

# Strategic Priorities for Impact

**Vision:** Vibrant and resilient Waikato Communities

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**Strategic Intent:** The Trust Waikato Strategic Plan sets five and ten-year goals towards achieving transformational change for people, families, communities and places where the need is greatest. The goal is to achieve impact and influence at a regional level through effective philanthropy, leadership and collaboration.

**This will be done by:**

- Strengthening community vibrancy by investing in projects that **support access and engagement** in sports, arts, culture and heritage, environment and community development projects.
  - Enabling outcomes for high need communities by supporting **strategic initiatives** that have the potential to deliver transformational change.
  - Preserving capital and generating income.
  - Achieving wider social, economic and environmental benefits to the Waikato region through **impact investing**.
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**Strategic Priorities for Impact:** Trust Waikato's funding framework has been designed to allocate grants that will deliver on the Trust's strategic priorities for impact:

**Facilitate improved outcomes for the highest need communities in our region with a focus on:**

- enhancing the intergenerational wellbeing of children, young people and whanau
- increasing resilience and connectivity in rural/small communities
- increasing strengths-based initiatives that achieve positive outcomes for Maaori.

**Strengthen the community sector by:**

- supporting key community stakeholders to strategically increase their capacity and capability
- facilitating conversations about partnerships and investing in collaboration
- enabling change-maker organisations through investment in innovation.



# Te Tiriti o Waitangi

## COMMITMENT

### Anga Whakamua Anga Whakamuri

*Trust Waikato embraces the articles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi: Kaawanatanga – Honourable Governance; Rangatiratanga – Self-determination and Ooritetanga – Equity.*

We acknowledge Māori as tangata whenua and their mana as kaitiaki of te Taiao and the people. Acknowledging and weaving their rich narratives and cultural practices is vital to achieving our vision of vibrant and resilient Waikato communities.

We value our engagement with tangata whenua, enabling meaningful conversations and connections through waananga and understanding the aspirations of Māori, and tautoko strengths-based opportunities for our communities to contribute to a thriving Waikato hapori.

We are committed to continuing our journey into Te Ao Māori by strengthening relationships and collaborating with tangata whenua in the communities in which we serve.





# Equity

## COMMITMENT

### Anga Whakamua Anga Whakamuri

*Equity recognises that people have differing levels of advantage and therefore require different approaches and resources to reach their full potential.*

We strive for a thriving Waikato hāpori, a community which ensures everyone has access to the same opportunities, one that acknowledges different starting places, and seeks to remove structural and institutional barriers to correct imbalances. A place where all peoples feel they have a voice, can actively participate, and belong.

To achieve our vision for vibrant and resilient communities, we are committed to building a more just and equitable Waikato. A Waikato where Te Tiriti o Waitangi is embraced, and all people have an opportunity to grow, contribute, and thrive.

Join us in embracing diversity and inclusion to help ensure equity for every person in our community.





# Sustainability

## COMMITMENT

### Anga Whakamua Anga Whakamuri

*Trust Waikato acknowledges that human-induced climate change poses a serious and immediate risk to our communities, and that urgent action is required to avoid catastrophic effects for our people and environment.*

We believe we have a role to play in mitigating the most severe impacts of climate change, and that we need to work together to develop a resilient community response in order to ensure true kaitiakitanga (guardianship) of our resources for future generations. The effects of climate change will not be felt equally amongst our community and we need to mitigate the inequality of these impacts.

Trust Waikato is committed to becoming a climate leader, to enable a low-emissions future. This will be done by actioning our climate change framework.





# Impact

## COMMITMENT

### Anga Whakamua Anga Whakamuri

*We invest and tautoko projects that support access, engagement, or participation in community-led initiatives and other development activities that enhance community aspirations.*

Our grant-making framework ensures that our funding is accessible to a diverse range of communities and organisations. We balance everyday transactional granting with targeted funding that seeks transformational change.

We are committed to a strengths-based approach in supporting the aspirations of iwi and hapuu, and our diverse communities through the lens of our Te Tiriti o Waitangi commitment. We value our community partnerships and collaborations and recognise their potential to deliver transformational change for the people, families, communities, and places where need is greatest.

Understanding the impact of our giving is fundamental to our role. We foster an environment of learning to help us understand how we respond to our communities' needs and aspirations, the outcomes achieved, and whether our grants strategies are contributing to a thriving Waikato hapori.

