

A ROCHA
AOTEAROA NZ



**ANNUAL REPORT
PŪRONGO Ā-TAU 2021/22**

About us | Mō mātou

A Rocha Aotearoa New Zealand is part of the A Rocha family of Christian environmental conservation organisations currently active in over 20 countries around the world. As a family, we focus on environmental science and research, practical nature conservation, environmental education, creation care and advocacy through a variety of programmes and initiatives.

In Aotearoa New Zealand, we seek to inspire, educate and enable communities to care for our unique environment. A Rocha Aotearoa NZ is actively engaged in practical community conservation work through our network of local group projects and the Karioi Project. These offer opportunities for volunteer involvement across the country. We also train and mentor environmental leaders and resource, empower and build relationships among all those wanting to integrate creation care and sustainability into their life and the church in Aotearoa NZ through our Eco Church NZ project.

Vision | Pae Tawhiti

Ecosystems restored and communities all across Aotearoa New Zealand actively caring for the earth.

Mission | Pae Tata

To protect and restore the environment through community-based conservation projects, research, and education.

Our Goals | Ngā Whāinga

A Rocha Aotearoa New Zealand's specific goals are:

- **PRACTICAL ACTION:** Well-resourced community conservation projects of local, regional and national significance.
- **EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT:** Inspiring creation-care for all ages through high-quality educational experiences.
- **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES:** Communities caring for creation and exploring ways for sustainable living.

The year in review | Te tau kua hipa

Tēnā koutou katoa A Rocha whānau,

It can be tempting to be disheartened by the environmental challenges we face, with good reason. We are facing increasing threats to biodiversity, escalating climate risk, unsustainable demands on the earth's precious resources and a growing threat to the health of our waterways and oceans. All this amid the recent COVID crisis that has left many families struggling financially while house prices and the cost of living has risen to unprecedented levels.

Despite these challenges we can be inspired by stories of action and hope all around us. Through the work we do we have been constantly amazed by the resilience of people and places that continue to engage in positive action. We are privileged to be working with committed, passionate people - giving us the opportunity to learn and grow together to create healthier and more resilient communities and environments.

Over the last year we welcomed more church communities into our Eco Church NZ network than ever before, committed to going on the environmental journey with us, inspired by their faith.

Since COVID, we've seen a significant drop in income for the Karioi Project, but our community stepped up to raise funds, with a record number of individuals and businesses donating which has enabled us to maintain our programmes. We're especially grateful for the support from funders and whānau that regularly donate and volunteer.

So we want to say a big ngā mihi nui ki a koe to all our volunteers, donors and partner organisations (of which there are many) that enable and support us to do the work we do. We have been able to learn from each other and increase our understanding of the challenges we face while also taking intentional and meaningful action together.

Our hope is that you will continue to journey with us and see transformation take place in the smallest details and achievements each day.

Ngā mihi mahana,



Nicola Hoggard Creegan
Board Chair



Kristel van Houte
National Director

Te Whakaoranga O Karioi The Karioi Project

The Karioi Project is a community-led conservation and education project, initiated by Te Whakaoranga O Karioi in partnership with members of Tainui o Tainui hapū and Ngati Whakamarurangi hapū, A Rocha Aotearoa NZ, Whāingaroa Environment Centre, Department of Conservation, Waikato Regional Council and the Whāingaroa/Raglan community.

Our work is focused on the maunga, Karioi, and surrounding coastline, wetlands and beaches. Due to extensive predator control and seabird monitoring, we're now seeing Little Blue Penguins waddling down the beach and our vulnerable seabirds, Ōi (Grey Faced Petrels) successfully breeding in burrows along the coast.



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Environmental Education Programmes

Manaaki Ao in-school | 416 participants
Karioi KIDS/RANGERS afterschool | 69 participants
School holiday programme | 254 participants

Karioi Backyard Hub

382 households
1234 backyard traps

Karioi Conservation

5 ōi chicks fledged
56 ōi burrows monitored
2128 traps on Karioi traplines
123 volunteers
7100 volunteer hours

Our Main Funders:

Waikato Regional Council
Lottery Grants Board
Department of Conservation
Patagonia
Gallagher Foundation
Trust Waikato
WEL Energy Trust

Our Major Business Sponsors:

Bayleys Real Estate
Morning Glory Coffee
Raglan Chocolate
Raglan Food Co.

Other Funders:

Community Organisation Grants Scheme
Len Reynold Trust
Meridian Power Up Fund
The Sargood Bequest



Eco Church NZ Project Hāhi Tautaiāo o Aotearoa

The Eco Church NZ project is an ecumenical initiative to support church communities across Aotearoa NZ to actively care for God's earth as an integral part of their mission. Eco Church NZ works alongside eco church kaiāpai (advocates), church leaders, environmental leaders, rangatahi and tamariki, denominational bodies, and other organisations - with the common goal to see church communities across Aotearoa NZ take practical action while growing a new generation of kaitiaki / inspirational environmental leaders.

The five key areas that we explore are:

- **Leadership, worship and teaching**
Te Hautūtanga, te Korōria ki te Atua, me te Whakaako
- **Church buildings and facilities**
Ngā Whare Karakia me ngā Rawa
- **Church land and grounds**
Te Whenua o ngā Hāhi
- **Community and global engagement**
Te Kōtuitui Hapori, te Kōtuitui o te Ao
- **Sustainable living**
Te Noho Toitū

Being a part of the Eco Church NZ whānau means that we are not journeying on our own.

We are part of a bigger mission spanning various parishes, church groups and denominations across Aotearoa NZ. We are gathering our efforts under one umbrella – to give voice and momentum to our efforts. We support each other through the celebration of knowledge and stories which inspires others to action.

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E3 - Ecological Leadership

2 camps
18 participants

Education & Engagement

40 events (workshops, sermons etc.)
1,491 participants

Eco Church NZ network

17 churches
2 denominational partners

Our Funders:

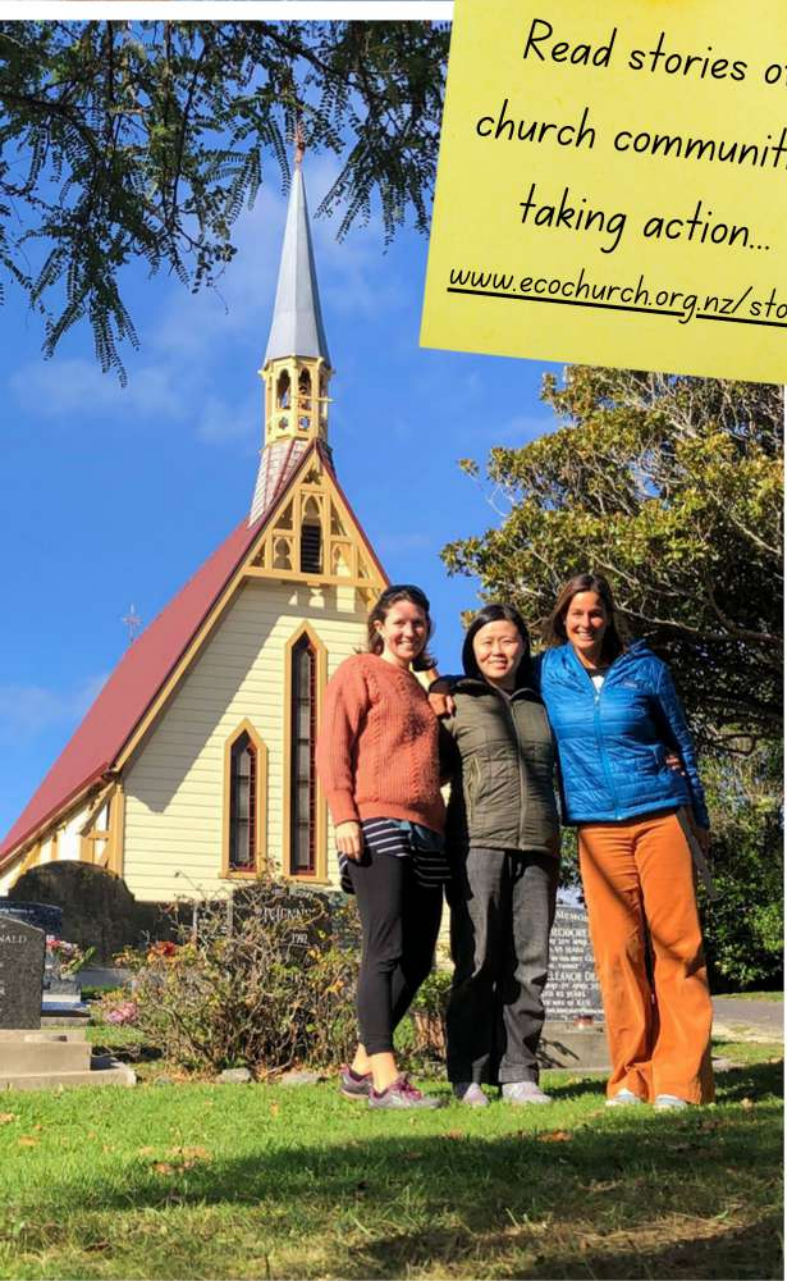
Wilberforce Foundation
Wellington City Council
Auckland Council
Christchurch City Council
Community Organisation Grants Scheme
Anglican Diocese of Auckland
Individual churches
Individual donors

Whānau Partners | Ngā Hoa Mahi Tahi:

Para Kore Marae Inc.
Anglican Diocese of Auckland
Anglican Diocese of Wellington



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taking action...
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Local Groups Rōpū Ā-Rohe

A Rocha's network of local group projects work in partnership with other organisations and the local community to offer opportunities for volunteer involvement across the country. Local group volunteers are involved in a range of community conservation and sustainability initiatives: wetland, native bush and stream restoration, native plant nurseries, planting projects, bicycle maintenance and much more.



Volunteer metrics

29 volunteer events
900.8 volunteer hours

Our Local Groups:

- Tāmaki Makarau Auckland
- Te Papaioea Palmerston North
- Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington
- Ōtautahi Christchurch
- Ōtepoti Dunedin

Our Local Group Projects:

- Matuku Link Restoration Project
- Unsworth Reserve Restoration Project
- Te Auaunga Oakley Creek Restoration Project
- Adventist Native Plants Nursery
- Waiu Wetland Restoration Project
- Kopua Monastery Restoration Site
- Swampy Gully Restoration Site
- Supporting Friends of Owhiro Stream
- Kapiti subgroup restoration sites
- Shirley Stream Care
- Aranui Bike Fixup
- Tirohanga Camp Restoration Project
- Smith's Creek Restoration Site with STOP

ARANZ Finances | Ahumoni

Full audited accounts are available on request from new.zealand@arocha.org

INCOME

Karioi Project - Grants	\$ 369,896	56%
Karioi Project - Donations	\$ 39,934	7%
Karioi Project - Social Enterprise Income	\$ 43,470	7%
Karioi Project - Other Income	\$ 18,360	3%
Eco Church - Grants	\$ 12,947	2%
Eco Church - Donations	\$ 4,843	1%
General Grants	\$ 10,000	2%
General Donations	\$ 38,867	7%
Other Income - Tagged	\$ 56,620	9%
Other Income	\$ 692	0%
	\$ 595,628	

EXPENSES

Karioi Project - Programmes Delivery	\$ 419,487	73%
Karioi Project - Social Enterprise Expenses	\$ 36,478	6%
Eco Church - Programmes Delivery	\$ 42,757	7%
Administrative and Overhead Expenses	\$ 76,066	13%
	\$ 574,789	

ARANZ Human Resources | Pūmanawa Tangata



21 part-time staff | 7.22 FTE
8000.8 volunteer hours | 3.85 FTE



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