



Pānui

Kia ora koutou

July has been another busy month for the Office of Upoko in supporting the development of the Murihiku Regeneration kaupapa for Ngāi Tahu ki Murihiku, with plenty of activity within the region and also in Wellington to make sure our collective voice is heard.

Just Transition

A key area of focus for Murihiku Regeneration has been to work with the government on its *Just Transition* process to get input from the community and whānui on where the focus for the future needs to be to plan for the Tiwai Smelter exit in late 2024.

Input from whānui came through rūnanga participation in three workshops in June and July, and also two iwi representatives sitting in a project oversight role alongside central and local government leaders.

A big *thank you* and ka pai to rūnanga representatives who attended the Just Transition workshops in Bluff and Invercargill. Your attendance and input was invaluable to workshop findings.



Participants in the third Just Transition workshop, 20 July.

Find out more about the Just Transition process and workshops on the Murihiku Regeneration website: <https://www.murihikuregen.org.nz/projects/just-transitions/>

Just Transition – establishing priorities

We are now in the process of mapping priorities identified by the Just Transitions process, and comparing these to priorities that have come through ongoing engagement and input from our own processes within Murihiku - including discussions with our Upoko and also the Murihiku Oversight Group.

Key priorities are presented and ranked in the table below. Similar priorities are colour coded together.

Murihiku Regeneration	Just Transition
1. Building sustainable and resilient communities	1. Long-term strategy and plan - MBIE
2. Tiwai future	2. Clean energy - MBIE
3. Education, training and pathways	3. Aquaculture - MPI
4. Enabling a Just Transition (supporting a long-term strategy and regional plan)	4. Training and education – MSD/MoE
5. Start-up and key projects	5. Community support - MSD
6. Clean energy	

The six draft workstreams identified for Murihiku Regeneration are described in more detail below. They are important at a regional and collective level - we welcome feedback on these:

1. Building Sustainable and Resilient Communities

Focused on collective rūnanga cohesion, strengthening internal and external partnerships and governance / building leadership / developing youth and rangatahi participation.

2. Tiwai Future

Includes closure, clean-up, remediation, environmental impact, cultural and leading to future/re-purposing opportunities. Also the future of green energy.

3. Education, training and pathways

Creating sustainable future pathways for our successive generations through learning, work and growth.

4. Enabling a Just Transition

Supporting a pathway to a post Rio Tinto future for the region - that also supports the national interest. Working with MBIE, Regional MSD Team, the community, local government, business and unions.

5. Focusing on key initial projects

To build trust and confidence and create momentum. Aquaculture, environmental projects and health and wellbeing projects already identified.

6. Green energy

Ngāi Tahu ki Murihiku at the centre of large scale clean energy capability that protects te taiao and supports growth and well-being for our region and country.

Just Transition – next steps and feedback

Next steps will be to engage with government and also internally with our own wananga in September to discuss where iwi should lead and where it should support.

We would welcome your feedback - by email or via the Murihiku Regeneration website:

Email Janet: Janet.Hodgetts@murihikuregen.org.nz

Website feedback form: <https://www.murihikuregen.org.nz/projects/just-transitions/whanau-question-and-feedback-form/>

Green Energy

Another big focus area has been to develop and build on **green energy** as one of the areas to provide for transformation and support the development of all of our four pou. This included meetings with Ministers, starting the development of a **Murihiku green energy kaupapa** and also welcoming the signing of a collaboration agreement with Fortescue Future Industries.

Find out more about hydrogen on the Murihiku Regeneration website:

<https://www.murihikuregen.org.nz/projects/environmental-pou/hydrogen/>

We are also in active discussion with generators, government agencies and funders - all of whom will be needed to make this opportunity a reality.



Murihiku Regeneration representatives were among those who had dinner with Minister Woods last week; green energy was on the agenda.

Tiwai

The other big progress in the clean energy space is the leadership of Awarua, in working with NZAS and Rio Tinto around the Tiwai closure process.

This is a complex and hugely important kaupapa - being led by Michael Stevens, Jacqui Caine and Aimee Kaio. It will need to balance up all aspects across the four pou. It is something that Murihiku Regeneration and Upoko are actively supporting to progress.

Science and innovation wananga

We are expecting that we will call a science and innovation wananga in September to bring together our own Ngāi Tahu experts and also others to discuss all aspects of this green energy kaupapa - including Tiwai and the Fortescue project proposal.

We will keep you informed once a date and venue have been confirmed.

Employment opportunities – job vacancies

There is a new section on the Murihiku Regeneration website for advertising job vacancies.

As jobs become available for whānau that fit with the Murihiku Regeneration kaupapa - we will endeavour to advertise them in this space.

Current vacancies

See the Murihiku Regeneration website for more information, job descriptions and contact details: <https://www.murihikuregen.org.nz/about-us/job-vacancies/>. Current vacancies are summarised below:

Te Tapu o Tāne Ltd (TTOT)

Te Tapu o Tāne is an exciting new native tree and plant nursery venture in Murihiku.

The charitable company has been incorporated by mana whenua, by the four Papatipu Rūnanga of Murihiku - Waihopai, Awarua, Hokonui and Ōraka-Aparima.

There are four job vacancies currently advertised:

1. Pou Whakahaere / Operations Lead
2. Pou Taiao Rākau / Senior Nursery Specialist
3. Kaitiaki Kaimahi / Nursery Crew
4. Tari / Office Lead

Fonterra

Apprenticeships available at Edendale for:

- Heavy Automotive Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering

NZ Conservation Services Ltd

Predator Free Apprentice Programme.

These are all great opportunities ... spread the word!