

ACCELERATING AOTEAROA INCORPORATED

10TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1st November 2017

Report from the Chief Executive

11 years since we formed as an Incorporated Society, 10 years since we gained Charitable status, more than 20,000 participants who see our vision, and now our first homes!

Highlights of 2017 have been:

- The now well established **“We o Tara” as a community innovation hub** and implementation at **SFL Otahuhu in train; innovation spaces supporting communities to prosper!**
- **Support for and delivering programmes supporting “ManaTaurite”, Ko Awatea – CMH Health Equity Campaign**
 - LEAP – Local Employment Access Programme; 200+ participants, 20 supported into employment in 7 months
 - FASE – Food Access Social Enterprise; Reconnecting to Wellness (Hauora)
 - HEApp - Health Equity App; a locally designed and delivered technology platform to enhance access to wellbeing information.
- **Ongoing delivery of A2E (Access2Employment)** at Mangere Town Centre Library to support local jobseekers into local jobs. Integration into the LEAP programme in collaboration with KA/ Counties Manukau Health, MSD, Auckland Libraries and other South Auckland providers and employers
- **Launch of S4E (Skills4Employment) digital, literacy and numeracy pilot** at Mangere Town Centre library as a precursor to A2E.
- **Hosting 4 remarkable placement students** from AUT’s Health Promotion/ Psychology degree; Kim, Karishma, Georgia and Carmen have been our remarkable, talented and very hard working interns this semester; their achievements have been endless
- **Delivery of 2 “STEM” focused Geek Camps at Otara** – Up to 50 students daily over 2 weeks with support from AUT, UoW and UoA, Sully Paea, ONAC, the Otara Network, Aisha & Co, Otara Papatoetoe Maori Wardens, Otara Waterways and Lakes, and Healthy Families among others
- **Establishment of community flax gardens** in our neighbouring park under the tutelage of Matua Rereata Makiha and Otara-Papatoetoe Maori Wardens providing context for understanding the Maramataka and ensuring future community raranga resources.
- **Design and delivery of Cooking workshops for local families** in collaboration with Kai Time and Otara Health and supported by Kiwi Harvest and The Catholic Caring Foundation
- **Establishment of a Food Bank** with support from Kiwi Harvest and The Catholic Caring Foundation - access to food enabling us to support local families most in need along with community events
- **Delivery under ONAC (Otara Network Action Committee Trust) and with Otara Health and the Roots Collective, the THRIVING OTARA Collective** enabling community engagement and delivery of collaboration based priority initiatives for Otara. **AA specifically supports employment and entrepreneurship indicators.**

- **CE Trustee appointments at local organisations;** ONAC – the 25-year-old Otara Network Trust and the Otara Waterways and Lakes Trust along with leadership responsibilities as a member of the Thriving Otara Collective.

These achievements would not have been possible without our strong, supportive and inspirational partner base - we are deeply grateful and most appreciative.

2018 and Beyond

Our collaboration with entities with broad mandate and appetite for transformational change, Accelerating Aotearoa's skills and capability in multi-stakeholder empowerment can be most effective.

Using this approach, we are currently adding to our "Business as Usual" event portfolio a range of partnership based initiatives;

- Continued work with ONAC and the Thriving Otara Collective, Otara Health and the Roots supporting Otara to Thrive – launch first quarter 2018
- Work with Ko Awatea Counties Manukau Health on a range of equity based initiatives; potential to scale delivery with further Health Boards is under investigation
- Work with the University of Auckland and MIT attracting Rangatahi Maori and Pasifika to tertiary study
- Progression of robotics and coding initiatives with **KiwiBots**

Further details will be updated as these programmes unfold.

New Members

Special welcome to new members

- Alofa O le Atua Trust represented by Fa'avae Gagamoe, Pr Amos Auimatagi-Feau and Ula Roberts
- Early Learning at Home Limited represented by Iris Dalton and Elviso Togiamua

In closing

A special mention of those whose encouragement and empathy empower us to vision and deliver this important work;

- Anae Arthur Anae who as programme sponsor has been unfailing in his support and inspiration
- Our Chair John Holley and Treasurer Pete MacAulay who along with our Core Group members empower, shepherd and enable our delivery.
- Most importantly I wish to acknowledge the remarkable contributions of Tony Marinovich who leads our finance and operational capability, along with leading our new Skills 4 Employment capacity, without whom we would be unable to deliver this remarkable work.

Sincere thanks to each and all of you, we are indeed most fortunate to have your support.

*Judy Speight, Chief Executive
1 November 2017*