

Sunrise Session 3: From Across the Ditch

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Housing and health for indigenous peoples: New solutions for wellness-promoting homes

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Background

The 'problem' of inadequate housing for Māori has remained unsolved for over 100 years

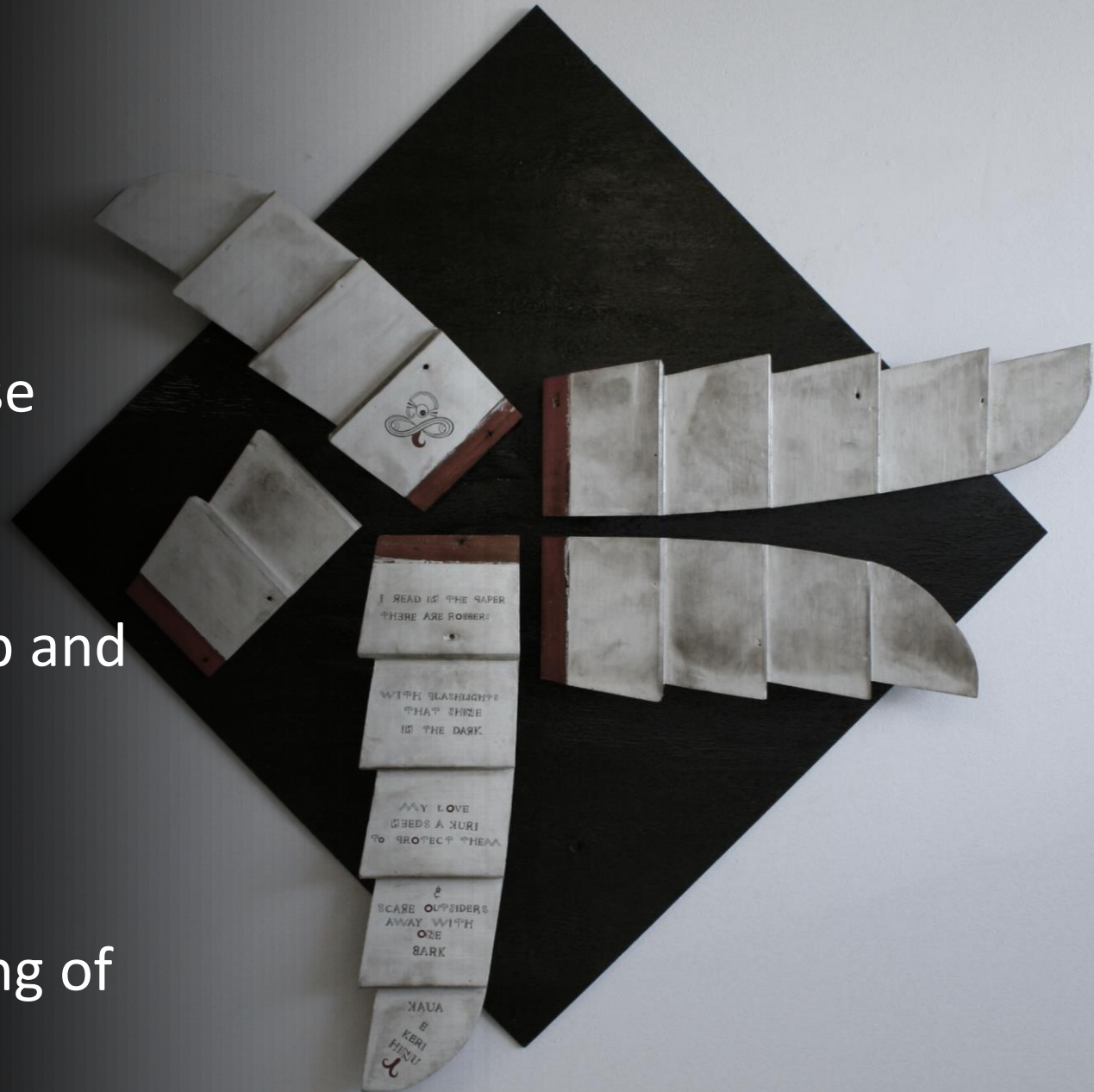
New solutions and new ways of thinking about housing and health for Māori are needed

Without new solutions, our ability to promote health for family, community and tribe is critically compromised



Historical Influences on Housing Quality

- Actions that suppress, decrease and destabilise
- The politicisation of housing
- Biases regarding who gets help and how
- Notions of the 'deserving' and 'undeserving' poor
- Government inertia and passing of responsibility





Inadequate Interventions

- Interventions systematically marginalised those who were worst off
- Inadequacy of power-sharing and funding mechanisms
- Reactive rather than proactive – “too little too late”
- Failure to distinguish a ‘house’ from a ‘home’ or a ‘housing development’ from a ‘community’



Colonisation & the indigenous home

- Domestic space as a metaphor for empire
- The removal of 'other' from urban spaces
- "Domicide" of the indigenous home



Marine Parade, Napier, N.Z.

Positive Influences

- Protect and enhance housing quality
- Retention of land, continuity, inter-relatedness, connection, identity, ancestral stories, collective memory

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kani takuaoha
atu kia kō, e koro
tena kō heoi ano
Na Karaitiana



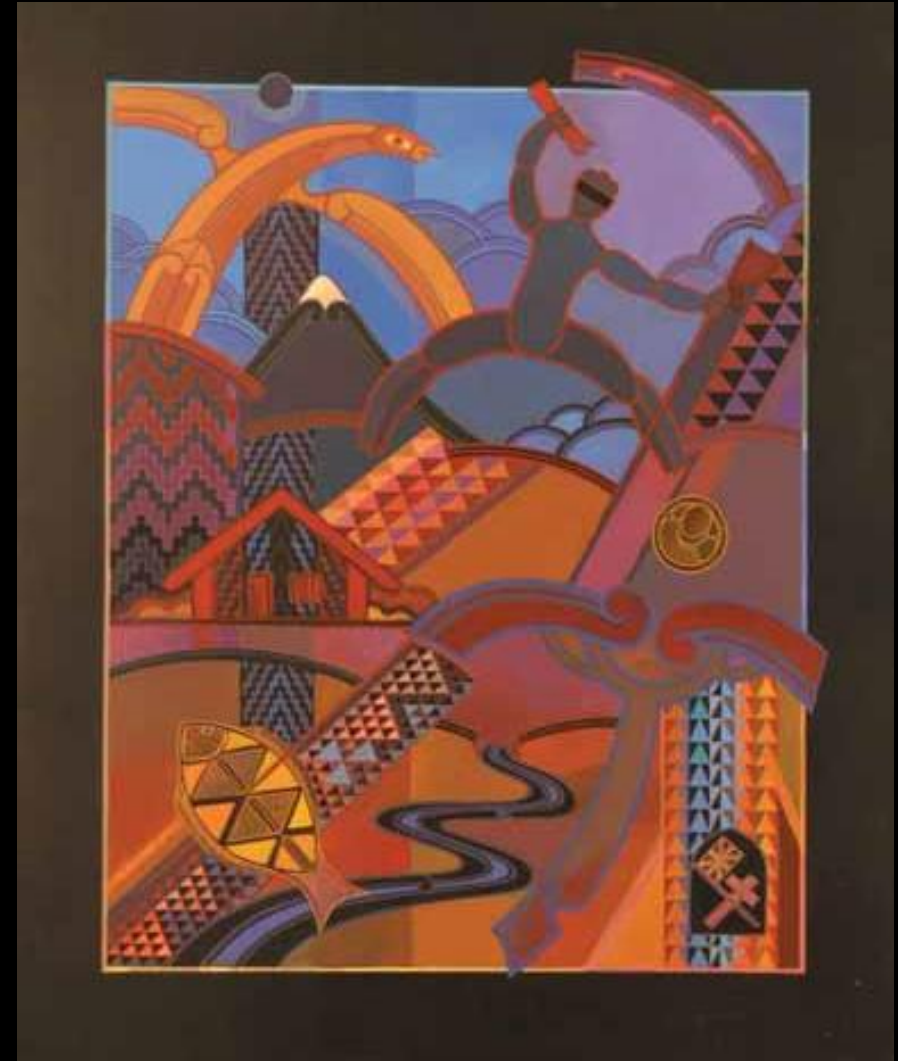


A Te Ao Māori Theory of Housing

- What is wellness? What is a wellness-promoting home and community?
- Mana and mauri, ka ora/ka noho
- Linking the features of a building to 'whānau ora factor' to principles of wellness based on te ao Māori

Distinctive characteristics:
Aspirations for an
indigenous-centred,
wellness-promoting home

- Layout
- Building Characteristics
- Moveable Household Items
- Inconography
- Systems & Materials
- Immediate Greenspace



The notion of righting the wrongs of the past can only ever be a partial solution if the wrongs of the present are ignored.





Matariki

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Thank you



Questions?