

SUSTAINABILITY AT OTAGO 2026

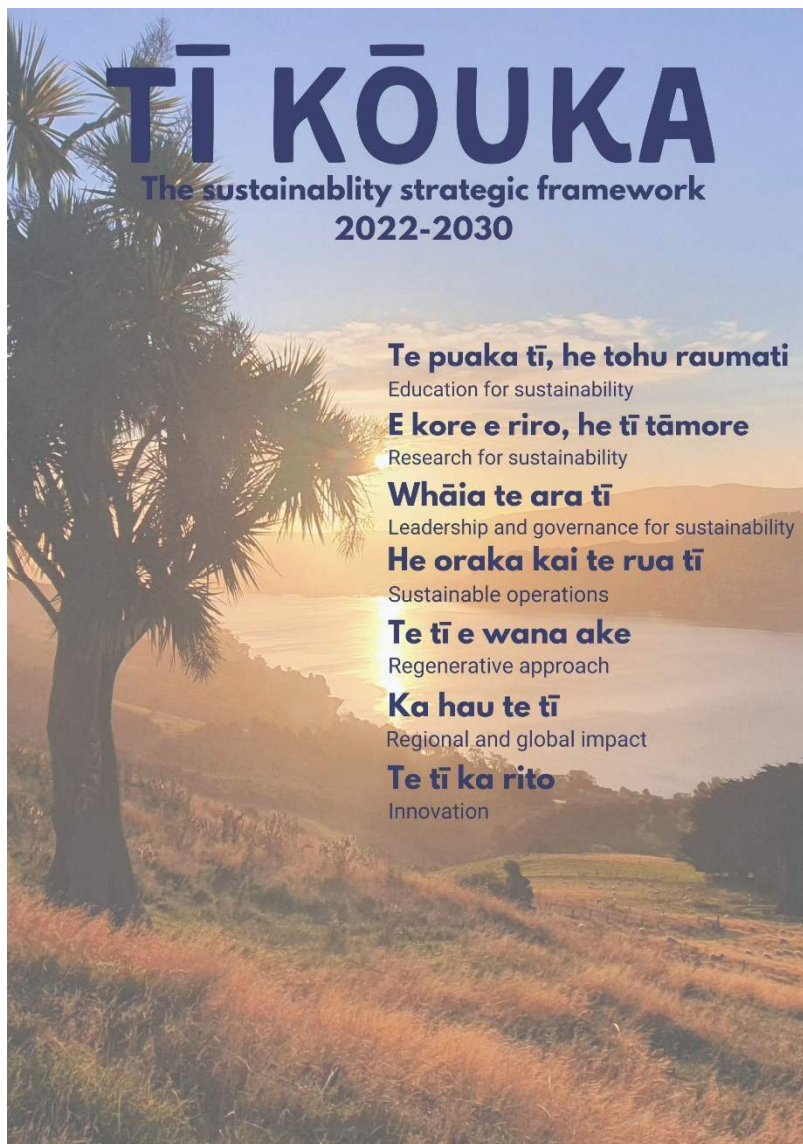
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This information was provided by the Sustainability Office (see below for contact details).

Sustainability is strongly positioned in Vision 2040 as a guiding principle which should underpin and inspire activities and plans across the University. We embrace sustainability in its broadest sense as demonstrated by our commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Ti Kōuka 2030: The Sustainability Strategic Framework provides direction for our sustainability transition, including our commitment to be carbon neutral by 2030. The seven themes of Ti Kōuka are shown in the image below. Ti Kōuka and its implementation plan will be integrated with the University's strategic planning environment, forming part of a unified work plan aligned with Pae Tata: Strategic Plan to 2030.



A number of groups across the University are already working to identify and progress context-specific sustainability goals, which will either sit in sustainability actions plans for their area, or be integrated and reported upon within the context on wider strategic planning.

Some questions are listed below to assist you in considering how the current and future impact of your research, teaching and learning, engagement, and operational activities, can contribute to the University's sustainability transition.

Further support is available, so please do not hesitate to make use of it (refer to Resources & Key Contacts List). We can provide data on how your area contributes to the research and learning about sustainability.

Sustainability Prompts for Reviews

1. What does sustainability mean within the context of your area?
2. Do you know what the University's commitment to sustainability means for your area?
3. Have you considered the relationship between your core activities and the broader commitment to sustainability (e.g. The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals)?
4. Have you established sustainability goals and begun measuring progress towards them?
5. Climate change is perhaps the biggest challenge we face. Have you considered how you incorporate climate action into your operational decisions such as travel, or your academic activity such as course content?
6. What initiatives, projects or activities currently exist within your department that directly support the University's sustainability transition?
7. How do leaders within your department enable other staff to act upon their values of sustainability?
8. Do you believe your staff will find it useful having a programme (GYS) that directly connects them with immediate actions they can do to support Tī Kōuka?
9. Is it obvious to (new & current) staff and students that you support the University's sustainability initiative, and their involvement in sustainability-related activities?
10. Can you identify other opportunities for your department to contribute to the sustainability transition?

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Tī Kōuka Update report [<https://www.otago.ac.nz/sustainability/doing/framework>]