

## ARTWORK - 'KOROWAI'

From the Bahá'ís of Waipa, and their friends at the World Conference

In June 2022, as a part of a wave of thousands of conferences being held around the world, the Bahá'ís of Waipa held a conference open to people from all backgrounds, cultures, religions and ages.

The aim was to bring together those who wished to explore the inherent oneness of humanity and work towards the betterment of the world. The invitation extended to any individuals, groups, communities and institutions who identified themselves as 'well-wishers of humanity'.

The conference was held on Rāwhitiroa Marae on 5th and 6th June 2022. One of the adult groups was invited to create this korowai artwork by choosing a virtues card at random, and decorating a 'feather' with the name of one virtue or taonga horomata in English and in Te Reo Māori, while consulting about how ngā taonga horomata would contribute to a vibrant, positive community life.

It was envisioned that by creating a piece of artwork that highlighted virtues, people may be encouraged to consider how these taonga play out in their own lives, and how they might themselves work towards the betterment of the world by strengthening these taonga.



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