

WHENU 2: MANA WHENUA BUILDING VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

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AIMS

This research seeks a systems understanding, from a mana whenua perspective, of what makes vibrant and regenerative tier-two settlements, with a focus on: Ōpōtiki, Huntly and Pōkeno.

QUESTIONS

- What structural changes/trajectories are occurring in these three communities?
- What types of physical and social (including health, education) infrastructure contribute to vibrant communities?
- How can mana whenua aspirations shape the development of a vibrant community?
- How can structural change, infrastructure and aspirations be modelled to enhance mana whenua in tier-two communities?

WHENU 2: WHO WE ARE

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WHENU 2: COMPONENTS

Literature review

Completed

Demographic
profiles

Completed

Indicator
framework

In progress

GIS (Takiwā)

In progress

Qualitative focus
groups

In progress

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WHENU 2: WHAT WE HAVE DONE

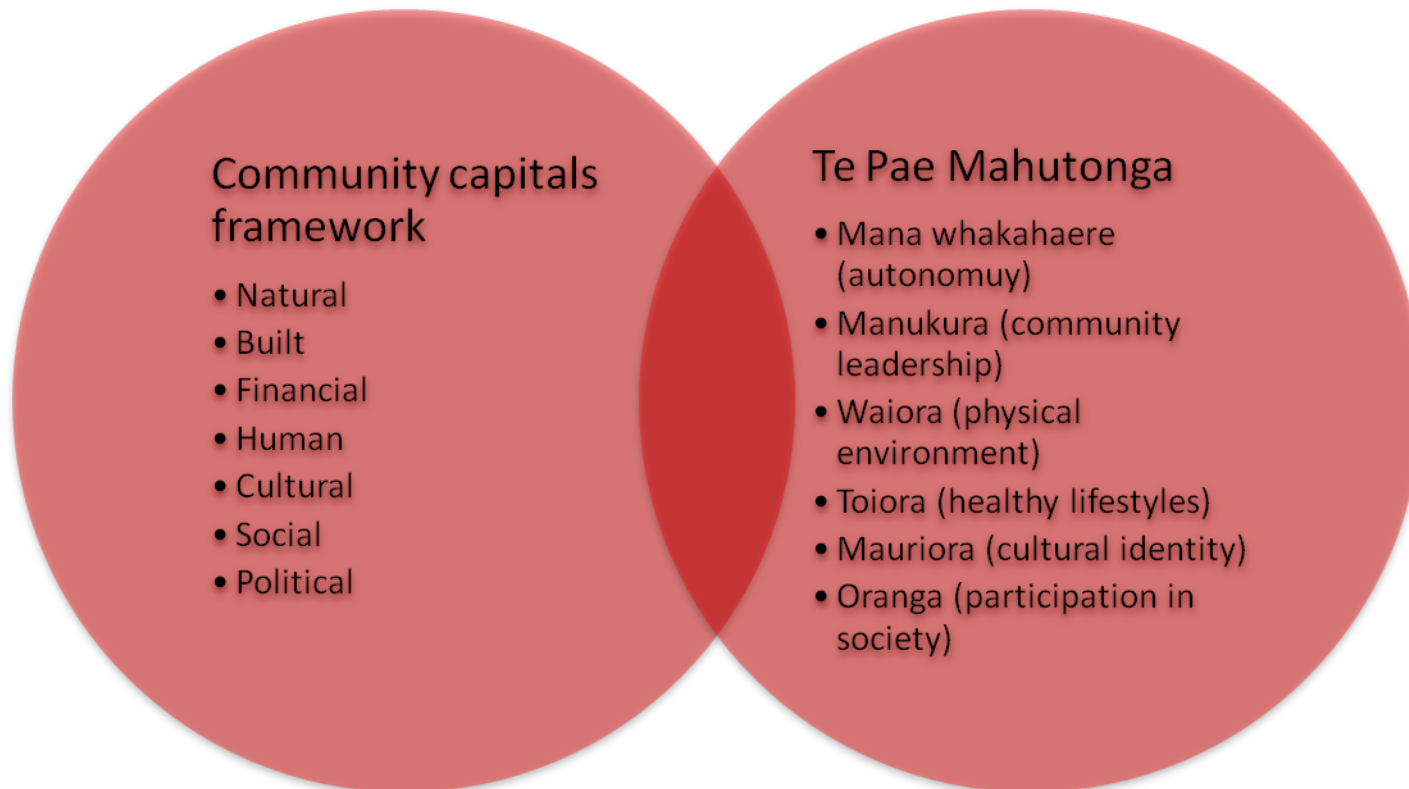
- Completed literature review and demographic profiles for three communities
- Developed a dual approach to indicators:
 - Literature-led
 - Iwi- or community-led
- Built GIS platform and populating with Census, Housing NZ and council data (framed around iwi/ community-led conceptual frame)
- Developed indicator framework (built around literature-led conceptual frame)
- Engagement with mana whenua groups and organisations, community organisations, local/ regional government in the three settlements
- Fieldwork in progress (Pōkeno completed)

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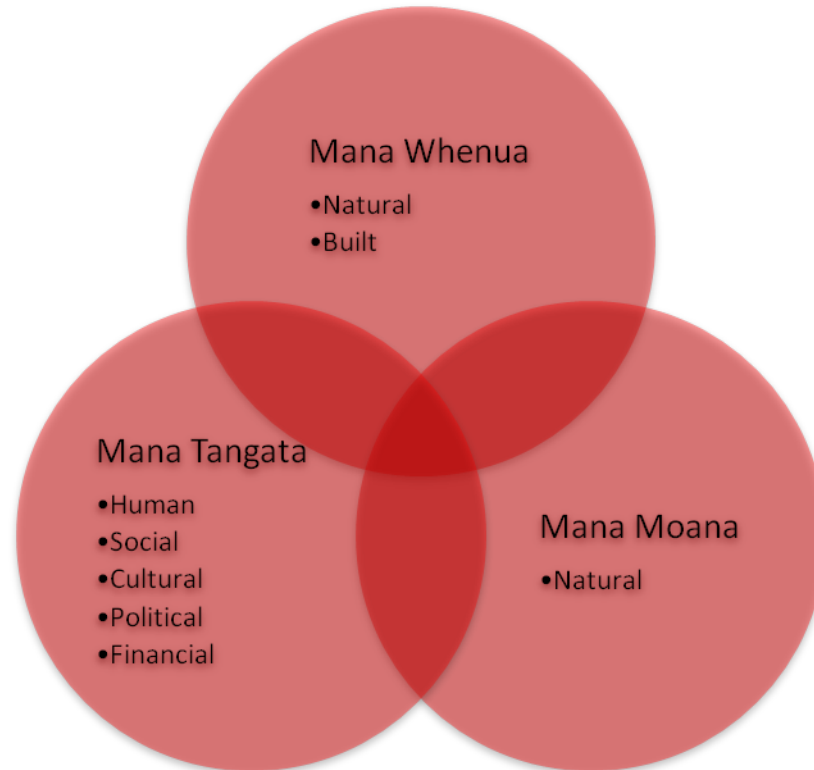
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WHENU 2: INDICATOR FRAMEWORK



WHENU 2: TAKIWĀ



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WHENU 2: ŌPŌTIKI

Positive population growth 1986-1996, but declined since

Migration loss mostly due to 15-24 age group

Moderate gains notable in 25-39 age group and 50-69 age group

Aging population, with deepening 'bite' in the middle adult years

Māori labour force participation higher than European population 2006-2013

Similar employment rates between Māori and European populations

6 percentage point increase in those who do not own their own home (Māori less likely to own)



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WHENU 2: HUNTLY (RĀHUI PŌKEKA)

11 percent population increase from 1976 -2013

28% increase in mana whenua population 2006-2013

Consistent loss in 15-24 age groups

Between 2006-2013 net increase of older families with children, but negative growth in most other age groups

Aging population, but shifted to a younger population structure 1996-2001, especially in Huntly West

Māori unemployment rates 2 times higher

80% of Māori (compared with 60% total population) do not own their own home



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WHENU 2: PŌKENO

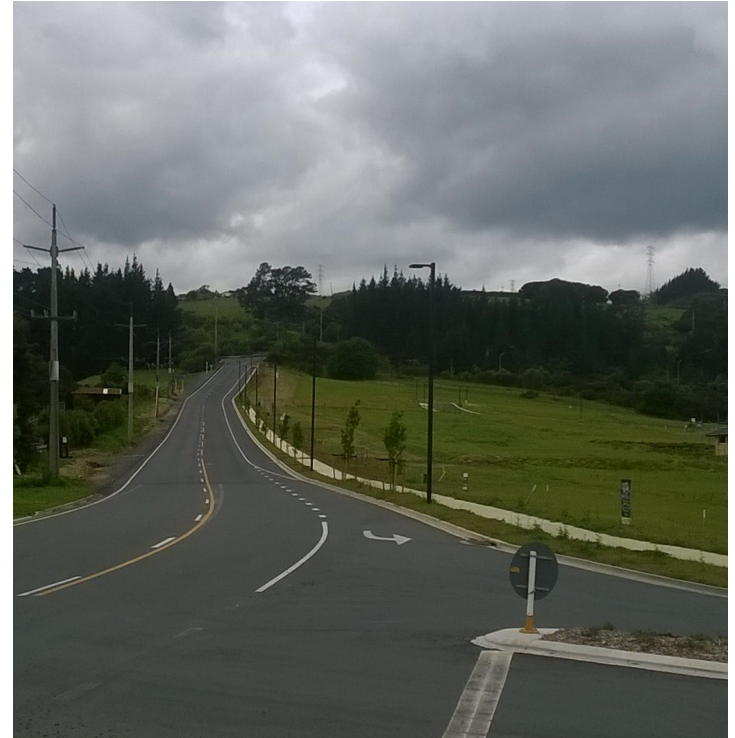
Population grown nearly 40% from 1996 to 2013
(exceeding both the Waikato District and Region)

Aging population – median age increase from 36.6
years (2001) to 40.8 (2013)

Labour force participation dropped 6 percentage
points from 2001 to 2013 (**Māori stable**)

Māori employment rate lower than European –
significantly lower for Māori women

11 percentage point decrease in people who owned
their own home (2001 to 2013)



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WHENU 2: PŌKENO

Better **relationships** between local government and mana whenua groups

Greater **representation** on community committee

Greater **visibility** and **presence** (street names, cultural centre, local marae, urupā)

Full time meaningful **employment**

Wi-Fi

Key issues:

- Ignorance and inequality
- Resistance from and poor relationships with WDC
 - Housing
 - Lack of land ownership



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WHENU 3: NEXT STEPS

Compile indicators in the framework	June 2018
Complete Takiwā	June 2018
Complete fieldwork in Ōpōtiki and Huntly	June 2018
Analysis across components	September 2018
Feedback sessions and solution-building with communities	November 2018
Dissemination	June 2019

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