

Aukaha Pānui 8 July 2021

Kia ora tātou!

It has been another busy month for Aukaha; a couple of highlights have included the Shareholder hui at Puketeraki Marae on the 21 June, and the launch of Kā Huanui a Tāhuna in Queenstown. Unfortunately I didn't make it to the Puketeraki hui due to a last minute parenting emergency, however, by all accounts it was a successful day with a lot of meaty kōrero taking place. These hui are important events for Aukaha - this is a great forum for the Aukaha board and senior management to share with rūnaka communities the work we do, hear your aspirations and whakaaro, and take these back to align in with our current work programmes and future thinking. The next Shareholder hui (we really must think of a better name!) will be taking place at Hokonui in October - keep an eye out for more details over the coming weeks!

The launch of Kā Huanui a Tāhuna took place last week on the 2 July - Kā Huanui a Tāhuna is the name gifted to the Whakatipu Transport Alliance (Queenstown Lake District Council, He Waka Kōtahi, Beca, Downer, Fulton Hogan, WSP, Aukaha, and Te Ao Marama Inc) by mana whenua from across Murihiku. This is an exciting piece of work taking place over the next few years to develop improved transport infrastructure across the QLDC area. As part of our involvement in the project, we plan to leverage opportunities for employment, narrative, art, and design, and identify social procurement opportunities. See the media release <https://nzta.govt.nz/media-releases/ka-huanui-a-tahuna-launch-and-sod-turning-of-the-queenstown-town-centre-arterial-road-stage-1/>



Aukaha staff and mana whenua at the launch of Kā Huanui a Tāhuna

Monday this week also saw the blessing of the new Mosgiel Pool site by Ōtākou representatives. Aukaha's Mana Ahurea team have contributed a significant narrative and design for the new pool, based on Matamata, Rakitauneke's taniwhā - his movements shaped the Taiari area and Otago Harbour. Traditional plant species from the Taiari have also been heavily referenced in the building design. I was told that Mosgiel was so cold and frosty that morning that everyone forgot to take photos!

Tirohaka Kaimahi

Introducing Jade Saville—Project Manager, Mana Tākata



Tēnā koutou katoa

Ko Motupōhue te mauka

Ko Te Ara a Kewa te awa

Ko Uruao me Takitimu kā waka

Ko Te Rau Aroha te marae

Ko Wharetutu Newton tōku tupuna

Ko Kavahn rātou ko Kaysen, ko Quinn āku

Tamariki

Nō Awarua ahau ēkari i tipu ake au kei Ōtepoti

Ko Jade tāku ikoa.

I am really excited to be working at Aukaha, being part of an organisation that really makes a difference to people's lives and gives me a real purpose. I look forward to assisting Chris and the team to expand our portfolio and achieve some amazing outcomes for whānau.

Prior to working here at Aukaha, I've spent the last two years managing the DCC Reactive Maintenance Contract, through two different companies, due to tender renewal. I spent the last year setting up and running a branch in conjunction with this contract, which upskilled me immensely and gave me a huge insight into the trade sector. Prior to this, I worked as a legal executive for many years, specialising in conveyancing.

Apart from spending time with my amazing kids, I have a love of health and fitness. I went through a weight-loss journey, which has made me passionate about helping others achieve their health and fitness goals.

That's me in a nutshell.

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

Update from Mana Taiao

The team are getting out and about to reconnect with rūnaka for whakawhānaukataka. Kate, Korako, and Sandra visited the Moeraki Rūnaka meeting in mid-June, and plans are underway to visit Hokonui later in July.

Pam Walker (Senior Planner) continues her work with Tania and the Consents team to

streamline consenting process. As we gain more insight into the proposed changes to resource management and consenting under the proposed Natural and Built Environments Act, we are becoming aware of the increase in workloads that will accompany these changes. There will potentially be a 50% increase in workloads in this area under the new legislation!

Mana Taiao will be contacting kā rūnaka soon to organise a Zoom, so we can discuss some of the ideas we have to make the consenting workload more manageable, both for kā rūnaka and Aukaha staff. We are interested in talking through processes to ensure that all rūnaka reps are getting adequately paid and resourced for the work they do in relation to consents.

Consultation on the Regional Policy Statement: Freshwater Management is now open to public submissions through to 3 September. Significant aspects of the document were written in partnership between Aukaha and the Otago Regional Council.

Sandra and Tim, Aukaha's freshwater planners, will be organising a series of workshops with kā rūnaka in the coming weeks and months to identify desired outcomes and mana whenua values for the Land and Water Plan: Freshwater Management Units (FMUs).

Work is underway on to submit a Cultural Impact Assessment for the proposed Silverlight Studios project, which aims to build a substantial film studio combined with a film park and film school on the Wānaka-Luggate highway adjacent to the Wānaka Airport.

MBIE have contracted Aukaha to deliver a cultural values report related to the proposal to use Lake Onslow for pumped hydrostorage. You can find more information on the project [here](#). This will be a significant project that will be undertaken over the next six months.

QEII National Trust have contracted Aukaha to develop a cultural values report for the Remarkables Station, which has been gifted to the Trust. The report will identify mana whenua values for the property, and make recommendations for the property's governance over the next 50 years.

Teamwork!



The Mana Tākata team recently supported the He Toki Pre Trade Construction students from Otago Polytech's Cromwell campus achieve the certificates in Heights and Safety.

Opportunities

Aukaha have a number of employment and career opportunities in the civil and trades sector. If you know of anyone, wāhine, tāne, or rakatahi, who is seeking or just wanting a change of pathway, please get in touch for more details of these opportunities.

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Experience is not essential, however, you must be willing, punctual, and motivated.

CV not updated? We can support you around updating this.

Are you an experienced and talented researcher and writer, with whakapapa connections to our shareholder rūnaka?

We are always on the lookout for new talent to add to our pool of Mana Ahurea contract researcher/writers. To be considered, please send your CV and sample of your work to Nicola Morand, General Manager Mana Ahurea, nicola@aukaha.co.nz

From the Board

The Board welcomed newly appointed independent Director Loretta Lovell at its June meeting - Loretta brings a wealth of governance experience to Aukaha; we are very excited at the level of expertise and strategic thinking she will bring to the board.

Communication continues to be a key priority - the CE is in discussion with a Ngāi Tahu consultancy to develop and implement a communication strategy.

The Senior Management team have started quarterly meetings with the Otago Regional Council's Executive Leadership Team. These will be scheduled in the weeks preceding the Mana to Mana meetings between rūnaka leadership and the Council with the aim to foster closer working relationships and a more strategic approach to the Mana to Mana forum.

The financial year is set to close with a surplus - a very pleasing outcome, considering the unknown impacts of Covid at the beginning of the financial year resulted in a very conservative budget forecasting a loss. Drafting a Five Year Financial Strategy has been identified as a priority.

The Board continues to work on drafting and implementing a Board Best Practice Policy. Once adopted, the policy will clearly outline the governance requirements of the Directors and for the organisation. Alongside this piece of work, the Board adopted a new Vision and Mission for Aukaha. With the redefined Values adopted earlier in the year, the high level strategic direction of Aukaha firmly centres hapū and rūnaka at the core of the organisation. Work continues on developing the detail for a new strategic plan to action the new Vision and Mission.

Haere rā!

Aukaha are reluctantly saying farewell to Office and Human Resource Manager Emma Lang and Nurse Practitioner Lorna Scoon. Emma is leaving us to follow her HR passion by taking up the role of Human Resource Manager at Otago Museum, and Lorna will continue to be familiar to whānau in the Tokomairiro area, where she will spend more time at Tokomairiro Waiora Inc. Both will be hugely missed, but its good to know we will still have some connections through our relationships with the museum and Tokomairiro Waiora!