

Te Akatoki o Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha (Māori Students' Association) Incorporated

Ngā Minitī o Annual General Meeting



Te Rā: Thursday, 28 May 2026
Tīmata: 6.04pm
Held at: Te Akatoki Whare, 129 Ilam Road, Ōtautahi

I Konei I Present:

Te Akatoki Executive (Officers):

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| 1. Sophia Clarke-Walker | Tumuaki President (Chair of hui) |
| 2. Meretitia Roffey | Tumuaki Tuarua Vice President |
| 3. Liam Speechlay | Kaitiaki Pūtea Finance Officer |
| 4. Kupuora Tarena | Pou Hauroa Health and Wellbeing Officer |
| 5. Toby Gibson | Pou Pāpāho Social Media and Communications Officer |
| 6. Kaipo-Natanahira Ngai-Tokowaru | Pou Ahurea Cultural Officer |
| 7. Pou Taiao Sustainability Officer | Vacancy |

Te Akatoki Academic Representatives:

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| 8. Hinekaea Taratoa-Bannister | Māngai Pūtaiao Science Rep |
| 9. Ethan Rademaker | Māngai Mātai Hauora Health Rep |
| 10. Morgan Kilkenny | Māngai Ako Education Rep |
| 11. Kia Māia Goldsmith | Māngai Paerunga Postgraduate Rep |
| 12. Samantha Bergin | Māngai Ture Law Rep |
| 13. Estelle Vincent-Lee | Māngai Umanga Commerce Rep |
| 14. Elizabeth Evans | Māngai Toi Tangata Arts Rep |

Te Akatoki Members:

Te Akarapo Pākeha, Rangimarie Pomare, Jurnee Leonard, Delana-Mae Areli, Raven Lyall, Arabella Paki, Tia Douglas, Sophia Brinsdon-Barclay, Xavier Stack, Maia Gerrard, Wi-Xavier Jones-Fiso, Ngārira Mackenzie, Harmony Brooke Wilson-Ngata, Josh Glackin, Tane Mahuta Pākeha, Ava Buchanan, Kace Hipkins-Taimai, Mahinerangi Wilson, Kahia Araria-Ashby, Trinaty Pillans, Maia Thompson, William Glover, Whakaahurangi Gallagher, Mahinerangi Poharana-King, Tamehana Wihone-Solomon, Paekitawhiti Muriwai, Taylor Nassau,, Matariki Tarena, Te Ao Mārama Hema.

Manuhiri:

Lix Brown (Executive Director of the Office of Treaty Partnership & Returning Officer, Sophie Lackey (Kaihāpai – Te Akatoki), Evangeline Rong (UCSA Vice-President Academic), Tumarū Mataio (UCSA President).

He Whakapāha I Apologies: Julio Messenger (Māngai Pūhanga | Engineering Rep), Brooke Wharehinga (Pou Hono | Events Officer).

Karakia Timatanga: Hana-Amaia Tamati-Paratene

1) Opening Kaupapa

- a) The Chair opened the hui and te mihi ki te katoa.
- b) Whakapāha noted above.

2) Approval of Prior Minutes

- a) The Chair referred to the minutes of Te Akatoki Special General Meeting held 23 March 2026.
- b) There were no amendments.

He Mōtini

*That the minutes of **Te Akatoki SGM held 23 March 2026** be approved.*

Moved: Sophia Clarke-Walker

Seconded: Toby Gibson

Carried

- c) The Chair referred to the minutes of Te Akatoki AGM held 3 June 2025.
- d) There were no amendments.

He Mōtini:

*That the minutes of the be approved **AGM held 3 June 2025***

Moved: Sophia Clarke-Walker

Seconded: Meretitia Roffey

Carried

3) Approval of the FY2025 Financial Accounts

- a) Kaitiaki Pūtea, Liam Speechlay, spoke to the audited financial statements for FY2025, year ending 31 December 2025.
- b) Key points noted included:
 - Main revenue stream continues to be from UCSA funding, with donations and small grants making up the remainder.
 - There was a \$9,600 deficit for the FY25: this is being addressed in FY2026.
 - Te Akatoki is looking to expand number of funding opportunities in 2026.
 - A clean audit report was received.

He Mōtini:

That Te Akatoki approve the audited financial statements for FY2025.

Moved: Liam Speechlay

Seconded: Whakaahurangi Gallagher

Carried.

4) Appointment of Auditor for FY2026

- a) Te Tumuaki Tuarua, Meretitia Roffey, spoke to this item, and referred to section 34.1 of Te Akatoki's constitution which states:

34.1 If required by the Act or the Charities Act, or if the Executive otherwise determines it desirable, the Executive shall as soon as practicable after the end of the financial year of Te Akatoki cause the accounts of Te Akatoki to be audited by a chartered accountant appointed by the Executive for that purpose at the preceding Annual General Meeting.

- b) It was noted that, in line with this requirement, a motion has been proposed to re-appoint Community Capacity Accounting, Te Akatoki's current auditors, for the FY2026 reporting period

He Mōtini:

That Te Akatoki appoint Community Capacity Accounting as the auditor for the Te Akatoki FY2026 financial statements.

Moved: Sophia Clarke-Walker

Seconded: Liam Speechlay

Carried.

5) 2025 Tumuaki Report

a) Introduction

- Te Tumuaki, Sophia Clarke-Walker, spoke to the 2025 Te Akatoki Tumuaki Report. The following key points were noted:
 - Te Akatoki has been fortunate to have a full team of committed leaders who are deeply invested in seeing Te Akatoki thrive. Many have progressed from teina roles into leadership positions.
 - The start of the year has been busy, but significant progress has been made across multiple kaupapa.
 - Membership registration has been updated to align with the Te Akatoki Constitution and ensure accurate records of active tauira and alumni. As at 1 January 2026, over 200 registrations had been received, with numbers continuing to grow.
 - Consistent kaupapa and engagement have contributed to strong membership uptake.

b) Events + Highlights

- Three social sports teams were entered in Term 1, placing:
 - 1st in Volleyball
 - 2nd in Basketball
 - 3rd in Netball
- Ngahau Kapa Haka has grown significantly, with strong and consistent participation. The rōpū performed at the Asia Pacific Festival and at the Waitaha Senior Regionals as a Whakataetae Tautoko kapa, placing first in their section.

- Other kaupapa included: Toia maia
 - Eke Panuku
 - Clubs Day.
 - Mahi Dawg Turei
 - Māori Influx - collab with Te Awhioraki
 - Takere TEN Night
 - Tākuta Ferris speaker series event in collaboration with UCpols
 - Meet the Team + Feed
 - Two termly entertainment nights (TEN night)
 - Te Pahi Ngahau
 - Toi Māori wānanga
 - Nesian non-stop (run club) in collaboration with the nesian club
 - Wānanga mai feedback session partnering with the UCSA
 - Working Bee
 - Fried Bread fundraiser
 - Hui Kaiarahi
 - SGM/Whānau Hui
 - Graduation celebration
 - ANZAC day service

c) **Te Whare Upgrades**

Upgrades in 2026 included a new flag, couch, broom, vacuum, plants dart board, cleaning supplies and garden supplies, pillows, ping pong equipment, hangers for our artwork.

d) **Academic**

It was noted that Te Akatoki represents tauira Māori across all faculties and sits on key decision-making bodies including:

- Learning and Teaching Committee (LTC)
- Each Faculty Committee
- Academic Administration Committee (AAC)
- Student Voice Partnership Group
- Academic Board
- Library Committee

Academic Reps have received outstanding feedback from UCSA and UC leadership for their advocacy, mana and insight they bring to high-level conversations and identifying common issues or themes within their faculty.

e) **2026 Priorities**

Te Akatoki's priorities for 2026 include:

- Increasing outreach and strengthening Te Akatoki's presence across the university
- Continuing to provide a safe, supportive space for tauira Māori
- Prioritising academic and pastoral support

- Facilitating cultural and community-building kaupapa (kapa haka, sports, social events)
- Strengthening relationships with Māori student support services
- Advocating for tauira Māori at all levels of the university

f) **Governance & Operations**

- **Special General Meeting - 23 March 2026**

Te Akatoki Constitution:

A review of Te Akatoki's governance and operations in 2024 resulted in several recommendations including updates to the Constitution to ensure compliance with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, and improvements to Executive composition, officer roles, strategic focus, and the overall purpose of the Association.

A suite of constitutional amendments was proposed at the SGM and passed unanimously. These can be seen on Te Akatoki's link tree and website.

- **Kaihāpai Role**

We continued on establishing a staff role for Te Akatoki building on the mahi of Wairaamia, Te Rina and Bridie Morrell (whose contract has now ended). The Kaihāpai will provide financial, compliance and health and safety support to Te Akatoki Executive and Te Akatoki Academic Representatives and will be based in the whare office. We have worked with the UCSA as well as Liz Brown, our executive director of the office of treaty partnership, to create a position description.

It was announced that following a comprehensive recruitment process, Sophie Lackey has been appointed to the role.

- **Acknowledgements**

Ngā mihi were extended to those who uplift, support and awahi us throughout the year:

- Liz Brown
- Blair Johnstone
- Racheal Maitnald Mata'afa
- UC Māori Kaiurungi
- UCSA
- UCSA Finance Team
- Student Care
- Faculty staff across all departments
- Our Te Akatoki whānau — past, present and future

6) Pou Taiao Election

- a) Due to the resignation of Sam Sherrington, Pou Taiao | Sustainability Officer, a vacancy has arisen requiring election of a replacement to serve until 31 December 2026.
- b) The purpose of the Pou Taiao role is to lead environmental and sustainability initiatives for Te Akatoki, raise student awareness of environmental and climate justice issues and events, and advocate for improved sustainability practices at the University of Canterbury.
- c) The Returning Officer outlined the election process and called for nominations from the floor:

Nomination: Elizabeth Evans nominated Tia Douglas.

No further nominations were received.

He Mōtini:

*That Te Akatoki appoint **Tia Douglas as Pou Taiao | Sustainability Officer** for the period ended 31 December 2026.*

Moved: Elizabeth Evans

Seconded: Kaipo-Natanahira Ngai-Tokowaru

Carried Unanimously

Closing Karakia: Kaipo-Natanahira Ngai-Tokowaru.

AGM closed at: 6:30pm

I verify that this is a true and accurate record of the minutes held above:

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