



MAHI MIHINARE
ANGLICAN ACTION

Mahi Mihinare / Anglican Action REPORT 2025.

Tena koutou Katoa

The last year has seen challenging times for the social service sector in New Zealand. Many small but essential organisations that support men, women, children and families through a wide range of work have melted away due to lack of funding and shrinking Government support or change in direction of contract allocation.

Mahi Mihinare/ Anglican Action has not been immune to this retraction of service to the most vulnerable in our society.

The organisation has grappled with the loss of the Springhill Prison contract over the past year and the subsequent need to redeploy or loose Staff.

The handing over of the care of the men at Kaainga Taupua was emotional and it was humbling to hear testimony from men who had been cared for by Mahi Mihinare. All staff can be very proud of the work done in that space.

The same has occurred in He Ukaipo (previously Cross Rose) and the “Ahuru Mowai” - Women’s EM Bail contract has been cancelled. The loss of these three contracts – two from Corrections and one from Oranga Tamariki have caused considerable sadness and a deep sadness for the people who were able to benefit from both programs and can no longer.

The work doesn’t stop. Our strategic plan for 2024 -2027 keeps us on track as a people focused organisation, keeping Tangata whaiora and staff as priorities.

On a more positive note we are hoping He Ukaipo can be used once again for Mums and children in a different capacity and that we can provide the funding though the organisation to do this.

Ethos is also flourishing through the paddock to plate/ seasonal food following. With much of the ingredients being grown in the spare land at Te Ara Hou. They have recently opened on Saturdays.

And the replanting of the gully and banks that line the property are really looking great!

Pukerangiora House (formally Church House – below the Cathedral) is functioning well with increase in our work with Rangitahi and collaboration with Twenty20 and Mana services within that space. Youth work is an area of growth.

We are continuing to look for opportunities to provide accommodation for men out of prison and we work closely with the Department of Corrections in this challenging area.

Financially we have had to review our budget as contracts are withdrawn or not renewed. Our finance team has worked hard to amend budgets and kept the Board apprised of changes.

The auditors were happy with our books, and thanks go to Ken and Denise for their care of everything financial. Our audit done by PKF Hamilton was very positive. Results reflected clean books and attention to detail and “There are no significant or material weaknesses arising from our audit.

For our funders we hope we demonstrate that we use those funds wisely and with respect. and we thank you sincerely for your support. We especially want to thank parishes who have contributed to Mahi Mihinare this year – it is truly appreciated.

This year the Board undertook to review the Trust Deed. This is ongoing and we have had robust debate and are exploring changes to the Deed which hopefully will see the document reflecting the management and governance of this organisation as it operates now and for many years.

There have also been changes in the last year within the Board – the Reverend Henare Waaka has joined us as the Ngati Haua representative.

I would like to thank the Board members for their support and work. This Board operates in a voluntary capacity and considerable work has been done this last year.

The Board acknowledges the CEO, Kaumatua, staff, leadership team and support people that make hope and justice through service a living reality at Mahi Mihinare.

And lastly, I ask us all to remember Gerald Bailey who served on the Anglican Action Board for many years and passed away earlier this year. He gave a considerable amount of time and worked tirelessly for the organisation and was always available for advice and direction when asked. He is missed.

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Nga mihi

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