

# SmartGrowth Panui



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*Rarangahia te  
taurawhiri tangata kia  
hua ai te marama*

*Weaving people  
together so  
enlightenment comes  
to fruition - bring  
people together to  
make a positive start*

SmartGrowth is a collective of the region's leaders, including Tangata Whenua, councils, government departments, organisations and community groups working together to produce a unified, 'smart' plan for the western Bay of Plenty's future.

This panui supports the communication of iwi and hāpu representatives, and aims to keep iwi and hāpu up to date with what's going on as we build our futures together to help make the western Bay a great place to live, learn, work and play.

## What does the Combined Tangata Whenua Forum do?

The Combined Tangata Whenua Forum contributes to the development of SmartGrowth strategies and implementation of actions from a tangata whenua perspective.

The current iwi, hāpu and organisations are represented on the forum: SmartGrowth Tu Pakari Advisor, Ngāi Te Rangi, Ngāi Te Ahi; Ngāti Kahu; Ngāti Mākino; Nga Potiki; Ngāti Pūkenga; Ngāti Tapu; Ngāti Whakahemo; Ngāti Whakaue; Ngāi Tukairangi; Ngāti Ranginui; Ngāti Hangarau; Ngāti He; Ngāti Pikiāo; Ngāti Kuku; Ngāti Kaahu; Ngāti Moko; Ngāti Rangiwewehi; Runanga o Ngāi Tamarawaho; Ngāi Tamawhariua; Tapuika Iwi Authority; Te Whanau A Tauwhao; Matakana Island; Ngai Tamarawaho; Pirirakau Hapu; Taouika Iwi; Tuhourangi; Te Waka a Ngāti Ruahine; Waitaha; Tangata Whenua Collective; Tauranga City Council; Western Bay of Plenty District Council; Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Check out the SmartGrowth [website](#) to stay up to date with Forum meeting agendas and minutes

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## Recent news from SmartGrowth

### Maori population research

A recent report provides a snapshot about Maori and tangata whenua in the western Bay of Plenty based on the 2013 Census

- 27.51% of people were of Māori descent
- Rohe that Māori affiliate to most are Tauranga Moana/Mātaatua, followed by Te Tai Tokerau/Tamaki-Makaurau and Te Arawa/Taupō
- Ngāi Te Rangi, Ngāti Ranginui and Ngā Puhi are the most populous iwi
- The location of marae corresponds with higher tangata whenua populations
- The proportion of Māori who own their own homes (33%) is similar to the national Māori average.
- Māori in this area generally follow the same trends as National Māori for employment status.

## Social research highlights renting as another big issue

In 2016, SmartGrowth commissioned two threads of social research – one focused on exploring how to work with less engaged community groups in the western Bay; and one looking at the issue of renting – now and in the future.

- Giving Voices research in response to a strategy action
- Western Bay of Plenty sub-region case study within Ageing Well National Science Challenge – Life When Renting (Population Ageing Technical Advisory Group)

Click [here](#) to read more about these two pieces of work

## SmartGrowth visits Ngati Kahu's papakainga project

One of the highlights of the SmartGrowth tour of the northern and western corridors in the western Bay of Plenty late last year was the visit and warm welcome at Ngati Kahu's papakainga housing project. The tour was designed to provide partner councillors, staff, tangata whenua representatives and forum chairs the opportunity to see first-hand some of the challenges and responses that exist. We had the chance to look through the brand new kaumatua units and the larger 3 bedroom homes. The expression of the day that caused most laughter was from Ngaronoa Ngata who encouraged us all not to be tangata whakaputa mōhio (know-all).



*SmartGrowth tangata whenua representative listens to the korero with Piripi Hikairo, Ngarono Ngata and Mita Rahiri*

## Who's on SmartGrowth?

Members of the Leadership Group are:

- Bill Wasley (Independent Chair)
- Tangata whenua representatives: Buddy Mikaere, Puhirake Ihaka, Irene Walker and Maru Tapsell
- Western Bay of Plenty District Council representatives: Mayor Garry Webber, Cr Don Thwaites, Cr Mike Williams and Cr John Scrimgeour
- Tauranga City Council representatives: Mayor Greg Brownless, Cr Larry Baldock, Cr Leeanne Brown and Cr Terry Molloy
- Bay of Plenty Regional Council representatives: Chairman Doug Leeder, Cr Stuart Crosby, Cr Jane Nees and Cr Paula Thompson.
- NZ Transport Agency representative: Regional Director Parekawhia McLean
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board representative – to be decided

The group meets bi-monthly and meetings are open to the public.

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