

Taonga Tuku Iho – Treasures of Our Heritage

Rongoā Development Plan

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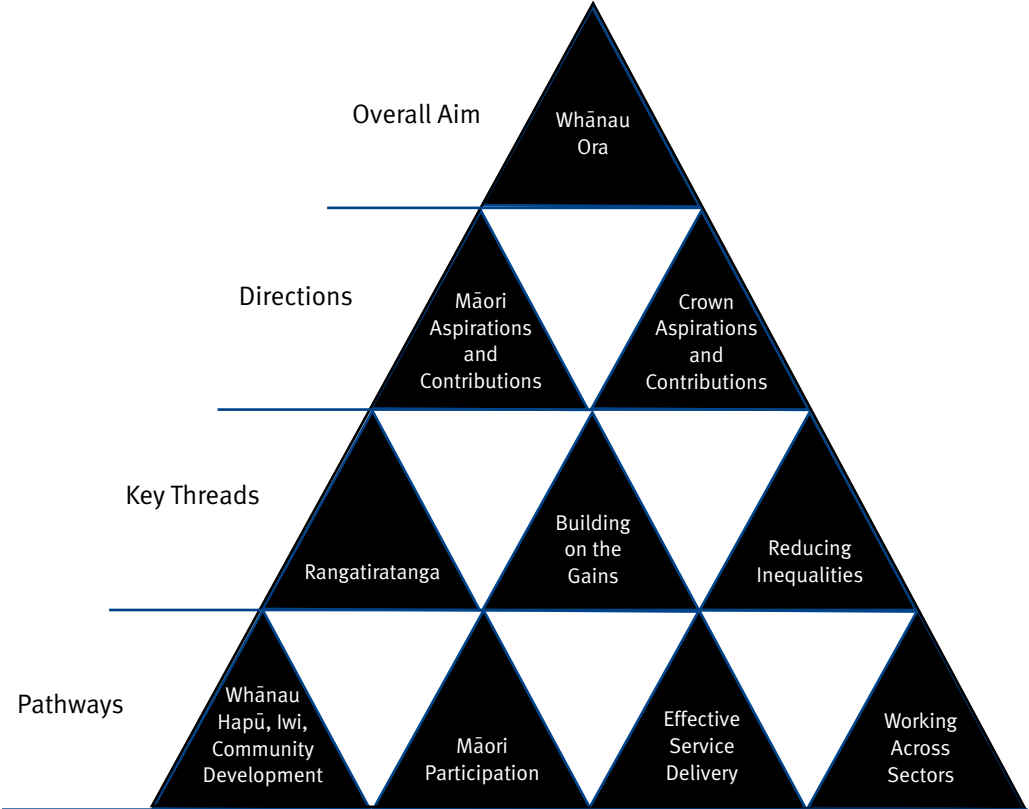
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Te Timatanga – Introduction

The overall aim of He Korowai Oranga: Māori Health Strategy (Minister of Health and Associate Minister of Health 2002a) is whānau ora: Māori families supported to achieve their maximum health and wellbeing. He Korowai Oranga provides direction to the health and disability sector on how to achieve whānau ora.

He Korowai Oranga has two broad directions (Māori aspirations and contributions and the Government’s aspirations and contributions), three key threads (rangatiratanga, building on the gains and reducing inequalities), and four pathways for action (development of whānau, hapū, iwi and Māori communities; Māori participation in the health and disability sector; effective health and disability services; and working across sectors).

He Korowai Oranga works like this:



Whakatātaka: Māori Health Action Plan 2002–2005 (Minister of Health and Associate Minister of Health 2002b) outlines actions to progress the aim of He Korowai Oranga. It establishes a link between other strategies and plans, ensuring consistency towards achieving the aim, whānau ora.

Whakatātaka requires the health and disability sector to recognise and value Māori models of health and traditional healing. *Taonga Tuku Iho: Treasures of Our Heritage: Rongoā Development Plan* outlines how the Ministry of Health will work with Māori traditional healing practitioners to support Māori traditional healing practices within the health and disability sector.

Rongoā

Rongoā Māori is informed by a body of knowledge that has as its core the enhancement of Māori wellbeing. In this way, rongoā Māori differs from a Western medical paradigm, whose focus is principally the absence of health and wellbeing and treatments/interventions to return to a state of health.

Rongoā Māori traditional healing is formulated in a Māori cultural context, in which the understanding of events leading to ill health and its impacts are addressed through a range of culturally bounded responses. These culturally bounded responses include rakau rongoā (native flora herbal preparations), mirimiri (massage) and karakia (prayer).

Taonga Tuku Iho

Taonga Tuku Iho is underpinned by the principles of partnership, participation and protection. These guiding principles are a constructive framework for informing the planning and implementation of rongoā services that ensure the enhancement of Māori wellbeing. Taonga Tuku Iho has an important role in providing rongoā service providers with support and direction.

Te Arotahi – Aim

The overall aim of Taonga Tuku Iho is to provide a framework for strengthening the provision of quality rongoā services across the country.

Te Pūtake – Purpose

The purpose of Taonga Tuku Iho is to foster the growth of rongoā services, and improve Māori wellbeing.

Ngā Whāinga – Goals

There are four goals to guide the work of Taonga Tuku Iho.

Goal 1: Ngā taonga a ngā tupuna hei oranga mo te iwi
Improving the quality of rongoā services

Goal 2: Ngā taonga arataki hei tāwharau
Creating leadership to strengthen safe practice through networking and quality assurance

Goal 3: Ngā taonga maia hei whakapakari
Increasing the capacity and capability of rongoā services

Goal 4: Ngā taonga wānanga hei akoranga
A work plan for research and evaluation activities.

Goals, Actions and Milestones

Goal 1: Ngā taonga a ngā tupuna hei oranga mo te iwi Improve the quality of rongoā services

Action 1: Review the current Māori traditional healing standards.

Milestones

1.	Establish an advisory group from the rongoā sector to advise the Ministry of Health on Māori traditional healing standards	Dec 2006
2.	Finalise the review process of the current Māori traditional healing standards	June 2007
3.	Complete the review of the current Māori traditional healing standards	June 2008
4.	Disseminate the findings from the review of the current Māori traditional healing standards	2007/08

Responsibility

- Ministry of Health
- Rongoā networks

Action 2: Improve the collection of administrative rongoā data.

Milestones

1.	Establish systems for the collection of rongoā data	June 2007
2.	Identify the data to be collected	Dec 2006
3.	Improve the use of data to inform safe practice and quality service	Ongoing

Organisations involved

- Ministry of Health
- Ngā Ringa Whakahaere o Te Iwi Māori
- Ministry of Health contracted rongoā providers

Goal 2: Ngā taonga arataki hei tāwharau

Create leadership to strengthen safe practice through networking and quality assurance

Action 1: Establish and support a national rongoā body, which will support quality systems, establish quality assurance and foster regional and local networks.

Milestones

1.	Finalise the structure of the national body with existing rongoā groups	June 2007
2.	Agree the terms of reference for the national body	Dec 2007
3.	Strengthen the role of the national body in providing leadership, credentialling, quality development and accreditation to the rongoā sector	Ongoing

Organisations involved

- Ministry of Health
- Rongoā networks

Action 2: Establish and support regional networks.

Milestones

1.	Provide support to the annual Rongoā Māori hui	Annually
2.	Establish linkages with the primary health care environment	Ongoing

Organisations involved

- Ministry of Health
- Rongoā networks

(Refer to Appendix 1 for the proposed rongoā networks infrastructure.)

Goal 3: Ngā taonga maia hei whakapakari Increase the capacity and capability of rongoā services

Action 1: Increase understanding of capacity and monitor the numbers of rongoā services.

Milestones

1.	Collate information on rongoā provider capacity such as rongoā practitioner numbers, qualifications and skills	Ongoing
2.	Explore options for establishing a rongoā workforce database/register	June 2007
3.	Monitor strategies to increase the number of Māori working in the health and disability sector (Goal 1, Action 2, of <i>Raranga Tupuake: Māori Health Workforce Development Plan 2006</i>)	Ongoing

Organisations involved

- Ministry of Health
- Rongoā networks

Action 2: Increase the skill base and capability of rongoā services

Milestones

1.	Explore options for providing training and career pathways for traditional Māori healers as well as community health workers (Goal 2, Action 4, of <i>Raranga Tupuake: Māori Health Workforce Development Plan 2006</i>)	Ongoing
2.	Promote uptake of the Māori Provider Development Scheme among rongoā service providers	Ongoing
3.	Encourage Māori provider organisations to identify the training needs of their Māori health and disability workforce (Goal 3, Action 3, of <i>Raranga Tupuake: Māori Health Workforce Development Plan 2006</i>)	Ongoing

Organisations involved

- Ministry of Health
- Rongoā networks

Goal 4: Ngā taonga wānanga hei akoranga A work plan for research and evaluation activities

Action 1: Develop and implement research and evaluation activities.

Milestone

1.	Develop an annual work plan on research and evaluation activities.	June 2006
2.	Review the research and evaluation work plan.	June 2007

Organisations involved

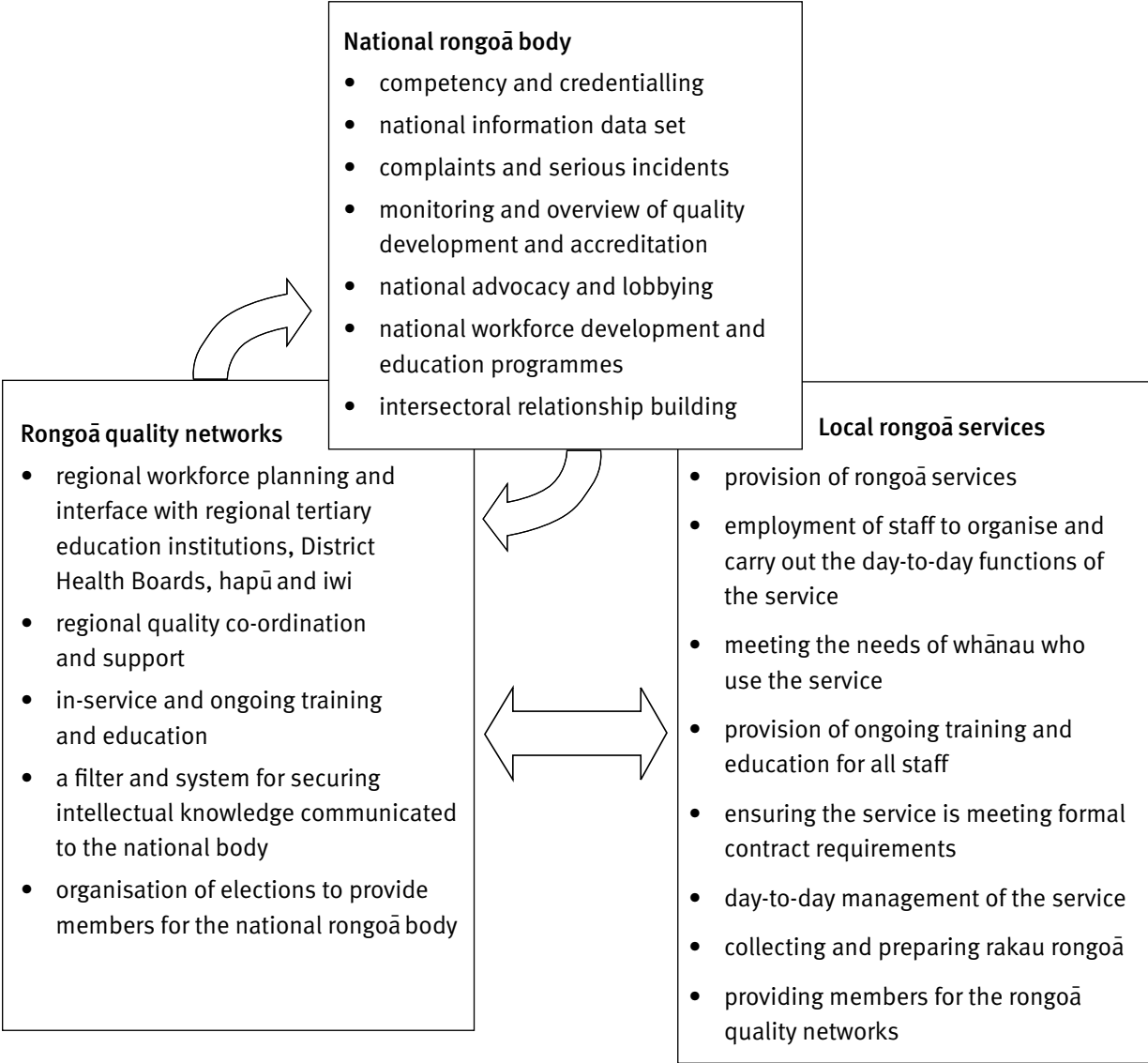
- Ministry of Health
- Rongoā networks

Timeframes

Milestone	Due date
Develop an annual work plan on research and evaluation activities (see Goal 4, Action 1, Milestone 1).	June 2006
Establish an advisory group from the rongoā sector to advise the Ministry of Health on the current Māori traditional healing standards (see Goal 1, Action 1, Milestone 1).	December 2006
Identify data to be collected (see Goal 1, Action 2, Milestone 2).	December 2006
Finalise the review of the current Māori traditional healing standards (see Goal 1, Action 1, Milestone 2).	June 2007
Establish systems for the collection of rongoā data (see Goal 1, Action 2, Milestone 1).	June 2007
Finalise the structure of the national body with existing rongoā groups (see Goal 2, Action 1, Milestone 1).	June 2007
Explore options for establishing a rongoā workforce database/register (see Goal 3, Action 1, Milestone 2).	June 2007
Review the research and evaluation work plan (see Goal 4, Action 1, Milestone 2).	June 2007
Agree the terms of reference for the national body (see Goal 2, Action 1, Milestone 2).	December 2007
Complete the review of the current Māori traditional healing standards (see Goal 1, Action 1, Milestone 3).	June 2008
Disseminate the findings from the review of the current Māori traditional healing standards (see Goal 1, Action 1, Milestone 4).	2007/08
Improve the use of data to inform safe practice and quality service (see Goal 1, Action 2, Milestone 3).	Ongoing
Provide support to the annual rongoā Māori hui (see Goal 2, Action 2, Milestone 1).	Ongoing
Strengthen the role of the national body in providing leadership, credentialling, quality development and accreditation to the rongoā sector (see Goal 2, Action 1, Milestone 3).	Ongoing
Establish linkages with the primary health care environment (see Goal 2, Action 2, Milestone 2).	Ongoing
Collate information on rongoā provider capacity such as rongoā practitioner numbers, qualifications and skills (see Goal 3, Action 1, Milestone 1).	Ongoing

Monitor strategies to increase the number of Māori working in the health and disability sector (Goal 1, Action 2, of <i>Raranga Tupuake: Māori Health Workforce Development Plan 2006</i>) (see Goal 3, Action 1, Milestone 3).	Ongoing
Explore options for providing training and career pathways for traditional Māori healers as well as community health workers (Goal 2, Action 4, <i>Raranga Tupuake</i>) (see Goal 3, Action 2, Milestone 1).	Ongoing
Promote uptake of the Māori Provider Development scheme among rongoā service providers (see Goal 3, Action 2, Milestone 2).	Ongoing
Encourage Māori provider organisations to identify the training needs of their Māori health and disability workforce (Goal 3, Action 3, <i>Raranga Tupuake</i>) (see Goal 3, Action 2, Milestone 3).	Ongoing

Appendix 1: Proposed Rongoā Infrastructure, Including Brief Roles and Functions



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