

Quaker Climate Emergency Correspondent 11: 6 Whiringa-ā-nuku 2023

He waka eke noa We are all in this canoe together

Kia ora f/Friends

Thank you for your kind wishes; my bones are getting better. Being rescued by a stranger and completely dependent on other people's kindness has been overwhelming.

Inspiration

Aotearoa NZ Quakers is the first national faith community in Aotearoa NZ to join the call for an international Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty. The Religious Diversity Centre is encouraging others, and we can help put the word out.



Quakers need to know

- COP 28 or the 2023 UN Conference of the Parties (COP 28), Dubai, 30 November - 12 December includes a focus day on peace; (thank you Anna, QUNO);
- Adaptation and retreat will be a big issue for any incoming government as insurance companies announce they will decline ongoing insurance to properties deemed at risk; submissions to the Environment Committee Komiti Whiriwhiri Take Taiao Inquiry into Climate Adaptation are due 1 November;
- Feedback on a proposed National Policy Statement for Natural Hazard Decision-making is due on November 26;
- Petition to end free carbon credits (thank you Alex, Quakers' Loxley award winner);
- **Climate Action: Environmental Memorial Art & Disaster Resilience**, Asia West Pacific Section (AWPS) Webinar, 8pm (NZ time), **Saturday 7 October** and we can register here; (thank you Adrian).

International

COP 28 (2023):

- Will be responding to the first Global Stocktake (GST) on how we are doing on our Paris 2015 commitments (we are behind, both globally and nationally). Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) submissions are here and here.
- Will need to operationalise the loss and damage fund established at COP27.
- Includes a day on peace, and Peace@COP28 has published a list of policy recommendations.
- Will include our Quaker United Nations Office representative, Lindsey Fielder-Cook. She has written an article on the latest International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) synthesis report: *What We Learned About Climate Science, and What We Learned About Ourselves*. I can send you a PDF copy on request or you can write to Anna at QUNO Anna aaguto@quno.ch.
- Aotearoa NZ Quakers had input into our country's COP 28 priorities which are: fostering global action; supporting Pacific resilience; and supporting our own transition. The Cabinet paper is here.

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The UN has developed an Acceleration Agenda to help achieve the 1.5°C warming limit.

The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child affirms children's right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, both now and in the future (thank you Deborah).

Our youth often wisely carry a banner 'system change, not climate change'. The IPCC gives us a roadmap for urgent, feasible, and equitable near-term options available at scale to address climate change and improve human well-being and planetary health knowledge,
Lyndsey Fielder-Cook.

National

Read Aotearoa NZ's first National Climate Change Risk Assessment; Productivity Commissioner Ganesh Nana on our need for more long term thinking; Generation Zero on climate and the election; and, the NZ Defence Force needs to sort out its boiler (thank you Deborah).

Watch/ Listen - University of Canterbury academic and recent IPCC report co-author. Bronwyn Hayward on why climate issues matter now more than ever.

Take part in climate action survey. The research is being undertaken by Jonathan Oosterman, a Doctoral candidate in Sociology at Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington.

Other

Inspiration from Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei in Tamaki Makaurau – on its marae at Takaparawhau (Bastion Point); at its Pourewa nursery and food garden nearby; and its contribution to the redesign of Quay Street in the heart of the city.

Sanity Check on Climate Change: A Conversation with Chris Field (the preview is actually the whole thing) – thank you, Jillian.

Oh dear ...

Different cultures express themselves differently. Some of us are more poetic; others of us are more literal. Sometimes the poetic and the literal get mistranslated. When UN Secretary-General António Guterres warned that “the era of global warming has ended” and “the era of global boiling has arrived”, I do not think he expected his words to inspire this.

Last word: Inspiration and concern all at the same time



This man is not Pope Francis

Our responses have not been adequate, and we are not acting fast enough.

Pope Francis on how we are caring for our common home

Laudate Deum is new and builds on his 2015 encyclical Laudato Si; it is much shorter. You can watch a video about it here or read a summary here. He challenges us:

What is the meaning of my life? What is the meaning of my time on this earth? And what is the ultimate meaning of all my work and effort?

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