



Impact Report

2024/25



Welcome to our Annual Report that reflects a year of flourishing and commitment to our vision of fostering a culture of repair and reuse across Aotearoa. Building upon the strong foundation of our nationwide network of Repair Cafés, we have been able to enhance community resilience and actively advocated for Right to Repair legislation, raising awareness about the importance of access to repair, product durability and more sustainable consumption.

Our core values whakawhanaungatanga (*respectful relationships*), manaakitanga

(*care for all people*) and kaitiakitanga (*our obligations*) are the cultural and ethical framework that determines our approach to the work (*mahi*) we undertake, ensuring Repair Network Aotearoa (RNA) builds connection, embodies care, and acts as a responsible guardian for the future.

Our activities align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We are proud that our efforts contribute significantly to global targets in areas like sustainable consumption, climate action, education, innovation, and partnership. We welcome your feedback and suggestions for improvement.

The digital version of this report, along with all our previous publications and data reports, is available on the [Repair Network Aotearoa website](#).

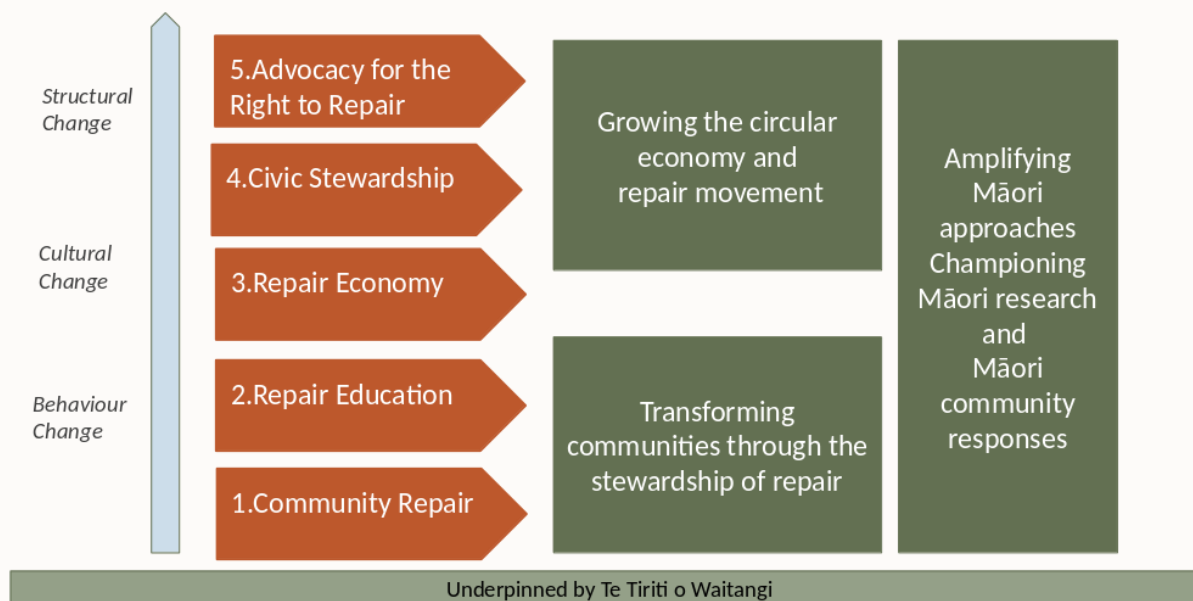
This report covers the financial year ended 30 June 2025. However, as it is published in December 2025, further developments from 1 July 2025 onwards are included and identified as such. The report has been approved by the Board and is signed on behalf of Repair Network Aotearoa Trust.

Board Chair,
Brigitte Sistig



Repair Network Aotearoa – Strategy -

Like fingers of a hand, the five change levers are independent, yet work together to reach the strategic goals.



Ngā mihi nui
Year ending 30 June 2025

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On International Repair Day 2024, Repair Café International Foundation celebrated its 15th Birthday ! RNA joined with a bunting specially made for the occasion.

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Our Board and Our Team

Repair Network Aotearoa (RNA) is a charitable trust.

► Our Board of Trustees



Brigitte Sistig



Toni Kereama



Yasmin Kidd



Michaela Martinez

► Our Board Advisors



Ingrid Cronin-Knight



Joanne Waitoa



L'Rey Renata



Sarah Le Claire



Steven Moe



Yoann Ledey

► Our volunteer team



Brigitte Sistig



Ella Martin



Verity Schommer

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We gratefully acknowledge the hard work and enthusiasm by Dan de Klerk and Zoé Braun, who joined us for the second annual nationwide Repair Festival project this year, as well as Yoann Ledey, who also worked on this impact report.

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Commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi

We uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi as the ethical and operational guide for our work (*mahi*). This commitment obligates us to protect the natural world (*te taiao*) and foster resilient communities. Our commitment **motivates us to seek opportunities to grow understanding of Te Ao Māori and tikanga**, decolonisation processes, and ongoing reviews of our own internal processes.

We actively encourage our Board and Repair Cafés to honour Te Tiriti by upskilling and building meaningful relationships.

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Board members and key stakeholders from each pou attended the first RNA **Te Tiriti o Waitangi Strategy Wānanga** in September 2025.



Collaboration and Advocacy

Our collaboration with [Para Kore](#) offers a critical avenue for organisational growth, reciprocal learning, and providing support that **amplifies the voice for Māori rights**, as articulated in Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Submitting on legislative matters is critical for ensuring that we act on our obligations and remain true to our core mandate of environmental guardianship (*kaitiakitanga*) in the national legislative arena, particularly through active partnership with Māori.

To this end, during the reporting period, RNA formally authored and submitted submissions to two key pieces of legislation: the Treaty Principles Bill and the Regulatory Standards Bill.

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RNA board members and associates completed the **Understanding & Applying Te Tiriti workshop** in April 2025.



Groundwork
Facilitating Change

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Repair Café coordinators were sponsored by RNA to attend the **ZWA Te Tiriti o Waitangi workshop** in October 2025.



Building Partnerships

Repair Network Aotearoa's (RNA) effectiveness is rooted in our philosophy of *whakawhanaungatanga* (*respectful relationships*), which translates into a robust partnership strategy. Our work is **grounded through vital collaborations**, including our nationwide network of volunteer-led Repair Cafés and key alliances with local government waste minimisation teams.



Repair & Share weekly Repair Café in collaboration with the Auckland Library of Tools



Tuitui / Sewing Station

Make your garment perfect for you!

Repair Café Aotearoa New Zealand has teamed up with re:generate Market to offer repairs and customisations to your new to you garment! Loan from a helpful volunteer in this interactive, Repair Café style format.

We offer support for simple repairs and alterations that can be completed within 30 minutes. If we can't work on your item, we can provide advice!

\$5 minimum donation is gratefully accepted to support this collaboration.



Sewing station in collaboration with re:generate Fashion Market



Furthermore, achieving our advocacy goals requires close coordination with industry bodies, environmental NGOs, and governmental policymakers to advance essential changes like the Right to Repair legislation.

These strategic partnerships ensure our efforts are scaled, informed by diverse expertise, and aim to translate into meaningful, policy-level impact across Aotearoa.



Mend in public event in collaboration with fashion revolution New Zealand



Music Repair Café in collaboration with Holding Space and Songwriters 4 Climate



Supporting our Community

Across our nationwide Repair Network, we support our Repair Cafés through exclusive discounts on specific products and services. As well as organising bi-monthly hui for Repair Café coordinators to meet, share stories and resources.

Highlights include:

Continued support from **Rothbury Insurance**, with local Repair Cafés receiving a special package on their Public Liability and Statutory Liability insurance if required.



Restarters.net which is a digital toolkit for people around the world who run local repair events and campaign for the Right to Repair. It aims to strengthen the global repair movement, bringing us together to publicise repair events, record attempted fixes, measure impact and connect with each other.

67 groups are currently registered for Aotearoa New Zealand. RNA offers training in data collection, data entry and data analysis.

RNA is delighted to be working with Restart, a leading voice in the UK and international repair scene. Through our partnership since early 2023, we have access to an extended range of tools on Restarters.net to support the repair movement in Aotearoa, including country-level impact measurement.



iFixit champions the US repair movement by providing a "kickstart" to newly founded Repair Cafés globally through a recurring tool donation programme.

When a group starts a new Repair Café using the Repair Café Digital [Repair Café Aotearoa Handbook](#), they are eligible to request a one-time free toolkit worth NZD 125 from RNA (shipping costs not included).

Since December 2022, RNA has facilitated the provision of a special iFixit Pro Tech Toolkit for 43 Repair Cafés associated with us. In exchange, Repair Cafés send photos of the toolkit in action to help promote the use of the toolkit.



Network Updates

Our collective impact continues to grow year on year, supported primarily by the dedication of our volunteers, who established and sustained the network through its foundational years- coinciding with the COVID-19 pandemic. Our mission is further enhanced by a consistent strategic **focus on essential networking, collaboration**, professional development, and focused capacity and capability building. Several Repair Cafés were held as part of the broader [EcoFest](#) 2025 event across Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland, which took place from Saturday, March 22 to Tuesday, April 22, 2025.



Repair Cafés Impact

To measure the impact of our actions in 2025, we collected data of the items repaired **based on 44 reporting Repair Cafés** located throughout Aotearoa between 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025. We have **records of 269 Repair Café events** available to share. The outcomes are depicted here.



7,977
Visitors



109t
CO₂ equivalent diverted



15,173
kg of waste prevented

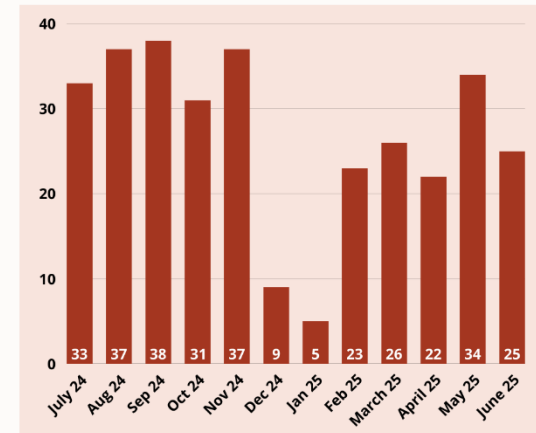


10,363
items seen by volunteers



7,819
items fixed

Events per month



What has been Repaired?



6,254/7,231
unpowered items fixed

86%



1,565/3,107
powered items fixed

50%

The Repair Café Community is Growing

From a few Repair Cafés scattered across the country to a strong national movement.

► Te Ika-a-Māui / North Island



► Te Waipounamu / South Island



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Repair Cafés associated
with RNA took place
between 1 July 2024 and
30 June 2025

Repair Festival 2024

Festival achievements in Aotearoa



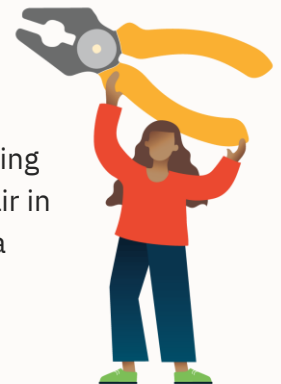
Festival achievements in Auckland



Repair Festival Aotearoa NZ

The nationwide Repair Festival Aotearoa New Zealand was launched in September 2024 with a week-long celebration taking place from 14 to 22 of September. This inaugural event saw 48 organisations hosting repair events across the country, **effectively bringing communities together to celebrate fixing**, mending, and extending the life of our belongings.

The Festival was again run this year from 6 to 14 September 2025. Following the overwhelming success of the two one-week National Repair Festivals, RNA has committed to significantly scaling this nationwide initiative to run from **September 5 through September 27 in 2026**. Offering all Repair Cafés participation and solidifying the essential role of repair in Aotearoa's transition to a regenerative economic framework.



Right to Repair Campaign

The Right to Repair Aotearoa Coalition, operating under the umbrella of Repair Network Aotearoa, made the Consumer Guarantees (Right to Repair) Amendment Bill its central campaign priority throughout 2024 and 2025.

Legislative and Advocacy Engagement

The primary work of the Coalition centered on advancing this Member's Bill through Parliament:

- **Parliamentary Progress:** The Coalition successfully supported the Bill through its **First Reading** in February/March 2025, which saw it referred to the Economic Development, Science and Innovation Committee for public review.
- **Public Mobilisation:** The Coalition led a major public advocacy push, resulting in a high number of submissions. Out of 1,250 submissions received by the Select Committee, **over 95%** were in support of the Bill's objectives, demonstrating overwhelming public demand for repair legislation.
- **Expert Engagement:** Coalition members, including academics, lawyers, and representatives from organisations like Repair Network Aotearoa,

WasteMINZ, and Reuse Aotearoa actively engaged in the legislative process by authoring formal submissions and presenting oral evidence to the Select Committee.

Research and Public Awareness

To solidify the legislative case, the Coalition invested in research and public awareness initiatives:

- **Public Opinion Research:** In October 2024, the Coalition commissioned a nationally representative survey that confirmed strong public support, with **77% of New Zealanders** backing the introduction of Right to Repair legislation.
- **Awareness Campaigning:** The Coalition used this data and information sharing to campaign widely, raising public awareness of barriers such as lack of spare parts, prohibitive costs, and restrictive product design.



Outcome and Recognition

While the Select Committee ultimately recommended by majority that the Bill **not proceed** beyond the Committee stage (August 2025), the Coalition's advocacy work was formally recognised:

- **Award for Advocacy:** The Coalition received a **Highly Commended award** in the "Best Research and Advocacy" category at the WasteMINZ Annual Conference 2025 for the success of their campaign.

Despite the legislative setback, the 2024-2025 period successfully demonstrated the scale of public support and established the Coalition as the leading voice for repair policy in Aotearoa.

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

We have identified five SDG goals where we believe we can make a positive difference to achieve a more sustainable future for all.

The goals we are most closely aligned with are:

- **SDG 4 (Quality Education)**
Through skill-sharing and training at Repair Cafés.
- **SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure)**
Through advocating for the Right to Repair to promote sustainable industrial practices.
- **SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production)**
By directly reducing waste and promoting durable products.
- **SDG 13 (Climate Action)**
By avoiding CO2 emissions linked to manufacturing new goods.
- **SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals)**
By collaborating with community groups, universities, government agencies, and businesses.

Our SDG commitments and key metrics, such as waste diverted from landfills, CO2 emissions avoided, and details on our education and advocacy outcomes are continuously tracked and used to inform our strategic goals.



Our Partners

Ngā mihi nui to our partners

Thank you to our funders for believing in our mahi and supporting our kaupapa.



We are grateful for our committed collaborators

