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**SUMMARY:**

Tēnā koutou ngā manukura o tēnei kaupapa.

Kua ea ngā mahi - the work has been completed. The final quarter of the year for Te Roopū Māori saw the result of our elections revealing bright new leaders for 2020. Following that was our final Te Rito executive reports which were then presented at our AGM. Despite some bumps, this went successfully and all of our executive members were granted full honoraria. The long hui was juxtaposed with our fun Awards Night which celebrated taura who contributed to the success of Te Roopū Māori this year, culturally, recreationally and socially. Our annual study retreat was our final major event of the year.

Looking forward I will be working alongside the incoming Tumuaki to tidy up policy and handover the administrative side of TRM. This climactic quarter was tough again, but as I said earlier the work has now been completed. This report is similar to my final report for Te Rito which includes all previous reports so that this reflects a years journey. The end of each subsection relate to this quarter specifically to make it easier for the reader, and as you will see in my goal sections, most of what I aimed to do this year was completed.

I want to take this opportunity to mihi to the 2019 OUSA executive, particularly James and Georgia, as well as Donna and Debbie. It has been a privilege to serve in this role and be able to work and partake in hui with you all this year. As a prominent *whakataukī* says 'Ka whati te tai, ka pao te Torea', 'When the tide recedes, the Torea (oyster catcher) strikes'. The tide which is my time here at University has receded, but it reveals endless opportunities for the future. Now equipped with the skills and experiences that I take away not from these halls of academia alone, but the community that thrives here, Te Roopū Māori and OUSA, I am ready to take my place in the world.

I runga i tērā, ki a koutou katoa, tēnā rawa atu koutou.

**PART ONE: EXECUTIVE OFFICER POSITION DESCRIPTION DUTIES**

1.1 Ensure Te Roopū operates in accordance with the constitution;



We've been operating in accordance with the constitution. At our AGM minor changes were made to our constitution to keep things relevant to 2019. These involved names of roles, the funding relationship changing from OUSA to the University, and simplifying complicated sentences.

1.2 Act as Māngai for Te Roopū at local, regional and national levels;

I've represented Te Roopū Māori this year on several levels and occasions, below is a list of these events.

I attended and had the chance to address the first year taura at the Pōhiri at the beginning of Orientation Week. I later helped run the afternoon BBQ following the Pōhiri at Māori Center.

On March 5th, I spoke at the Māori Scholarships Evening addressing both Mental Health and Racism.

I attended the Give Nothing to Racism Campaign meeting earlier in the year. This as well as the events in Christchurch sparked the creation of our Mean Tweets Against Racism video in support of this campaign.

On April 3rd and 4th I attended KATTI, short for KEI Ā TĀTOU TE IHI, a leadership and development programme for high school students in Years 10-13 in Auckland where I spoke on a student panel over the two days it ran.

On April 5th I attended the Career Advisers Update Day in Auckland to present the Māori student experience at our University.

On April 25th I attended the ANZAC Dawn Ceremony and took a wreath on behalf of TRM. I also spoke at the OUSA Anzac Ceremony.

On May 2nd I spoke on a student panel at the Takawaenga Māori Liason Officer Conference hosted by Te Huka Mātauraka. This was a valuable chance to speak directly to those who promote tertiary education to our rangatahi on what the Māori student experience is like at Otago.

I attended a lunch alongside OUSA to meet the chancellor and University council.

This week I also talked about my role as Tumuaki and goals in the Students To Watch section of the Critic Magazine.

I attended both May Māori Pre-graduation Ceremonies on behalf of Te Roopū Māori.

On May 18th I spoke at a Rally Against Racism organised in the community and addressed my personal experiences as well as a broader perspective of racism against Māori in Aotearoa.

On the 15th of July I took part in the induction ceremony for the new Māori chaplain Dr Helen Papuni.

On July 18th the Māori Hui and Pacific Fono on the Sexual Misconduct Policy was held. This hui was brought about when I saw something similar was taking place at Victoria University. I requested from the Māori Centre that



a hui happen on our campus, in response to issues relating to sexual misconduct our executive was aware of within our Māori student community, as well as in Knox College. This hui was a success and brought taura together to talk to a panel consisting of counsellors, Te Whare Tāwharau, Student Support and the Proctor.

From the 19th to the 21st of July myself and my executive hosted the Te Mana Ākonga Hui in Dunedin where the presidents and delegates from TMA members gathered to discuss current topical issues facing Māori students and plan for the upcoming Te Huinga Taura conference.

On the 26th of July I spoke at and joined the show of solidarity in Ōtepoti for Ihumātao, where I spoke on behalf of TRM to share our perspective and passion for matters of indigenous people in our country.

On August 16th i attended the Matariki Global Citizenship Dinner alongside a few other Māori students to participate in a community event and contribute an indigenous perspective.

From the 19th of August to the 1st of September our association hosted Te Huinga Taura Ki Ōtepoti 2019, the annual conference of TMA. We welcomed over 200 taura on to our campus on the 29th with the first known pōhiri on our campus in 150 years. At the AGM I gave my Tumuaki report on what TRM has achieved this year to date. We enjoyed a successful conference and despite the ups and downs with navigating around new cultural barriers on our campus, tangihanga, and unexpected changes we are happy with the outcome.

We as Te Roopū Māori in the middle of Te Huinga Taura travelled out to Ōtākou Marae to pay our respects to the rangatira Tahu Pōtiki who was lying at rest in his wharenuī Tamatea, his wife Megan a much loved Māori lecturer here, their whānau, and the wider Ōtākou whānau. It is only tikanga to show manaakitanga and acknowledge the mana of this rangatira who we have lost.

For Te Wiki o te Reo I wrote an editorial for the Critic magazine

On the 14th of September I spoke on a panel on racism at the Silverline Festival 2019.

On the 21st of September I spoke on a panel at the OUSA Cultural Carnival where I talked about the experience of being Māori on our campus and in Dunedin.

On the 28th of September I attended the final dinner for the Kā Rikarika ā Tāne programme.

On the 7th of October I was a guest speaker on a podcast that promotes culture and race called 'Headscarves and Good Yarns' with Amal Abdullahi. I was able to talk about my experience as Tumuaki and goals for our taura Māori on campus.



I have spoken on behalf of Te Roopū Māori in the media, particularly on the Ihumātao march of solidarity in Dunedin and the University of Otago's 150th and what this means for Māori students.

1.3 Represent Te Roopū as a delegate at Te Mana Akonga Hui;

We hosted the most recent hui, and I plan to attend the final handover hui on December 8th in Christchurch alongside incoming Tumuaki Karamea.

1.4 Shall or delegate the duty of writing for the Critic on a basis agreed to by the Critic and Te Rito at the beginning of each year with the support of the Tumuaki Tuarua;

I worked with Critic to create a more present issue for Te Wiki o te Reo than previous years. I was able to write an editorial and helped organise a few pieces including the cover photo, students to watch and the centrefold. I am planning on changing/possibly removing this section from our executive policy but this is slow going. I am currently discussing with current and incoming exec members around what kind of relationship we want to have with Critic that most benefit taurua Māori.

1.5 Set policies with the Tumuaki Tuarua regarding matters of business, activities and all operations of Te Roopū consistent with section 8 of the constitution;

The changes we had planned to make to our policies have not made any movements. Since the resignation of our Tumuaki Tuarua this role is solely on me, but I am hoping to make changes that are necessary to our policies particularly around our job roles on Te Rito alongside the incoming Tumuaki before the conclusion of the year.

1.6 Carry out any duty that from time to time, may be defined by Te Rito and/or all operations of Te Roopū;

Te Rito has been rough this year, but I feel I adequately stepped up to the plate to carry out duties defined by my exec members, and especially to meet the needs of TRM. Detailed below are just some of the relationships I established as well as maintained, and operations I undertook in my role this year.

From the start of the year I worked on creating the content for our new website [teroopumaori.org.nz](http://teroopumaori.org.nz). This was a lengthy process, but I delegated members of my exec to write certain parts of the website. A special thank you to Tukukino Royal for taking our executive photos.

I met frequently with Aunty Pearl Matahiki, Tumuaki of Te Huka Mātauraka (Māori Center). This was a good relationship to discuss



approaches to Māori student wellbeing, we were able to support each other on certain issues particularly around racism and sexual misconduct.

I met with Tuari Potiki, Director of the Office of Māori Development, throughout the semester one to discuss funding, Te Huinga Taurira support, 150th events and University Marae/Whare movements. This however, was lacking in second semester due to how busy the semester was.

I have a good relationship with Donna Jones (Secretary of OUSA) and OUSA executive members and ensured that TRM is represented on OUSA committees. I wish I could be more present and engaged with the OUSA campaigns and projects but I find it really difficult to commit time to this.

I have a good relationship with OUPISA President Mary Jane and have extended the support of Te Roopū Māori to her should they need it.

I wrote a letter addressing Racism in the Colleges and received receipts of the letter by both Jamie Gilbertson and James Lindsay. A meeting around this topic took place in late March and I was invited to attend a Collegiate Leaders event, but this did not occur.

I met with NZUSA president James Ranstead and discussed barriers to learning for Māori with my exec members.

I am a member of the advisory group for Te Whare Tāwharau (sexual violence prevention centre). I was able to help advise on some of their policies.

I attended our first Ngā Rōpū hui where MoU's were signed between TRM and the nine divisional Māori student associations. Unfortunately Te Roopū Pūtaiao is on hiatus this year. I had conversations with a taurira interested in starting a Māori Social Work Students Association. Similarly with Health Science students, and this semester we signed an MoU with Te Hunga Mātai Hauora, the Māori Health Sciences Students Association, bringing the total of Ngā Rōpū to ten.

I am a member of the Te Mana Akonga Publication committee who were working to collate student pieces to create a national magazine. We had zoom meetings throughout the year, but unfortunately that project has yet to come to fruition. We collected a few pieces from TRM members which were very impressive.

I organised a group on behalf of Te Roopū Māori to join the Schools Strike 4 Climate march earlier in the year, and TRM joined again this September aligning with Te Mana Ākonga's commitment to fight climate change issues.

When the tragic events of the Christchurch attacks took place, I made sure to be involved in the discussions around a University vigil with James Heath. I organised a waiata practice and a group of over 60 taurira to perform at both the University Vigil for Peace and the Civic Vigil at Forsyth Stadium in





acknowledgement and support of the muslim community and those affected by the terrorist attack. From this the conversation around racism continued between our exec, and I filmed and edited our Mean Tweets Against Racism video that incorporated tauira of our University from different backgrounds.

I organised a group of tauira to play in a sports tournament against the OCE programme tauira, alongside Zaine. This helped establish relations with one of our Māori School Liaison Officers Grace Latimer. We organised another sports tournament against the second OCE programme further in the year.

As Tumuaki I feel in integral to the role to be a kānohi kitea, and so I made sure to attend and help with the organisation of as many TRM events as I could.

**In second semester** we lost both our Tumuaki Tuarua and Kaituhi/Secretary in July/August, and as an executive we decided not to run a by-election. The responsibilities in these job roles fell on myself and my executive to carry out.

I took on board the organising of our TRM Te Huinga Tauira delegates, including fundraising, administration and paying Huinga fees.

I played an additional role in the Te Huinga Tauira Committee in designing the logo, merchandise, booklet and media material.

There is no one specifically assigned to organise merchandise, and so I worked on this over mid-year break, and organised a crewneck sweatshirt and beanie design. The merch orders were completed last month, and the merch is expected to arrive after the 9th of October.

I helped Oromairoa with the Wiki o te Reo events when she was away, but my main focus was on working with Critic in collating content for the special edition relating to this week.

I organised a stall for TRM in the OUSA Cultural Carnival. This was to show our support and participation with OUSA, but also as a way to share our ao Māori and promote TRM amongst all tauira of the University. Although this was hard to pull together, I am grateful for the few tauira who helped me to run this stall over the day.

I planned and organised the TRM Awards Night held after our AGM, as well as helped organise and attended our annual Study Retreat.

### 1.7 Be an ex-officio member of the OUSA executive, and is responsible for Te Roopū Māori adherence to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with OUSA;

I have regrettably been absent at a few executive meetings in the midst of crunch time both in terms of University but also our TRM elections, final reports and AGM.



1.8 Each semester, submit at least (2) reports to OUSA in accordance with the OUSA Constitution;

This is my final report.

1.9 Sit on any University committees appointed alongside OUSA;

I am a member of the University Senate, but was unable to make the physical meetings that did happen.

1.10 Sit on the OUSA Blue and Gold's Committee;

I attended this committee meeting, it was a long hui but the mahi was achieved.

1.11 Will maintain a good working relationship with Te Huka Mātauraka and the University, and will be responsible for the adherence to the MoU with the Te Huka Mātauraka and the University;

The relationship with Te Huka Matauraka and the University is very positive.

1.12 Chair all Hui a Te Rito, and ensure that Tikanga Māori is upheld during these Hui;

I have chaired almost all Te Rito hui. I have ensured that Te Rito has maintained professionalism in these huis and that it is a safe environment for other executive members to express and share their thoughts on matters.

1.13 Where practical will work no less than 15 hours per week, with a minimum of 5 hours designated to 'Office Hours'.

Admittedly my office hours have been completely out the window, out the gate and beyond this semester. But in lieu of not having office hours I have been meeting my 20 hours a week.

1.14 Be a mandatory signatory for the Te Roopū bank account;

I am a signatory for the Te Roopū bank account.

1.15 Attendance at Te Huinga Taurira is compulsory unless there are extenuating circumstances that are approved through a vote in a Te Rito Hui.

I was definitely at Te Huinga Taurira.

## **PART TWO: GENERAL DUTIES OF ALL EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

2.1 Where reasonable, all Executive Officers are expected to assist as volunteers for OUSA events and functions, including, but not limited to:



2.1.1 Assisting at the OUSA Tent City marquee and other activities during Summer School, Orientation and Re-Orientation;

I assisted during the hours that TRM shared the OUSA tent during Orientation.

2.1.2 At an individual Executive Officer's discretion, be a safety contact during Orientation, Re-Orientation and other OUSA events throughout the year;

n/a as TRM run our own events at these times.

2.1.3 Collecting for the capping charity; and

n/a

2.1.4 Assisting with elections and referenda where appropriate, including but not limited to advertising the election and collecting votes.

I assisted with the promotion of the referenda alongside OUSA, as well as spreading the awareness among our TRM members. As we ran our elections separate from OUSA this year and coming off of Te Huinga Tauria I was quite busy, but was still able to help with the voting booth and spreading the word of voting to our members where I could.

2.2 Where reasonable, all Executive Officers are to be available for Executive meetings, national conferences, national and local campaigns, Executive training sessions and Executive planning sessions.

As described above in 1.7

2.3 All Executive Officers with control of budget lines, or who have been allocated a budget line, shall maintain detailed budgets and not exceed their budgeted expenditure.

Not applicable for my position.

2.4 All Executive Officers, where possible, shall maintain regular, publicised office hours, and are expected to regularly check and respond to all correspondence received.

I keep up with all correspondence, and my office hours are separate from OUSA.

2.5 All Executive Officers shall every quarter undertake five hours of voluntary service which contributes to the local community.

I volunteered as a judge for a Māori mentoring event, and volunteered a lot of time as a member of the Te Huinga Tauria organising committee. This lies outside of my Tumuaki responsibilities. I would like to volunteer more, but have not found the time.





**PART THREE: ATTENDANCE AND INVOLVEMENT IN OUSA AND UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES**

OUSA Ex-officio Member: As described above at 1.7

Senate: As described above in 1.19

**PART FOUR: PROGRESS ON GOALS**

We launched our #GiveNothingToRacism video and we found it was successful. The elections despite running separate from OUSA still went well all considering. We weren't able to fill two positions but this isn't necessarily a negative, as we would prefer those prepared for the role step forward rather than students feel pressured to run for exec without the right intentions. AGM and Awards Night went successfully, although there were aspects about AGM that I think could be improved for next year this will be included in my handover. Thank you again to Georgia for her help, and to all of the OUSA executive for their help and support whenever I reached out.