

ACCELERATING AOTEAROA INCORPORATED

11TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

19th June 2019

Report from the Chief Executive

13 years since we formed as an Incorporated Society, 12 years since we gained charitable status, more than 20,000 participants who share our vision

Highlights of 2018-19 are:

- Our House “**We o Tara**” a true community innovation hub **supporting community enterprise, learning and sustainability on an increasing basis**
- **Capacity building programme** led by **NFP Wrks**, with support from the Tindall Foundation to support Accelerating Aotearoa’s programme alignment and future delivery
- **LEAP** – Local Employment Access Programme (AKA A2E Access2Employment)
 - 400+ participants, 132 supported into employment in 18 months
 - Strengthened partnership with Ministry of Social Development, contracting discussion in train
 - Delivery of weekly A2E workshops from MSD sites
 - Design and Delivery of interview readiness workshops and pastoral care at We o Tara for CMH Orderly candidates via WINZ
 - 9 local Graduates from 2020 Trust’s digital literacy programme, agreement from MSD to fund future digital capability programmes
- **FASE** – Food Access Social Enterprise feeding more than 30 families every week led and operated by local innovators
- **Geek Camp** - 3 “STEM” focused Camps at Otara with to 50 students daily over 2 weeks supported by Kiwibots, UoA, Sully Paea, ONAC - Otara Community Network, Otara Papatoetoe Maori Wardens, Otara Waterways and Lake Trust, The Southern Initiative, SMINKSLabs, Datacom, ATEED, CatalystIT, Enviro Schools, MIT, Ierospace and local youth volunteers.
- **Ongoing Kaitiaki activity under MBIE’s Curious Minds** and with **Otara Waterways & Lake Trust** in our neighbouring park; Water Quality testing and noxious fish management and planting approx 7000 native trees

Delivery of 5 activations at **SouthTech** Week (Kiwibots, Water Quality Testing, Noxious fish monitoring, Engineering) led by local Youth Mentors.
- **Ongoing** delivery as a founding partner with ONAC (Otara Network Action Committee Trust) and Otara Health of the **THRIVING OTARA Collective** enabling community engagement and delivery of collaboration based priority initiatives for Otara. **AA specifically supports employment and entrepreneurship indicators.**

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

2019 and Beyond

NFP's capacity building programme has extended throughout the latter half of 2018 in throughout 2019 to date. Mentoring has enabled the operations team to review delivery capacity and align programming; On this basis Accelerating Aotearoa's delivery is focused on local delivery and 3 critical outcomes:

- **Igniting learning passion with children**, youth and adults through local skills and innovation programmes, opportunities and partners through Science and Tech "Geek Camps" and Environmental projects
- **Unlocking local potential through upskilling programmes**, collaborations supporting pathways to local employment and pastoral care; A2E and LEAP supporting locals in to local work and upskilling programmes; Computer skills, Literacy and Numeracy, Mohio Maori and Te Reo
- **Enabling entrepreneurial mind sets** through our Entrepreneur in Residence along with a developing Community Enterprise across Food banks and recycled clothing initiatives led by locals

Three next steps were prioritised:

- **Developing and deepening key relationships** with stakeholders and funders who seek similar impacts
- **Reviewing governance, with the aim of engaging with people in/from Otago** to reflect the organisation's more local focus.
- **Reviewing operations and capacity to assess what is needed to create a sustainable and effective platform for the future**, including key partnerships, staffing and resourcing.

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, 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
13 June 2019*