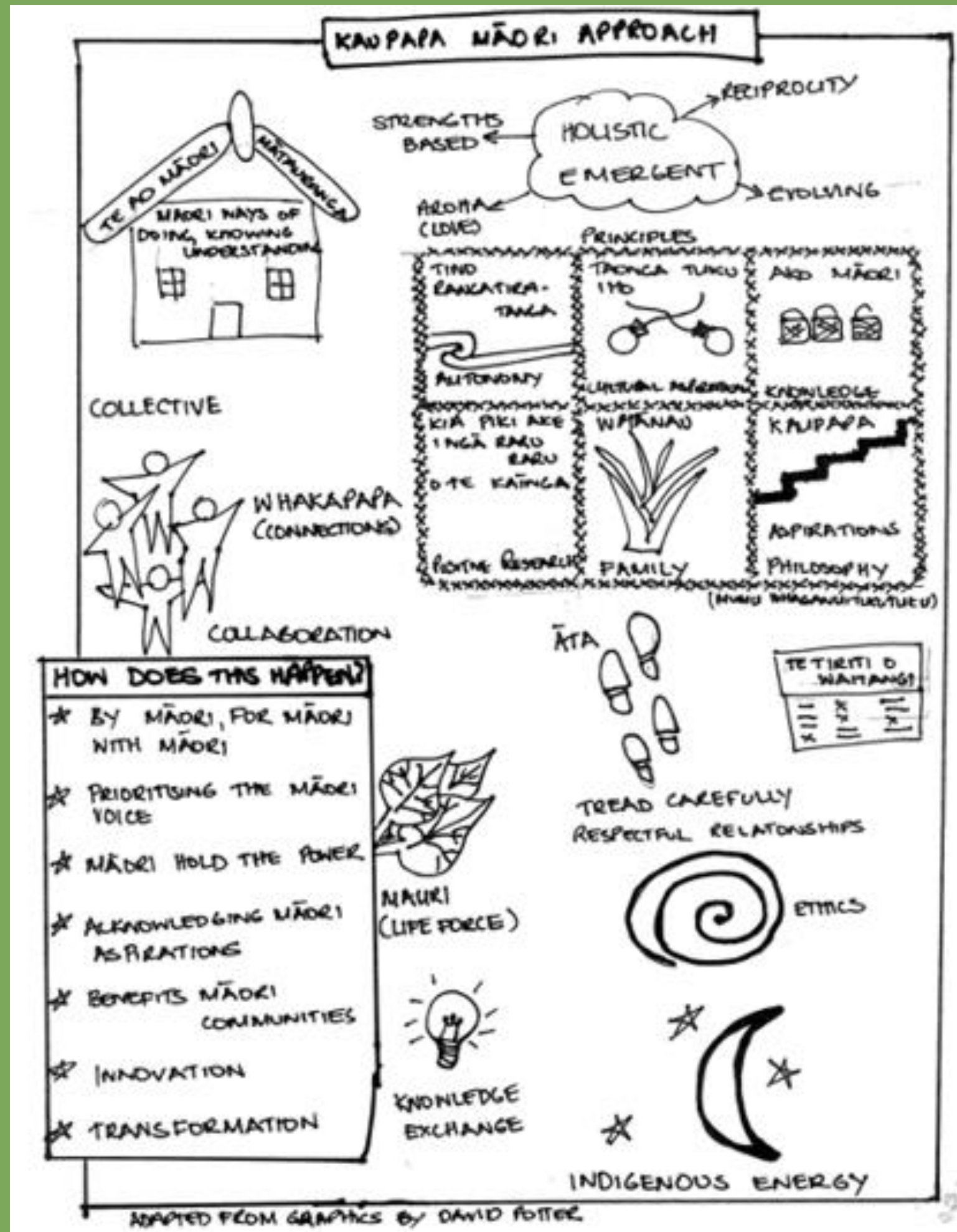


The TUI project has been designed to run alongside the three previous research projects to achieve the translation of new knowledge into impactful pathways for change. The aims of this project are to:

1. **Translate new research** knowledge for whānau, hapū, Iwi, Māori communities and other stakeholders;
2. Facilitate **uptake of new research knowledge** into policy making, management action and professional practice in health; and
3. Design **outcomes-centred dissemination** methods and **tools for impact**.

The TUI component of the programme grant will build engagement, awareness and knowledge beyond the usual primary dissemination recipients (i.e., the academy) to actively target whānau, hapū, Iwi and Māori communities.

By creating targeted impact pathways, research findings will have the potential to inform decision-making, procedures, protocols and standards of care for Māori in areas of policy making, management action and professional practice in health. Furthermore, innovative and inclusive dissemination strategies will prioritise Māori



What is the important thing when
conducting Kaupapa Māori research?

Thank you to the Kanapu team for bringing us together.

Further information can be found at www.whakauae.co.nz

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