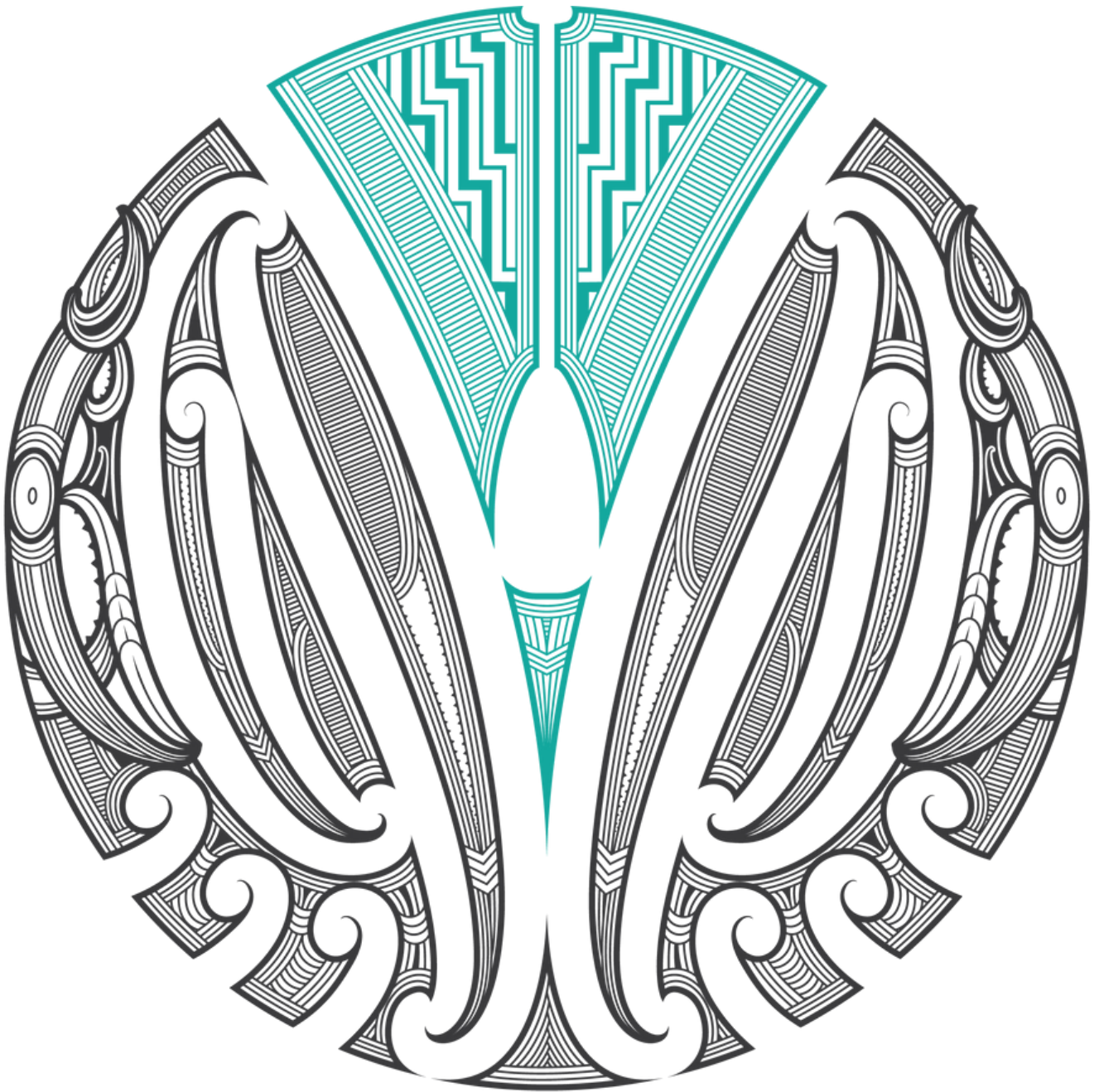


RAUTAKI RANGATAHI

YOUTH STRATEGY



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The Waka Ama NZ *Rautaki Rangatahi* is a Youth Strategy, co-designed with our Te Reo Taiohi rōpū, to contribute to the development of waka ama for rangatahi, as advised by rangatahi.

Te Reo Taiohi o Ngā Kaihoe o Aotearoa is our Waka Ama NZ youth advisory group providing a voice for rangatahi who are involved in waka ama in Aotearoa. The purpose of the rōpū is to inform, advise, and provide insights to the Waka Ama NZ Board and Waka Ama NZ office from a rangatahi perspective.

The Te Reo Taiohi rōpū contributed to the development of this *Rautaki Rangatahi* through wānanga, online hui, and feedback via surveys and emails.

The *Rautaki Rangatahi* is guided by our Waka Ama NZ Strategy and underpinned by our Waka Ama NZ values of Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga, Hauora, and Tū Tangata.

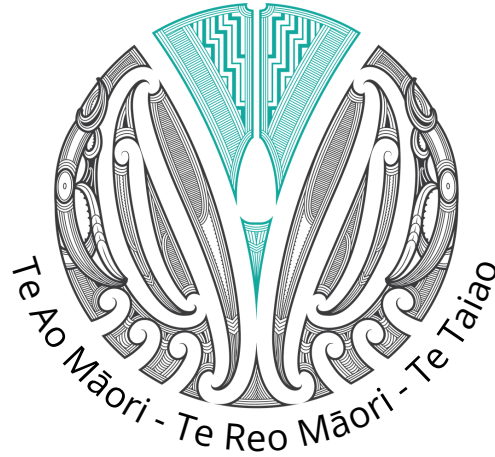
On average, our yearly affiliated waka ama membership consists of at least 50% under 19. Waka Ama NZ recognises the importance of rangatahi participation and engagement in waka ama, and the ongoing development required to ensure rangatahi needs are being met. This *Rautaki Rangatahi* sets the direction for Waka Ama NZ to be guided by our rangatahi and their voice.

Waka Ama NZ looks forward to implementing this strategy and continuing our commitment to developing waka ama for rangatahi.



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TE WHĀINGA Strategic Goal

Increase Rangatahi involvement in Waka Ama

NGĀ POU Strategic Priorities

Whakamana
Empower

Whakatairanga
Promote

Whakatuārā
Support

Whakawhanake
Grow

NGĀ AROTAHI Focus Areas

Build a network of rangatahi leaders

Empower rangatahi to develop connections with each other

Provide rangatahi-led opportunities

Strengthen Te Reo Taiohi rōpū and their engagement with Waka Ama NZ

Improve and increase promotion of rangatahi in waka ama

Promote all areas of rangatahi involvement in waka ama

Promote rangatahi excelling and participating from grassroots to elite level

Promote rangatahi leaders within waka ama

Promote waka ama opportunities and pathways

Develop local, regional and national rangatahi support networks

Encourage and support all forms of rangatahi involvement in waka ama

Increase rangatahi inclusivity in waka ama

Support pathways for elite paddlers

Support ongoing participation pathways for all paddlers

Encourage and promote Balance is Better philosophy

Grow and retain rangatahi involvement in waka ama

Increase engagement with Kura Kaupapa Māori

Utilise rangatahi waka ama statistics for effective change

Increase rangatahi competition pathways

Increase rangatahi participation opportunities

Funding for rangatahi initiatives



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