

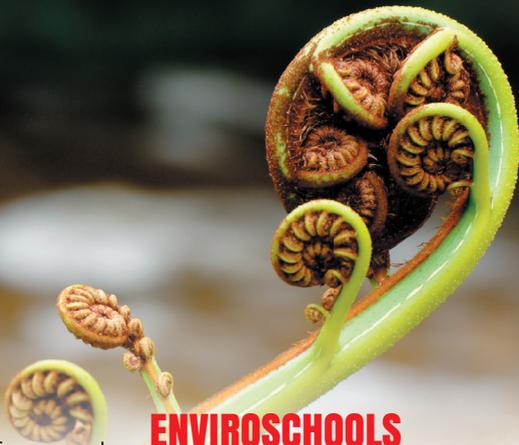
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PARTY

BUDGET 2012



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Sustenance, support, connection



MĀORI EDUCATION **\$76.4m**

Funding negotiated for early childhood education with a reo Māori and tikanga focus, improving access to Māori-medium ECE services, new initiatives that bring together best practice and curriculum-focused professional learning, and stronger assessment resources to support learners in Māori medium education.

RHEUMATIC FEVER **\$12m**

We have secured an extra \$12 million to be put towards eradicating rheumatic fever from the lives of our whānau. This brings funding to a total of \$24 million to be invested over five years targeting this third world illness which disproportionately affects our Māori and Pacific tamariki.

TE REO MĀORI **\$2m**

Ma te reo fund - Funding has been reallocated to maintain the Ma te Reo Fund until the new Maori Language Strategy is signed off and major decisions on funding for Maori language can be made.

ENVIROSCHOOLS **\$7.6m**

We've secured funding for an education programme that gives schools and children a hands-on approach to looking after the environment.

SOCIAL HOUSING **\$104m**

This fund will support the development of social housing solutions. This contestable fund allows community groups and Maori/iwi housing providers to put forward their own whakaaro on how to address housing issues in our hau-kainga.

REHABILITATION **\$65m**

Funding will be reprioritised to contribute to a 25% reduction in reoffending by 2017 by ensuring offenders receive expanded drug, alcohol and rehabilitation treatment, education and employment training and new rehabilitation services.

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WARMER HOMES **20,000**

We have negotiated a further 20,000 homes to be insulated for high need groups – the elderly and very young, Māori, those living in remote regions and low income families.

PACIFIC HEALTH **\$6m**

We have established a Pacific health innovation fund, which will support Pasifika peoples to develop their own approaches to improving the health and wellbeing of their communities. This is aligned to our vision of Whānau Ora.

DISABILITY SUPPORT **\$143.7m**

An extra \$147 million will be going into disability support services. This funding will go towards more home and community support services, additional cochlear implants, hearing aids and other supports, hoists and wheelchair access and residential support services for people with disabilities.

SMOKEFREE AOTEAROA **\$20m**

We have established a “Pathway to Smokefree 2025” fund of \$20 million to support programmes that discourage smoking, and help more New Zealanders to quit.

As part of our measures to become smokefree, we will also increase tobacco excise taxes by 10% for each of the next four years.

JOBS AND TRAINING **\$10m**

Funding has been allocated for a Māori cadetship programme over the next four years to give 1000 young Māori paid jobs and training opportunities.

RANGATAHI **\$37.7m**

Funding will be provided to allow for an additional 3,000 Youth Guarantee places for rangatahi transitioning from school into work or training.





The Māori Party considered deeply what this budget would mean for our whānau. It was always going to be a zero budget, and we know that times are tough. We have worked hard to find ways we could protect the **well-being** of our people and our communities, and focused on key areas which impact on the day to day lives of our people, such as health, education, housing conditions, the environment, justice and jobs.

We continued the push for support of our **kaupapa** Māori initiatives such as funding for te reo Māori, and Māori education; and we also looked at ways we could support our Pacific whānau to achieve the well-being of their communities.

An urgent priority was to put in place immediate steps to prevent rheumatic fever which has been disproportionately felt in Māori and Pasifika communities. We are also determined to reduce the toll of tobacco harm and provide meaningful support for disabled persons and their **whānau**.

This is about protecting our whānau and making wellbeing everyone's priority.

This booklet shows you progress that the Māori Party made in Budget 2012. These budget gains are really about **creating opportunities** to protect the health and well-being of our communities, and supporting our whānau to flourish.

In the end, it is people taking the opportunities, whānau taking control by taking responsibility, that will make the critical difference.

The work that we do is about supporting the kaupapa of Whānau Ora, and advancing the aspirations and **development** of tangata whenua. In the meantime as the old saying goes, ma ngā huruhuru te manu ka rere (feathers enable the bird to fly), so we look forward to seeing the outcomes that will come from the many initiatives established in Budget 2012.

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