



**Community
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ANNUAL
REPORT

COMMUNITY RESEARCH

TANGATA WHENUA, COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY SECTOR RESEARCH CENTRE

Respecting and sharing knowledge

Strengthening whānau through research

Supporting and inspiring the sector



“Great place to come and learn, share and feel humbled by the mahi others are engaging in.”

Ko te hōkai-nuku

Ko te hōkai-rangi

Ko te hōkai ā tō tupuna

a Tānenuiarangihere

From our Co-Chairs

Tēnā koutou katoa

It was quite a year! We are proud of the way the organisation pivoted to respond in a COVID-19 environment – managing to still deliver a full programme. We need to especially acknowledge our kaimahi (staff), including our Kaiwhakahaere Matua (General Manager), for all the work they achieved in such a complex environment.

We welcomed two new kaitiaki to our Tangata Whenua caucus and one into our Tangata Tiriti caucus this year. Their contribution has and will continue to ensure that our mahi contributes to more equitable outcomes for tangata whenua and the sector.

And we are proud of what was delivered in the past year, especially one of our most popular webinars, *Implementing Mahi a Atua as a service response*. We also presented on the challenges and opportunities for Māori recovery in a COVID-19 environment.

Last year our increased Pacific focus also saw some excellent webinars. We're especially proud of the 'round the kava bowl' series, as well as beginnings of co-creation of a Pacific strategy.

We also created a useful resource for the sectors we serve by way of *How to Make a Webinar*. And we began providing a technical service to run webinars for other organisations. Indeed, we've increased our value as a sector capability-building organisation. There's more to do: Our own *Outcomes Harvesting* evaluation told us that you want further innovation and action – we intend to deliver.

Looking ahead, as a Treaty-based organisation, we have committed to exploring the next stage in our Te Tiriti o Waitangi journey. We will be re-engaging with the tangata whenua sector – to listen and act on their aspirations. We also look forward to sharing our whakapapa, to inspire the community and voluntary sector in our own journeys as Treaty partners.

Noho ora mai

Pania Coote & Garth Nowland-Foreman

Co-Chairs

A B O U T C O M M U N I T Y R E S E A R C H

Community Research is an incorporated society established in 2008. [Read the 2007 Constitution](#)

We contribute to 'A healthy, engaged and informed Tangata Whenua, Community and Voluntary Sector in Aotearoa New Zealand'. [Read our Theory of Change](#)

We operate a Treaty-based model of governance to reflect Te Tiriti o Waitangi. [Find out about our people](#)

We are supported by funders and a small membership. [Find out who supports Community Research](#)

NGĀ KAITIAKI
GOVERNANCE GROUP
2020

Community Research has a two-house model of governance. We have two caucus – Tangata Whenua caucus and Te Tiriti caucus. Each meeting separately, then work together to set strategic outcomes for the organisation.

Tangata Whenua caucus members



Pania Coote
Co-Chair



Marie (Greaves) Farquhar



Eden Skipper



Brendan Stevenson

Tangata Tiriti caucus members



Garth Nowland-Foreman
Co-Chair



Analiese Robertson
Treasurer



Caroline (Ligi) Harris



Jennifer Braithwaite

#whatwestandfor



Ngā Kitenga me ngā Putanga

– Increased visibility and equitable access to community research



Te Pono me te Tika

– Increased quality assurance and good-practice in community research



Ngā Hononga

– Promoting and strengthening connections between researchers and the sector, nationally and internationally



Ngā Mahi Rangahau Rautaki

– Commissioned research of significance to the sector



Kia Tū Tonu te Whare

– The ongoing, sustainable operation of the organisation

#theimpactwemake

Our decolonising, social justice and equity tools have:

- Increased awareness of approaches to support mana within communities
- Distributed evaluation tools
- Provided extensive networks to the community sector
- Shared place-based and lived experiences
- Celebrated researchers and their research
- Supported organisations to run their own webinars
- Promoted Kaupapa Māori research methodologies and approaches
- Given wero (challenge) to racism and equity
- Provided thought-provoking perspectives
- Advocated for evidence that leads to good decision-making
- Provided insights into complex issues

“ It is relevant topics that impact on communities. It provides opportunities to be involved in sharing knowledge to a wider group of like-minded people, especially tangata whenua.”

– (Webinar participant)

OUR COLLECTIONS



New Zealand's largest collection of community research and researchers



To assist Whānau Ora practitioners and supply them with vital tools and knowledge



NGO-friendly tools and resources to prepare groups for evidence-based contracting

NATIONWIDE ENGAGEMENT

We contribute to 'A healthy, engaged and informed Tangata Whenua, Community and Voluntary Sector in Aotearoa New Zealand'

 Over **566,000** people have used our web-based resources

 **73,700** unique visitors have used our resources this year

 The webinars have been enjoyed by **2,714** people

 We have **5,423** followers on Facebook

 Recordings on our YouTube channel have been viewed over **53,637** times



WE HAVE CREATED

- An established and trusted form of webcasting
- An archive of recorded community learnings and mātauranga
- Extensive networks to community sector
- An evolving curriculum
- A growing audience which has come to expect high quality content suited to its needs.

WE
PLANNED
PROGRAMMED
PRESENTED

12 live broadcasts with **16** presenters over the last **12** months. Community Research webinars are free online events where community sector professionals share their research and expertise about what's working. Here are a selection of this year's webinars:



Riana Manuel

Implementing Mahi a Atua as a service response

I was excited to see a model that reflected and addressed many of the barriers that inhibit our whānau from accessing and engaging with services.

- (Webinar Participant)

Judge Becroft



Giving voice to tamariki and rangatahi in community organisations

A real sense of the passion expressed by the Judge! An emphasis on the need to have good research that gives voice to all stakeholders, in this case, tamariki.

- (Webinar Participant)



Gloria Fraser

Supporting Rainbow People in Aotearoa

Great resources and info on the important mahi that is being done for our rainbow/takatāpui whānau/community.

- (Webinar Participant)

Angelique Nairn



Healthy conversations about racism

Enjoyed hearing genuine, knowledgeable presenters talk about such a relevant and fascinating topic.

- (Webinar Participant)



Juan Tari

Indigenous Research Ethics - Journeys in Decolonisation

Clear messages - indigenous people need to be making the decisions about what is 'ethical' to them, not a collective of experienced and knowledgeable white academics; there is no one generic way to engage with each indigenous community. It was brilliant; wonderful presenters.

- (Webinar Participant)

Ngapera Riley



Harnessing the power of data to create a better future for Aotearoa

Good, practical approach to data, the importance of real data / public data and some excellent websites!

- (Webinar Participant)



Edmond Fehoko

Faikava - The Use of Cultural Practices in Western Research Spaces

The most important message is really understanding our cultural values and with that building stronger relationships with our communities. Building on community capability and community development. Thank you for today's webinar!

- (Webinar Participant)

1. Pacific webinars, strategy and engagement

We reimagined our webinar platform and engagement with Pasifika by honouring Pacific ways of knowing and doing. In November 2020, we invited local Pacific researchers and knowledge holders to two fono held at AUT in Tāmaki Makaurau and ACE Aotearoa in Whanganui-a-Tara.

The talanoa around the kava bowl was an opportunity to explore the definition of community research through a Pacific lens, to connect and to share experiences, and start to grow a collection of Pacific knowledge with Community Research. From this engagement, we ran a series of webinars called the Kumete Kakala Hour – a circular space for sharing and connecting. Community Research began creating our Pacific Strategy to guide our future mahi with Pasifika.

Thank you to those who helped create this beautiful mahi.



2. Whānau Ora collection
3. Te Auahatia: Community Research and Evaluation Social Network Programme 2020
4. Special Collections of Research + early curation of refugee-background and migrant communities
5. Sector capacity building through videos and resources



 FROM THE TARI (OFFICE) 

    

- Began design of our new website
- Planned for an internal restructure which saw the appointment of a Kaiwhakhaere Matua (General Manager) role
- Built internal processes to strengthen the organisation
- Began design and delivery of Outcomes Harvesting evaluation for Community Research
- Delivered webinar support for election-focused community development kaupapa
- Provided technical support for organisations to run their own webinars

W H O W E S U P P O R T

Māori organisations, researchers and evaluators, ethnic leaders, community groups, voluntary organisations, funders, place-based activities, academics and tertiary institutions, policy makers and tangata wanting to raise the mana of their knowledge.



A HUGE

Tēnā rawa atu koutou

Our kaimahi, contractors, webinar panellists, research kaiarahi, researchers and evaluators, activists, and all those who engage with us.

To the Community Trusts from Southland to Northland, for their longstanding support of our mahi.

Bay Trust

Community Trust South

Eastern and Central Community Trust

Foundation North

Otago Community Trust

Rātā Foundation

Trust Waikato

Wellington Community Trust

Special thanks

To the Todd Foundation and the Department of Internal Affairs for their continued support.

“Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi. Engari he toa takitini

It's not my strength alone but the collective strength.”



FINANCIALS

Our limited funds were spent well and we ended the year with a small deficit. We invested in our kaimahi, contractors and our programmes. The bulk of our delivery expenses relate to creating and sharing digital resources to support our sectors. Looking ahead, we will scope for more sustainable forms of income and new collaborative partnerships.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 2021

REVENUE	\$
Donations, fundraising and other simliar revenue	254,816
Fees, subscriptions and other revenue from members	390
Revenue from providing goods or services	6,828
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	592
TOTAL REVENUE	262,626
EXPENSES	\$
Volunteer and employee related costs	105,382
Costs related to providing goods or services	153,413
Other expenses	12,616
TOTAL EXPENSES	271,410
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	(8,784)

For a full set of accounts, please go to communityresearch.org.nz/about-community-research

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Kaimahi (staff)

Janie Walker (current) Kaiwhakahaere Matua - General Manager

Jenny Moore (current) Kairuruku - Co-ordinator and admin

Kym Hamilton (Kaiputahi Rangahau - Research Programme Manager)

Janet Miller (Organisation Manager)

Janet Tupou (Research Programme Manager)



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