







# Reducing Energy Hardship Conference

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## Who are we?





### Housing type and quality

What type and quality of home is it?



#### Household needs

What energy do the people in the home need?



#### **Appliance efficiency**

How efficient are the household's appliances?



#### **Energy sources**

What supplies energy to the home?



#### **Energy costs**

How much is the household paying for energy?





#### Location

Where in New Zealand is the home?



#### Household income

What is the household income?



#### Knowledge

How much do people in the home know about energy?

### Energy Hardship in Aotearoa New Zealand



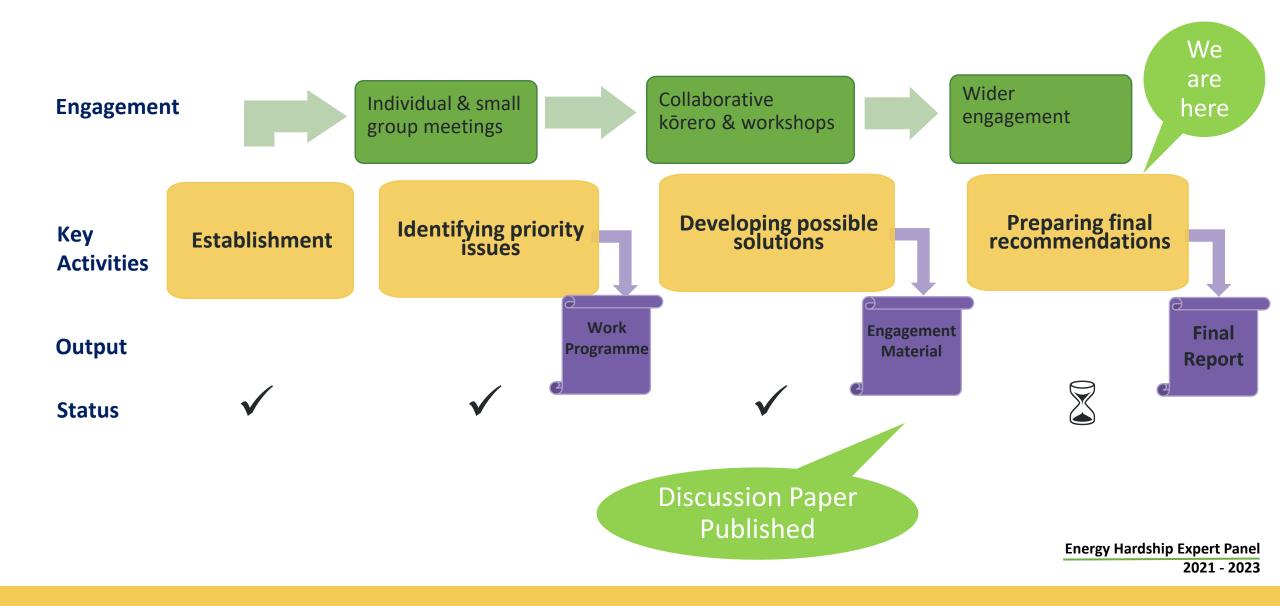
**Energy Hardship Expert Panel Outcomes** 

### Panel's Outcomes Framework

We believe all children and whānau should be able to access and afford the energy they need to live in a safe and healthy home

- access energy regardless of income or location
- access and afford appropriate levels of home energy within their home
- receive the support they require
- People easily understand and are supported to make the best decisions about their energy
- People are confident to articulate their needs to energy companies and easily compare plans and make choices
- Energy protections, with clear compliance standards

### Our approach - where are we now?





### **Health of the Home**

Improving energy well-being through healthier homes



## **Energy Accessibility**& Choice

Accessing energy regardless of income or location



### **Consumer Protection**

Protecting energy consumers in their relationships with providers



### **Knowledge & Navigation**

Supporting and empowering whānau in their energy decisions



### **Energy Affordability**

Affording the energy whānau need for their well-being

Energy Hardship Expert Panel 2021 - 2023











# Panel session: Energy Hardship

- Bronwyn Petrie Manager, Healthy Home Iniatitives, Te Whatu Ora
- Dr Kimberley O'Sullivan Senior Research Fellow, Otago University
- Keri Brown Chair, Energy Hardship Expert Panel
- Hinerangi Pere Energy Navigator, Tainui
- Christina Scott Director, Taranaki Public Service Leaders Forum, Ministry of Social Development









### Community based responses to energy hardship

• Paul Scouller - General Manager, WISE Charitable Trust











# Our Core Values ... CREATING SUSTAINABLE EMPLOYMENT AND PATHWAY TRAINING



(W.I.S.E.) Waitara Initiatives
Supporting Employment

Our Pathway Training is Supported by:



# Our Initiatives -Retro Fitting Of Home Insulation **20** years in the Warmer Kiwi Homes Program



WISE has been making homes healthy since 2002









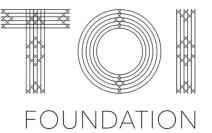
# 20 Years of Insulating Homes around the Taranaki region....



18,000 Homes insulated.

That's 18,000 Families/Whanau living in....

**WARMER and more Energy Efficient HOMES in Taranaki.** 



#### **Our WARMER KIWI HOMES Initiative:**

Has been funded around 20 Years by these Funders of Home INSULATION Around Taranaki,

THIS IS OVER 20 Years of key Partnerships and relationship building with LONG TERM FUNDERS.



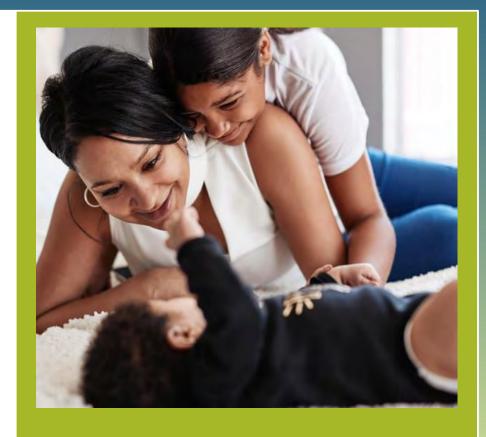
## HPA / WHIPIT INITIATIVE - PILOT PROGRAMME 2021 -

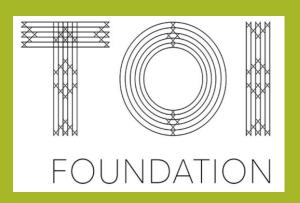
We assessed 12 Homes, with referrals of Extremely Sick Tamariki and Pepi from our local Te Whatu Ora Paediatrics Team.

We completed HPA (Home Performance Advising.) in-home assessments of the homes of these very sick Tamariki and Pepi.

Our WHIPIT Team – Remediated **10** Homes of these sick children,

The Outcomes of this Pilot Programme were a massive success for WISE and Toi Foundation.

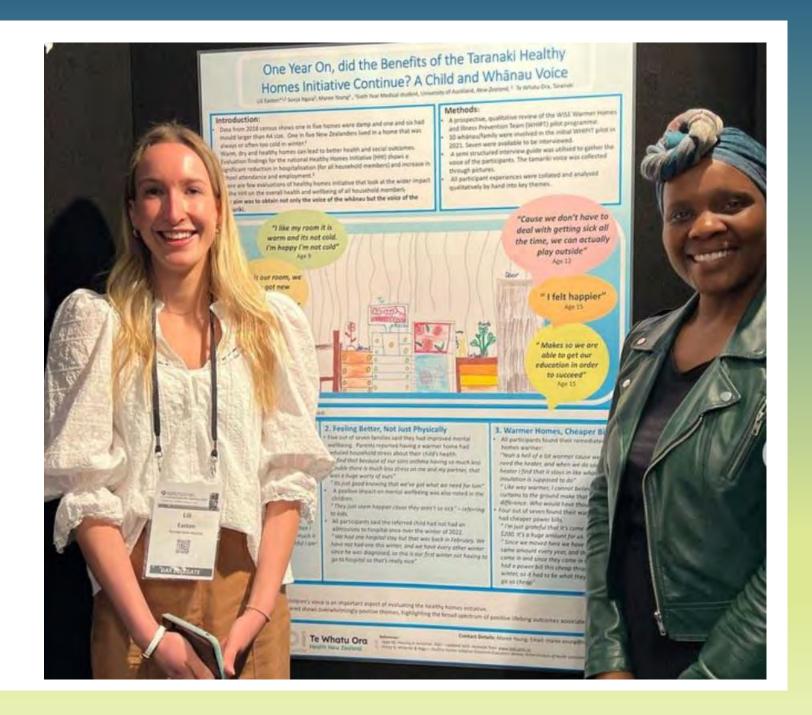




The Te Whatu Ora public health unit initiated an evaluation study of WISE & Toi's Pilot programme and the findings were...

Out of the 10 sickest Tamariki and Pepe's referred to WISE by the Paediatrics Team and of the 10 homes that were assessed and remediated....

None of the 10 children were admitted into ED or Hospital that next winter period.



When inspecting Whanau homes, our key focus is on the sick Childs Bedroom & we focus on .....

- The Big 6 -

Reduce Heat Loss

Heating

MOULD Growth! where/why



Ventilation



**Moisture Control** 

# HPA & WHIPIT Pilot Program Before Pictures of homes assessed....



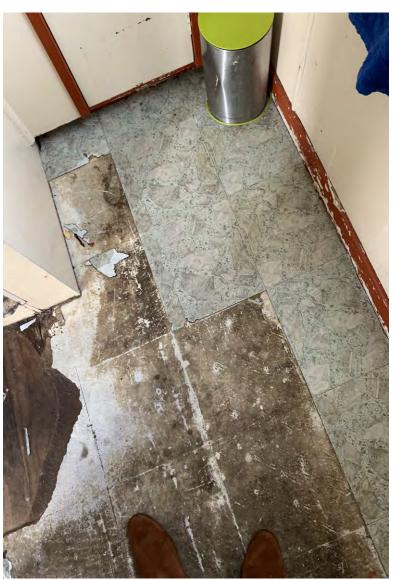






## Our HPA assessment findings inspecting homes...







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### HPA Home assessment findings....





Pic Above: Temp shows 6.9 degrees

Pic Above: Shows a temp of 15.4 degrees – by repositioning bedding.

### Our WHIPIT Team Remediated Homes....



### More Remediations...of sick children's rooms



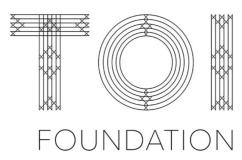
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### WISE's HPA & WHIPIT INITIATIVE

was able to become a regular initiative throughout Taranaki Thanks to.....









TOI, TODD ENERGY, POWER CO

MBIE's S.E.E.C FUND (SUPPORT FOR ENERGY EDUCATION IN COMMUNITIES.)

ALL SUPPORTED OUR INITIATIVE OF WHANAU IN ENERGY HARDSHIP

THIS PARTNERSHIP ALLOWED US TO ASSESS AND REMEDIATE A FURTHER 30 MORE HOMES AROUND TARANAKI LAST YEAR. WITH THIS YEARS FUNDING WE ARE ABLE COMPLETE 30 MORE HOMES.

COLLABORATION IS KEY TO QUALITY OUTCOMES FOR WHANAU LIVING IN ENERGY HARDSHIP AROUND OUR REGION.

# THIS PARTNERSHIP NOT ONLY ASSISTED OUR ORGANISATION TO SUPPORT WHANAU LIVINING IN "ENERGY HARDSHIP" BUT ALSO ASSISTED WISE TO....

- Create more employment. Train more staff in pathway training to create sustainable employment for them into the future.
- Educate to wider community through our Healthy Homes Presentations.
   (Eg: Roderique Hope Trust Ready To Rent programme, Hapu wananga Taranaki, Māori Women's Welfare League)
- We were able to assess and remediate more homes but with more focus on Energy Education of Whanau within the home and education of Landlords on Healthy Homes Standards.
- Monitor the homes with Monkey Tronics devices measuring Temperature & Humidity levels within the home, with these devices we could monitor daily the Temperature and Moisture issues within the home.
- We monitored their Energy Bill's and our remediation work in the home allowed us to.......
  reduce their Energy usage, in some instances up to \$200 to \$250 in "Energy Savings" per month.
- We assisted the whole Whanau with better health and well-being! (Not just the sick child referred to us.)



WE LEARNT COLLABORATION WAS KEY.... SO WE TEAMED UP WITH Ngāti Maru

TO ACHIEVE BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR WHANAU.

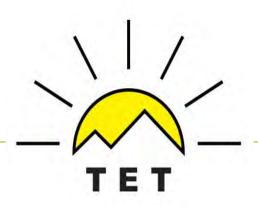
NGATI MARU PARTNERED WITH US TO COMPLETE DEEPER RETRO
FITTING OF HOMES FOR WHANAU.

# Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand

# HHI-HEALTHY HOMES INITIATIVES TARANAKI









### The HHI Initiative is a success programme run by Te Whatu Ora NZ wide.

This HHI initiative is an example on how collaboration with Community Organisations and other Government agencies and external health providers achieving better health out comes for Whanau, especially that of Tamariki and Pepi with serious underlying health issues.

Many of the HHI Whanau Providers are here over these next 2 days ..... I encourage you all to chat with them at any stage you may get over the next 2 days.















WEST COAST























People powered wellbeing, together



CANTERBURY













WE COULD NOT ACHIEVE ALL THIS
WORK WE DO, IF IT WAS NOT FOR
ALL OUR AMAZING STAFF AND
THEIR DEDICATION AND ALL THE
AMZING VOLUNTEERS WHO
SUPPORT OUR ORGANISATION
WE THANK YOU!



### **OUR COMMUNITY INITIATIVE'S...**









### THE ANNUAL PYJAMA DRIVE IS BACK!

We are looking for donations of pyjamas to give to 100 children in need





FOR DONATIONS OR ENQUIRIES, CONTACT WISE ON 0508 238-837 OR enquiries@wise.org.nz





# SPECIAL MENTION....

- Professor Philippa Howden-Chapman QSO CNZM Sesquicentennial Distinguished Professor, Otago University School of Medicine –
   Philippa is a Patron of WISE Charitable Trust and completed many Studies on our Initiatives over the years. <u>Philippa and her team won the Rutherford</u> <u>Medal Award 2021 for Impact of housing on health</u> research.
- Te Whatu Ora Pediatrics Team & The Public Health Unit.
- The WISE Charitable Trust Board of Trustees.
- Gareth Cartwright Community Energy Network.





### THANK YOU





## QUESTIONS









### Community based responses to energy hardship

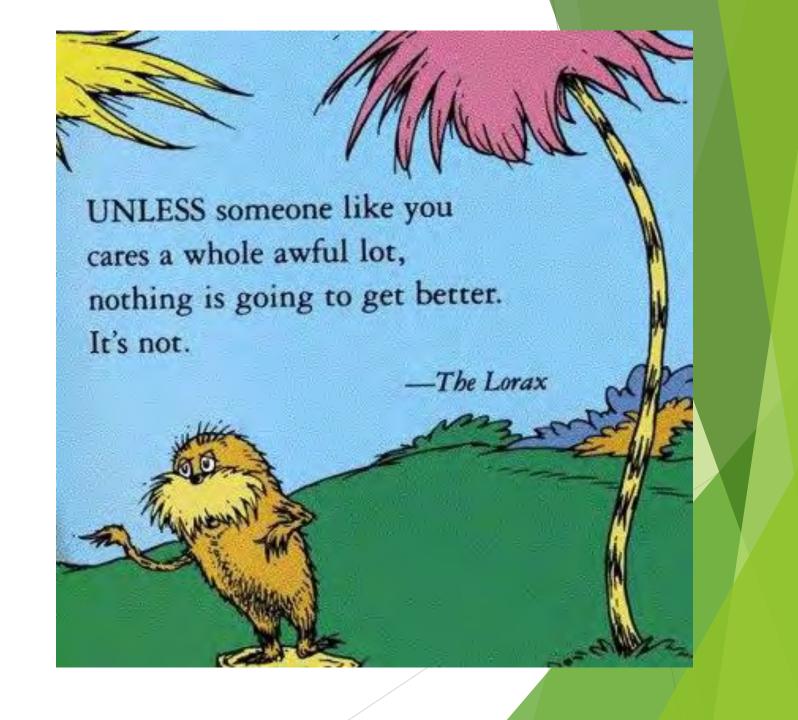
Cliff Colquhoun - Managing Director, Healthy Homes Tai Tokerau

#### Healthy Homes Tai Tokerau

Community Business & Environment Centre (CBEC)

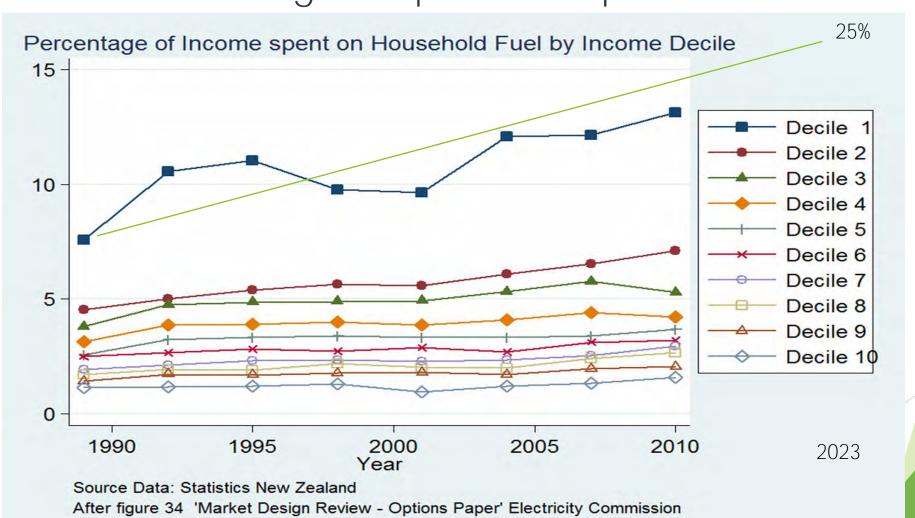
Hi Iwi Kotahi Tato Trust (HIKTT)





### Fuel Poverty

- = Lowest incomes
- = Highest price for power





## GOVERNMENT WELLBEING PRIORITIES, PROVIDED BY COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE

Te Tai Tokerau Model

#### Social Services

- Addressing Poverty
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- Home Improvements
- Home insulation and address dampness
- Home Heating

Energy Poverty

- Employment Creation
- Justice Reform

#### **Environment**

- Environment Education
- Waste Minimisation
- Resource Conservation
- Public Transport
- Addressing Climate Change

#### THE FACTS

- Locally Owned enterprise is worth three times corporate \$\$\$
- Community Enterprise provides leadership and inovation in areas where the Public and Private Sector struggle
- Creating jobs is cheaper than unemployment

#### COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### Te Tai Tokerau Model

Healthy Homes Tai Tokerau (Healthy Homes) is a joint venture between two Northland Community Enterprises - the Community Business and Environment Centre (CBEC) in Kaitaia and He lwi Kotahi Tatou Trust (He lwi) in Moerewa. These two trusts have a 30 year history of turning Local Environmental and Social problems into positive local solutions.

#### **EECA Governemnt contract**

#### **Local Enterprise**

Community Hub

Alternative Education

Curtain Bank

Tu Te Aroha

#### Home Insulation

- Home owners - Rentals - Renovations - New Builds

Autex Quality Product

#### Local Enterprise

Hapori Aquatics Public Pools and Sport Facilities

Far North Link

Property Services

Link North Hire Marquees

Te Mana O Ngapuhi Kowhao Rau

Whanau Support



Teams Northland wide offering jobs from Installation to Administration



Governance Group funding home repairs Chec

Cycle Hire

Community Recycling Centre

Holiday Program

22.2.2.2

Passport 2 Life

Tune Town Business Incubator

Youth Program

100% Funded

Warmer Kiwi Homes fund 90% of all homes and our local Third Party Funders below fund the extra 10% Habitat for Humanity
The mission is to bring

The mission is to bring people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Heating

Wood burners

Heat Pumps

Environmental Education

Education

**Employment Projects** 

Garden Centre

Revegetation Nursery

#### National Relationships and Influences

Community Joint Ventures Iwi and Private Enterprise

Environmental Hubs Actearos (EHA)

The Zero Waste Network (ZWN) The Impact Initative Akina / Community Enterprise Network Trust Partnership The Community Energy Network (CEN)

EEC / TE TARI TIANI PUNGAO











#### රාල Social Enterprise

Expanding our local economy

- · 25 years managing enterprise
  - One of the Far North's larger employers
- Spend 100% locally (5-6 million of annual turnover)
- Many successful Joint Ventures with Iwi, the Community and Private Sector

#### The facts

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#### What does energy hardship look like No insulation, No lining and No effective heating

#### Pataua South Island (x 3 homes)



- 21 people living in 3 x whare (15 children, health concerns)
- No wall or ceiling lining, or insulation
- Whanau land occupied full-time forced due to unaffordable rental prices in town





#### PPataua South Island (x 3 homes) continued



- Completed insulation of 3 whare ceiling, underfloor and walls
- Lining of all walls and ceilings
- Certified whanau builders
- Transformational impact for whanau





### Our people providing Social Services Tai Tokerau Health Providers



#### Loved, Trusted and Staunch





### The Facts

- Current economic and social structures do not match our needs now and will not into the future.
- Jobs are cheaper than unemployment.
- Social Enterprise is dynamic, creative and responsive to community need.
- Locally owned enterprises are worth three times corporate \$
- Improving our social and physical environment provides positive growth and social wellbeing.
- Community Enterprise can operate and provide leadership in areas where the public and private sector have always struggled.











## Māori Perspective

- Sumaria Beaton CEO, Awarua Synergy
- Anaru Marshall Chief Executive, Ngāti Maru
- Alana Ruakere Chief Executive, Tui Ora
- Leapagatele Matuamaivanu Helen Tua Head of Payment Solutions, Mercury

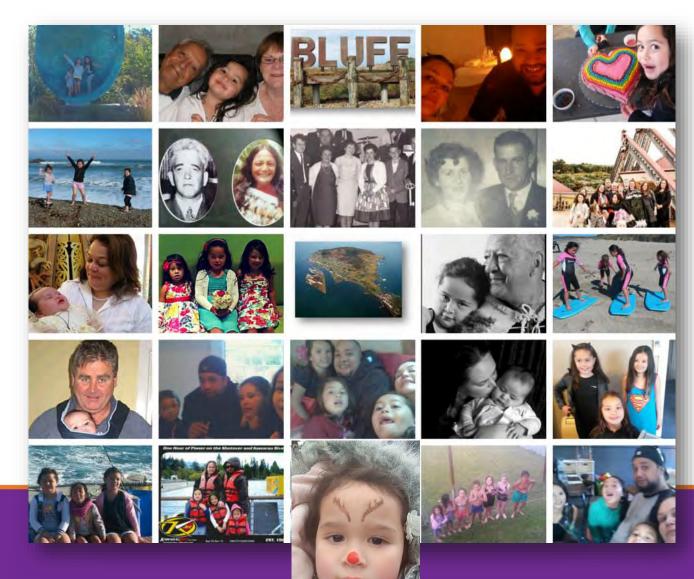
### **Energy Hardship 2023**

Sumaria Beaton





### Ko wai au?





### **Background Awarua Synergy**



#### **OUR VISION**

Moemoea

Warming and eco-powering our Deep South

Kia mahana ake ai i a Murihiku mā ngā mea tautaiao









### **About Te Rau Aroha Marae**















### **Solar & Wind**









#### **Real Talk**













## Gaylene Leabourn

Healthy Homes Initiative National Lead, Te Whatu Ora







NZ CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

TARANAKI

Business Vitality

### Dr Sea Rotmann

**CEO**, Sustainable Energy Advice (SEA)









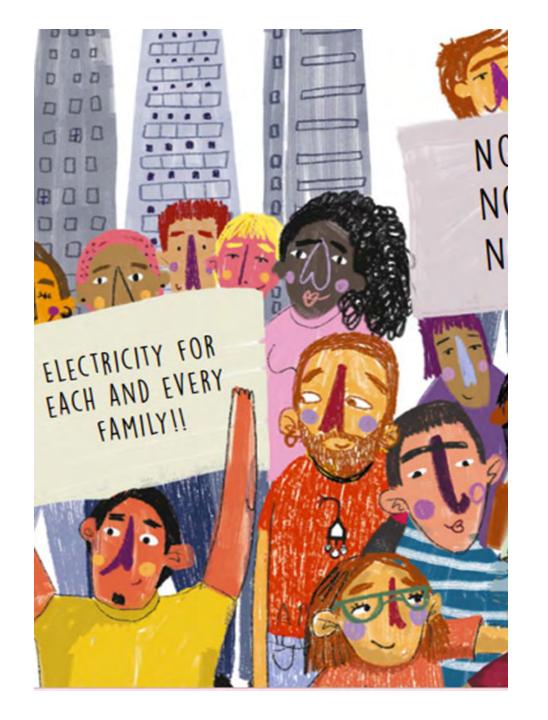
## Nina Campbell

**Convenor of the Energy Wellbeing Evaluation Consortium** 

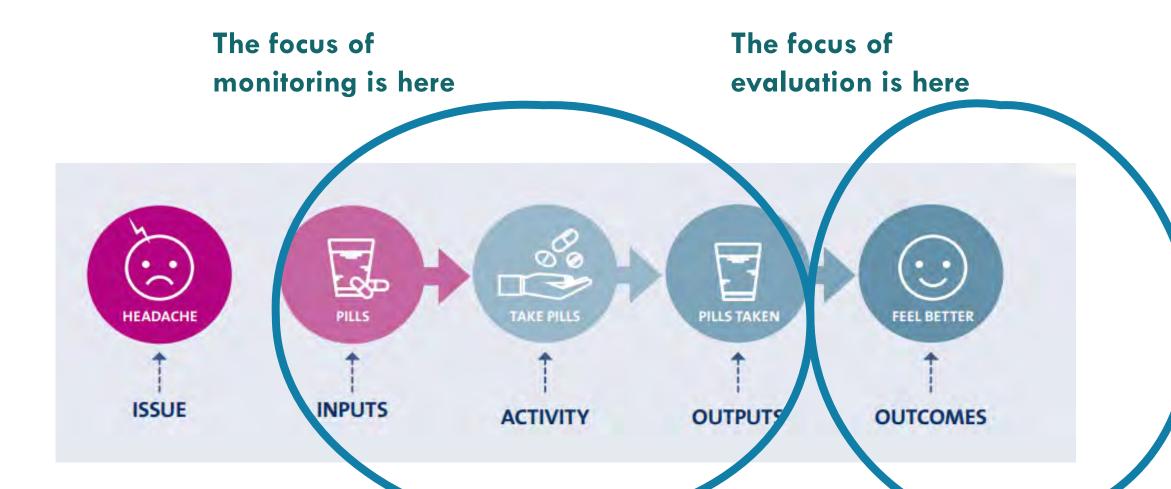


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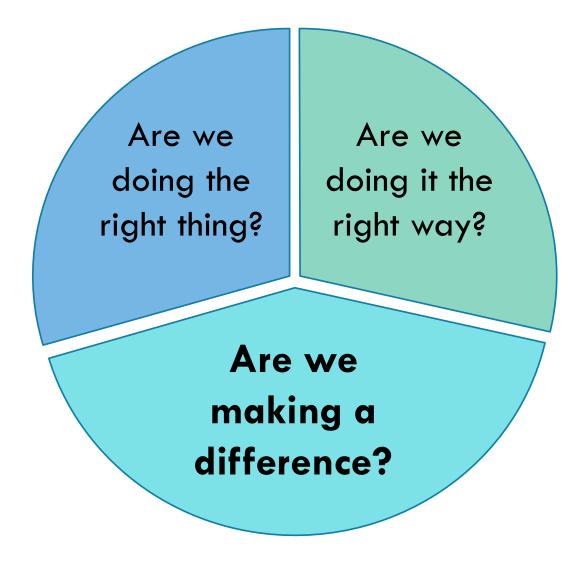
- What is evaluation?
- Why is evaluation so important to energy wellbeing?
- The joy of collaboration:The Energy Wellbeing Evaluation Consortium
- Emerging Questions from the Consortium



### WHAT IS EVALUATION?



#### **EVALUATION IS**



A COMMITMENT TO DO BETTER

# WHY IS EVALUATION SO IMPORTANT?

- Maximise your impact
- ✓ Support decision-making
- ✓ Tell a richer story
- ✓ Solutions should be based on evidence

  Evidence-based policy NOT policy-based evidence
- Contribute to the wider evidence base

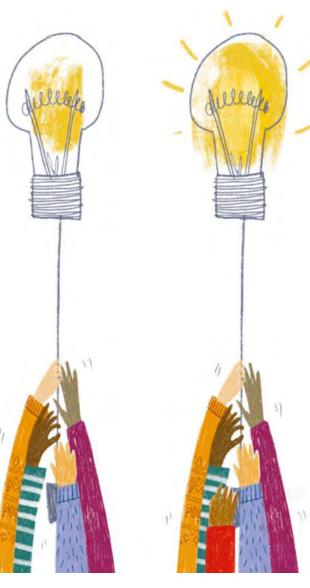


#### THE CONSORTIUM

To support continuous improvement of efforts to reduce energy hardship and promote energy wellbeing in Aotearoa

- Share, coordinate, replicate and improve
- Data, research evaluation tools, methods and experience
- Explore and develop new and innovative solutions to energy hardship
- Feed into policy processes





#### **EVALUATIONS UNDERWAY**

□ EECA: Warmer Kiwi Homes

∞ CEN: monitoring project

MOH: Healthy Homes Initiative

∞ BRANZ: HEEP2

 MBIE: Renewables for Public and Māori Housing Fund

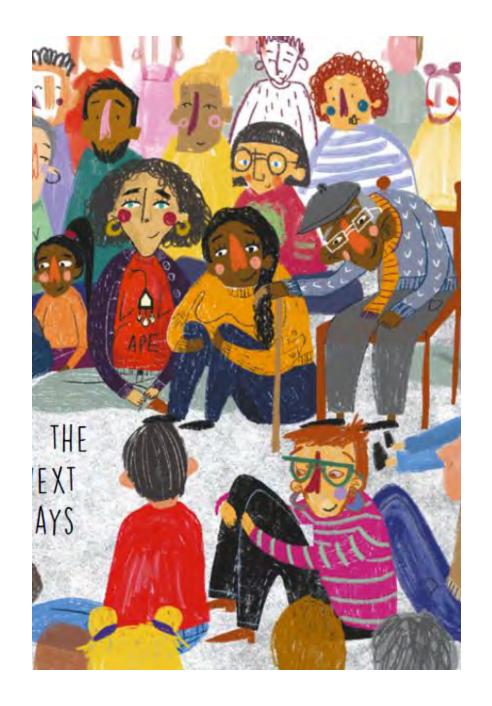
□ ERANZ: EnergyMate





### **OUR CURRENT FOCUS**

- Sharing indicators
- Sharing frameworks
- Developing data and tools sharing platforms
- Supporting diverse voices



### EMERGING QUESTIONS

- How to we promote pace and convey urgency?
- How can we link and leverage other groups in this space?
- → How can we build a sustainable Secretariat?
- ▼ Funding will be needed to continue...













## Nik Gregg

**Co-Founder / Director, Sustainability Options** 









## Sumaria Beaton

Chief Executive, Awarua Synergy





HAUORA HOMES

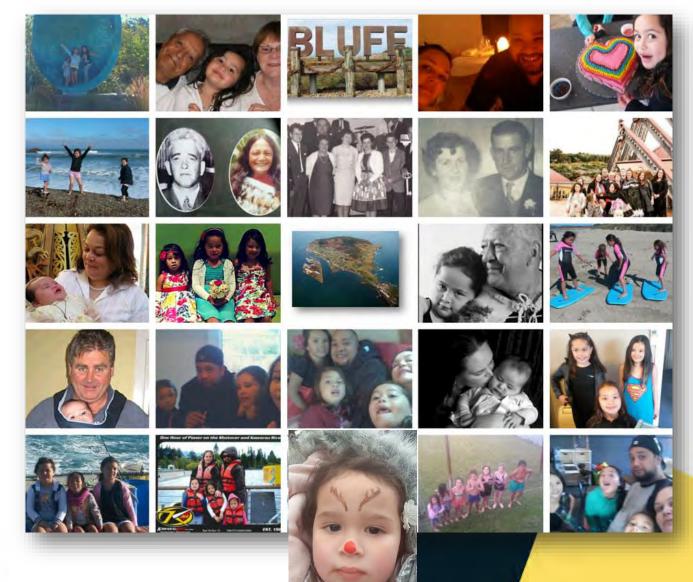
#### **Energy Hardship May 2023, Sumaria Beaton**







### Intro







## Awarua Synergy

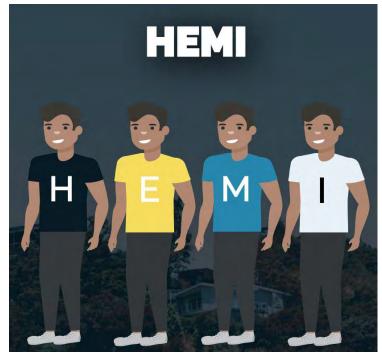
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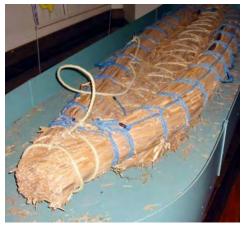


## **Hauora Homes**













## Te Putahitanga – Whanau Ora





## Mauri Hiko













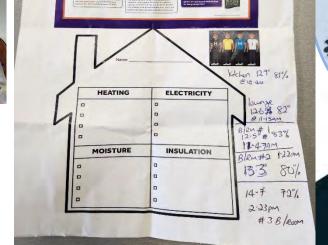




## **Deliver Nation Wide**

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# Panel session: Energy Hardship Initiatives

- Alan Platt Relationships Manager, Warmer Kiwi Homes, EECA
- Moana Andrew Kaihautū, FinCap
- Maria Ramsay Chief Executive, Toi Foundation
- Anaru Marshall Chief Executive, Ngāti Maru
- Scott Willis Project Manager, Aukaha









## Leana Hunt

Operations Manager, Habitat for Humanity Northern Region





## Curtain Call Launch

### **Curtain Call**

Collaborators: Habitat for Humanity; Community Energy Network; Sustainability Trust; Beacon Pathway; Starship Foundation

Mission: We are challenging the government to close the gap in the rental homes by making sure every home has effective curtains that hold warmth in.





#### Programme Supporters

#### HOUSING

















#### **COMMUNITY AND HEALTH**

























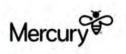


#### **ENERGY**















#### SUSTAINABILITY



















## Sign our petition, share our petition

https://our.actionstation.org.nz/petitions/close-the-gap-help-us-ensure-curtains-are-included-in-the-healthy-homes-standards

## Provide your logo support on our website

www.curtaincall.org.nz



Our homes need to look after us at every stage and circumstance of life because healthy people come from healthy homes. Together we can close the gap by making sure every home has effective curtains that hold warmth in.

We urge you to show support by signing the petition to make effective curtains mandatory in all rental homes.





Curtain Call's mission is to get effective curtains added to the Healthy Homes Standards. Together we can close the gap by making sure every home has effective curtains that hold warmth in.

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Every year, tens of thousands of Kiwis are hospitalised with conditions made worse by cold, damp housing. When our homes have effective curtains we are warmer and healthier.

Sign the petition to close the gap and ensure effective curtains are included in the Healthy Homes Standards.



### Contact me or Gareth for more information

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# Jonathan Young

Head of Policy, Research & Insights, Ara Ake

# Introduction to the Community Energy How to Guide

May 2023



## Kotahi te aho ka whati, ki te kāpuia e kore e whati

One strand of flax is easy to break, but many strands together will stand strong.



#### Ara Ake Community Energy How to Guide

Identify leadership and stakeholders, and build community around the vision of sustainability, equity and resilience Community energy project planning and building

Operations, maintenance and marketing

#### Kotahi te aho ka whati, ki te kāpuia e kore e whati

One strand of flax is easy to break, but many strands together will stand strong.

#### Three distinct work programs

This picture of interwoven flax shows the three main work programs in developing a community energy plan. they are:

- · Leadership, Community & Vision building.
- · Community Energy Project planning and building.
- · Operations, Maintenance and selling your electricity (Marketing).

#### Ten steps under these work programs

Aligned with these three distinct work programs are ten steps (1-10). These are depicted to show that although they are sequential, they may also overlap each other at times. In fact, some steps, like "Tell your story" starts early on and can continue beyond your project, inspiring other groups in their journey to develop their own community energy project.

10 Selling your electricity

9 Develop your long-term operational plan

8 Connecting to the grid

7 Finance and contract options

6 Plan an outline of your community energy project

Understand the electricity ecosystem

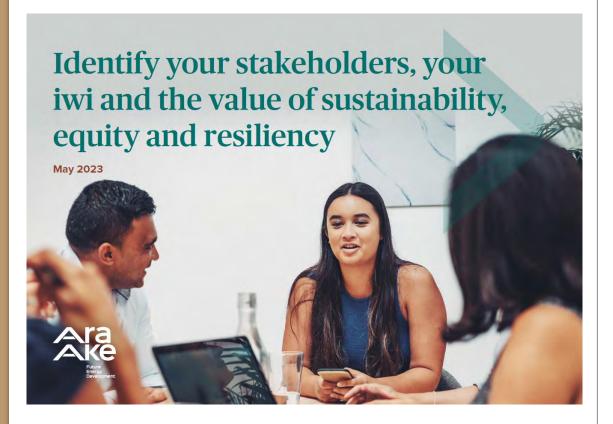
4 Define your governance structure and roles

3 Build community engagement, celebrate milestones and tell your story

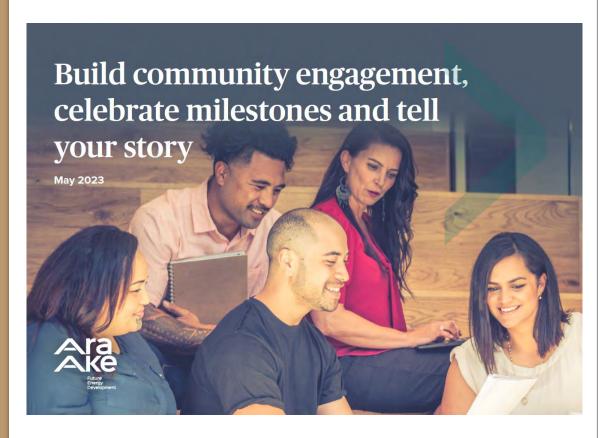
2 Develop your overarching vision and define success for your project

Identify leadership and stakeholders, your iwi, and the value of sustainability, equity and resilience

Co-ordinating the many steps of a Community Energy Project (CEP) is a complex task, starting with a group of people who are passionate to pursue the value of self-generation, zero emissions, and energy independence; right through to constructing infrastructure, connecting to services and exporting electricity to the grid. This diagram seeks to help you understand this journey.







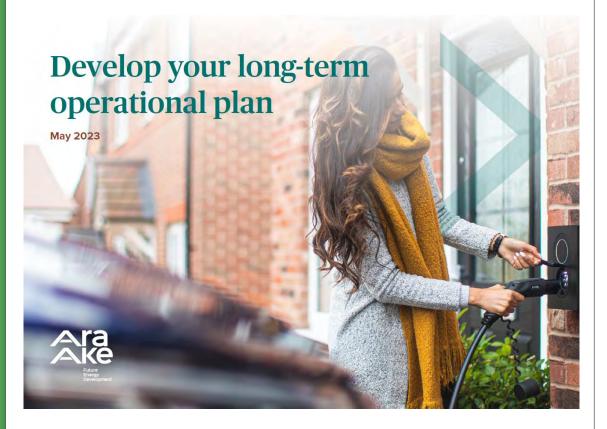


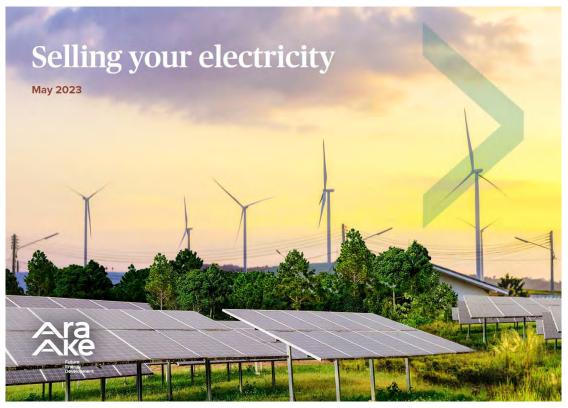












## Next Steps for the Ara Ake Community Energy How to Guide?

- 1. The guide is available from today on <a href="www.araake.co.nz">www.araake.co.nz</a>
- 2. The guide is designed to be a platform and it is not prescriptive how you should use it.
- 3. We invite feedback on what is helpful and what is not.
- 4. We invite feedback on what improvements could be made.
- 5. Would templates help you with planning? What would they look like?
- 6. Would it be helpful to have a "navigator" that is, someone who is experienced in community energy, to take you through the guide and offer advice and support in your project?
- 7. This is a "living document" and Ara Ake is planning an annual review do you want to be part of that?



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