

**SOUNDZ OF HEALING**

**A presentation on behalf of  
Te ūhina Manakitanga Trust**

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**INTRODUCTIONS**

TUMT WHARE  
ADULT COMMUNITY TEAM

WAIATA WHARE  
SCOUT TEAM

**INTRODUCTION:**

AS A PEOPLE, AND AS AN ORGANISATION, TUMT ACKNOWLEDGES THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE THROUGH WAIATA AND KAPA HAKA.

THEREFORE, WE ENSURE THAT BOTH TANGATA WHAIORA AND STAFF ARE VERSED IN BOTH.

WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SHOWCASE OUR JOURNEY WITH OUR WHANAU WHAIORA, AS WE WORKED TOWARDS PERFORMING IN THE 2012 TE ARAWA KAPA HAKA REGIONALS.

WE WILL LOOK AT:

- \* KAPA HAKA IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TANGATA WHAIORA AND STAFF.
- \* WHAT WERE THE BARRIERS/LOGISTICS.
- \* WHAT WERE THE CREATIVE SOLUTIONS WE UTILISED TO OVERCOME THE BARRIERS
- \* WHAT WERE THE OUTCOMES/ FEEDBACK / TAKEAWAYS.

**KAPA HAKA IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TANGATA WHAIORA & STAFF.**

- \* SUGGESTION MADE AT A STAFF TEAM BUILDING DAY TO START A WAIATA / KAPA HAKA GROUP.
- \* THE SUGGESTION WAS PUT ASIDE, BUT CAME UP AGAIN SIX WEEKS OUT FROM THE TE ARAWA REGIONALS.
- \* THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE FOR FORMING THE GROUP, WAS BASED AROUND TEAM BUILDING & CAPACITY BUILDING FOR STAFF; USING WAIATA AND KAPA HAKA TO BRING US CLOSER TOGETHER.
- \* BECAUSE OF THE POSITIVE IMPACT AND THE BENEFITS THAT OUR WHANAU WHAIORA WOULD RECEIVE FROM THIS, A DECISION WAS MADE TO INCLUDE THEM IN THE JOURNEY. SOME HAD HEARD ABOUT IT AND ENQUIRED.

**THE BARRIERS / LOGISTICS**

1. THE REGIONALS LESS THAN SIX WEEKS AWAY.
2. THE NEED TO PUT TOGETHER A 15 MINUTE PROGRAMME AND LEARN IT.
3. TWO DIFFERENT GROUPS, COMMUNITY AND RESIDENTIAL BOTH COMMITTED ALREADY TO DAILY PROGRAMMES.
4. ALL NOVICES.
5. FINDING THE TIME TO MEET AS ONE AND PRACTISE OPENING WAIATA, WAIATA RINGARINGA, WAIATA POI, HAKA, THE KUPU, THE NOTES/KEYS ON GUITAR, ETC.
6. NEEDING FINANCES TO SOURCE UNIFORMS, POI.
7. OVERCOMING OUR FEARS

### THE CREATIVE SOLUTIONS

1. NOTHING COULD BE DONE ABOUT THE TIME SPAN; IT WAS ABOUT TAKING ADVANTAGE OF EVERY MINUTE, HOUR, DAY, EVERY WEEK THAT PASSED BY.
2. WITH FOUR AND A BIT WEEKS TO GO A PROGRAMME WAS PUT TOGETHER, AND EVEN THOUGH THE HAKA AND POI WERE ALTERED IN SOME WAY AS EACH WEEK PASSED BY, EVERYONE GRACIOUSLY PERSEVERED DESPITE, TENSIONS RISING.
3. THE COMMUNITY TEAM PRACTISED EVERY LUNCH HOUR, THE RESIDENTIAL TEAM EVERY MORNING IN THEIR MORNING KARAKIA. AS THE MAIN GUITARIST, AND LEADING THE COMMUNITY TEAM, THE PROGRAMME HAD TO BE RECORDED ON CELL PHONE, LEARNED AND TAUGHT TO OUR GROUP.

### CREATIVE SOLUTIONS CONTINUED:

4. WITH JUST UNDER FOUR WEEKS TO GO WE FINALLY CALLED AN ALL UP PRACTISE ONE DAY IN THE WEEKEND FOR THE NEXT THREE WEEKS. VISITS TO EACH OTHERS PRACTISES.
5. A PROPOSAL WAS MADE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT;
6. THIS WAS APPROVED AND UNIFORMS AND MATERIALS FOR POI WERE PURCHASED. THE UNIFORMS WERE RECEIVED ON PERFORMANCE DAY. THIS DID INCLUDE SIZES, MEASUREMENTS., BUT A TEAM EFFORT MADE IT POSSIBLE.

## THE BIG DAY

\* FINAL PRACTISE / PERFORMANCE LESS THAN 3 HOURS OUT.

\* PERFORMANCE.

### THE OUTCOMES:

1. THE TWO GROUPS BLENDED AS ONE AND PERFORMED THEIR HEARTS OUT.
2. OUR WHANAU WHAIORA STOOD THERE PROUDLY AND WERE ABLE TO SHOWCASE THEIR TALENTS IN FRONT OF HUNDREDS FOR THE FIRST TIME .
3. THE GROUP 'TE UTUHINA MANAAKITANGA' FINISHED THIRD OVERALL IN THE PAKEKE SECTION. WE CAME FIRST IN THE BEST FEMALE LEAD, AND SECOND AND THIRD IN ALL THE OTHER CATERGORIES.
4. STAFF AND TANGATA WHAIORA SHOWED THAT WORKING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE SOMETHING GREAT WAS NOT AN IMPOSSIBILITY.
5. A LOT OF 'MANA' RESTORED.

### THE FEEDBACK FROM WHANAU WHAIORA

- THAT WAS AWESOME, I NEVER THOUGHT I COULD DO THAT.
- FANTASTIC, I'M PROUD OF MYSELF, OF EVERYONE.
- WHAT A RUSH, I FEEL I CAN DO ANYTHING.
- TOOOO MEKE, WE WERE AWESOME.
- \* WOW, THAT WAS NERVE WRACKING, BUT WE DID IT.
- THAT WAS ONE HELL OF A BUZZ, I REALLY ENJOYED IT.
- FINAL COMMENT; ARE WE GONNA ENTER THE NEXT ONE?

### WHAT DID WE TAKE AWAY FROM THE EXPERIENCE:

INDIVIDUALLY, WE TOOK AWAY,

- \* A SENSE OF PURPOSE, WELL-BEING, ACHIEVEMENT.
- \* AN INCREASED AWARENESS OF SELF-IDENTITY, OF WHO WE ARE AS A PEOPLE, AND WHAT WE ARE CAPABLE OF ACHIEVING.
- \* A RENEWED CONNECTION TO A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE.
- \* A HUGE BOOST TO OUR SELF CONFIDENCE.
- \* AN ENHANCEMENT TO OUR OWN INDIVIDUAL 'MANA'
- \* A GREAT REPRESENTATION FROM TUMT OF HOW STAFF AND TANGATA WHAIORA CAN WORK TOGETHER SUCCESSFULLY.
- \* FINALLY, A HEALING TO OUR SPIRIT.

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