

RĀKAU TAUTOKO

Rākau Tautoko works alongside communities to build engagement and empowerment

Rākau Tautoko is a small Auckland-based Social Enterprise undertaking community-related projects, community research, community development advice, facilitation and leadership.

Rākau Tautoko is a network of skilled, creative and like-minded practitioners. We enjoy collaborating and value doing high quality work that benefits communities. Rākau Tautoko creates supportive opportunities for community practitioners to develop their knowledge, skills, apply their philosophy and exercise appropriate accountabilities.

Growing slowly, branching out with different projects to enable us to reach our goal of strengthening community members to be the best tuakana that they can be. Rākau Tautoko will ensure that time will be taken to develop a strong foundation of knowledge, experience and application in communities.

Our kaupapa is to hold true to our name and grow slowly with strength...

Rākau (noun) tree, stick, timber, wood, plant.

...through the concept of support, acceptance and advocacy

Tautoko (verb) to support, prop up, verify, advocate, accept, agree.

Rākau Tautoko founder and lead practitioner, Tara Moala, offers a kete of knowledge and skills required to facilitate social and community change. Her collaborative approach motivates community members and groups to take action and ownership of local initiatives. The network of Rākau Tautoko practitioners working alongside Tara have many skills and expertise. This network creates opportunities for other organisations, practitioners and community members to co-design, participate in and take shared ownership of developing projects. We take a team approach to include other professionals in the community who enjoy working together to succeed.

Collectively, Rākau Tautoko Practitioners have led or contributed to many community-led initiatives and government-led projects, including:

- Community empowerment
- Community-led development
- Co-design creation
- Community research projects
- Project development and management
- Youth-led Initiatives
- Facilitation and training
- Professional development opportunities for community workers and agency staff
- Consulting services for cross cultural engagement and consultation processes

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