

TE WHAKAMINENGA O KĀPITI

“He toa taki tini taku toa,

E hara i te toa taki tahi”

“My strength will only be achieved

Because of the efforts of us all.”

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Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti

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Te Tōtara: Values of our approach

The Tōtara stands proudly in Aotearoa's forest canopy and is a symbol of a thriving natural ecosystem. With the right support and environment, the majestic Tōtara will grow for a thousand years.

The success of the Tōtara depends on its community, what resources support it and the conditions in which it lives. The values embodied through Te Tōtara are what we seek through our Age Friendly approach so everyone can thrive as they age.

In the context of this approach, our older people are Tōtara who have stood the test of time and are significant in our communities.

Ūkaipōtanga

Whenua – Land

Ūkaipōtanga is having a sense of belonging and contribution to society. Ūkaipōtanga is represented as the whenua (land) which the Tōtara is connected to.

In the context of this approach, Ūkaipōtanga is about providing an environment for older people with the opportunity to contribute, be included and valued so they feel a part of the community.

Kotahitanga

Pakiaka – Roots

Kotahitanga is about working together in unity as a collective. Kotahitanga is represented as pakiaka (roots) of the Tōtara. Having strong unified roots which spread through the whenua helps our Tōtara stand strong and thrive.

In the context of this approach, Kotahitanga is about working together across Council and the community to progress shared goals as we implement the approach.

Manaakitanga

Rau – Leaves

Manaakitanga is to be mana-enhancing towards others through generosity, appreciation, and respect. We see manaakitanga represented as the rau (leaves) of the Tōtara, providing warmth, shelter and shade all year around.

In the context of this approach, Manaakitanga means to be openhearted, caring and respectful in ways that ensure our older people thrive in Kāpiti.

Kaitiakitanga

Peka – Branches

Kaitiakitanga is about protection, preservation and guardianship. We see kaitiakitanga as the peka (branches) protecting and preserving the Tōtara.

In the context of this approach, Kaitiakitanga is a commitment to sustaining and nurturing people's social, economical, environmental and cultural wellbeing.

Tuakiritanga

Tīwai – Trunk

Tuakiritanga means identity, pride and confidence in one's self. Tuakiritanga is represented as the tīwai (trunk), the spiritual and emotional source of the Tōtara.

In the context of this approach, Tuakiritanga is about providing older people with opportunities to nurture their cultural identity and self-determination as they age.



