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GLOSSARY OF MĀORI TERMS¹

Hapū Sub-tribe(s) that share a common ancestor

Kāinga Home, address, residence, village, settlement,

habitation, habitat, dwelling

Kaumatua Elder

Kaupapa Topic, basis; guiding principles

Kōrero Speak, talk, discuss; discussion

Mana Prestige, status, authority, influence, integrity;

honour, respect

Mana whenua Authority over land and natural resources, tribal

estates

Manuhiri Visitor(s)

Marae Tribal meeting grounds; village common

Pā Home

Pōtiki Youngest child

Rangatiratanga Self determination, autonomy, the right of Māori te be

self-determining

Rohe Area, region; boundary

Tangihanga Funeral, rites for the dead

¹ Many of these translations are taken from the MAI Review website available here: http://www.review.mai.ac.nz/info/about.php or, alternatively, from the online Māori dictionary: http://Māoridictionary.co.nz

Taniwha Water spirit, monster, dangerous water creature,

powerful creature, chief, powerful leader, something or someone awesome - taniwha take many forms from logs to reptiles and whales and often live in lakes, rivers or the sea. They are often regarded as guardians by the people who live in their territory, but may also have a malign influence on human beings

Taonga Treasure, anything prized - applied to anything

considered to be of value including socially or

culturally valuable objects, resources, phenomenon,

ideas and techniques

Te reo Māori The Māori language

Tikanga Māori Māori customs and practices

Tōhunga Expert, skilled, learned

Utu Revenge; reciprocity; balance

Waiata Sing, song, chant

Wānanga Māori houses of higher learning, tertiary institute;

conscious thought-processing discussion;

transmitting the knowledge of the culture from one

generation to the next

Whaikorero Formal speech, oratory

Whakapahā Apology

Whakapapa Māori genealogy

Whakatauki Proverb

Whakawhānaungatanga Kinship, links, ties; facilitating a more open

relationship then mere researcher and researched;

network of interactive links

Whānau Family; nuclear/extended family

Whānaunga Relative, relation, kin, blood relation