

Media release: Te Mātāwai launches survey to develop a free database of te reo Māori revitalisation activities and resources

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Te Mātāwai is asking people who have organised, participated in, or funded activities or developed resources to support te reo Māori revitalisation to complete an online survey about their efforts. Information gathered in the survey, He Reo Ora, will be used to create a free database.

<u>Te Mātāwai</u>, the independent statutory entity that is charged with supporting te reo Māori revitalisation in homes and communities on behalf of iwi, Māori and Māori language communities, has commissioned the New Zealand Council for Educational Research to develop the online survey as part of a wider Māori language revitalisation research programme.

"Our vision is that te reo Māori is restored as a nurturing first language in homes and communities, and so it is important that Te Mātāwai has the information to share and be informed by, our iwi and sector leaders working with whānau," says Te Atarangi Whiu, Tumu Whakarae of Te Mātāwai.

"The language activities and resources people are organising and developing for themselves, their whānau, and their communities play an important part in restoring the language," says Ms Whiu.

"The He Reo Ora online survey will help us get the big picture of these initiatives from all over the country."

"Once the He Reo Ora online survey is complete, Te Mātāwai will use the information to create a free database to help people find and share activities and resources that can support them on their te reo Māori journeys."

To ensure as much information is collected as possible, <u>Te Wāhanga–NZCER</u> has written to rūnanga, local councils, the regional and sector stakeholders affiliated to

Te Mātāwai, and national organisations introducing He Reo Ora and asking for their support.

The link to the $\frac{\text{He Reo Ora survey}}{\text{He Reo Ora survey}}$ is being shared on social media, and will be open until the 6^{th} of April 2018.

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