



Tiakina te Taiao | Climate Action Pānui August 2022

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to our network's newsletter. This winter has provided clear examples of the effects of climate change with NZ affected by flooding while Europe bakes. Our thoughts are with all those affected by the recent flooding.

Tiakina te Taiao | Climate Action Meeting – Tuesday 23rd August 4 pm

Agenda:

- Whakawhanaungatanga
- Update on TEC meeting
- Across our sector
- Other

CEPOW and Action from the Network.

A shout out to all those who contributed to TEU action by signing or joining in to deliver a letter to their management requesting a conversation on climate action, to acknowledge CEPOW.

Also, to the network members at Auckland University who worked together on a submission on the proposed sustainability strategy for the University.

Vote Climate Local Government Elections 2022.

TEU is supporting a coalition of unions, public transport and climate action groups across the country that will challenge candidates in the October local body elections to commit to investing in public transport and other climate-friendly modes of transport. Sign up at voteclimate.org.nz or twitter @vote_climatenz for regular updates on what's happening.

National Adaptation Plan Released

[Adapt and thrive](#), NZ's first adaptation plan has now been released but while public education and school education are briefly mentioned, the tertiary sector seems to have definitely been missed. Does anyone have a full review of the plan to share?

TEU Reviews its Rules and Structures - Te Mana Hakahou | Reshaping Te Hautū Kahurangi

Members in a range of hui and online meetings are looking at how we reshape our union to advance our Te Tiriti relationships. Conference endorsed 5 mātāpono | principles that have emerged through these workshops with regard to why we exist as an organisation.

- Mana Tiriti
- Mana Taurite | Equity
- Mana Mātauranga | Education is a public good;
- Mana Mahi Workers' rights and decent work
- Mana Taiao | Sustainable planet.

We are seeking members of Tiakina te Taiao to be part of online workshops, 1 hour once a month, to progress this Te Tiriti transformation of TEU. Please email tina.smith@teu.ac.nz to be included.

Submissions – Reshaping Streets

[Change is proposed](#) to legislation to make it easier for local authorities, like councils, to make street changes that support public transport, active travel and placemaking. You can attend one of three (3) workshops or submit by 19th September 2022. Click here to find out [more](#):

Across our Sector - Action and information of note.

- Our Future is Now: Democracy & Climate Action September 3rd 2022 is a one-day symposium exploring multiple aspects of these critical problems and advancing solutions. For further details contact j.frost@auckland.ac.nz
- The 4th [Aotearoa Sustainable Summit](#) 2022-2023 has three online webinars commencing 30th August, with the summit conference 9-10 Feb 2023.
- [Clean Up Week](#) September 17th – 23rd 2022. We encourage network members to organise a branch 'clean up' action, get members to sign on and get lots of photos to share with us. Or create a competition – collecting the most waste or the most different types of waste in a specific area. Or find creative ways to get people engaged with the [zero waste network](#).
- The NZ Association of Environmental Education [is holding its Annual Conference](#) 11-12 October with day 1 being a series of local connection days in 15 locations, and day 2 being a national day held on zoom.
- NZAEE' held a webinar in June on: "Educating for a Changing Climate" and they have now added the recording and presenter slides to their website, which [you can find here](#).
- Short film: [We Asked To Be Heard'](#) tells the story of Next Generation Conversation, a coalition of climate change activists aged between 10-14 years old in Ōtautahi-Christchurch. The short film shines a spotlight on how children in Ōtautahi-Christchurch are influencing the climate change journey. The group submitted on Christchurch City Council's Coastal Hazard Adaptation Framework and the film takes

people through the process and the eventual outcome.

- 79th Annual Cawthron Lecture – featuring keynote by Prof Bronwyn Hayward "Our Children's Climate – and How We Can Make a Difference". Watch it [here](#)
- The Western Institute of Technology's (WITT) monthly e-publication, **Energy Education**, is out for August and this tenth edition includes an update on the EVelocity E-Bike challenge, that engaged 70 Taranaki Students from intermediate and secondary school ages and looks at the Geothermal sector, past and present. All issues can be [accessed here](#).

Decarbonising Transport within the Tertiary Sector.

An issue that always gets members engaged is carparking, and in particular, free versus paid parking. This complex issue can be very divisive but staff and students travelling to and from campus contribute significantly to the carbon footprint. Free or subsidized public transport, bike lanes and safe bike storage are only some of the considerations.

To enable our network to have informed discussion on this matter and to potentially put forward a position from TEU, we seek reports or articles that could inform such a debate. Please send any relevant material to tina.smith@teu.ac.nz.

Share the links

When talking to colleagues on climate related matters, do remember to ask if they are a member of our network and if not, please encourage them to join by completing this link – that will ensure they get meeting invites and newsletters.

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/NZTEU/TiakinaTeTaiaoClimateActionNetwork>

Future meetings

Are these dates in your calendar?

- October 4th - Tuesday 4pm
- December 6th - Tuesday 4pm