

# THE HUGHES PLACE GARDEN PROJECT

TE TAURAHĒRE WHATUMANAWA  
“THE ROPE THAT TIES OUR HEARTS TOGETHER”



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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report has been produced to demonstrate the transformative social outcomes that have been achieved through the collective social funding of the Hughes Place Garden Project.

**It is evident this community has built upon a shared local vision, which now directly impacts the lives of those individuals involved - their whānau, tamariki and broader unintended, marginalised individuals and groups.**

**The following outcomes have been evaluated and successfully demonstrated:**

- Local leadership and capacity development
- Sustainable food sources and food security
- Collaborative collective outcomes across broader community services and groups
- The foundations for a sustainable social enterprise / business model
- Financial planning and capability development
- A place of connection and belonging

**To evidence these outcomes the following tasks and engagements we undertaken:**

- Leadership team hui at Hughes Place Garden, Tāneatua, Eastern Bay of Plenty
- Site visit and briefing at the Thrupps' Ruatoki family farm
- Site visit and engagement with the principal and tamariki of Tāneatua Primary School
- A review of feedback collated from local social service providers and agencies
- An online poll directed at the tamariki of Tāneatua
- Direct stakeholder engagement with associated funding partners, businesses and community advocates
- Qualitative stories from impacted whānau and engaged community advocates
- A review of previous reports and planning documentation provided

This is a community demonstrating positive social outcomes and systemic changes for their place.

However, their momentum requires ongoing capability development, investment and guidance to see this project shift toward a more sustainable social enterprise model.

**These areas for improvement and 'doing things better' would see:**

- Value placed on the collective input of local resources and skills
- Financial management support and stakeholder engagement guidance
- Capacity building around project planning and coordination
- Developing frameworks and resources unique to local needs
- Health and safety management and coordination
- More frequent and visible communications
- Workshops and / or broader resources provided to grow local leadership and problem solving skills.

**It is evident that this locally-led initiative is an exemplary example of how social investment and collaboration can transform poverty into opportunity - enabling better lives for everyone.**



# INTRODUCTION

The purpose of The Hughes Place Garden Project has always been to create a place of learning, nourishment and belonging for the tamariki of Tāneatua.

**"My childhood was me and my cousins. Eating together, sleeping together, playing together. I worked with my father and uncles here. Those are my memories. It's about whānau." ~ Tamiana Thrupp ~ Project and Spiritual Leader.**

**In the remote, isolated community of Tāneatua - Eastern Bay of Plenty - providing sustainable food security is a real and confronting challenge of their everyday lives.**

With no local supermarket, limited public transport and minimal job opportunities, creating a locally-led source of nourishment and connection was one of the core drivers behind the garden.

Tamiana and Honey Thrupp, recognised spiritual stewards at the heart of the community, realised that this place of nourishment could provide so much more for a community struggling with the ripple effects of low employment opportunities, domestic violence and child poverty.

Hughes Place Garden has since become a place where whānau and friends can come together to share transferable skills, build on local strengths and address local challenges, together.

Tamiana, also an Amorangi minister, a Police Chaplain, and the chairman of Waimana Marae, is a man committed to sharing his knowledge. With the support and enthusiasm of the other 19 households that call Hughes Place home, Honey and Tamiana worked collaboratively to bring the vision of a community garden on their residential street to life.

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The Thrupps' rural farm at Ruatoki, which looks up through the valley of Te Urewera, quickly became

an integral part of the broader goals for the Project; adding milk, pork and poultry to the project's ever-growing list of opportunities and assets.

Honey might call the farm their second home - given the time and energy she gives to the garden - but to Tamiana it's where he feels the presence of his ancestors most strongly, and it's a place at which he spends a lot of his time.

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It is through this one community's drive for change, and the collective social investment of local businesses, services and community groups, that this successful example of sustainable, social transformation took hold.





# STRATEGIC INTENT

The mission work and charitable purpose of Presbyterian Support Northern (PSN) exists to re-imagine a better life for everyone.

PSN work to make this mission a reality through enabling positive change and supporting locally-led projects and initiatives that allow them to deliver to that intent.

The vision for the future state of the garden - and farm - was to create a sustainable, locally-led enterprise that provides capacity development, job opportunities, support pathways, nourishment and a safe place of belonging for the whānau and tamariki of the future.

## This report seeks to:

- Report on both the intended and unintended outcomes of this project
- Uncover and capture stories from the community
- Describe the process through which the navigators achieved their goals
- Provide observations and recommended next steps
- Share this journey of transformation and collaboration with other like-minded organisations and individuals

"It has always been about the tamariki."  
Honey Thrupp - Project Leader.





# THE COMMUNITY

33%

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

48

LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES  
INCLUDING CORRECTIONS,  
ORANGA TAMARIKI AND TUHOE  
HAUORA - IN WHAKATĀNE AND  
SURROUNDING REGIONS

786

LOCAL POPULATION

13KM

A SETTLEMENT 13 KM SOUTH OF  
THE EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY -  
NEAREST SIGNIFICANTLY SIZED  
TOWN - WHAKATĀNE





# THE COMMUNITY



**CORE BUSINESS:** POSSUM TRAPPING,  
FARMING AND HUNTING

A HISTORY STEEPED  
IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
AND CHILD POVERTY

**THE GATEWAY TO  
THE UREWERAS**



HOME TO THE WHARE  
OF NGĀI TŪHOE

**PROUD MOMENT:**

THIS YEAR VOLUNTEERS FROM THE  
TANEATUA FIRE BRIGADE, NZ FIRE  
SERVICE AND LIONS CLUB INSTALLED  
SMOKE ALARMS IN EVERY HOME IN  
THE TOWN.



# THE JOURNEY



The following section seeks to communicate the goals identified - and actions taken - in support of this successful demonstration of collective impact and social transformation, alongside any learnings gained, outcomes achieved and identified next steps.

**1.** ALIGN THE RESOURCES, INTENT & CAPACITY OF LOCAL AGENCIES, ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS

**2.** DEVELOP TRUST WITH THE COMMUNITY OF WHAKATĀNE - AND SURROUNDING REGIONS

**3.** DEVELOP A SHARED VISION FOR THE SOLUTION

**4.** IDENTIFY AND NURTURE LOCAL TALENT & LEADERSHIP CAPACITY

**5.** PROVIDE FOOD SECURITY AND NOURISHMENT FOR THE WHĀNAU OF TĀNEATUA

**6.** IDENTIFY ALTERNATIVE SUSTAINABLE REVENUE GENERATORS & EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS

**7.** CREATE A SAFE SPACE OF CONNECTION, BELONGING AND INCLUSION

**8.** DEVELOP FINANCIAL PREPAREDNESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

**9.** EMPHASISE COLLABORATIONS WITH SURROUNDING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDERS



GOAL	ASSUMPTION/S	ACTION/S	CHALLENGES & LEARNINGS	INTENDED OUTCOME/S	UNINTENDED OUTCOME/S	NEXT STEPS
1. Align the resources, intent and capacity of local agencies, organisations and individuals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Everyone will be willing to collaborate and work together.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stakeholder mapping; identify core contacts, groups and individuals.</li> <li>Stakeholder hui; connecting all contributors to develop our shared agenda.</li> <li>Co-design; a series of community events and interactions to engage the community of Whakatāne - and surrounding regions.</li> <li>Feedback; collating what worked, what didn't and our collective measures of success.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some resistance to working cross-collaboratively. Conflicting agendas brought to the table.</li> <li>Leaning in to difficult conversations allowed conflicting perspectives to be heard and addressed.</li> </ul> <p><b>"It started with a small group of twelve. But soon the local primary school was involved, the Salvation Army, Corrections, Oranga Tamariki, the Mayor. It was amazing." ~ Anne Overton, Community Relationship Manager, Presbyterian Support Northern.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaboration and collective partnerships developed across the community - shared resources, time and capacity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Broader hui and community meetings starting from a place of trust given the already established connections.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to identify, nurture and develop core stakeholder relationships and partnerships to build upon our collective outcomes.</li> </ul>
2. Develop trust with the community of Whakatāne - and surrounding regions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trust will come if we create space for community to connect with the support services available to them.</li> <li>Consistency is key to enable the systemic shift we seek.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collective planning and resources to produce annual community events and interactions with the community of Whakatāne - and surrounding regions (<i>Heart to Heart Expo + Treasure Hunt</i>).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constant work required to nurture relationships between agencies, community groups, church and local businesses.</li> <li>One annual event cancelled due to conflicting agendas / a lack of trust.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A consistent, un confrontational pathway into the support services available to the community of Whakatāne - and surrounding regions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The foundations beneath The Hughes Place Garden Project were made possible - and the needs of the Valley were made clear.</li> <li>Founding project committee established and funding pathways made possible.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to share what is happening in the garden (and at the farm) with broader communities and groups to encourage participation - outcomes, stories, learnings and events.</li> </ul>
3. Develop a shared vision for the solution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The whānau of Hughes Place will be willing to come on the journey.</li> <li>Placing tamariki at the centre of the garden will allow them to feel a sense of ownership and belonging.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In 2016 the plot of land was donated by the Hughes family.</li> <li>The project established a locally-led project committee.</li> <li>A street gathering was held to communicate intentions, encourage participation and share ideas.</li> <li>A workshop was held to engage the children of Hughes Place and collate their ideas</li> <li>A covenant was drafted, using inclusive language, to document a shared vision for the garden - signed and marked by residents and tamariki of Hughes Place.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developing shared language that resonated with the residents and tamariki of Hughes Place was key to the Garden's success.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The children and residents of Hughes Place feel a sense of ownership and accountability for the garden.</li> <li>Engaged local businesses contributed goods and resources to build planter boxes, produce greenhouse cover, shelter, gardening equipment and seedlings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The majority of Hughes Place residents supported with the clean up and preparation of the site.</li> <li>The local farming community donated fencing to secure the site and keep pests / dogs out.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to develop the strategic intent / plans for the garden (and farm). Ask ourselves what actions do we need to take to build the capacity of this place and evolve this project into a sustainable social enterprise.</li> <li>Continue to involve whānau and tamariki in the conversation through intentional meetings and events.</li> </ul> <p><b>"We listened to what our tamariki had to say." Honey Thrupp - Hughes Place Garden, Project Lead.</b></p>







## GOAL

**7.** Create a safe space of connection, belonging and inclusion.

## READ BILLY'S STORY ON PAGE 12

**8.** Develop financial preparedness and accountability.

**9.** Emphasise collaborations with surrounding community service providers.

## READ ANDREW'S STORY ON PAGE 13

## ASSUMPTION/S

- Whānau, tamariki and individuals will witness what is happening here and will want to participate.

**"I used to drive past and wonder what was going on there, and one day I decided to stop. The next thing I knew I had my hands in the earth, and I heard my father's voice in my head again. What he taught me came back to me ~ Billy, Hughes Place resident.**

- Creating a sustainable financial model for the garden will require guidance and capacity development.

- There are other community service providers who are deeply connected with the whānau and tamariki of Tāneatua.
- The Hughes Place Garden Project is a blueprint for broader regions, communities and service providers who might be willing to work in new ways.

## ACTION/S TAKEN

- A sign was placed at the front of the garden - 'No one to be excluded'.
- The principle of 'Love Thy Neighbour' was interwoven into the kaupapa of the garden.
- The garden committee hold regular planning meetings to brainstorm events and activities for tamariki and whānau."

- Financial management meetings are held by the committee frequently.
- Proposal development - and reporting - in support of ongoing funding has been guided and developed alongside Anne Overton, Presbyterian Support Northern and Chris Barnard, Have a Heart Trust.

- Relationships continue to be nurtured alongside Tāneatua Primary School.
- Ward Councillor - and Deputy Mayor - Andrew Illes frequently participates in discussions and events in support of the garden.
- Ongoing efforts go into developing broader strategic relationships to support a wider ripple effect / impact across the community.

## CHALLENGES / LEARNINGS

- Some surrounding groups and organisations felt threatened by the work taking place in the garden. Continuous stakeholder engagement and leadership capability and development required.

- Establishing a consistent means of funding while the committee continues to work toward a more sustainable revenue model has proven challenging.
- Who should manage and be accountable for distributing funds available is in constant negotiation and requires ongoing stakeholder management.

- Hughes Place Garden is a vehicle for far broader systemic outcomes within the community of Tāneatua and this is largely down to the emphasis placed on developing relationships and nurturing stakeholder engagement.

## INTENDED OUTCOMES

- Multiple events and conversations were held in the garden, providing a stronger pathway toward support, community connection, learning and development.

- Funds available are utilised to develop a more sustainable social enterprise model for the garden.
- Funds available are utilised to value the time of those working in the garden and to develop local capacity.

- Collective social impact results in locally-led, social transformation.

## UNINTENDED OUTCOMES

- Fundraising events for the Tāneatua Fire Service.
- White Ribbon events - raising awareness against family violence.
- Early morning prayers with spiritual leaders Honey and Tamiana Thrupp.
- Christmas in the park with donated gifts for the children.
- A donated fridge and multiple books as a 'pop-up' library.
- Locally-led holiday programmes and movie nights.
- Whanau support groups and addiction support meetings.

- Ongoing financial management strategies have given Honey and Tamiana Thrupp the ability to rebuild relationships and trust with the Maori Synod.

- The children of Tāneatua Primary School envision a project to paint footprints from the school to the garden.
- A second garden project is developed at Tāneatua Primary School - making use of existing assets that have been under utilised until now.
- Saint Kentigern's School Chaplain visits the garden and agrees to create additional planter boxes, a new playground with sun cover, picnic tables, more books for the library and knowledge sharing.

## NEXT STEPS


- Place value on the coordination and resources required to deliver these events and activities consistently.

- Continue to communicate the intended and unintended outcomes of the garden in support of ongoing funding proposals.
- Continue to develop the financial planning and management capacity of the garden committee.
- Develop the templates and platforms required to make further funding submissions and proposals accessible and easy to assemble.

- This report and the stories of contributors should be shared with surrounding communities and social providers to establish more projects and initiatives in support of collective social transformation.
- These outcomes identified should be aligned with the Whakatāne District Council 10 year plan and demonstrated in alignment with the core objectives of the town.



# WHAT THE TAMARIKI OF HUGHES PLACE HAD TO SAY



"MY NANNY GETS HEALTHY  
VEGETABLES FOR US FROM  
THE GARDEN."



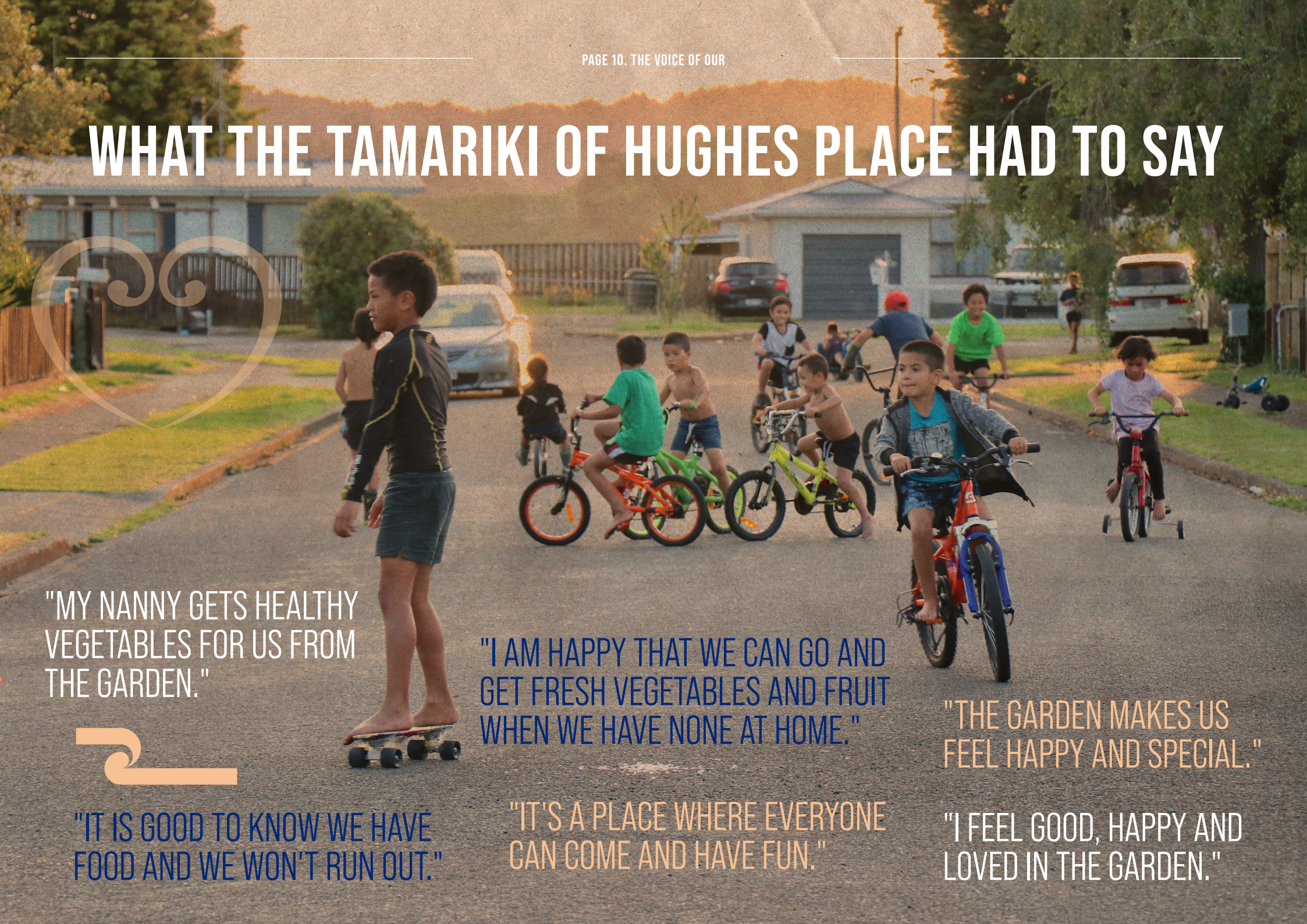
"IT IS GOOD TO KNOW WE HAVE  
FOOD AND WE WON'T RUN OUT."

"I AM HAPPY THAT WE CAN GO AND  
GET FRESH VEGETABLES AND FRUIT  
WHEN WE HAVE NONE AT HOME."

"IT'S A PLACE WHERE EVERYONE  
CAN COME AND HAVE FUN."

"THE GARDEN MAKES US  
FEEL HAPPY AND SPECIAL."

"I FEEL GOOD, HAPPY AND  
LOVED IN THE GARDEN."





# THE RIPPLE EFFECT



This infographic seeks to communicate how each connection and conversation can have a far greater impact that ever originally intended. Collective impact is the sharing of resources, knowledge and interactions in support of a common goal. This visual is not indicative of the scale or contribution of each individual or group.

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# BILLY'S STORY

FOR NEARLY 40 YEARS BILLY HAS BATTLED AN ADDICTION TO CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE (P). A DRUG THAT CONSUMES AND CONTROLS ITS VICTIMS, BILLY COUNTS HIMSELF AS ONE OF THE LUCKY ONES.

He has a wife who has stayed loyally by his side - even when Billy would disappear for days at a time, but through the openness and inclusion of The Hughes Place Garden, he has rekindled his connection to Papatūānuku and to life around him.

Billy is now, at December 2019, celebrating almost 80 days of sobriety.

*"My addiction started when I was young. 14. I was chasing the gang life. I thought it was the best thing in the world."*

That became life for Billy. Around him, many other Tāneatua residents were being led down that same path. Honey and Tamiana were walking a different path; one that they have always hoped to share with others.

*"Aunty Honey has that real love thing. It lures you in. And Uncle Tamiana has that old school, put your foot down, 'you gotta work' thing. I like that."*

Billy had seen that there was some activity happening at Hughes Place Garden, and he spent a good while wondering what was going on before he stepped inside the gate for the first time.

*"There was no talking. Aunty Honey just handed me a spade and asked if I wanted to dig. I've never felt something so heavy in all my life. But I started digging, and that day I didn't want to stop. I thought about my father, I remembered the things we used to do when I was a kid. It was the earth... I belong here. I felt Papatūānuku. I'd forgotten all of those things."*

Billy left feeling so inspired that day, that he came again the next.

*"That's what this place does to you. It brings it all back. From when you were a kid."*

Feeling motivated to overcome his addiction once and for all, and to become a better role model for his whanau, and the community members around him who

were also battling addiction, Billy sought the help he needed to break the cycle.

*"I used to think I was the only one who had been deep into addiction. But I've met heaps who have inspired me. They've gone deep too."*

Along with regular visits to the garden, and kōrero with Honey and Tamiana whenever he gets the chance, Billy and his wife Edith are now facilitating weekly

meetings for STOP, a community action group which aims to encourage others to break the cycle of addiction.

Change is happening. It's slow and steady, but that's how the ripple effect creates systemic change. And it's a wonderful testament to Honey and Tamiana's inclusion of any member of their community, no matter their background or circumstances.





# GINA'S STORY

"SEEING PEOPLE GROW AND ACHIEVE SOMETHING. THAT IS WHY I DO WHAT I DO. THAT IS WHY I GIVE WHAT I CAN TO THE GARDEN."

**Gina Williams sits in the garden as if she is part of the environment itself. And so she should. Gina was raised in Tāneatua, has worked here much of her life and with a stone's throw you could reach the whare where her whanau now reside.**

In high school, Gina took the opportunity to participate in a two-year forestry course. A decision that set her up for her future career path, working in the industry, a native tree nursery, farming, picking berries - whatever she could do around her commitment to her studies and her tamariki.

*"Honey is always asking me to pass on tips in the garden, and so I do. I love being around kids."*

A huge part of the garden's success is the willingness of the residents of Hughes Place to play their part in sharing their knowledge and their local wisdom.

*"Our kids need guidance. They need to know it's a safe place for them to come and share and learn. My father taught me what I know. He made me promise I'd always have a garden. It's my job to pass on our whakapapa."*

Now studying a Bachelor of Bi-Cultural Social Work, Gina works 16 hours a week alongside her studies at Tūhoe Hauora - a mental health and welfare services provider, with Gina providing alcohol and drug addiction support to the tamariki and rangatahi of the region.



# ANDREW'S STORY

"OTHER COMMUNITIES ASK ME ABOUT THIS PLACE.....A SMALL CONVERSATION CAN HAVE SUCH A HUGE IMPACT LONG-TERM."

**Gardening is something which Andrew Iles found a passion for when he went into farming in the early 1980s.**

Hughes Place Garden piqued Andrew's interest when it was established, but it wasn't because of his own green fingers and passion for gardening. He saw it as a successful example of demonstrated leadership and community engagement - both important outcomes for the district.

As a local councillor - and now Deputy Mayor of Tāneatua and Waimana - he is passionate about nurturing projects and initiatives that focus on building upon local talents and sharing knowledge.

*"Other communities ask me about this place. That's powerful when you really think about it. A small conversation here can have such a huge impact long-term."*

Creating connections is something Andrew does with pleasure. Through a council-led committee called Pride Whakatāne, Andrew reached out to a personal connection in Waimea - who is the sales manager of a nursery there.

Three years on, and hundreds of fruit trees have been donated to local businesses, farms, schools, preschools and, of course, Hughes Place Garden.

*"We're sitting beneath an apricot tree in this garden, being sheltered by the sun, which was donated to the community garden as a result of those conversations. That's the ripple effect."*

Children are often involved in the planting of the fruit trees, giving each a blessing, and the trees are then entrusted into their keeping. This, Andrew says, is sharing values that begin to define good, wholesome human beings.





# CONCLUSION

**The Hughes Place Garden Project - and its assembled committee - demonstrates a heartwarming example of what outcomes can take hold when community, local government, businesses and residents all work together. It is clear that from small conversations came big ideas. From weaved-together connections come positive outcomes for their people and their place.**

This project - and its Project Leads - have evidenced resilience, forward planning, tenacity in managing diverse stakeholder relationships, and leadership capacity that continues to develop. This has become a way of living and it continues to generate positive systemic change for the residents of Hughes Place, and the people of Tāneatua.

The primary purpose of the garden was to provide food security and sources for the residents of Hughes Place, while creating a safe pathway for tamariki and whānau to seek belonging, support and connection.

**Outcomes demonstrated in support of this purpose include:**

- A stronger connection with supporting social and community services
- Strengthened the relationship between Project Leads and the Māori Synod, Te Aka Puaho

- An innovative place of worship and prayer
- The seeds for a sustainable social enterprise
- Job opportunities and accountability for the residents of Hughes Place

While there is much to feel encouraged about, and an abundance of outcomes from which to draw conclusions, the seeds already sown require further nurturing to truly shift The Hughes Place Garden Project into a sustainable, self generating social enterprise.

**The recommendations to support and elevate this to a sustainable enterprise include:**

- Capacity development - the core capabilities required to manage the garden and shift toward a sustainable business model include leadership, administration and planning, communication and stakeholder management. Clearly define these roles and responsibilities and place value on the time and resource required
- Resource development - guiding the committee and residents of Hughes Place in developing their own resources to both self manage and create a toolkit for surrounding regions and communities - business planning, stakeholder mapping, problem solving, health and safety compliance

- Training - provide core members of the committee with tools to manage their core competencies and develop their work experience / personal toolkit - financial planning, project planning, collaboration
- Profiling - continue to evolve The Garden's story and digital touch points to support their measures of success. Clearly communicate their intent and outcomes to funders, businesses and social and community groups
- Facilitation - support the committee with resources, training and virtual groups that allow them to share their ideas and stories and learn from others working in this way
- Branding and communication planning - evolve The Garden Project into the Food Production Project, tangibly - what products, services and support are they working to produce and how do they position and communicate that
- Strategic planning - produce reports and demonstrate outcomes in alignment with the Whakatāne District Council 10 year plan - promote connecting businesses, advocating for community issues and creating a vibrant, connected community - core outcomes identified by the Council
- Stakeholder engagement - continue to utilise The Garden as a blueprint and a vehicle for connecting broader communities within the region - Ruatoki, Waimana, Nukuhou and Cheddar Valley

- what communications and connections need to be nurtured to enable this

The Hughes Place Garden Project is an initiative driven locally, while guided and enabled by a diverse range of external funders and supporters. With strong foundations and collective intentions in place, we believe there is enormous potential to shift this initiative into a self-generating, sustainable social enterprise. This shift, and the future of The Hughes Place Garden Project depends on further social investment and support in order to set this project up for independent and ongoing success.





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**“It was as if God had already spoken for us. I was able to deliver that message, and everyone was ready to take that courageous journey together. We simply had to use the gifts provided to us.”**  
~ Anne Overton.

Three years on and PSN continues to nurture the sustainability of the garden, with hopes and intentions for further locally-led transformative projects to take shape as a result.

### Have a Heart Foundation

Have a Heart Foundation provided the initial funding for the 1st Heart to Heart Expo and Treasure Hunt and from that event the Have a Heart Trust was initiated.

### PressGo - Mission Enterprise Fund

With seed funding available and designated for use within communities where vulnerability is present, in 2017 PressGo funded the project, with a further two years of funding applied for and approved in 2018/2019.

**“When we first heard about this project it was quite apparent a lot of deep listening was involved in order to identify the need.”**

The Aroha Fund looks to enable projects with robustness behind them, sustainability ahead of them, and working predominantly with Te Aka Puaho (the Māori Synod) pastorates and surrounding regions.

### Te Aka Puaho

In 2019, the Māori Synod - Te Aka Puaho - supported the submission for further funding through PressGo's Aroha Fund. This continued to be an important and evolving relationship.

### Rotary

In 2018, Whakatāne Rotary made the decision to adopt and support the garden as a community initiative, and have since donated chicken coops and resources in support of the farm's poultry production.

**“Over dinner in the garden, we witnessed a community helping themselves. We are a club of fellowship, and we support people doing good in their community. And this was a rich example of that.”**

### The Lotteries Commission

In April 2018, further funding was approved via The New Zealand Lotteries Commission.

**The following references and resources were utilised in support of this report:**

- **Inspiring Communities:** [www.inspiringcommunities.org.nz](http://www.inspiringcommunities.org.nz)
- **Tūhoe Hauora:** [www.tuhoe-hauora.org.nz](http://www.tuhoe-hauora.org.nz)
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