

# NZAAE Wellington Branch AGM and meeting.

*29 April 2021*

*4:30pm*

*Venue: One Red Dog*



# Karakia

**Whakataka te hau ki te uru,**

**Whakataka te hau ki te tonga.**



**Kia mākinakina ki uta,**

**Kia mātaratara ki tai.**

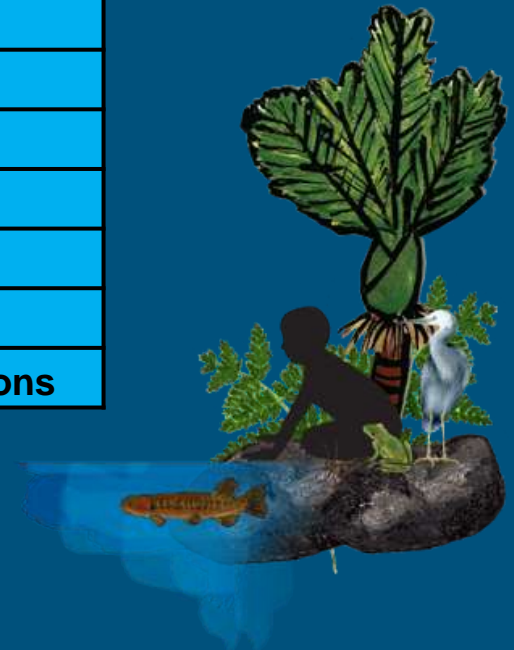
**E hī ake ana te ata kura,**

**he tio, he huka, he hau hu,**

**Tihei Mauri ora!**

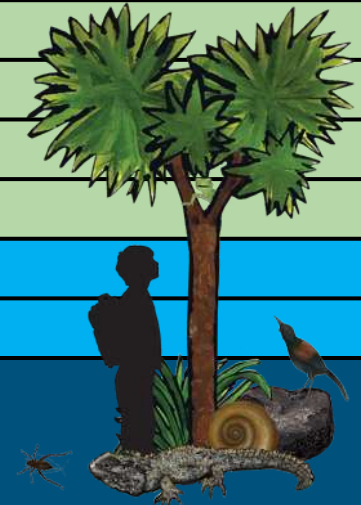
# Attended

<b>Gill Stewart</b>	<b>Wellington (Wairarapa) Enviroschools</b>
<b>Elsbeth McMillan</b>	<b>Wellington City Council</b>
<b>Benji Moorhouse</b>	<b>DOC education</b>
<b>Chris Montgomerie</b>	<b>Project Crimson</b>
<b>Vanya Bootham</b>	<b>Science Learning Hub</b>
<b>Sophie Watson</b>	<b>EONZ</b>
<b>Becky Wilson</b>	<b>WWF</b>
<b>Libby Paterson</b>	<b>EONZ</b>
<b>Pam Crisp</b>	<b>Nature Arts Collective</b>
<b>Steven Moorhouse</b>	<b>Zealandia</b>
<b>Kim Tabrum</b>	<b>Sustainability Trust</b>
<b>Melissa Gray</b>	<b>Zealandia</b>
<b>Sue Lum</b>	<b>WCC</b>
<b>Charles Wilson</b>	<b>Wellington Zoo</b>
<b>Heather Griffiths</b>	<b>Carina - Climate change commisions</b>



# Apologies

Becky McCormack	Porirua Harbour Trust
Victoria Bernard	Garden to Table
Anita Anderson	DOC
Conor Twyford	NZEI Community relationship organiser with a focus on Climate change
Owain John	
Kylie Robinson	UHCC
Melanie Barthe	Climate change advisor CDC SWDC
Dianne Christenson	Koraunui School
Asia Brownlie	Sustainability Trust
Susie Robertson	Sustainability Trust
Liana Stupples	Re wild yourself
Beverly Joe	Porirua school support?
Joanne Marsden	Fantail Nature School
Sue Campbell	Teacher at Ridgeway



# Minutes - NZAEE Wellington Branch AGM

## Present:

Gill Stewart, Elspeth McMillan, Benji Moorhouse, Chris Montgomerie, Vanya Bootham, Sophie Watson, Becky Wilson, Libby Paterson, Pam Crisp, Steven Moorhouse, Kim Tabrum, Melissa Gray, Sue Lum, Charles Wilson, Heather Griffiths, Corrina Goepfert

## Apologies:

Becky McCormack, Victoria Bernard, Anita Anderson, Conor Twyford, Owain John, Kylie Roninson, Melanie Barthe, Dianne Christenson, Asia Brownlie, Susie Robertson, Liana Stupples, Beverly Joe, (Sue Campbell, Joanne Marsden RSVP but didn't make it))

1. **Welcome**
2. **Karakia**
3. **Whanaungatanga**
4. **Branch Report including WREEF - Elspeth and Gill**  
Moved by Elspeth McMillan                      Seconded by Pam Crisp
1. **Financial Report - Elspeth**  
Moved by Elspeth McMillan                      Seconded by Kim Tabrum
1. **Call for Branch co-ordinator, treasurer, branch rep on national exec. -Elspeth**



### Treasurer

**Kim Tabrum**

Nominated Gill Stewart  
Seconded - Elspeth McMillan

### Co - Chair

**Elspeth McMillan**

Nominated by Gill Stewart  
Seconded Ben Moorhouse

### **Steve Moorhouse**

Nominated Steve Moorhouse  
Seconded Elspeth McMillan

### Branch rep on NZAEE exec

**Gill Stewart**

Nominated Elspeth McMillan  
Seconded Ben Moorhouse

### People to join the exec

**Ben Moorhouse**

**Charles Wilson**



Incoming Branch Exec - Steven Moorhouse, Charles Wilson, Benji Moorhouse, Elspeth McMillan, Gill Stewart, Kim Tabrum

# Agenda - NZAEE Wellington Branch Meeting

1. National Exec report and future direction - Gill
1. Nomination of Elspeth for National Exec - Gill  
Gill / Libby
1. WREEF hui update - Ben  
About - next hui - speaker and discussion groups - furthering our thinking and reflection on Connections with Nature.
1. Wellington Branch Coordinator update - Gill
1. Wellington Region Seaweek  
Coordinator needed for 2022 - Pam  
Advertise on facebook.
1. Current branch strategy and action plans - Gill
1. Discussion of priorities / activities for 2021/2022 - Gill  
(See brainstorm below)
1. Close

# Big questions for us ..

What do teachers involved in EE for a number of years need?

Creating connections outside of the formal education sector. eg. Career pathways

How do we support teachers to spend time with a resource, to unpack it and then use it. How do we identify what they need?

How can we assist in connecting young people with each other and opportunities for environmental leadership.

Where does the EEFS strategy sit within NZAEE focus with the NEX funding?

Webinars for / by external providers?  
Content / timing / who needs support?

How can we link schools and local communities for local environmental actions?

# Wellington Region

Climate change workshop?

Language to use speaking with students  
- Action focus climate change thinking

The need to change infrastructure first  
and the psychology of how to engage  
people on climate change is important.

**The Workshop** - professionals who can  
help with how to communicate about  
climate change.

Remind about the database - to  
update people etc.

Meet the providers opportunities for  
teachers.

Keep providing opportunities for  
providers to network with each other.

Encourage people to use google group  
to share and ask for help or let people  
know if in particular schools.



# Local and National Action

Go on field trips to celebrate the mahi and look at how it is working.

Raise the profile of what our members are already doing?

And engage with other people's stories - teachers, students, schools.

Curated resources for teachers - with access to advice and guidance. New website ?? Linked to TKI??

# Supporting Documents 20-21

[Chairs Report](#)

[Financial Report](#)

[Branch Strategy and workplan](#)

[Re-visioning NZAEE](#)

[Puanga/Matariki article](#)

[Resource list from Te Tiriti 101](#)

[Workshop](#)



# Puanga / Matariki gathering for the NZAEE Wellington Branch

*“Puanga and Matariki is a time to wānanga, to restore faith and hope for the future, a time for whanaungatanga, to be with others, share stories and kai, and celebrate who we are.”*

On a very cold Wednesday late afternoon in the first week of Matariki we gathered and were beautifully hosted by the Wellington Sustainability Trust team. Our Wellington Region Environmental Education Forum (WREEF) had just been woven into the fabric of the Wellington NZAEE branch and this was our first event bringing people together.

Our people attending included a variety of environmental education providers from councils, Garden to Table, the Sustainability Trust, Sustainable Coastlines, Squawk Squad and others who were game developers - resource providers - schools facilitators - and researchers. It highlighted the people who weren't in the room and aren't currently active within NZAEE - our teachers. This will be a goal for our exec for the coming year - to work out how NZAEE can support them in their profession.

As a new exec we wanted to honor the time and commitment of our past exec - Thom Adams, Pam Crisp and Sandy Beath-Croft, who also had been instrumental in our 2018 NZAEE national conference.

Then to inspire us and share her story - Holly Neill - part time bird photographer showed us key photos that have paved her journey into connecting with nature - the fledgling tui, the cheeky demanding piwakawaka, and the gateway toutouwai - the friendly NI robin.



## WREEF Hui - Connecting with Nature November 2020

“When we walk like (we are rushing), we print anxiety and sorrow on the earth. We have to walk in a way that we only print peace and serenity on the earth... Be aware of the contact between your feet and the earth. Walk as if you are kissing the earth with your feet.”

— Thich Nhat Hanh

We did just this at Zealandia for our Wellington Region Environmental Education Forum (WREEF) hui - connecting with nature. We slowed down and connected with nature through the 5 pathways to nature connection. Great learning - great networking as always. 5 pathways to Nature is based on research from Miles Richardson at the University of Derby in England. Connection through senses, beauty, compassion, meaning, emotion.

Here is a link to the Department of Conservation website that [explains the 5 pathways and has some teacher resources](#). Our session was led by Liana Stupples from Re-wild Yourself, Becky from Porirua Harbour Trust, Ben from DOC education and Karin from Zealandia. I feel really privileged to work with so many beautiful passionate colleagues in places that can refresh me and inspire curiosity.

Our next WREEF hui will be in Term 2 continuing our discussions about enabling students to connect with nature and what connecting with nature looks like in an Aotearoa context. WREEF hui are for environmental educators to connect, network, and learn from each other leading to supportive and collaborative relationships.







# Te Tiriti 101 Workshop - February 2021

The workshop was beautifully delivered by the Poneke Treaty Action Collective. It was fully booked by our WREEF community.



The workshop informed us, moved us, challenged us. Systemic change was the call and how can we be a part of making that happen.

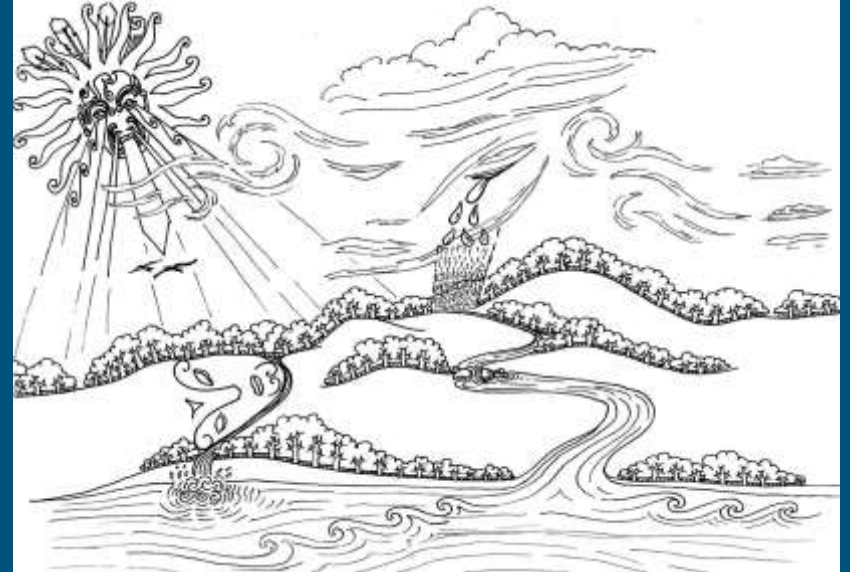


## NZAAE National Executive Meeting Minutes Summary 05 March 2021

1. Re-visioning of NZAAE - Chris Montgomerie is gathering information about the structures of various organisations for us to consider at the next meeting A report will be tabled at that meeting and Chris will report back.
1. Developing a Vision and Mission Statement – a process for undertaking this work was suggested. Gill Stewart and Annie McDonald will develop a document for National Exec members to record their ideas for discussion at the next meeting.
1. A submission is being prepared on behalf of the NZAAE to the Climate Change Commission in terms of the need for EfS. It will be sent to members to encourage them to make individual submissions.
1. Seaweek 2021 is being held on 08-14 March. There is a new website and a Facebook event on 08 March. There are other virtual events, e.g. the Bill Ballantyne Memorial Lecture and a LEARNZ virtual field trip. Education resources are also available. The contracts with MERC and NZ Marine Studies Centres are nearly at the point where they can be signed.
1. An email was sent to the National Curriculum Refresh Committee indicating that NZAAE would like to be part of this process.
1. PPTA Subject Association Meeting – we have received an invitation to attend this again. It is on 22-23 April. Elspeth can attend on 22 April and Robyn on 23 April.
1. Webinars – it is proposed to have a webinar once a term for an hour so that we have a more prominent online presence. Anzac offered to deliver his Explorer’s Journal in April. We need a flyer to advertise this webinar.
1. Audit of Climate Change Education resource – we will confirm that the organiser of this audit wants NZAAE to contribute.
1. A date for the next AGM needs to be set. It is proposed to have a virtual one.

# Karakia

**Kia tau te rangimārie  
O Ranginui e tū iho nei  
O Papatūānuku e takoto nei  
O te Taiao e awahi nei  
ki runga i a tātou  
Tihei Mauriora.**



*May the peace of the Sky above  
of the Earth below  
and of the all embracing Universe  
rest upon us all  
Behold it is life.*