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Motueka

“More-two-eka”

According to local iwi the name Motueka comes from a connection to the Polynesian island of Tahiti and the Motue'a inlet.

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Tipahi

“Tea-pa-he”

Meaning or translation unknown.

A possibly explanation for the name is a compound word consisting of the following:

Tī 1. (noun) cabbage trees of various species Pahi 1. (noun) temporary camping place.

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Atawhai

“Are-tar-fy”

Atawhai

1. (verb) (-ngia,-tia) to show kindness to, care for.
2. (modifier) kindly, kind, generous, benevolent, hospitable.
3. (noun) kindness, generosity, liberality, kind heartedness, benevolence.

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Nikau

“Knee-co”

Nikau

1. (noun) nīkau, *Rhopalostylis sapida* - a native palm.

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Kauri

“Co-ree”

Kauri

1. (noun) kauri, *Agathis australis* - largest forest tree but found only in the northern North Island, it has a large trunk and small, oblong, leathery leaves, kauri resin, soot from burnt kauri gum used for tattooing.

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Ngā Whatū
“Nga-far-two”

Nga 1. (particle) (determiner) the - plural of te.

Whatu 1. (noun) eye, pupil of the eye, a reference to Nga Whatu (Whatu Tipare, Whatu Kaipono).