

A Sustainable Future research theme

Mai i te kāhui Maunga ki Tangaroa - From the Mountains to the Sea

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to the first update for 2020 on the Sustainable Future research theme.

Firstly, my thanks to my retiring deputy theme leaders, Jonathan Sperry and Viji Sarojini, who supported me and managed the theme while I was on Research and Study Leave last semester. I'm now looking to establish a small **Steering Group** to help me lead the theme, so do let me or Kathryn know if you're interested in coming on board. I envisage meeting a couple of times a year so it shouldn't be too great a time commitment.

We are planning our next **hui on Wednesday 12 February** from 1:30-3:30pm in Building 303 B05. We will be giving an update on the activities and projects the theme supported last year, and identifying what research initiatives we would like to undertake and support in 2020. We'd love to get your input into the direction of the theme for this year, so please **RSVP to the hui [here](#)**.

We are continuing our efforts to improve the visibility of Faculty of Science sustainability research and capability. Our [webpage](#) is now up and running. Next we would like to:

- Work with the University's Communications Office on their research communications project;
- Add **video profiles** introducing some of our sustainability researchers to a wider audience;
- Establishing a **monthly blog** highlighting recent research activity in the Faculty;

If you think you and your research would be good to be profiled or you'd like to contribute to a blog on sustainable research, please contact Kathryn.

We want to continue to facilitate networks and collaborations. A number of sustainability themed conferences are happening in Auckland this year which theme members may be interested in, including:

Association of Pacific Rim Universities [Sustainable Cities and Landscapes Conference](#) (3-6 September 2020)

[Safe & Sustainable Packaging & Materials Forum](#) (11 March 2020)

Human Development & Capability Association Conference on [Sustainability & Justice](#) (30 June – 2 July 2020)

If you'd like some funding to engage with these events and build interdisciplinary collaborations with other sustainability researchers, please contact Kathryn.

Check out the latest updates on the three [seed funding projects](#) funded by the theme last year. We hope to offer a similar level of seed funding to new projects

in 2020. You are welcome to discuss your research idea and potential seed funding request at the February hui. Alternatively, contact us directly.



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