

Reconnecting Northland programme impacts

DYNAMIC EVALUATION – PHASE ONE REPORT

STRATEGIES

Connectivity Partnership

Syndicated investment for taiao mahi to help open access points for the support communities need.

Te Kete Hononga

Service delivery function weaving together packages of support to help realise community-led initiatives.

Tapere

Landscape-scale impact through the creation of green corridors and joined up ecosystems.

Nature-Based Enterprise

Regenerative revenue streams for communities for greater resilience.

KEY IMPACTS

RN's community-led approach has enabled mindset shifts across all levels of the system – the stage is set for all kaupapa partners to utilise new approaches, ways of thinking and of leading out work, and learning from each other, to break down the fragmentation and disconnection inhibiting meaningful systems change.

Tapere initiatives

RN works with a cross section of communities to create collective visions for their ecosystems, not just to make things more manageable and less overwhelming, but also to communicate the vision to local and central government with a view to secure continuous funding and resourcing.

Out of the total funding RN has received over the past seven years, two thirds has gone directly into community initiatives.

RN's independence as an NGO has allowed it to diversify the ways communities receive support, beyond what govt would usually have the ability to do.

By entering into different contexts without a paternalistic, top-down view, RN enables working relationships to evolve into more of a weave, recognising different sources of knowledge and expertise.

Te Kete Hononga trial

Seeking out partnerships with those who understand the balance between tāngata and taiao has enabled RN to ensure healthy, reciprocal connections are brought into the communities it works with.

Anchored by Te Ao Mārama, RN has facilitated opportunities for kaupapa partners to engage with both mātauranga Māori and Western approaches, to connect with te reo Māori, and to explore how Māori principles can inform action and behaviour – including for tangata whenua.

Mana-Enhancing Agreements, providing a Te Ao Māori-based code of conduct, have inspired partnerships with communities to go beyond BAU.

By providing seed investment into several community initiatives, RN has been able to successfully leverage funding to attract more investment – in one case 63 times more than what was originally contributed.

The way [they are] positioned at the grassroots level, they can foster relationships and start those introductions between the services that Crown provides and the communities that haven't engaged with these services yet.

Reconnecting Northland is skilled in its ability to walk into the water with people.

It stimulated our memories, triggering our indigenous understanding of the world and how we see it.

It provided a platform for diversity of thought and a safe place to share and work through any issues.

Reconnecting Northland's approach is the best I've seen because it's not naive, it's capable and very engaged in local community, and it is a genuine joiner between the path and the road, the path being indigenous kaupapa and the road being the big bad world of money and resources.

LEVERAGE

Ōtaua Valley

\$103,000
RN seed investment

\$495,000
Additional raised

1:5
Leverage

Waimamaku/Whirinaki Valleys

\$58,000
RN seed investment

\$3.68MM
Additional raised

1:60
Leverage

Te Kete Trial (12 months)

\$14,000
RN seed investment

\$290,000
Additional raised

1:20
Leverage

Our Total Leverage

\$3.2MM
RN program funding

\$5.5MM
Funds raised for community

\$8.7MM
Total funds administered

1:3
Leverage total

95

95KM OF WATERWAY FENCING

760K

760,000 NATIVES PLANTED

15

15 JOBS CREATED

1

1 NATURE-BASED ENTERPRISE ESTABLISHED

1

1 PATHWAY TO HOME OWNERSHIP ACHIEVED

10

10 TRAINED KAIRARANGA (COMMUNITY WEAVERS)

16

16 TRIAL GROUPS

173

173 PARTICIPANTS

2

ONGOING FUNDING SECURED FOR 2 COMMUNITY GROUPS

2

2 COMPLETED CATCHMENT ACTION PLANS