

## Climate Correspondent 2024, No 8, 25 Hōngongoi

*He waka eke noa – we are all in this together*

Kia ora f/Friends

What a show-off! Just how body-enhanced can one tui get? All that squawking, puffing and prancing outside our window must mean ‘mate attraction’? A sparrow (not puffed up) arrives. The tui flies away.

Whanganui was snugly well-fed cosiness, challenge, and camaraderie. Thank you, Marion, Margy-Jean, Ronis, Val, and others for making the *Quakers and Climate Weekend* happen; Emma Morris and Sam O’Sullivan from [Piwakawaka Farm](#) for their inspiration; everyone for their involvement; and, panellists’ Cathy Breed, John Michaelis, and Mike Joy for making us think:



Thank you <https://animalia.bio/tui>

- “The world has changed; how do we want to move with the changes?”
- “What stories do we want to tell ourselves about what constitutes good lives?”
- “Climate change is just one of the symptoms of overshoot [and the media is not catching on].”
- “We need lots of different people doing lots of different things.”
- Stop just trying to replace what we have now.”
- “People dream about simplicity.”
- “Expect more climate justice legal challenges.”

An article in Friends Newsletter is coming our way.

### Things to do:

**Support Helen Kingston and Golden Bay Worship Group** in safeguarding of Te Waikoropupū (Pupu) Springs which could be threatened by a gold mine under *Fast Track legislation* by:

1. *Signing the petition* [here](#).
2. Encouraging F/friends in Wellington to head to **Parliament on Tuesday 30 July at 12.30 in support of those presenting the petition**. The RSVP is [here](#).

**Submission writing - [New Zealand’s second emissions reduction plan](#)** – Submissions are **due 21 August**. NZ is committed to net zero emissions by 2050. “... Emissions budgets 1 and 2 can be achieved. There is greater uncertainty about our ability to meet emissions budget 3 (2030).” See [Ministry for the Environment p. 2](#).

### What we know:

Climate Change Ambassador, [Kay Harrison](#), who came to our Yearly Meeting has resigned, and is now listing herself as a ‘self-employed climate change consultant’ on LinedIn.

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Aotearoa NZ is [not on track](#) to meet its 2030 obligation of reducing net emissions to 50% below 2005 levels by 2030 ([Ministry for the Environment](#), p.29).

A gnarly bunch of Quakers  
Went off to play  
In Whanganui  
Not far away  
Tired and harassed  
Joyful, okay  
Some of us quiet  
Some plenty to say  
Weaving together  
Encounters of life  
Ways to go forward  
Strife or No strife  
The rain it did rain  
And the sun it did shine  
Birds sought the worms  
Trees stood sublime  
Nature's great net  
Embracing us all  
Spiritual transition  
"Where are you?" we call.

Simon Watts, our Climate Change Minister, committed to the following at the [United Nations Conference of the Parties 28](#) (COP 28):

- **Reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by 50 per cent below gross 2005 levels by 2030 and achieving our 2050 domestic net zero target.** Maybe I am wrong, but it looks like [net emissions reduced by 5.4%](#) between 2005 and 2022, so 2030 looks highly optimistic.
- **Focusing equally on adaptation and mitigation.** The new [five pillar approach to climate change](#) appears to focus on adaptation.
- **Developing a national Climate Adaptation Framework.** In August 2023, the Environment Committee initiated an inquiry into climate adaptation. A summary of the submissions can be found [here](#). The [Finance and Expenditure Committee](#) is now considering those submissions and is due to report by 5 September 2024.
- **Collaborating with our Pacific neighbours on climate change as ... the number one security threat to our region.** Climate change is one of the seven priorities announced at the recent 10th [Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting](#) (PALM10). Meantime, Pacific peoples are already [moving](#).
- **Delivering on our collective commitment to the US \$100 billion goal, and on loss and damage finance, in a way that works for our partners in the Pacific.** "Finance needs to flow in the right direction" (Kay Harrison, former Climate Change ambassador). [rather than subsidising fossil fuels]. Loss and damage will be part of the [COP 29 focus](#). The [Pacific Conference of Churches'](#) Tuākoī Lei Declaration calls for "just transitions towards a fossil fuel free world" amongst other things.

### Resources / Reading / Info / Various Views – thank you everyone

Need to grieve? [Great gig in the sky](#) – Pink Floyd -thank you Val; Roman Krznaric, 2020, [The Good Ancestor](#); Klaus Wiegandt (ed) (2024) [Three Degrees More](#) (thank you Peter Gluckman); Starhawk (1993) [The Fifth Sacred Thing](#) (Thank you Christine); [The Behavioural Crisis Driving Ecological Overshoot](#) – thank you Mike Joy; [Labour will make Britain a clean energy superpower](#) – thank you Joel; [Why there is No Climate Crisis](#); Bring on [wonky veges](#) - thank you Jillian; [High Impact Climate Action Guide](#), thank you Margy-Jean.

### Inspiration

Re-forestation at [Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū \(Banks Peninsula\)](#).

Go well everyone.

Ngā mihi nui, Philippa



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