**Te Tītoki Mataora’s Purpose, Values, Vision & Commitment**

**Mission**

Te Tītoki Mataora MedTech Research Translator is a multi-faceted initiative focused on growing Aotearoa New Zealand’s deep tech sector. It will do this by supporting research and industry that address healthcare needs, contribute to improved lives, and improve equity of access to care and outcomes. Its current programmes include the **Research Acceleration Programme** (RAP) funded by the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (MBIE), and the **HealthTech Capability Programme** (HTCP) funded by the University of Auckland (UoA).

The name Te Tītoki Mataora was gifted by the Turuwhenua whānau (Ngāi Tuhoe, Ngāti Porou) and embodies the concepts of health and technology bound together to restore wellbeing.

**Values**

Te Tītoki Mataora is founded on the values of respect and integrity, genuine collaboration, excellence, and service.

**Vision**

Te Tītoki Mataora will enable collegial and collaborative working relationships between members of its network that will contribute to improved health outcomes for all New Zealanders.

**Commitment**

The following fundamental Te Ao Māori principles reflect Te Tītoki Mataora’s foundational relationship with tangata whenua and the commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi:

* Manaakitanga – Caring for those around us in the way we relate to each other.
* Whanaungatanga – Recognising the importance of kinship and lasting relationships.
* Kaitiakitanga – Valuing stewardship and guardianship and our relationship with the natural world.

Te Tītoki Mataora also has a commitment to positively impact society by encouraging greater participation of communities in its work, and by working inclusively and respectfully with all communities. In particular we recognise Māori communities as tangata whenua, and consider Pacific Island communities given Aotearoa New Zealand’s unique position at the centre of the Pacific region.

There is an expected commitment to open discussions, positive negotiation, and a problem-solving approach to all related matters.