

Eco Church NZ Relationship Expectations

Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou, ka ora ai te iwi - with your basket and my basket the people will thrive

Background and Kaupapa

Thank you for your interest in journeying towards becoming an Eco Church! This document describes the mutual relationship between **A Rocha Aotearoa New Zealand (ARANZ)** and churches that join the Eco Church NZ network. It is about establishing a reciprocal relationship as we journey together to care for God's earth, and it sets out our expectations of each other.

A Rocha Aotearoa New Zealand (ARANZ) exists to protect and restore the environment through community-based conservation projects, research, and education. ARANZ would like to support churches to actively care for God's earth as an integral part of their mission. Our role is to resource, empower and build relationships among all those wanting to integrate creation care and sustainability into the life of the church in Aotearoa New Zealand. We work collaboratively with the A Rocha International family and in partnership with local NZ churches, denominations, creation care groups and individuals.

Key People in A Rocha Aotearoa New Zealand

Organisation Name	Key Contact	Role in Organisation	Phone	Email Address
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When a church registers to join the Eco Church NZ network, we ask for the details of the main contact person to be in touch with about Eco Church NZ matters. Churches can also list any other key members on the Eco Church team.

Expectations

Aspect	Our expectations of each other	
Relationship	Both ARANZ and the Eco Church will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be open and honest. • Prioritise the needs of the communities we serve. • Commit to mutual, ongoing learning. • Strive for culturally appropriate and mana-enhancing relationships. • Take a “no-surprises” approach and tell each other when unexpected or difficult things happen. • Resolve any disagreements through open kōrero. 	
Communication	Both ARANZ and the Eco Church: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will respond in a timely manner. • Will let each other know when key people change. • Maintain ownership of their intellectual property and collateral, and will ask permission before using any images, stories or other intellectual property. • May publicly communicate details of Eco Church initiatives and who is supporting it, and may exchange logos to facilitate this, and tag each other on social media where appropriate. 	
Progress and Impact	The Eco Church will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commit to the journey to actively care for God’s earth as an integral part of the church’s mission. • Share with ARANZ a written story and photos about an aspect of their eco church journey at least once annually. • Give permission for ARANZ to share key stories from the church to the Eco Church NZ network thereby contributing to the Eco Church NZ pool of knowledge / puna mātauranga. • Use #ecochurchnz when sharing stories and photos on social media. 	ARANZ will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take an active interest in the progress of the church on its eco church journey. • Share key stories from churches within the Eco Church NZ network to contribute to the Eco Church NZ pool of knowledge / puna mātauranga to engage churches, equip leaders and inspire individuals on the eco church journey. • Offer feedback, peer-to-peer support and other assistance as appropriate. • Be supportive when things are challenging.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share any challenges that the church is facing on their eco church journey. 	
Resources	<p>The Eco Church will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share with ARANZ any appropriate resources or links that might benefit other churches on their eco church journey. 	<p>ARANZ will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continually update resources and links on the Eco Church NZ website. Promote new resources available on social media and E-News.
Network	<p>The Eco Church will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominate individuals who have a calling and gift to be Eco Church NZ volunteers to contribute to the project and support people from various churches on the eco church journey. Promote and encourage participation from the church in Eco Church hui and events to support mutual and collaborative learning from each other. 	<p>ARANZ will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and co-opt volunteers who can contribute to the Eco Church NZ project and support others on the eco church journey. Organise Eco Church regional or national hui to bring together individuals from different churches for opportunities for mutual and collaborative learning from each other.

We hope you will join the Eco Church NZ network and we look forward to partnering with you to help your church love and care for God's world.