

**Jo Bailey** NRO4 Exhibition

# Whakatairangitia rere ki uta, rere ki tai exhibitions

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Visual system banners in place at the Kuku Beach Dairy Sheds exhibition, March 2017.



### **Exhibition 1: Kuku Beach**

- 3 The Whakapa Shed at Kuku Beach
- 5 Banners and typographic details
- 6 Hikoi Shed at Kuku Beach
- 7 Oral Narrative Shed at Kuku Beach

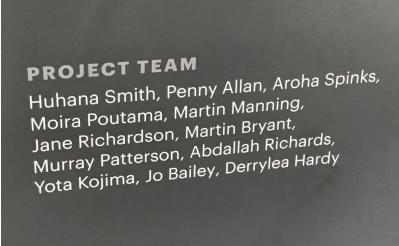
**Design elements** 

- 8 Bilingual banners
- 10 Oral narrative banners
- 11 Threshold images system

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The Whakapa Shed at Whakatairangitia rere ki uta, rere ki tai exhibition, Kuku Beach Dairy Sheds. Visual display elements I produced responded to the site in terms of palette, stencil typeface reflecting the rural vernacular, and banners that were a transient and ephemeral insertion into the space.



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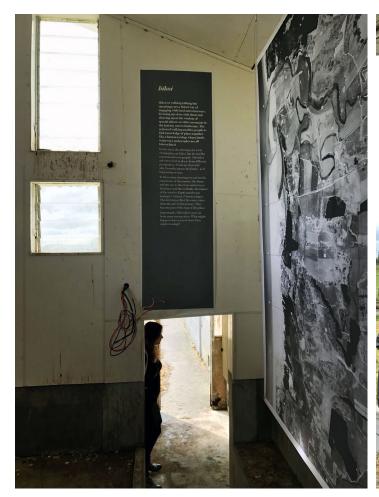
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The Whakapa Shed at Whakatairangitia rere ki uta, rere ki tai exhibition, Kuku Beach Dairy Sheds. Typographic detailing on the banners foregrounds Te Reo Māori. Giving Te Reo the prominent hierarchical position references the exhibition location on iwi land, and makes the project's values visible.



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The Whakapa Shed at Whakatairangitia rere ki uta, rere ki tai exhibition, Kuku Beach Dairy Sheds. Note how the colour palette draws from the environs with warm tones drawn from wood and silt.









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A DEEP SOUTH PROJECT

Kaumātua of Ngāti Tükorehe and Ngāti Wehiwehi have often spoken of the cultural importance and common sense protection for sacred and natural areas at Kuku and Waikawa Beaches, and within the inland coastal waterways.

Narratives of occupation and settlement recount how inter-tribal contest customarily secured land tenure that stretched from the beaches, the dune systems adjacent flood plains to the mountain ranges. In particular many coastal areas were regarded as restricted to human access and activity. As people who knew the coastal environs well when seeking sustenance or at seasonal harvest, such kaumātua accounts also recalled long observed and consistent protocols.

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### mātauranga māori

(NOWLEDGE SYSTEMS

Mātauranga Māori (knowledge systems) is an indigenous worldview that cherishes the connections between everything, and everything we see and do.

The separation of Papatūānuku and Ranginui is a major Māori cosmological event that allowed light to enter the space between the original parent's loving embrace. Their separation led to the rise of environmental entities or an extensive range of 'gods', including those responsible for the growth of forests, all insects, animals, fishes and human life.

The Papatuānuku and Ranginui genealogical narrative continues to express the potential of procreation and the promise of new generations to come. As the ultimate parents of iwi, hapū and whānau they are also honoured as the essential expression of whānaungatanga between a wider cosmology, peoples, environmental properties, lands, sacred grounds, subsurface waters and waterways.

Many powerful mätauranga Māori messages and precepts are present in other Māori cosmological or genealogical narratives. Each narrative is a practical guide for the cultural and philosophical sustenance of Māori, both from a customary perspective and for the benefit of current generations.

The three sheds at this former dairy bale site show three methods or ways o looking at these lands, waterways, the sea, Maori environmental and spiritual enrifies and their related peoples

By looking at farming land (with these methods in mind) we can see different ways to think about the effect of sea level rise in ways that are not only reliant on western science. An interconnected worldview is integral to Māori, which also benefits the wider New Zealand culture. no sacred associations. WAI-KINO: WAI-TAI: (salt or water from of all waters. WAI-KATO: (full flowing river). WAI-RĀKEI: (the

# Whakatairangitia rere ki uta, rere ki tai Proclaim it to the land, proclaim it to the sea

DALA FLODA BOLD AND MEDIUM ITALIC

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Proclaim it to the land, proclaim it to the sea

**GRAFIK BOLD AND REGULAR ITALIC** 

The earth's low lying water-lands have been ebbing and flowing for millenia, enduring storms and calm, floods and droughts, high seas and low seas, erosion and accretion. The planets and the moons and the atmosphere conspire to keep the cycles running endlessly. Māori attribute a spiritual dimension to this phenomenon:

#### Ko te mātauranga he wai nō ruawhetū

Maori knowledge flows from the cosmos/the stars

# Kia mahara koe i te puna inā inu koe i te wai

When you drink the water, remember the spring

#### He pukenga mai te hohanga tangata, he putanga korero

The spring is likened to a repository of knowledge when the grinding stone made by humans is used; regarded as the place for human wellbeing, and the site from whence knowledge flows

#### He wai ki te tāne, he toko ki te wahine

Like the water of men, the blood of women

# Who are you?

Ko wai ahau?

# Who am I?

Ko wai ahau I am water

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Billingual banners as used in the introduction to the Whakapa Shed at Whakatairangitia rere ki uta, rere ki tai exhibition, Kuku Beach Dairy Sheds and subsequently in The Dowse Art Museum. Details of Dala Floda and Grafik typefaces used in the exhibitions.





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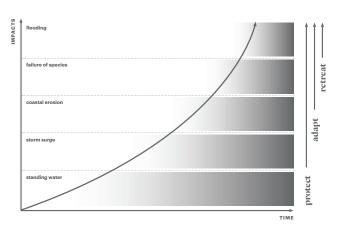


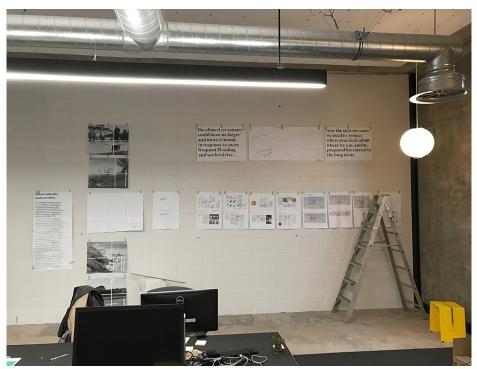






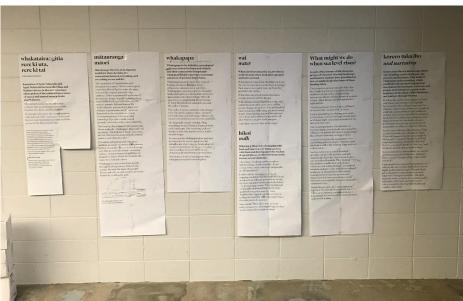
















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Development, testing and set up of the system and layout for This Time of Useful Consciousness exhibition at The Dowse.



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Banner system in situ at The Dowse Art Museum. Large scale photography from the site brings the Dairy Sheds experience into the more formal space of the gallery.

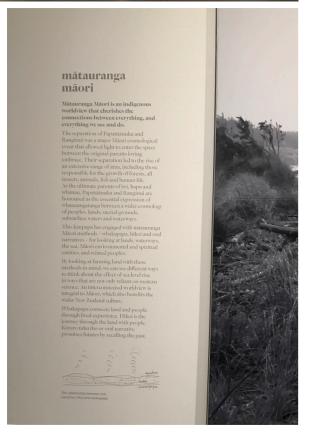












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Banner system and environmental graphics in situ at The Dowse Art Museum.



wellbeing and counteract evil. Waiora also means bealth. WAI-MĀORI: (freshwater). This is referred to as ordinary water which runs free or unrestrained and it bas no sacred associations. WAI-KINO: (polluted). The mauri of the water bas been altered through pollution or corruption and has the potential to do barm to bumans. WAI-MATE: (dead water). This class of water has lost its mauri and is dead. It is dangerous to bumans because it can cause illness or misfortune. Geographically it refers to sluggish water, stagnant or back water. WAI-TAI: (salt or water from the ocean). This term also refers to rough or angry water as in surf, waves or sea tides. WAI-TANGI: (grieving waters). Refers to a river or part of a river which through some mishap has caused death, much pain and grieving to the tribe. WAI-**ARIKI:** (hot springs or curative waters). The term ariki means "chief" in English and they are referred to as the chiefs or patriarchs of all waters. WAI-KATO: (full flowing river). WAI-RĀKEI: (the

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The open exhibition at The Dowse Art Museum.