



Aukaha

KIA KAHA, AU KAHA

Pānui

December 2021





Otago Peninsula, by Riani Iti-Metuatai

Kia ora koutou

Ngā mihi ki a koutou i raro o te wā

The Aukaha Board held their AGM in November, and as such, it provides a great opportunity for reflection over the past year.

The team at Aukaha have had another incredible year continuing to work on behalf of kā rūnaka, lifting outcomes and advocating for our whānau, our taiao, our cultural identity, and our wider hapori. If you haven't had a chance to take a look at our 2021 Annual Report, keep an eye out for the link further into the pānui, sit down with a cuppa and share in our achievements over the past year.

You'll notice as you go through our Annual Report that we have started reporting on non-financial outcomes – this gives a much broader view of what Aukaha are achieving on behalf of rūnaka and shows the impact we have on our hapori throughout the rohe.

One such outcome that we will be reporting on in the future is sustainability.

The Aukaha Leadership Team believe we should be walking the talk and working hard to reduce our impact on the planet. As such, we have recently joined up with the Toitū Carbon Assess programme, and the Mana Aukaha team is busy establishing our baseline from which we can measure our reduction in carbon emissions over time.

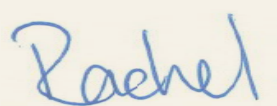
Further actions from the Board in November include a discussion of Director terms –

Chair Edward Ellison has sent a memo to rūnaka offices to encourage discussion back at rūnaka level. This also sparks off a reminder to rūnaka about an earlier memo from the Chair in regard to alternate directors from each rūnaka.

This is our last pānui for the year, so I mihi to all those who have contributed to the success of Aukaha over the last year - staff, contractors, rūnaka contact people and panel members, the Board, and everyone else engaged in or supporting Aukaha mahi in any capacity. I look forward to another exciting action-packed 2022 with a move to our new premises in Hanover Street in March and some exciting new projects scheduled to kick off in the New Year. We'll continue to review how we engage and resource our contact people and rūnaka to support the work we're doing, with a view to introducing a new way of working by mid 2022.

Have a restful summer, enjoy time with whānau and loved ones, and we'll see everyone when the Aukaha office re-opens on the 17th January!

Chief Executive, Rachel Wesley



MANA AUKAHA

Kia ora e te whānau,

Ngā mihi o te wā! Just like that, the end of another successful year for the organisation is drawing to a close already!

The Mana Aukaha team have been hard at work this month, organising the end of year Christmas celebration, AGM and Annual Report, as well as work continuing on the new office fit-out, the Aukaha covid response, H&S process improvements and providing administrative support to other projects the organisation has underway. The AGM was held on 12 November where the Aukaha 2021 Annual Report was presented, detailing the mahi we have been involved in over the course of the previous financial year and our financial performance. We are pleased to have ended the 2021 financial year with some inspiring stories of the mahi we have been involved with, and in a strong financial position, especially given the uncertainty of COVID and the impact on organisations across the motu. Special mention goes out to Riani Iti-Metuatai for the graphic design of the 2021 Annual Report. Riani started with Aukaha just before we went into lockdown in August, so she is a relatively new member of our organisation. Many hours were dedicated to weaving this report together and her creative flair is evident in the final report that was produced. If you are yet to have a read of our 2021 annual report, please click on the following link – [Aukaha 2021 Annual Report](#)

The office fit-out at Hanover St is progressing nicely, a couple of site visits have taken place

over the past month, and we are pleased with the progress the builders are making. Construction will go on hold for approximately 4 weeks over the holiday period, but once the Tradies are back on deck it will be all systems go to complete our fit-out by the end of March.

This Summer, we are pleased to offer placement to a Māori student from the University of Otago Business School. They will be working on a small project within the Mana Aukaha team that will benefit the wider organisation and will present a report to us at the end of her placement in February. Nau mai, haere mai.

With the Covid Traffic Light System having been recently announced by the Government as coming into effect **at 11:59pm Thursday 2 December 2021**, we are working through the implications on the organisation and how we will operate under these new restrictions. Once we have a clearer vision of what this looks like, this will be communicated to rūnaka so you know what to expect when visiting our office.

Lastly, as we embark on these final weeks of the year, it's timely to update you of our Christmas Closure dates. Our last day in the office will be **Wednesday 23rd December** and the office will reopen **Monday 17 January 2022 at 9:00am**. We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday; enjoy time with whānau, friends and loved ones, relax and rewind, and we look forward to seeing you again in the new year.



MANA AHUREA

*Written by Caron Ward
Mana Ahurea, General Manager*

It seems like no time at all has passed since our last update, and again Mana Ahurea has been busy with some new projects being commenced and progressing cultural narratives to be published for local schools. Contacts to the Mana Ahurea team are still coming thick and fast, and as a tiny team, we are still working through managing as much as we can. Our amazing contractors and mana whenua panels continue to provide Jacinda and I with amazing support and guidance.

We were pleased to deliver a cultural school narrative for Bayfield High School, which will support the school to consider how mana whenua stories can be reflected in the design and build of new buildings. A big thanks to Ōtakou whānau Megan Pōtiki and Winnie Matahaere who co-authored the narrative, and to Amie Curtis for supporting the engagement.

This month we have commenced engagement in three Art & Design

Projects, the redevelopment of the old Warehouse Building, which will be the new staff headquarters for the Otago Regional Council, the Dunedin Police Station interior refit, and Te Pā Tāhuna, Ngai Tahu Properties residential development in Tāhuna.

It will be amazing to see how the re-design of the interior of the old Warehouse building will take shape and transform from an empty warehouse to an office housing hundreds of staff.

Earlier in October, Simon and I also visited Ōtautahi, to meet with Ngāi Tahu Property and their design team to commence planning for the Te Pā Tāhuna project, which will focus on the urban design areas. It was inspiring to see the new landscape of the city and where mana whenua narratives have impacted the new builds. I am excited with the knowledge that Ōtepoti and Tāhuna will soon start to reflect our stories as well and feel lucky to be able to be a part of that journey.





OTHER KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- As part of our project on the Arterial network in Queenstown, we were able to arrange a Wānanga with St Josephs School in Tāhuna, facilitated by Paulette Tamati-Elliffe and her amazing whanau, Artist Jennifer Rendall and Singer Marlon Williams. The school is about to have significant disruption while the new arterial into Tāhuna is redeveloped right past their school, and a large retaining wall will be built around their school. This is going to be a large opportunity for cultural design, and we wanted to ensure the school were part of that process.
- A few days ago, Megan Pōtiki, supported by Paulette and Michelle Taiaroa-McDonald, delivered a historical cultural narrative to senior members of the Dunedin Police and their Design Team. This is part of a project to work with the New Zealand Police, to redevelop internal spaces within Dunedin Central Station, a Ngāi Tahu owned building, and integrate Mana Whenua values and narratives into the re-design.

As Christmas is fast approaching, our focus over the next month will be to tidy up as much as possible and enjoy a few weeks off. Next year will be a huge year for us, and you will start to see some of our projects start to take shape.

We hope you have a safe and relaxing holiday with whānau and friends.

MANA TĀKATA

Written by Chris Rosenbrock, Mana Tākata General Manager

The Mana Takata team continues to monitor and plan for the arrival of the Delta variant once our internal borders re-open on the 15th of December COVID-19 resurgence planning. While not being alarmist this is a when not if situation. Therefore, this Pānui we want to focus on making sure you and your whanau are prepared.

As our vaccination rates increase across the Southern rohe, alongside the Aotearoa rates overall the health response is moving into a new phase where COVID-19 will be managed more flexibly in the community. Our Mana Takata staff are readying for a coordinated and responsive delivery of support when cases arise.

In this new phase, when a person is confirmed positive for COVID-19, the requirement to quarantine remains and is necessary to keep the wider community safe. Depending on the level of the illness, home quarantine may be a good option for the individual. Other options will still be available including placement in a managed facility if necessary, and if several unwell, hospital care.

Aukaha Navigators will be working alongside, Public Health South, GP's and the SDHB to ensure whānau are well supported and able to recover and resume their daily lives healthy and well.

Please see this helpful guide *Protect Our Whakapapa* and feel free to reach out at anytime. We can assist with planning, advice, and other support.

Don't forget to enjoy the Christmas break with your whānau, while some things may be different for the next while remember to treat yourself and others well during the upcoming break.

Protect Our Whakapapa

information provided by: healthnavigator.org.nz

If you start to feel any flu like symptoms, particularly shortness of breath, sore throat or fever

**Call Healthline on
0800 358 5453**

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Who is in our whānau, who else are we responsible for?

- Name
- Address
- Age
- DOB
- Gender
- Phone number
- Medical conditions
- Medications
- Allergies

2

Emergency Contact List

- Non-household emergency contact
- Doctor
- Dentist
- Usual Chemist/Pharmacy
- Healthline (COVID-19) **0800 358 543**
- Government (COVID-19) helpline **0800 779 997 / 0800 226 657**

- Healthline **0800 611 116**
- Police emergency **111**
- Police (local station)
- Support agencies
- Other important numbers

3

Items that are essential to the well-being of our whānau

- Do you have plenty of formula for any pēpi who drink from a bottle?
- Other than kai and wai, what else is essential that we don't have?

4

Does everyone in the whānau understand how to prevent COVID-19?

- Why we should stay home and only go out to access essential services
- If we go out to the supermarket/pharmacy how do we keep safe?
- Should we and can we drive anywhere in a Level 4 lockdown?

5

What is the plan if a whānau member becomes infected with COVID-19

- Create a self-isolation space in your share where that whānau can stay in
- Discuss how important it is that the person who is sick is in self-isolation
- Let younger tamariki know their very important job is to stay away from the māuiui person and the isolation space

6

If I get sick, who will need to be contacted? Who will take care of tamariki?

- If I get sick and need to self-isolate, will someone look after the tamariki or should we make other arrangements?
- Who needs to be contacted
- What is our 'Tamariki Plan', who will look after them?
- Having someone to care for you tamariki at home is the safe option
- If the tamariki need to go out somewhere else, will their clothes and belongings need to be washed before leaving our whare?

7

What are the specific needs unique to your whānau

- Who are the high-risk whānau we need to care for during lockdown/isolation
- Are there any specific health or mental health needs we haven't thought about?
- If we usually go to church, how will we continue to practise our faith?

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What else needs to be considered

- Do the tamariki need to do schoolwork or homework?
- Are the tamariki missing their friends (connecting online)
- Are all the fire alarms in the whare working

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COVID-19 websites for whānau

Here are a couple of websites with accurate and useful information about COVID-19

<http://www.Urunga.māori.nz>
Information from the National Māori Pandemic Group

<http://covid19.govt.nz>
Information including tikanga Māori and looking after health and well-being

MANA TAIAO

Kia ora tātou,

He mihi nui ki a koutou katoa!

Please accept a huge mihi of appreciation for the work that has been done to support the mahi of the Mana Taiao team in 2021. Wishing you all the very best for a fantastic, safe, and restful summer, no matter how you intend to spend it.

Tēnā rawa atu koutou!

WARRINGTON MOTOR CARAVAN PARK NOTIFIED APPLICATION AND HEARING

Positive Outcome for Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki

*Written by Yvonne Takau
Mana Taiao, Planner*

In July this year, Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki opposed New Zealand Motor Caravan Association's (NZMCA) resource consent application to establish and operate a members only caravan park at 20 Bay Road, Warrington. The Rūnaka opposed the application on the grounds that this would put pressure on an already overstressed Warrington Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), thus, resulting in adverse impacts on the deeply entrenched mana whenua values in the area. The WWTP sits on a sandspit between the estuary and the ocean and has been called into question on a number of occasions for exceeding its consented nutrient limits.

The Rūnaka presented the option of having an above ground holding tank with the wastewater then being transported for treatment at a tertiary level WWTP. The applicant rejected this proposal stating that it

was too costly given the remote location of Warrington.

When the hearing took place in late September this year, Brendan and Suzi Flack presented evidence on behalf of the Rūnaka reiterating the deeply rooted values that Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki has with the Warrington and Blueskin Bay area, and the detrimental impacts wastewater seepage into the estuary would have on those values for generations to come. The Committee decided to grant the consent, however, in considering the evidence of Brendan and Suzi, along with confirmation from the DCC 3 Waters team, the Committee instructed that a condition be included requiring an above ground holding tank be installed. This condition will only be reviewed when the WWTP at Warrington is of a suitable standard. An awesome outcome from Brendan and Suzi's efforts during the hearing!

DR LYN CARTER



Photo credit: Otago Blogs

*Written by Kate Timms-Dean
Mana Taiao, General Manager*

Dr Lyn Carter has worked with Mana Taiao staff as a resource management representative for many years. Her knowledge, passion, and academic experience have made her an esteemed colleague and mentor over that time.

Lyn studied social anthropology and Māori Studies at the University of Auckland as a 'mature student,' finishing with a Masters' degree, and then a Doctor of Philosophy. Her Masters' research focused on oral traditions, whakapapa, and landscape, whereas her doctoral research examined the impact of government on traditionally organised Māori groups. Te Keremē and the Ngāi Tahu settlement provided a backdrop for her research.

Lyn's stellar academic career had already included many highlights when she joined staff at Te Tumu, School and Māori, Pacific, and Indigenous Studies at the University of Otago in 2011. The move enabled her to engage more fully with her whakapapa connections to Puketeraki. These connections deepened her academic mahi, as a platform for rich student learning and engagement that supports the local community projects.

More recently, Lyn's research into indigenous knowledge, landscape, and climate change, has supported the mahi of Mana Taiao in relation to this important kaupapa.

E te māreikura, tēnā rawa atu koe, Lyn.



Fig 1.
Bucket showing Taieri
flatheads and
macroinvertebrates

FIELDWORK

Update from Mana Taiao

Aukaha have been getting out and about in North Otago assisting DoC with threatened galaxiid survey work and ORC with estuary monitoring. Korako (Kaiārahi Taiao) is pictured at various field work sites



Fig 2.
Lowland longjaw galaxias. Nationally Critical threat status and found only in the Kauru, Kakaunui and a handful of spring-fed streams in the Mackenzie Basin

Fig 3.
Korako with Otago Regional Council and Salt Ecology on a windy and rainy day taking sediment samples from the Pleasant River Estuary and learning about Estuary monitoring

Fig 4.
Korako Edwards and Julia Rata-Te Raki electric fishing for Taieri flathead galaxias on the Waikōuaiti River

Fig 5.
Korako Edwards and former Aukaha employee Phoenix Hale (now DoC) electric fishing on the Kauru River for lowland longjaw galaxias



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