



Vision

Kia rārangahia e tātou te kete kia kotahi. Hei kawea atu te pounamu tawhito

Let us weave the basket together as one. To hold the ancestral treasures of old

Mission Statement

Kia tū kotahi tātou kia purea ai tātou e ngā hau o Tāwhirimātea

We stand in unity for our future wellbeing and health solutions

Whakapapa

Te Kete Pounamu is the National Group of Māori with lived experience of mental distress and/or addiction. The roopū¹ was established following a series of consultation hui in 2015² with three key outcomes:

1. To establish a National voice of Māori with lived experience of mental distress and/or addiction
2. Strategies to eliminate use of restrictive practice of Māori
3. An agreed and sustainable action plan to inspire change in mental health and addiction services with and for Māori

Kaupapa/Purpose

The purpose of Te Kete Pounamu is to:

- Provide Māori with lived experience, independent forums to come together to whanaungatanga, to kōrero in their regions and to share regional aspirations
- Ensure Māori with lived experience of mental distress and addiction inform and influence systemic change that respond to the needs of Māori
- Expose and challenge bias and institutional racism
- Strengthen workforce development for Māori with lived experience
- Advocate for Māori to receive high quality care and support from mental health and addiction services

¹ Baker, M (2015). He kai i nga Rangatira He korero o nga whānau whaiora. Wellington: Te Rau Matatini Ltd

² Te Rau Matatini (2015). Making a Stand for Change Hui Report. Wellington: Te Rau Matatini.



Guiding Principles

The guiding principles for Te Kete Pounamu are:

- **Tikanga Māori:** Sensitive to, and responsive to the cultural needs of Māori. Honours customary practices and beliefs of Māori.
- **Te Tiriti o Waitangi:** Honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- **Tuākana – Teina:** Work collaboratively to the strengths in the membership by supporting others to also develop and enhance their capabilities
- **Awahi mai – Awahi atu:** Being helpful to each other and showing manaakitanga to others by engaging in a process of reciprocity

Membership

Membership is comprised of Māori with lived experience of mental distress and/or addiction.

Membership will consist of six to eleven nominated/elected members including kaumātua/kuia. Members are appointed by a process involving completion of an expression of interest. Initial appointments will be for a term of two years, with the opportunity for reappointment for a further term. Membership will not exceed three consecutive terms.

- **Chairperson:** To be elected by national representatives for a two-year term with the opportunity for reappointment for a further term
- **Secretary** – To provide secretariat support for national rūpu and regional network co-ordination and support.
 - Agenda to be forwarded prior to hui
 - Minutes and any relevant documentation to be posted to all members at least one week in advance of the upcoming hui
- **Members:** To attend all hui. If members are unable to attend they must forward their apologies to the secretary.

If members are unable to attend three consecutive hui without communication they may be asked to resign from the roopū.



Responsibilities

National Roopū Members: Members are appointed as individuals and not as a representative of any organisation. They reflect the perspectives of their communities and bring their knowledge of the opinions and policies of relevant groups.

Members are expected to maintain a professional standard of conduct when representing Te Kete Pounamu. Responsibilities of members are to:

- Advocate for a Māori world view
- Maintain relationships with regional roopū and be available to:
 - Provide support and resources
 - Mentorship and guidance
- Provide strategic governance for Te Kete Pounamu
- Uphold the mana of Te Kete Pounamu
- Identify and share sector learnings
- Role model Māori leadership
- Provide regular updates to Te Kete Pounamu whanau
- Members are expected to disclose any conflicts of interest

Regional Roopū members: Each Te Kete Pounamu regional roopū is aligned with these Terms of Reference.

Hui

Frequency:	Bi- Monthly (up to six hui per year), and monthly zoom hui
Quorum:	60% of full membership
Manuhiri:	People may be invited to attend hui pending approval of the members
Venue:	To be decided

Minutes will be recorded and circulated to all members of the National Roopū. Any items not discussed at the hui will be carried forward to the next hui.

Regional Roopū: Regional roopū will be expected to forward all minutes to as they are recorded