

# NEWSLETTER 12 - September 2013

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### UPDATE: WHERE IS TE KOROWAI UP TO?

Te Korowai successfully launched our Kaikoura Marine Strategy in October last year at Takahanga Marae and presented a copy to the Hon Amy Adams, Minister for the Environment.

Te Korowai is extremely excited that our strategy has been well received by all three Ministers. The Hon Nick Smith, Minister of Conservation and Hon Nathan Guy, Minister of Primary Industries have asked their officials to work closely with us to investigate options for implementation through special legislation. Below is our recent press release:

*The Government's decision to further investigate options in the Te Korowai Strategy for the Kaikoura marine environment is welcomed by Te Korowai, the Kaikoura Coastal Marine Guardians.*

*"The announcement by Minister Nick Smith that officials at DOC and MPI have been asked by ministers to investigate options for implementation through special legislation and will work closely with Te Korowai in doing so is a huge milestone for us," said Te Korowai chairman Larncé Wichman.*

*"We worked with our community for seven years, agreed a vision for the future, and detailed how to achieve that.*

*"In October we presented the strategy to Minister for the Environment, Amy Adams, and we've been waiting patiently to see how Government might respond."*

*Mr Wichman said support in principle by the ministers of conservation and primary industries affirmed Te Korowai's comprehensive approach and signalled that the Government was prepared to support community-led initiatives.*

*"We knew it was a big thing to ask for special legislation to implement the strategy. Government doesn't take this course lightly, but the overwhelming need was for all the solutions to be put in place at the same time in an integrated way," he said.*

*"Only in this way can the community consensus be assured in a way that honours the gifts and gains that were agreed by such a wide range of interests.*

*"Now the devil is in the detail and we are working with officials to see what needs the support of special legislation and what needs resources for implementation.*

*"We are confident that these issues can be quickly resolved."*

*Mr Wichman said the benefits of the strategy would be better recreational fishing limits, a marine reserve over the Kaikoura Canyon, a marine mammal sanctuary to protect the whales and dolphins from seismic surveys, and mataitai and taiapure to sustain customary practices and management.*

## TE KOROWAI: 2013 GREEN RIBBON AWARD FINALIST

Te Korowai was thrilled to be nominated this year for a Green Ribbon Award. The Ministry for the Environment gives out the Green Ribbon Awards, which recognise the outstanding contributions of individuals, organisations, businesses and communities to protecting and enhancing New Zealand's environment. Te Korowai was very appreciative of the nomination and support from our Kaikoura MP, Hon Colin King and was honoured to represent our community of Kaikoura at these prestigious awards in June. It was thrilling, encouraging and inspiring to be present among such a large group of wonderful individuals and organisations who do fantastic work in our communities. We were nominated under the category "Protecting our coasts and coastlines". Unfortunately we were not a winner on the evening. The winner of our section, who also took out the Supreme Award, was The Sustainable Coastlines Charitable Trust, who do terrific work around the whole of New Zealand and the Pacific looking after our coastal areas. However Te Korowai is delighted to be a Finalist at the 2013 Green Ribbon Awards.

## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

Te Korowai members this year have been:

- ✓ Continuing to seek funding for the on-going work of Te Korowai o Te Tai o Marokura.
- ✓ Committed to continuing engaging with stakeholders:
  - We have set up a Te Korowai Working Group supporting Kaikoura charter fishers to explore ways in which we can work together to shape a positive future for the industry, in the Kaikoura Area. Te Korowai is committed to forming a Charter Fisher's Code of Practice for Kaikoura and we want to do this in partnership with the local charter fish operators. This work is well underway and is being fine-tuned. Te Korowai would like to see the industry develop in an orderly way that provides a good living for operators, guarantees a quality experience for customers and enables the pressure on fisheries resources to be managed. We have supported charter fishers to have a collective voice, through becoming an incorporated society.
  - A Te Korowai Working Committee has been formed to strengthen connections with commercial finfish groups and work together to develop a Kaikoura Fishing Accord.
  - Te Korowai members have taken responsibility for other stakeholder interactions, eg, Canterbury recreational fishers, divers, science communities.
  - We are keen to work with the Kaikoura Zone Committee on integrated land and water planning and are underway with setting up meetings.

## COMMUNICATION WITH OUR RURAL AREAS

We have allocated specific Te Korowai members to liaise with the East Coast Community around Clarence and the communities at Mangamaunu, Kaikoura Peninsula, Peketa and Goose Bay and Oaro. We have been in touch with the East Coast Community Organisation, and at their next meeting, they will work out how they would like to be connected to the Te Korowai process in the future.

If you are in the communities of Clarence, Mangamaunu, Kaikoura Peninsula and Peketa, please get in touch with Gina Solomon and discuss with her how you would like to engage with Te Korowai.

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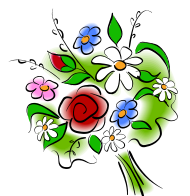
Mark Solomon and Doug Hitchon have been and are keen to liaise with the communities of Goose Bay and Oaro. Feel free to get in touch with either Mark or Doug to discuss further how you could engage. Their contact details are as follows:

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## THANK YOU!!!

Members of Te Korowai are very appreciative all those who have supported and contributed to our work to date. The following organizations have provided funding support to Te Korowai o Te Tai o Marokura. Without this funding we would not have been able to have done the work we have to date. We welcome all donations. Please contact us if you would like to donate funds for our work. We are very grateful and appreciative to:

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| ✓ Canterbury Community Trust    | ✓ Kaikoura District Council    |
| ✓ Department of Conservation    | ✓ Ministry for the Environment |
| ✓ Encounter Foundation Kaikoura | ✓ NZ Post                      |
| ✓ Environment Canterbury        | ✓ Te Rūnanga o Kaikoura        |



## HOW DO I GET A COPY OF KAIKOURA MARINE STRATEGY 2012: SUSTAINING OUR SEA?

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Downloading from Te Korowai o Te Tai o Marokura Website  
[www.teamkorowai.org.nz](http://www.teamkorowai.org.nz)

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Environment Canterbury  
73 Beach Road  
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Department of Conservation  
115 Ludstone Road  
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## INTERESTING LINKS/INFORMATION/WEBSITES?

### TE KOROWAI'S:

-  Kaikoura Marine Strategy 2012: Sustaining Our Seas & Launch Photos
-  Characterisation Report
-  and other interesting reports are on our website: [www.teamkorowai.org.nz](http://www.teamkorowai.org.nz)

### VISIT THE NIWA WEBSITE:

-  See the seafloor video of the Kaikoura Canyon:  
<http://www.niwa.co.nz/our-science/aquatic-biodiversity-and-biosecurity/news/featured/kaikoura-canyon-seabed-life>

### PUBLICATIONS AT THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES/COUNCILS:

-  Ministry of Fisheries: [www.fish.govt.nz](http://www.fish.govt.nz)
-  Department of Conservation: [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz)
-  Ministry for the Environment: [www.mfe.govt.nz](http://www.mfe.govt.nz)
-  Environment Canterbury: [www.ecan.govt.nz](http://www.ecan.govt.nz)
-  Kaikoura District Council: [www.kaikoura.govt.nz](http://www.kaikoura.govt.nz)

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## TE KOROWAI'S VISION

*By perpetuating the mauri and wairua of Te Tai o Marokura our community as kaitiaki of Tangaroa's taonga are sustaining a flourishing rich and healthy environment where opportunities abound to sustain the needs of present and future generations.*

*Ka ora te mauri me te wairua o "Te Tai o Marokura" i a tātou ngā kaitiaki nō te hāpori tonu, ka ora hoki ko ngā wai, ko ngā uri, ko ngā taonga a Tangaroa, hei painga mō tātou, ā, mō ngā uri ā muri ake nei.*