

Tiakina te Taiao | Climate Action Network Pānui

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Kia ora Koutou,

2023 has started with strong evidence that climate change is affecting our weather with devastating consequences. Our thoughts are with all those who have lost homes or possessions and especially those who have lost loved ones. So many people have been affected but the actions of all those that helped shows that through working together we can make a difference. There must now be change to protect people from future events and ensure a sustainable future.

Tina Smith TEU immediate past President.

Tiakina te Taiao | Climate Action Meeting – Thursday 23rd February 4pm

We look forward to connecting with you for our first hui of 2023. Below is our agenda:

- Whakawhanaungatanga
- Updates
- TEU Rules Review
- 2023 Goals and Workplan

Tiakina te Taiao Network Page

Tiakina te Taiao now has a [network page](#) on the TEU website. This space provides general information about the network as well as some core documents. There is also a sign-up form for those wishing to join Tiakina te Taiao. Please share this page with colleagues who are interested in getting involved with climate action.

Outcome of TEC Meeting

In August, members of Tiakina te Taiao met with TEC and MoE representatives to discuss a tertiary sector strategy on climate action, the aim of which would be to ensure the full potential of our sector is realised and supported in this important area. TEC responded in December that they felt a specific tertiary sector strategy was not required at this time and informed us that other work was underway.

Subsequently, members of Tiakina te Taiao were the first group to meet with representatives of the proposed Equitable Transitions Strategy (see below). There will be much wider consultation occurring and this will be discussed in our meeting on the 23rd Feb. We have an agreement with TEC to go back to them at the end of this year if we wish to have further discussion on this topic.

Equitable Transitions Strategy

The Government is developing an [Equitable Transitions Strategy](#) (EqTS) to ensure Aotearoa New Zealand's shift to a low emissions future is fair and inclusive. While this work is being led by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) and Ministry of Social Development (MSD), MoE is supporting this work with a specific focus on supporting a nimble and responsive education system with equitable access that sets New Zealanders up with skills needed for a low-emissions future.

As the Government begins to engage with the education sector more widely, the EqTS team have requested feedback from Tiakina te Taiao on a number of

engagement questions which we will discuss at our first hui on Thursday 23 February, 4:00pm.

In the meantime, you can provide insight directly to the EqTS team about how actions to reduce emissions will affect you by completing a 10-minute survey in either [Te Reo Māori](#) or [Te Reo Pākehā](#).

TEU Rules Review

TEU's draft revised Rules are now out with branches for discussion and consultation. The Rules have been reviewed in consideration of the Te Tiriti review changes endorsed by conference, changes needed due to sector reform, changes to meet operational requirements, best practice and legislative change, and some general tidying up.

We need you to review these draft Rules and consider if alterations are needed to ensure your union is fully enabling members and its own actions to be sustainable and climate protective. There are many opportunities for you to discuss these Rules with others – our meeting on February 23rd, at branch events, and during online questions and discussions.

If you are interested in being part of this process, please register for one of the four planned workshops via the following links – all members who register will receive a copy of the proposed changes and an Outlook invite.

Thursday 9 March

- [9:00-10:00am](#)
- [3:00-4:00pm](#)

Friday 10 March

- [11:00am-12:00pm](#)
- [4:00-5:00pm](#)

4th Aotearoa Sustainable Development Goals Summit

The Summit was held in Hamilton 9-10 February with the theme “Implementing the SDGs in Aotearoa.” This hybrid in-person and virtual event had some excellent speakers. The recordings of the main sessions will be available on the [SDG website](#) in the next few weeks so do watch out for these.

School Strike 4 Climate – Friday 3 March

School Strike 4 Climate (SS4C) have announced Friday 3 March as the date for their next School Strike. SS4C will be releasing their demands to the public in the coming days. For more details, see the [SS4C Facebook page](#).

NUWAO Symposium – 20-22 April (Wellington)

Facilitated by Nature-based Urban Design for Wellbeing and Adaptation in Oceania (NUWAO), this online and in-person symposium invites researchers, design professionals, practitioners, university students, and the general public to participate in envisioning how to develop innovative nature-based urban design solutions, particularly those rooted in Indigenous knowledge, that support climate adaptation and individual and community wellbeing. For more information, see the [NUWAO website](#).

Recent items of interest

- [How to spot greenwashing](#) (Plan A)
- [Making cities more 'spongey' to cope with future deluges](#) (RNZ)
- [What now for Auckland? Four ideas for a more climate resilient city](#) (Stuff)
- [Southern ocean warming caused by extreme marine heatwaves 'off the scale'](#) (NZ Herald)

Future Tiakina te Taiao Hui Dates

We have a number of hui planned for 2023 – Outlook invites will be sent closer to the time, but we suggest keeping the dates/times free:

- Thursday 13 April, 2:00pm
- Thursday 1 June, 2:00pm
- Thursday 3 August, 2:00pm
- Thursday 12 October, 2:00pm

Talk to your colleagues about the work we do and encourage them to [join TEU](#).

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