

CEO Report



Tēnā tatou katoa

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Board, to present the Nuku Ora Annual Report for 2023-2024.

This past year can be characterised as a time of change and as it is for others in our sector, a time of confronting the challenges inherent in our operating environment. In the face of ongoing change, I am proud of the progress we have made across the many programmes of work we oversee. We have collaborated with schools and kura, Iwi, clubs and Regional Sports Organisations, Councils, funders, Government agencies, physical activity providers, and a wide range of health and community providers.

Some highlights for me have been the progress of our relationships with Iwi, particularly Ngāti Toa and Te Āti Awa, the refresh of our strategic priorities for the next four years of Strategy 2032 implementation, starting work on our climate change response, the implementation of our Revenue Strategy, our advocacy through submissions to Councils' long-term plans, and the development of our partnership with Stuff Events to transition Southern Cross Round the Bays as one of three events in the Southern Cross Round the Bays series across Aotearoa.

We have continued to respond to the needs of the communities

we serve, in a bid to activate as many people as possible. Our greatest collective challenge lies in overcoming inequitable access to physical activity.

Working effectively with key provider partners to deliver opportunities that allow anyone to participate in a way that works for them is an important aspect of our mahi.

Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou ka ora ai te iwi.

We have been well supported by partners and key stakeholders. I thank those who have worked alongside us to effect change, those who have invested in us to deliver outcomes for our communities, and those who have sought our assistance and allowed us to provide our support.

This year has seen the successful renewal of our key contracts with Sport NZ, Te Whatu Ora, and ACC. We are thankful for their continued support and investment, and we are well placed to deliver results for our communities with this backing. Our partnership with NZCT has continued to grow, and we are equally grateful for the support from Four Winds, the Lion Foundation, and other funders in the region, including Councils.

None of this would be possible without the support of our Board

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nā taku rourou
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*With your food basket and
my food basket the
people will thrive*

and the tremendous work of our committed and very capable kaimahi.

We look forward to consolidating our efforts after this year of change and continuing to work towards effecting positive change, improving the hauora and wellbeing of individuals, whānau, and communities through increased physical activity.

Ngā mihi nui,

Andrew Leslie

Kaiwhakahaere Matua | Chief Executive Officer