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CLIMATE HEALTH AOTEAROA

NGĀ MIHI O TE WĀ PŌHUTUKAWA

GREETINGS IN THE SEASON OF
THE PŌHUTUKAWA

Tēnā koutou,

This kawerongo (newsletter) is an update on the recent activity and planned developments within Climate Health Aotearoa (CHA). We introduce a new CHA coordinator; our previous coordinator, Ken Taiapa, is now dedicating his work with CHA as a research fellow. Furthermore, two opportunities are advertised, a Māori Master Scholarship and an external opportunity with the Swiss Climate Summer School. We outline some of the climate health publications, letters, articles, and reports produced by CHA members. Lastly, we provide an update on some climate health news.

We hope you all have a restful summer break and look forward to working with you in 2023.

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NOELEEN VENTER THE NEW CHA COORDINATOR

Noeleen Venter has been appointed as the new Climate Health Aotearoa Coordinator. Noeleen, based in Ōtepoti, has recently completed her Master's in Public Health and has worked in several Assistant Research Fellow roles with the Department of Preventive and Social Medicine, University of Otago. If she isn't in a cafe with a good book, then she is either riding her bike, swimming in the ocean, or running the beautiful trails in Te Waipounamu | South Island.



Ō MĀTOU TĀNGATA OUR PEOPLE



DR KEN TAIAPA *CHA RESEARCH FELLOW*

Previously the CHA Coordinator and Research Fellow, Ken Taiapa has been appointed as the Climate Health Aotearoa Research Fellow and is leading a Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Ngā Matakitenga grant. He has a background in public health research and evaluation using kaupapa Māori methodologies working with Māori health and social service providers in a range of contexts. His PhD work told the story of a hapū mārakai initiative and the healing that occurred through connecting people to whenua.

JOIN OUR TEAM MĀORI MASTERS SCHOLARSHIP OPPERTUNITY

Applications are invited for a Masters scholarship designed to help develop and apply skills in a research Masters programme that contributes to understanding on oranga taiao/hauora tangata (healthy environments/healthy people), with a focus on climate change and health.

The scholarship is funded by the Institute of Environmental Science and Research (ESR). It will provide one year of research Masters funding for a full-time Māori student enrolled at Te Whare Wānanga o Ōtākou (University of Otago).

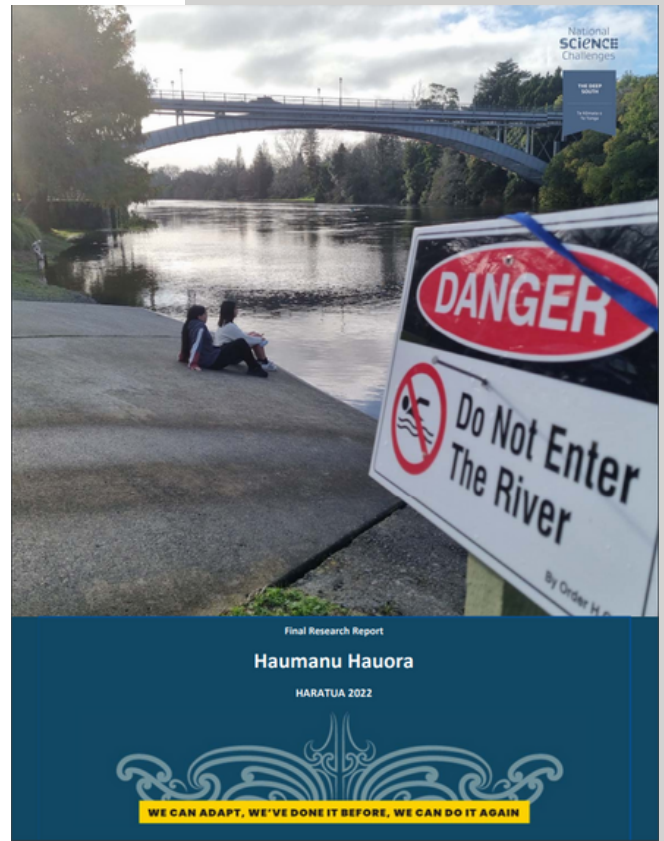
For more information on the scholarship and how to apply follow [this link](#).

Ō MĀTOU MAHI OUR WORK

HAUMANU HAUORA: STRENGTHENING HEALTH INSTITUTION MĀORI RESPONSIVENESS TO CLIMATE CHANGE

CHA Steering Committee member, Bridgette Masters-Awatere and colleagues have published a research report from the "Haumanu Hauora: Strengthening health institution responsiveness to climate change" project, funded by the Deep South National Science Challenge. This research project investigated how health institutions "develop Māori responsive policy as a preparatory step in anticipation of climate change impacts on Māori health."

Contact Bridgette directly for a copy of the report: bridgette.masters-awatere@waikato.ac.nz



NAVIGATING FUNDAMENTAL TENSIONS TOWARDS A DECOLONIAL RELATIONAL VISION OF PLANETARY HEALTH

In October 2022, our co-directors, Rhys Jones and Alex Macmillan alongside Papatangi Reid, published a personal view article in The Lancet Planetary Health. Read more [here](#).

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A LETTER TO THE LANCET

In April, our Co-Directors wrote a letter on behalf of Climate Health Aotearoa to the Lancet to urge the publishing company Elsevier to end fossil fuel partnerships and subsidies. The letter was published in the 17 December issue. The delay in publishing was to allow the Elsevier board to respond. However, they have not yet done so. Read the letter below, or [click here](#) to view the letter on the Lancet webpage.

Elsevier must end its fossil fuel partnerships and subsidies

Alex Macmillan, Rhys Jones

Elsevier, The Lancet's publisher, continues to subsidise climate pollution through analytic tools and new journals supporting coal, oil, and gas exploration and extraction—an ongoing partnership that is morally and materially insupportable. Richard Horton calls climate change the most important existential crisis facing the human species,¹ supported by the unjust burden of mortality and morbidity catalogued in the Lancet Countdown on health and climate change. For human safety, most known oil and gas, and almost all coal, must remain in the ground. Further, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) now identifies unethical lobbying by coal, oil, and gas industries as the major barrier to climate action.

On behalf of Climate Health Aotearoa, a national climate change and health research centre in New Zealand, we call on The Lancet's Editorial Board to demand an end to Elsevier's support for fossil fuel industries. We urge The Lancet Group to ensure Elsevier upholds the Group's ethical commitment: that the best science must lead to better lives.

For the Lancet Countdown on health and climate change, [click here](#)

For more on Climate Health Aotearoa, [click here](#)

For IPCC reports, [click here](#)

For The Lancet Group's pledge, [click here](#)

We declare no competing interests.

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GROWING FOR GOOD



PRODUCING A HEALTHY,
LOW GREENHOUSE GAS
AND WATER QUALITY
FOOTPRINT DIET IN
AOTEAROA, NEW
ZEALAND

CHA Steering Committee member, Cristina Cleghorn, alongside Richard W. McDowell and colleagues recently published an article in the Journal of the Royal Society of New Zealand about investigating two scenarios aimed at delivering a healthy diet while maximising profit and minimising greenhouse gas and water-quality footprint.

[Click here to view the full article.](#)

SAVE THE DATE:
CLIMATE CHANGE
AND HEALTH
CONFERENCE 2023

5-6th July 2023

Victoria University | Wellington

The biennial Healthcare Sustainability and Climate Health Conference will be held on the 5-6th July 2023. To be held at Victoria University in Wellington.



SHARE **YOUR**
CLIMATE HEALTH
PROJECTS
PUBLICATIONS
NEWS...

The CHA Kawerongo is a platform to share our Research Network and Members' climate health work and news.

If you have anything you would like to share, please email:

climatechangeandhealth@lists.otago.ac.nz

KAWEPŪRONGO NEWS

Oeschger Centre for Climate Change Research: Summer School 2023

3rd - 8th September 2023

"The 21st International Swiss Climate Summer School focuses on the theme "Climate-Water-Energy-Food-Nexus". The purpose of this highly interdisciplinary summer school is to bring early stage researchers in touch with established scientists from different disciplines to bridge the topic of climate change with sustainable development goals strongly focusing on social, economic, and humanity aspects."

All early career researchers are encouraged to apply, the application deadline is the 17th of February 2023.

Click [here](#) for more information and how to apply.

THE CONVERSATION Human Rights Arguments in Climate Change Action.

In the weekly synthesis of academic insight on solutions to climate change, [this article](#) discusses how human rights legislation is emerging as an important check on industries intent on releasing dangerous quantities of planet-warming gases.

STUFF Heat and Eat Interactive Article

Recently Kate Newton and Felipe Rodrigues published an [interactive article on Stuff](#), illustrating the climate impact of food.



UNI NEWS

Fascinating talk on just sustainabilities for Ron Lister memorial lecture

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JUST SUSTAINABILITY

Professor Julian Agyeman spoke on just sustainabilities in policy, planning and practice at the annual Ron Lister Public Lecture in November this year at the University of Otago. Notes on his talk can be found [here](#).

“I DEFINE JUST STAINABILITIES AS THE ABILITY OF PEOPLE AS INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES TO HAVE A GOOD QUALITY OF LIFE AND WELLBEING, DELIVERED IN A JUST AND EQUITABLE MANNER WHILE LIVING WITHIN THE LIMITS OF SUPPORTING ECOSYSTEMS”