



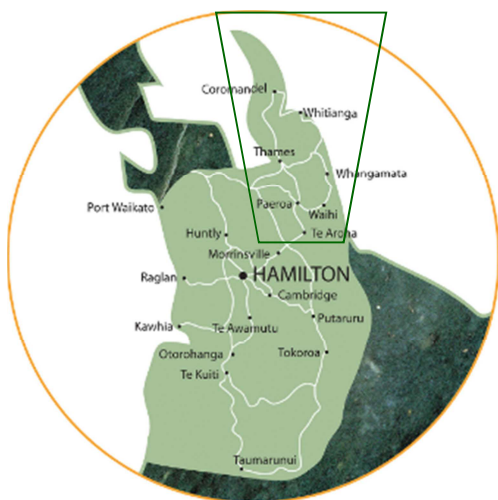
Strategic Partnerships with Iwi Māori Authorities



Trust Waikato and Hauraki Māori Trust Board have a Strategic Partnership, with a multi-year funding commitment provided over a three year period, which commenced in 2009.

Why Strategic Partnerships?

- Working in partnership with Iwi Māori Authorities enables Trust Waikato to make a difference to some of the most pressing issues facing both our wider communities and the Tangata Whenua sector.
- Significant funding partnerships such as this align with Trust Waikato's strategic areas of focus 'Supporting Iwi and Māori communities', 'Preserving and celebrating cultural identity' and "Supporting young people and families".
- Strategic partnerships are generally funded for three years.
- Hauraki Māori Trust Board developed a proposal of how they wish to address an issue, which the Trust assesses. In consultation with the Hauraki Māori Trust Board, a set of goals for the funding period are agreed, and each year the Trust Board reports against agreed objectives. We know that Hauraki Māori Trust Board understand the needs of their people better than anyone does; our role is simply to work in unison and offer some continuity of funding.
- This strategic partnership was a first of its kind for Trust Waikato.



What is the strategic partnership focus for Hauraki Māori Trust Board?

The development of strong marae throughout Hauraki has been the focus of the partnership between the Hauraki Māori Trust Board and Trust Waikato. Marae are recognised as enduring places that have ensured cultural continuity, identity and sense of community.

A Marae Development Coordinator has been appointed to support Hauraki marae committees to assess their needs, access funding and other services, grow their support base and to tackle building projects.

How did Trust Waikato develop a strategic partnership with Hauraki Māori Trust Board?

- Iwi/Maori representation on the Trust Board.
- A Broker Group¹ relationship had been in place since 2005.
- In 2007 Tāngata Whenua Education Day for Trustees and staff commenced and, in 2008, as a Trust we were guided through an overview of the Hauraki people that commenced with a wānanga at Matai Whetu Marae, historical and marae presentation, bus tour (within Thames) and presentations by Hauraki Māori Trust Board and Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki.

What has Trust Waikato learnt through this strategic partnership?

- Iwi response to address iwi issues result in positive outcomes.
- Trust Waikato has an insight into the Nation Building Worldview from a Hauraki Iwi perspective.
- Due to the positive outcomes of Trust Waikato's Strategic Partnership with Hauraki, a new Strategic Partnership is now in place with Maniapoto Māori Trust Board, whose tribal area is most of the lands in the South Western area of the Waikato region.

What if this partnership did not exist?

- A hit and miss-match of donations to address the needs of the Hauraki Nation may occur.

What can Trust Waikato improve on?

- In 2010 Trust Waikato approved a policy change to the effect that we will strongly encourage formal evaluations of strategic partnership projects. We will begin talking with the Hauraki Māori Trust Board about an appropriate evaluation for this project.

Where to from here?

- Trust Waikato wish to continue supporting the aspirations of the Hauraki Māori Trust Board.

Our Vision is for resilient and vibrant communities

Ko tō mātou moemoea ki tupu, kia hua ngā hāpori

Our Mission is to invest wisely and to donate effectively

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¹ Broker Groups help Trust Waikato to access donation applications from target groups within their rohe or sector.