

# KAUPAPA

**Kaupapa:** policy, rules of operation

'Kaupapa' is a word that is used very widely throughout Māoridom and it has a large number of meanings. To give some examples in context:

**Theme of a house:** When a new house is being built, the kaupapa of the house refers to such things as the ancestor after whom the house is to be named, the different ancestral figures to be carved on the support posts around the perimeter of the house, or the painting and other decorative art work.

**Marae protocol:** Here the term kaupapa refers to the rules and policies associated with administration of a marae, and, in particular, the protocol for formal speech-making, etc.

In all these examples, the word kaupapa is used to describe the type of work or functions to be carried out. Similarly, in the context of government departments, the word kaupapa applies to the setting of policy...

The word kaupapa can be associated with almost any organization with reference to its policy and practices.

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⇒ The kaupapa of Manukau City Council can be found in what documents?

▲ in relation to Te Tiriti?

▲ in relation to consulting with Māori? use of Māori language and design?

⇒ The kaupapa of your own work group at MCC can be found in what documents?

⇒ The kaupapa of Māori groups can be found in what documents?



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