

About us



The Tauranga Moana Restorative Justice Trust was founded in 2004 and is a registered charity.

As a Trust, we believe in the value of restorative justice for giving victims and communities a meaningful role in dealing with the harmful effects of crime whilst also ensuring that offenders are held accountable for their actions. Our belief is strengthened with every conference we facilitate.

Our vision is to help communities take responsibility for addressing the effects of crime in ways that engage those most affected, restores balance and develops diverse peaceful relationships.

The Tauranga Moana Restorative Justice Trust seeks to provide a professional service.

We are always looking for ways we can improve our service. If you take part in the restorative justice process, we will ask you to tell us how you found it and how you think we can improve.

We also welcome the opportunity to talk to community groups about restorative justice. If you would like us to visit your community or place of work, please contact us.



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What is Restorative Justice?

Restorative justice is a process that aims to put things right for people who have been victims of offences. It does this through a meeting between the victim and offender. This meeting is called a restorative justice conference.

In a Restorative Justice Conference

...the victims can:

- Talk freely about how the offence has affected them and others
- Have their questions about the offence and the offender answered
- Have their views about the offending go to the judge
- Agree on ways the effects of the offending can be reduced or put right.

...the offenders can:

- Meet the person they offended against
- Apologise for their actions
- Talk about what they have done and why they did it
- Understand the consequences of their actions
- Take personal responsibility for putting things right.

When can this process take place?

- When the offender pleads guilty or admits responsibility for the offence
- Before sentencing
- After sentencing, whether the offender is in prison or not
- Before release from prison (as part of their parole)
- Sometimes when a charge has not been laid in Court, even if this is years after the offence.

How can you find out if it's possible?

- Ask us - you can call us for free on **0508 2 RESTORE (0508 273786)** and we'll talk it through with you confidentially
- Talk to Victim Support, the Court Victim Adviser or Police and let them know your views
- Ask a lawyer, the Community Law Centre or Citizens Advice Bureau.

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*“Rurea, taitea,
kia tū ko taikākā
anake - Strip
away the bark,
expose the
heartwood.”*

More frequently asked questions...

Do I have to meet?

No. The restorative justice process is voluntary for all parties.

Is it safe?

Yes. The meeting is held in a safe environment and run by our trained and independent facilitators.

Can support people attend?

Yes. Each party is encouraged to bring one or more people to support them during and after the conference.

The court has ordered restorative justice, what next?

Please contact us to make sure that we have your correct details then one of our facilitators will call to arrange a time and a venue to meet with you.

For more information contact us on
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or visit our website at

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*“Justice cannot be for one side
alone, but must be for both.”*

Eleanor Roosevelt



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