



At the completion of a project that received community funding, recipients are required, as stated in the Community Grant Policy, to submit a Project Report to the Community Board. Project Reports are to be received no later than two months after the completion of the project or if the activity is ongoing, within two months of the funding being spent.

Applicants who fail to provide a project report within the required time will not be considered for future funding.

Please return the completed form to: [funding@fndc.govt.nz](mailto:funding@fndc.govt.nz) PDF attachment via email is preferred) OR:

Funding Advisor  
Far North District Council  
Private Bag 752  
KAIKOHE 0440

Name of organisation: **Whatu Creative**

Name & Location of Project: **Te Āhuareke o Matariki**

Date of Project/activity: **03/07/23 – 22/07/23**

Which Community Board did you receive funding from?

Te Hiku

Kaikohe-Hokianga

Bay of Islands-Whangaroa

Amount received from the Community Fund:

Board meeting date the grant was approved:

Please give details of how the money was spent:

- **Your contribution to the project and the funding you received from the Community Board must be accounted for**
- **Attach supplier receipts or bank statements to show proof of expenditure of Community Board funds.**

Supplier/Description	\$amount	Receipt/s attached (please tick)
Harko Brown – Facilitator, all material supplied	\$3450	✓
Papa Taakaro - Wiremu Sarich, all materials supplied	\$2500	✓
Merryn Grace - Installation	\$1000	✓
Te Aho Tapu - Amber O'Neill	\$300	✓
Betsy Young – Facilitator, all materials supplied	\$500	✓
Whatu Creative – 2x Facilitators, 2x workshops, all materials supplied	\$2267.90	✓
He Waka Tauihu e Pareparea ana – Researchers 2x facilitators 3x workshops, Kaitaia, Kaikohe, Kawakawa + travel	\$1500 - Koha	✓
Catering	\$482.10	✓
Total:	\$12,000	

## **Give a brief description of the highlights of your project including numbers participating:**

The events and workshops that were run as part of Te Āhureka o Matariki 2023 were well attended by all ages throughout the district. The workshops ran over three weeks and we had over 300 participants across all the programs. Some of the highlights included the age range of participants from toddlers to our kuia and kaumatua. All the programs offered the opportunity for public to connect and share matauranga Māori in a safe environment. Matariki Maumahara 1000 captured the imagination of kids and adults while relaying the messages of sustainability and the need to return to natural resources. The Tuku Atu, Tuku Mai workshop was well attended with both libraries reaching chair and floor capacity. The workshop featured on Te Karere that evening and promoted the wider program and our message of revitalising traditional Māori art and forms of sharing matauranga. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdFPpBXgFC8>

The testimonials from those that attended the workshops were heartfelt and really expressed the hunger for more kaupapa Māori workshops and events in the libraries. For example, one father spoke about how he had never been to the library before and had no reason to go. His daughter asked him to take her to the Tuku Atu, Tuku Mai workshop – he initially said no but decided to bring her. He did not realise that the library could host a workshop like this – he thanked us and learnt about story telling through tukutuku.

Ngā Taonga Takaro led by Harko Brown was very popular and hosting him for a day in three locations allowed maximum exposure and opportunity for the community to come along and learn. It was evident in the faces of kids and adults the pure joy he brought through passing on his matauranga. The array of cognitive skill involved, and variety offered in Tākaro Māori games meant there was something for everyone.

He Waka Tauihu e Pareparea ana offered some really engaging korero around whenua Māori and the different ways whanau can research their whenua. The participants provided really positive feedback around the quality of the workshop and how they felt comfortable to share their kōrero. The facilitators have advised that many of the participants have continued their research journey and regularly meet up for study sessions.

Te Aho Tapu – Amber O'Neill filled in for Ellen Smith who was unable to run the original Mirimiri and Romiromi workshop. Participants learnt about the traditional Māori creation story and how all the elements of the taiao contribute to the balance of our hauora. Amber carried out several demonstrations within the group tailored to everyone's balance or out of balance hauora. Amber created a safe space where total strangers felt comfortable to open up about certain aspects of their person life. Amber's workshop was well attended and all asked if she ran sessions anywhere else.

**Describe the main findings in your evaluation of the project/event; describe how your project/ event benefited the community:**

We were encouraged by the 92 feedback forms returned by participants. The collaboration between libraries, Te Ahu Museum and community proved to be a successful model and we hope that this will inspire similar events. Te Āhuareka o Matariki enabled inter-generational exchanges and transfer of knowledge and experience. The series helped public to reimagine the library space and what it can be used for. The workshops brought life and energy to the library space and people were engaged and wanting more. It was very motivating to see the amount of people that attended the workshops. It was difficult to keep to the allocated time and the facilitators were very generous and stayed longer to accommodate the interest shown by our community. It was a privilege to be able to bring quality facilitators to our community and not have to pass on a cost to participants. The public were genuinely grateful to be able to come along to something that they were provided everything, and it didn't place any extra financial burden on them. I hope we can continue to bring more workshops to our district's library spaces.

**Please provide details and attach or email photos and/or any marketing collateral that was produced for your event/project acknowledging the Community Board:**

Please find attached booklet, FNDC article, photos, videos, and links to Te Karere interview.

FNDC article

<https://www.fndc.govt.nz/Whats-new/Latest-news/%E2%80%98Lit%E2%80%99-events-celebrating-Matariki>

Te Karere

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdFPpBXgFC8>

**If you have a Facebook page that we can link to please give details:**

Kaikohe Library FB

Kaitaia Library, Te Ahu FB

Te Hononga, Kawakawa Library FB

Procter Library, Kerikeri FB

Whatu Creative FB

**This report was completed by:**