



KĀINGA TAHI, KĀINGA RUA

**BUILDING BETTER HOMES, TOWNS AND CITIES, NATIONAL SCIENCE CHALLENGE
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**WHAT ARE THE MĀORI VALUES AND CONCERNS UNDERPINNING HOUSING?
WHAT ARE THE EXISTING GOOD PRACTICES AND STRATEGIES THAT CAN
SUPPORT MĀORI ASPIRATIONS FOR HOUSING?**

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The housing crisis is hitting Māori on all fronts. In the wake of wide-scale land dispossession, most Māori now live in towns and cities, many away from their ancestral lands, to take up work and education opportunities and access health and social services. But lower incomes, higher levels of unemployment, narrow and discriminatory bank lending rules, and rising house prices mean that Māori are less likely to be homeowners and rely more heavily on being able to access social housing and affordable rentals than non-Māori, both of which are in chronic short supply. Understanding the housing crisis, on Māori terms, is a crucial first step towards building viable solutions. These solutions must work in a range of contexts; urban, suburban, towns and rural locations in order that Māori whānau have agency to decide where we want to live.

Māori have a clear aspiration and Treaty right to lead, develop, and design our own housing solutions. Community collaboration and co-constructed research is a key focus

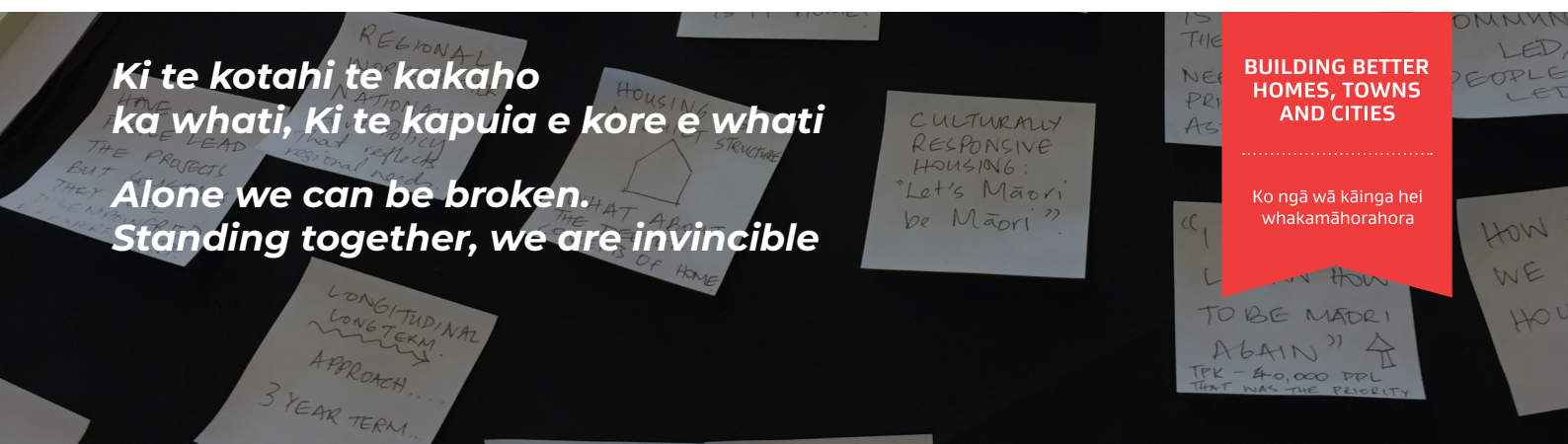
of the Challenge and is a central tenet of kaupapa Māori research. This research programme explores key themes and priorities that have been identified through Māori community engagement and gaps in the existing Māori housing literature. It explores the connections between housing and hauora, the role of papakāinga as exemplars of self-determined whānau/hapū development and the economic and planning options necessary to support innovative housing solutions. A unique component of the research is a dedicated focus on developing new mechanisms for knowledge transfer within and between diverse Māori collectives, and between Māori and government and a ring-fenced project that seeks the views of rangatahi to support the development of holistic Māori housing solutions.

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**Ki te kotahi te kakaho
ka whati, Ki te kapuia e kore e whati
Alone we can be broken.
Standing together, we are invincible**

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Kāinga Tahi, Kāinga Rua is made up of three distinct research whenu – papakāinga, hauora and whai rawa. Within each whenu are discrete kaupapa Māori research projects. All whenu are linked by the ahu of ako which is a kaupapa Māori knowledge production and sharing platform. This overall project structure drives a highly visible and disruptive research contribution by sharing and connecting communities of interest with the new evidence and knowledge produced. Our research methods include: wānanga; hui; interviews; focus groups; literature reviews; scoping studies; and small-scale surveys.

KEY AIMS OF EACH WHENU:

- **Papakāinga:** To build new understandings of papakāinga in urban and rural contexts including iwi engagement in the development and management of papakāinga.
- **Hauora:** To draw together the understandings of diverse Māori collectives (whānau, hapū, marae, communities, neighbourhoods, towns, iwi) to gain new insights into the inter-relationship between housing and hauora.
- **Whai Rawa:** To generate new economic understandings to support the supply and demand of Māori housing that supports agentic Māori communities.

OUTPUTS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Social media strategy for profiling research activities
- Think Tank Hui with communities of interest (February 2019)
- Three-part Podcast series
- Edited book
- Research reports, journal articles

RESEARCH THEMES



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