Te Tūāpapa
o nga wai o Te Arawa
Te Arawa Cultural Values
Framework

Whakapapa

Source: Te Rangi Hiroa: Māori food supplies of Rotorua. Photos taken with H Tai Mitchell and other elderly men before WWII

Trust Te Arawa Maori Board 1924
Te Arawa Lakes Settlement Act 2006
- Cultural Redress
- Statutory Acknowledgements
- Freshwater Fisheries Regulations
- Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Programme
National Maori Tuna Association 2006
Moemoea

• Improve awareness and knowledge of Te Arawa’s traditional relationship with the lakes
• Manage and restore the Te Arawa lakes according to Te Arawa values
• Effect positive change to and for the Te Arawa Lakes – environmentally, socially, culturally and economically
• Show leadership in relation to the Te Arawa lakes for intergenerational benefit

Nga Whainga

• Mo Te Arawa ma Te Arawa
• Assert Te Arawa Hunga Tiaki responsibilities over the lakes
• Articulate Te Arawa values in all engagements
• Provide clarity to others
• Te Arawa will be active decision makers
**Te Arawa Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 2006**

To manage the harvest of taonga species according to tribal values

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**Wananga**

- Why the Te Arawa Lakes are valued
- Issues and Aspirations for the Te Arawa Lakes
- To test the suggested Te Arawa Values - including alternatives
Wai

• Who we are and where we come from
• Is multi layered multi faceted and multi dimensional
• Is a state and value that has a wider contextual meaning
• Is our connector to our past present and future as well as to each other

Wai Ariki

• Water of the Gods
• God given empowerment
• Is the connection to all aspects of Wai
• Expresses the values of Wai - irrespective of type
• Te Mana o Te Wai
Wai Rua

- The two dimensions of water
- The flow of life
- An ever present intrinsic quality
- The beliefs faith and spirit
- Te Mana o Te Wai

Wai Ora

- The health benefits derived from Wai Maori
- Is the purest form of water
- Gives life and sustains wellbeing
- Te Mana o Te Wai
Wai Ata

The rhythm of Wai as embodied and transmitted through:

- Waiata, whakapapa, pakiwaitara
- Korero tawhito, hitori, nga ingoa
- Whenua, wahi tapu, taniwha kaitiaki, kai
- Te Mana o Te Wai

Te Whakapapa o Te Wai / Our Guiding Te Arawa Values

WAI

- To multis layered, multi faceted and multi dimensional
- Is a site and place which has a wide contextual meaning such as rhythm and flow (includes biosystemic flow)
- To our 'connect' to our past, present and future as well as to each other.

Physical representations: lake, river, ocean, landscape, system, geothermal

WAI AHP / WAIARU

- To whakapapa — refers to God's great empowerment (literal translation: voice of the gods)
- Is more than water — it is the rhythm of wai (wai (Arabic)
- Express the value of wai, regardless of type.

Shapes behaviour where different places have different ahu: Pouta, wahi tapu, ariki, mahanga kai, whakatu

WAI ITAKA / WAIKURA

- The health benefits that arise from our Waiata
  - As part of water classification, waiata is the purest form of water
  - A vector to self and natural wellbeing.
  - What this relates to the aspirations for the lakes:
    - The cultural health and wellbeing of our lakes and everything they support is improved (eg. kai)
    - The health and wellbeing of our people is improved including social, cultural and economic.

WAI RUA / WAIKURA

- The flow of life — the spiritual attributes of wai and everything that entails it (wai is made up of wai)
  - An intrinsic quality that is our presence
  - Our beliefs, our faith, our spirit, our attitudes
  - Enhances growth and provide balance
  - Dimension of two waters (internal and external — wai rua)
  - What this relates to the aspirations for the lakes:
    - The connection between Te Arawa whakata, hapū and we and our lakes is enhanced.

WAI ATA / WAIKURA

- The rhythm of wai as embodied and transmitted through waiata, whakapapa, hitori, nga ingoa, nga iwi, taniwha kaitiaki, kai
- What this relates to the aspirations for the lakes:
  - Te Arawa whakata know who they are and where they come from
  - Signs of significance are identified and protected.

Te Arapawa / Te Wai
Te Au o Te Wai
Connecting our values to tangible actions

GUIDING PRINCIPLE 1
Value the role that the Lakes Trust and Te Arawa have to play regarding the Lakes
Te Arawa have a long standing physical and spiritual connection to the Te Arawa Lakes since settling in the rohe.

Examples of this Principle in Action:
- Lakes Trust to work with the Rotorua Lakes Strategy Group:
  1. Embed the Te Arawa values into the Lakes Programme
  2. Increase staff awareness and understanding about Te Arawa values and how it relates to their work

GUIDING PRINCIPLE 2
Value Te Ao Maori
The Maori world view, culture and values are a core element of what it means to be Te Arawa

Examples of this Principle in Action:
- Matauranga-based tools are developed to measure and monitor the cultural health of the Lakes e.g. a cultural health index specifically for the lakes
- Mapping of sites and areas of significance to Te Arawa in relation to the Lakes e.g. original place names, travel routes, waipuna (springs)
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Te Whakapapa o Te Wai
Our Guiding Te Arawa Values

Principle 1: Value the role of the Lakes Trust and Te Arawa Lakes

Tangible Actions

Principle 2: Value Te Ao Maori

Haere Ki Mua

A kāti, e pātōtō ana te tangata i te whatitoka o te whare o māramatanga? Nō reira kuhu mai... Can you hear the sound of knocking on the door of the house of greater understanding? The time has arrived for us to enter...
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