

# Tēnā tātou! Greetings to all



These pages harvest the learnings of four communities who worked with Internal Affairs as the part of Community-led development Pilot projects between 2011 and 2016.

**North East Valley**, Dunedin [northeastvalley.org](http://northeastvalley.org): Within a suburban community of 4500, The Valley Project began in 2008 in recognition of socio-economic impacts on children, establishing an assets and strengths-based focus from the outset. With the challenge of long term sustainability, the team is now more intentionally enabling, building, supporting and unleashing its local volunteer base.

**Mangakino**, South Waikato [mangakino.net.nz/about/community-info](http://mangakino.net.nz/about/community-info): From a peak of 5,000, with full hydro project employment this township in the rōhe of Ngāti Kahungunu ki

Pouakani, had dwindled to 800, with substantial unemployment. The project's vision is to be a Community of Choice with a spirit of manaakitanga, showing respect, kindness to others, and becoming 'vibrant, enterprising, caring and connected'. As the pilot winds down, key assets and skills remain, including a solid competency in CLD.

**Mt Roskill**, Auckland [roskilltogether.org.nz](http://roskilltogether.org.nz): The populous Auckland suburb (60,000) includes many born overseas. After many achievements, Roskill Together has moved beyond the pilot as a Charitable Trust to serve the locality into the future. The Trust continues to build foundations and strengthen relationships in order to weave together the large and diverse community for a harmonious Mt Roskill.

**Whirinaki**, South Hokianga: For 400 rural dwellers, 90% identifying as Māori, the Whirinaki Toiora Leadership Group, partnering with DIA and Nga Manga Puriri as fund holder, worked to 'advance the cultural, social, environmental and economic well-being of the hapori of Whirinaki through sustainable community-led development'. Their vision is for Whirinaki to be 'a source for future leaders, an inspired community retaining its unique characteristics.'

Over the course of the project, teams learnt what works, what doesn't, and how outcomes vary. In this spirit we offer reflections, stories and tools to other communities.

We invite you to share your stories too. On behalf of North East Valley, Mangakino, Mt Roskill and Whirinaki, we wish you well!