

NEWS FROM APPA



THE AOTEAROA PLASTIC POLLUTION ALLIANCE'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

Tēnā koutou katoa and welcome to the first APPA newsletter of 2024!

It will be a brief newsletter this month, as we wanted to make sure you didn't miss a few important events coming up. In future, we aim to include more information (upcoming events, recent publications, etc) so stay tuned, and let us know if you have anything to include next time. Mauri ora!

Zero Waste Aotearoa National Summit 2024

Te Whanganui-a-tara, Wellington
18 – 20 November 2024

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KEY DATES

10-18 NOV: [Hīkoi mō Te Tiriti](#)

18-20 NOV: [Zero Waste National Summit 2024](#)

25 NOV - 1 DEC: [INC-5](#) (Final Negotiation Meeting for the Global Plastics Treaty)

MEET THE NEW APPA COMMITTEE

Although many members of our last committee are staying on, we have some new faces (and old faces in new roles)! Please offer a warm welcome to: **Dr. Helena Ruffell**, returning as our Secretary after having recently successfully defended her PhD on microplastics in productive soils; and esteemed environmental lawyer **Lydia Chai** who is joining in the new role of Advocacy Lead, which we are super excited about!



Chairperson
Liam Prince



Secretary
Dr. Helena Ruffell



Treasurer
Dr. Ursula Rojas-Nazar



Advocacy Lead
Lydia Chai



Communications
Lorella Doherty



Communications
Matt Peryman

Ngā mihi nui to Liam for continuing as our awesome Chairperson for another term, and the rest of our lovely and hard-working committee!

Learn more about the 2024-2025 APPA Committee by clicking the link [here](#)

Zero Waste Network and Aotearoa Plastic Pollution Alliance present:

Zero Waste Solutions to Planetary Crises: Expert & political perspectives

Facilitated by Kim Hill

Panel Discussions | Networking | Drinks & Nibbles

Monday 18 November, 5:15-7:30pm
Rutherford House, Pipitea Campus, Victoria University

Six topics, six experts, and a response from politicians.

Join the Zero Waste Network and the Aotearoa Plastic Pollution Alliance for TWO panels, facilitated by legendary broadcaster, Kim Hill, to discuss some of the most challenging issues facing our planet.

Experts will speak to some of the most promising zero waste solutions to these crises: Bottle Deposits, Product Stewardship, the Right to Repair, using organic waste to restore degraded soils, alternatives to construction and demolition waste and problematic building materials, and a global agreement to end plastic pollution, while also highlighting the false solutions such as incineration that we must avoid.

[Click here for tickets](#) and [here for expert/politician panelist information!](#)

*This event is part of the **Zero Waste Aotearoa National Summit** in Te Whanganui a Tara/Wellington this year, on 18-20 November. There are lots of great topics, speakers, and tours on the programme - and it's happening right as the Hīkoi mō Te Tiriti arrives!*

HĪKOI MŌ TE TIRITI

You are invited to join in an amazing event for our country and our future: a national **Hīkoi mō Te Tiriti**, under the banner of kotahitanga in support of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Tāngata Whenua, and the health of Te Taiao.

Further details on rally points at each location, hīkoi tips, timings as well as hīkoi legs from other parts of the motu will be released as they are confirmed.

For those based in Pōneke and want to support the arrival of the Hīkoi check out [Tiriti Action Group Pōneke](#).

DAY 0: 10 November

Iwi Hīkoi will congregate in Te Kāo, Pōtahi Marae

DAY 1: 11 November

Te Rerenga Wairua / Kaitāia / Whangārei overnight

DAY 2: 12 November

Whangārei / Tunatahi / Te Rakipaewhenua overnight

DAY 3: 13 November

Te Rakipaewhenua / Takaparawhau / Rāhui Pōkeka overnight

DAY 4: 14 November

Rāhui Pōkeka / Kirikiriroa / Rotorua overnight

DAY 5: 15 November

Rotorua / Heretaunga overnight

DAY 6: 16 November

Heretaunga / Papaiōea overnight

DAY 7: 17 November

Papaiōea / Porirua overnight

DAY 8: 18 November

Hui Whakarite ki Te Tangata Whenua

KOTAHITANGA MŌ TE TIRITI

DAY 9: 19 November

Kotahitanga o Ngā Iwi ki Waitangi Park / Whakaeke ki Paremata

INC-5: MAKE OR BREAK

The [fifth and \(at-present\) final](#) Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) meeting for the **UN Global Plastics Treaty** is taking place in Busan, South Korea next month from November 25 to December 1.

With negotiations starting to round up, it is clear that a strong and effective Global Plastics Treaty is more critical than ever for ending plastic pollution, but Member States must overcome industry influence and fight for bold systemic action.

APPA will once again be on the ground to call upon policymakers, and particularly the NZ Government, to show leadership in these negotiations by ensuring that the future Treaty is focused on and equipped to:

- **significantly reduce plastics and chemical production** and the harms inflicted across the life-cycles of plastics including extraction, production, and pollution
- **ensure justice for those most harmed by plastic pollution** and upholding the rights of Indigenous Peoples, humanity, and the planet
- **facilitate a just transition** from plastics and petrochemical dependence to community-led solutions focused at the top of the zero waste hierarchy (reduce, reuse, redesign) and localised systems of waste prevention

See Pages 6 & 8 for more from APPA Members on the Global Plastics Treaty



INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' FORUM ON PLASTICS

The **International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Plastics** (IIPFP) has just published their new website full of information, videos, and links to delve into - check it out [here!](#)

The International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Plastics (IIPFP) is an independent group of Indigenous experts and representatives focused on upholding and centring Indigenous Peoples' in all UN Global Plastics Treaty processes, including negotiations and implementation phases.

The IIPFP was founded during INC-2 by a diverse group of Indigenous representatives including Juressa Lee and Matt Peryman, both members of APPA and the **Tāngata Whenua Coalition for an Effective Plastics Treaty** (TWC). They both now sit on the elected IIPFP committee, with Juressa as a Co-Chair and Matt doing Communications.

The **IIPFP Membership Registration Form** can be found [here](#).



HMNZS MANAWANUI OIL SPILL IN SĀMOA

The NZDF has continued to refuse to clean up the over 200,000 litres of diesel spilled into Sāmoa’s waters.

While locals suffer the impacts, fearing for their livelihoods and food sources. Village high chief Tuia Pepae Pua says local fishermen are already selling fish coated in oil, with locals reporting sickness after eating contaminated fish. NZ Prime Minister Christopher Luxon continues to downplay the situation.

[350Auckland](#) is calling on Defense Minister Judith Collins to urgently task the NZDF with deploying a full cleanup team, to plug and contain the oil spill. They are also calling on the NZDF to investigate lifting the vessel and removing it from the marine reserve once decommissioned.

[TO SIGN THE PETITION, CLICK HERE.](#)

SUSTAINABLE COASTLINES TRASH SPECIES POSTER

If you missed it, Sustainable Coastlines have brought out the Trash Species of Aotearoa poster. Playing on the iconic fish and chip poster, this version introduces 21 ‘trash species’ illustrated by renowned New Zealand wildlife artist [Erin Forsyth](#), and informed by real coastal litter data from Litter Intelligence, Aotearoa’s national litter database.

With species such as the Quarter Flounder and the Snapperloc Bag, Trash Species of Aotearoa New Zealand gets you thinking and inspires people to #catchyourtrash before it fills our moana.

[To find out more, view the ‘species’ close up or to purchase, click here for Sustainable Coastlines Instagram page.](#)



MEMBERS' WORK

Zero Waste Network (ZWN):

- [**Incinerator will put NZ on the wrong track / Zero Waste Network**](#)

Pacific Islands Climate Action Network (PICAN):

- [**Pacific CSO Statement on the Global Plastics Treaty**](#)

“Following COP29 in Azerbaijan next month, negotiations for the Global Plastics Treaty will commence in Busan, South Korea. In preparation for the Intergovernmental Negotiation Committee (INC-5) meeting, and after successfully co-organising Fiji's National Plastics Symposium last week—attended by representatives from each of our country nodes—PICAN has developed a Pacific CSO Statement on the Global Plastics Treaty.”

Scientists' Coalition for an Effective Plastics Treaty (SCEPT):

- [**Open response to the INC Chair's second iteration of non-paper**](#)
- [**The Global Plastics Treaty - What science shows are essential elements for its success**](#)
- [**Human Health in the Global Plastics Treaty**](#)
- [**Plastic Chemicals**](#)
- [**Addressing Microplastic Pollution via the Global Plastic Treaty AND Key sources of microplastics to the environment: Working Papers**](#)
- [**Introducing the Rationale for Including Plastic Polymers in the International Legally Binding Instrument on Plastic**](#)

Are you an APPA Member with something to share in our next newsletter? Let us know!

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