

ACCELERATING AOTEAROA INCORPORATED

9TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

20th October 2015

Report from the Chief Executive

12 years old and 20,000+ participants is proof enough that Accelerating Aotearoa is a change maker, gathering momentum and here to stay!

Highlights of the past 12 months include:

- **Hosting Aamna Alshehhi and Shabeen Ashik**, our delightful, talented and very hard working interns from AUT's degree in Health Science who joined us in August
- Our **largest Park Jams** so far: Mangere on November 2015 and Otara May 2016 with more than 12,000 visitors in total
- Delivering **Tech Week's Southern Activation** with Geek Camps and Park Jam 274 - and 50 % of their total participation!
- **2 Geek Camps at Mangere and 3 at Otara**; Mangere Town Centre Library Manager **Sonia Munro's Masters research on the impact of Geek Camps on learning**
- A **highly successful "Celebration of Learning"** Community and Whanau evening at Mangere in September supported by Mangere Town Centre Library, Mangere Town Centre and Sminks Labs
- **Launching A2E (Access2Employment)** at Mangere Town Centre Library to support local jobseekers into local jobs. A2E has taken place every Friday morning at 1030 since February (other than school holidays) and already boasts an impressive score card for our Jobseekers.
- Establishing with **ONAC (Otara Network Action Committee Trust) agreement to collaborate** to support members of the Ōtara Community into employment and self-employment through activities undertaken by Accelerating Aotearoa on behalf of ONAC including
 - Activating job opportunities with their SMEs and industry partners through contracting opportunities and Ōtara Community developments;
 - Engaging with job seekers through targeted recruitment and marketing; and
 - Delivering the right services and tailored supports to ensure job seekers can successfully move into and sustain employment, including through employer engagement, job seeker assessment, job seeker referral, training facilitation, job coaching and job brokerage.
- Establishing under ONAC and with Otara Health, the Roots Collective and Crosspower Ministries, the **THRIVING OTARA Collective** to enable community engagement and deliver collaboration based priority initiatives for Otara.
- Establishing our **Otara Innovation Space "We, Otara"**; our name given by the Otara Community in a process led and managed by the Otara Library Manager Ian Toki. Good Seed Trust led a School holiday DIY programme to paint and refurbish the premises on a budget of \$70 and PCs and other tech have been donated from a number of organisations including Auckland Libraries, MIT and High Tech Youth. Discussions with potential sub-lesers are in train to offset 2017 lease and outgoing costs.
- Our **A2E Interview Skills Special with the Golden Key** team helping locals to sharpen their interviewing techniques

- Our **A2E Recruitment Special with CMDHB** supporting nearly 30 Mangere locals to apply for roles at Middlemore Hospital
- Judged **finalist in the 2016 CIO Awards** "Engaging Youth in ICT" Awards. (second year in a row)
- **Supporting TEDx Manukau** at Ko Awatea with our Innovation Showcase with partners SMINKS Labs and ActivBoard NZ
- **Supporting Manukau Beautification Community Trust's "Sink or Swim" SOS** Environmental expo showcasing schools and projects/programme innovations industry developments and initiatives. Accelerating Aotearoa exhibited with partner organisations TROW Group, Ierospace and ActivBoard NZ.

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

2017 and Beyond

By partnering 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 Otago Collective, Otago Health and the Roots supporting Otago to Thrive
- Work with TROW Group building local capacity and employment in Civil Construction and Housing
- Work with Counties Manukau Health on a range of equity based initiatives
- Work with the University of Auckland attracting Rangatahi Maori and Pasifika to tertiary study
- Work with new partners such as KiwiBots

Further details will be updated as these programmes unfold.

I have invited a number of these potential partners to share some of their ideas with the Annual General Meeting.

New Members

A special welcome to new members TROW Group and KiwiBots

In closing

At this time it is fitting to express our appreciation to those that have ensured these encouraging outcomes; Anae Arthur Anae who as programme sponsor is unfailing in his vision and encouragement, our unfaltering Chairman John Holley, Pete Macaulay our Treasurer, John, Pete and Filemoni Timoteo our Funding Sub-Committee and our incredibly supportive Core Group.

Most importantly I wish to acknowledge the remarkable contributions of Tony Marinovich who leads our finance and operational capability, along with our Programme Steering Groups and delivery teams, 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
20 October 2016*