

CLIMATE HEALTH AOTEAROA

TĒNĀ KOUTOU,

We hope this kawerongo (newsletter) finds you well, our thoughts are with our friends, whānau, and community in Te Ika-a-Māui (North Island) who have been affected by recent extreme weather events. Kia kaha whānau.

This kawerongo brings you the latest updates and developments within Climate Health Aotearoa (CHA). As we move further into 2023, CHA is looking towards collaboration and facilitation of member-led collaboration. Ken Taiapa brings an update on a mātauranga Māori project on page 2. Upcoming funding opportunities are highlighted on page 3, as well as CHA's offer to support member-led collaborative projects. And finally, on Page 4, we briefly share CHA's recent visit to Taranaki to kōrero with tangata whenua about how CHA research can support climate health action locally.

To close, a small thought. This morning I was pondering about the Māpunga (black shag), one of my favourite Aotearoa New Zealand birds. They are neither the best swimmers in the ocean, nor the fastest flyers in the sky, but they are best suited for what they do. In some way, I feel encouraged by this and hope you do too. Know that the work you do matters.

Ngā mihi nui,
Noeleen Venter, CHA Co-ordinator

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EXAMINING THE CONTRIBUTION OF MĀTAURANGA MĀORI TO CLIMATE HEALTH IN AOTEAROA

Words by Ken Taiapa

The research was developed to explore the contribution of mātauranga towards climate health outcomes in Aotearoa. The research team, Kenneth Taiapa and Summer Wright, are also supported by a rōpū tautoko including Rhys Jones, Bridgette Masters-Awatere, and Christina McKerchar. The findings will contribute towards a growing body of knowledge on the health-giving relationships between Indigenous Peoples and te taiao.

The research uses key informant interviews guided by kaupapa Māori methodologies to collect stories from people from around the motu who have experience in initiatives that draw on mātauranga to support the restoration of te taiao. We are interviewing up to 10 participants, who we are identifying through personal networks from the research team and the rōpū tautoko, combined with snowballing techniques. To date interviews have been varied and informative on a range of topics, with people from diverse backgrounds. Kaupapa have spanned taiao initiatives, climate policy, and methodological frameworks for climate-health. While we are still yet to analyse the data, at a glance some points of interest include:

- Need to de-silo western science methods and use them in tandem with kaupapa Māori approaches
- Māori-led policy for climate health is not only best for Māori but also benefits everyone else, because it is holistic in identifying and solving problems.
- Restoration of mātauranga Māori is climate action; ensuring transmission of locally-specific knowledge enables outcomes for taiao
- Māramataka and tohu o te taiao critical for climate change adaptation.

At this stage we are still completing interviews, and will move into data analysis once we reach our target. The final report is due in June 2023 and we will co-author this with Professor Helen Moewaka Barnes, and explore any other potential publications from the data.

"Restoration of mātauranga Māori is climate action"

UPCOMING GRANT & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Here are some funding opportunities you may be interested in.
Click on the title to find out more

- **2023 Ngā Kanohi Kitea Community Advancement Grants**
Registration & full application close 21st of March
- **2023 Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Matakiteanga Research Round**
Registration & full application close 31st of March
- **2023 Health Delivery Research Activation Grant**
Registration closes 15th March, Full applications close 12th April
- **2023 Health Delivery Research Career Development Award 1**
Registration closes 15th March, Full applications close 12th April
- **2023 Health Delivery Research Project Grant**
Registration closes 15th March, EOI close 5th April

SUPPORT FOR CHA COLLABORATION



CHA aims to generate new, member led research. If you need additional support for member-led research the CHA may be able to help.

Do you need:

- administrative support
- peer-review
- networking opportunities
- collaboration opportunities
- dissemination
- ...

Contact us and we will help where we can!

CHA KŌRERO WITH TARANAKI TANGATA WHENUA

CHA Co-Directors, Rhys Jones and Alex Macmillan, along with CHA Research Fellow, Ken Taiapa, recently visited Taranaki to meet with tangata whenua. This included kōrero with Ruakere Hond and Will Edwards at Parihaka mārakai, weeding kumara with Glen Skipper at Kātere ki te Moana papakainga, and exploring mārakai with Pounamu Skelton at her new whānau whenua in Onaeroa.

CHA is looking forward to meeting with other tangata whenua stakeholders this year to shape our work in climate health research in Aotearoa New Zealand.



Above: Alex, Pounamu Skelton, and Rhys at Pounamu's new whānau whenua in Onaeroa.

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Above: Weeding kumara with Glen Skipper at Kātere ki te Moana papakainga

Tēnā, whakapā mai.
Get in touch. Ngā mihi!

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