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Healthy, thriving communities, Kia Momoho Te Hāpori Ōranga.



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TE TOI AHORANGI



Mai i te rangi ki te whenua, te whenua ki te rangi
FROM THE SKY TO THE EARTH, THE EARTH TO THE SKY, WE ARE CONNECTED

Launching Te Toi Ahorangi

Te Toi Ahorangi is a groundbreaking tangata whenua determined health strategy. It is the first of its kind to be endorsed and adopted by a DHB. Te Toi Ahorangi articulates a vision of Toi Ora – flourishing descendants of Toi that aims to catalyse a whole of systems approach to support healthy, thriving Māori communities.



Tricia Keelan, our General Manager Māori Health Gains and Development has been working closely with Te Rūnanga Hauora o Te Moana ā Toi over the last year to affirm a tangata whenua worldview to inform the transformation of our health system towards Toi Ora. This has included extensive engagement - with over 500 staff, whānau, hapū, iwi and wider community members having their say either in person at wānanga held onsite and throughout our rohe, or online. Your voices have contributed towards the shape, spirit and intent of the Strategy – which has been coined as Aotearoa’s first Kaupapa Māori, tangata whenua driven Māori Health Strategy!

We are excited to announce that Te Toi Ahorangi has been fully endorsed and adopted by the Board at this month’s governance meeting. Te Toi Ahorangi 2030 sets a clear direction for tangata whenua and our DHB to achieve Toi Ora, together. This is important for our DHB and our eighteen iwi – our Te Tiriti o Waitangi partners as we work towards strengthening an authentic relationship that supports tangata whenua to define, decide and determine their own wellness pathways, according to their own worldview.

As we look to the future, our Māori population in Te Moana ā Toi is set to grow – shifting from 25% of the current population to almost 30% of the total population by 2036. We know that the wellbeing of the 56,490 Māori that live here in Te Moana ā Toi right now is integral to the prosperity of our entire region. As a DHB, we want to see improved health and wellbeing outcomes for mana whenua, including all Māori peoples and places within Te Moana ā Toi.

Over the next few months, a lot of work is going to be happening behind the scenes as we prepare for our official launch of Te Toi Ahorangi and align our upcoming annual plan to invest in Toi Ora.

It is important that you feel part of Te Waka o Toi and are able to join with us as we collectively voyage to Toi Ora. If you or your team are interested in understanding more about how you might orient the mahi that you do, to better align with the strategic direction of Te Toi Ahorangi – then feel free to reach out to one of the team at toiora@bopdhb.govt.nz.

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“Courage is the most important of all the virtues, because without it, no other virtue can be practiced consistently.”

Maya Angelou, Cornell University, 24 May 2008.



TE PŌKAITAHI REO

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On another exciting note - it is also very pleasing to see such a huge demand for enrolments in Te Pōkaitahi Reo, a Level 3 Māori language qualification that has been designed by Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi, specifically for health settings. This programme will be delivered onsite over an 18-month period via a mixture of self-directed, online, and face-to-face weekly classes offered at both Whakatāne and Tauranga sites.

We are anticipating that more than 300 staff and their whānau will enrol. We are encouraged by the uptake of our kaimahi from across our health system and from a range of diverse cultures, backgrounds and experience, with more than 200 expressions of interest received in less than two days. It is inspiring most of all to hear our kaimahi share their motivations for learning te reo Māori, here's what just a few of our staff had to say:

- "I think it is a beautiful language. I think it will improve my

connection with Māori patients and I think, as a citizen of NZ, it is my duty to embrace the language."

- "It is becoming more and more a part of all our lives as New Zealanders. My grandchildren are learning it. I believe it is important working in the health system that employees learn Te Reo Māori."
- "To help in providing culturally appropriate responses to Māori patients and to assist in reducing barriers in delivering healthcare to Māori."

As an Exec team, we are excited and look forward to our journey towards Toi Ora. It is going to be a voyage that is set to challenge, innovate and transform. I ask you to join me on board this waka, and look forward to your support.

Toi tū te Ora!