



## Introducing the new

## **Child Health Service:**

# Te Wao Nui



#### The new name: Te Wao Nui



This is an Easy Read document about the new children's hospital and health service in Wellington.



The name of this new children's hospital and health service will be called:

Te Wao Nui.





Te Wao Nui is shortened from the Māori words **Te Wao Nui a Tāne.** 

**Te Wao Nui a Tāne** means The Great Forest of Tāne.

Tāne is the god of the forest.



Just like a real forest many things at Te Wao Nui work together well to give life.





The name Te Wao Nui means having a children's hospital and health service that works in a connected way for:

- tamariki / children
- rangatahi / young people
- whānau / families.

Te Wao Nui will be a health service for children in the **Central New Zealand** which covers the areas:

- lower North Island
- upper South Island.





The name Te Wao Nui and its story came about after talking with:

• tamariki / children



 Capital and Coast District Health Board



- Māori Partnership Board
- Wellington Hospitals Foundation



 the people who thought about how the new hospital building would be laid out



 Mark Dunajtschik who gave
50 million dollars to the new children's hospital.



The inside of the new building shows the connection to the forest.









### Te Wao Nui - our 9 kaitiaki



#### Kaitiaki look after:

- people
- the world we live in.



The guardians of the natural world were the first kaitiaki such as Tāne who is the kaitiaki of the forest.



Te Wao Nui will also be home to 9 **kaitiaki** forest creatures who will support in caring for our:



• tamariki / children

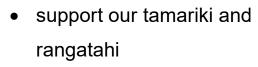
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These 9 kaitiaki forest creatures will be used in lots of ways at Te Wao Nui.

They are there to:





make everyone feel well cared
for during their hospital journey.



The 9 kaitiaki forest creatures that you can find at Te Wao Nui are:

- Fernie
- Kōwhai
- Heli
- Tiaki
- Ora
- Piko
- Tahi
- Rua
- Kaha.



Fernie is said as Fern - nee.

Fernie brings Manaakitanga to Te Wao Nui.

This means Fernie looks after our wellbeing by being:

- respectful •
- caring
- kind.



#### Kōwhai

Kōwhai is said as Core - figh.

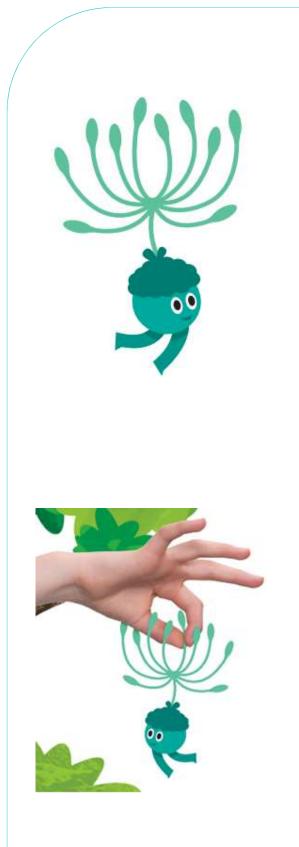
Kōwhai brings **Wayfinding** to Level 3 at Te Wao Nui.

**Wayfinding** means finding where to go.

This means Kōwhai is a guiding light for those on Level 3.

You can find Kōwhai hanging out in the branches of the trees or the middle of the forest.

Look out for their bright yellow coat.



### Heli

Heli is said as Heli.

Heli brings play and fun.

Heli is the most playful kaitiaki at Te Wao Nui.

Heli keeps everyone feeling good as they get better.

You can spot Heli by their natural propeller hat that spins when they're excited.

Heli loves to drop by for visits to spin a story or share fun facts.



#### Tiaki

Tiaki is said as Tee - ah - kee.

Tiaki brings Wayfinding to Level 2 at Te Wao Nui.

Tiaki means to:

- look after
- care
- protect.



Look out for their:

- bright red feelers on their head
- big warm eyes.



#### Ora

Ora is said as Awe - rah.

Ora brings **Waiora** to Te Wao Nui which means to:

- look after
- heal or get better.

Ora makes sure everyone is:

- safe
- comfortable
- not nervous or scared.



Ora floats around making sure everything is:

- clean
- safe.

Ora tells people things like: Please wash your hands.



#### Piko

Piko is said as Pea - core.

Piko also brings **Wayfinding** to Te Wao Nui on Level 4 of the building.

Look out for their bendy blue sprout on the top of his head.



Piko loves to look out over the forest to see what's happening.



Tahi is said as Tah - ee.

Tahi and Rua

Rua is said as Roo - ah.



Tahi and Rua bring **Partnership** to Te Wao Nui which means to bring people to work together.

Tahi and Rua are the oldest and wisest of the kaitiaki whānau.

They are never apart because they are the best of mates.



They believe in the power of teamwork.





Kaha is said as Car - ha.

Kaha brings **Bravery** to Te Wao Nui to make you feel:

• brave



• strong.

Sometimes you might feel scared about being in hospital.



Kaha has feelers on top of their head that can sense if you are scared.

So if you are feeling nervous Kaha will always be there for you.



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