

THE NORTHERN GROUP TAURANGA WHAI

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The Meaning Behind the Name:

The whai (stingray) is seen as a kaitiaki (guardian), which protects the areas where shellfish are harvested. We see our people (whāine) as stewards / kaitiaki / guardians of the game.

The Whai powers through the ocean. Its wings curled as it prepares to soar through the water. The Mangopare design that sits at the centre of our whai talks to determination, tenacity and leadership. The three notches represent the abundance of life found and connected to all the waterways of the area which connect us all.

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