

## MĀPIHI News February 2024

MĀPIHI Māori and Pacific Housing Research Centre launched in February 2023 with a hui for our researchers and stakeholders. Since then, we have (amongst other things) refined our research project priority areas for Aotearoa New Zealand, begun developing a Pacific Regional Research Strategy, engaged with potential stakeholders in Samoa and established a MĀPIHI doctoral group.

Below we share some news with you about our activities over the last year. We hope you find this interesting. Please get in touch if you have any queries (see contact details below).

### **MĀPIHI inaugural Team and Stakeholder Hui 2023**

The inaugural MĀPIHI co-created research stakeholder hui was held on 20 February 2023 at Te Mahurehure Marae in Auckland. The hui brought researchers and stakeholders together to meet each other and begin the process of co-creating research projects. A report of the hui, including the areas identified by stakeholders as potential issues to be addressed by our research centre, is attached.



MĀPIHI Hui  
February 2023  
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## Priority Project Areas

Since the hui, MĀPIHI has been working with stakeholders and researchers to further refine our priority project areas for Aotearoa New Zealand. The priority project areas are:

1. Self-determined Māori and Pacific housing industries.
2. Housing intensification / health nexus for Māori and Pacific people.
3. Successful papakāinga and Pacific community housing.

For further information about these projects, please see the attached document. We will be reaching out as we develop these projects. Please feel free to contact us if you wish to be involved in a project.

## Funding opportunities

MĀPIHI researchers applied recently for a Marsden grant and a Health Research Council grant. We will apply for other funding opportunities as they arise, including philanthropic ones.

## Pacific Regional Research Strategy

We are in the early stages of developing a Pacific Regional Strategy. The strategy will include priority project areas for the Pacific region. MĀPIHI researchers shared their ideas about the strategy at a fono in November 2023 at the University of Auckland Fale.



Fono to share ideas about MĀPIHI's place in the Pacific

## Engagement visit Samoa

As part of developing the Pacific Regional Strategy, a MĀPIHI delegation visited Samoa in December 2023 to engage with possible research partners and stakeholders. The delegation consisted of three MĀPIHI Pacific researchers and our Research Operations Manager. We met with representatives of the National

University of Samoa and the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade amongst others.



Breakfast meeting with a National University of Samoa climate change researcher

### Doctoral candidates

MĀPIHI aims to grow future leaders in the Māori and Pacific housing area. To help with this, we have established a MĀPIHI doctoral group of Māori and Pacific doctoral students (13 members to date). We are able to offer up to two University of Auckland doctoral scholarships each year.



Members of the MĀPIHI doctoral group

## Meeting with Professor Sir Ashley Bloomfield

MĀPIHI met with Professor Sir Ashley Bloomfield in his role as Director of the Public Policy Impact Institute, Waipapa Taumata Rau University of Auckland to discuss how MĀPIHI and the Institute might work together.



MĀPIHI meeting with Professor Sir Ashley Bloomfield

## Further information and how to contact MĀPIHI

For more information or to express your interest in being involved in one of our projects, please contact Catherine Wright, MĀPIHI Research Operations Manager on [cs.wright@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:cs.wright@auckland.ac.nz) or 09 373 7599 ext. 86741.

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Thank you for your interest in our research centre's work.

