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2015 annual conference in Whakatane

In total 275 delegates attended some or all of the wonderful 2015 annual conference, generously hosted in Whakatane by Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiāraangi. The [theme of the conference](#) is explained here. More news and photos will be posted on the conference website shortly.

A special thank you to the conference sponsors:

Major sponsors: Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiāraangi and the Wilf Malcolm Institute for Education Research, Waikato University.

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Silver sponsors: Bay of Plenty Polytechnic, Waiariki Institute of Technology, NZ Qualifications Authority (NZQA), Victoria University and the Ministry of Education. Support was also received from the Universities of Auckland and Otago, Springer Science and Business, and Wakatu Incorporation.

NZARE awards announced during the conference

Congratulations to the following individuals and groups who won the NZARE awards for 2015:

The Rae Munro award for an excellent masters-level thesis went to **Dawn Lawrence**, University of Waikato. Read [Dawn's citation](#) here.

The Sutton Smith award for an excellent doctoral thesis went to **Dr. Rae Si'ilata**, University of Auckland. Read [Rae's citation](#) here.

The Te Tohu Pae Tawhiti award for a researcher who had made a significant contribution to Māori education went to **Dr. Leonie Pihama**, University of Waikato. Read [Leonie's citation](#) here.

The McKenzie award for a member who has made a significant contribution to educational research and to the NZARE over an extended period of time went to **Professor Linda Smith**, University of Waikato. Read [Linda's citation](#) here.

The Group Award for a significant educational research project undertaken in Aotearoa by a group of researchers went to the **Te Kotahitanga Research and Professional Development Team**. Read [the team's citation](#) here.

Publications launched during the conference

A memorable powhiri and book launch was hosted by Ngati Awa at the [Mataatua Marae](#). Professor Hirini Mead told a brief but moving history of this "[house that came home](#)" after which six publications were celebrated:

Toitū te whare: Editors Agnes McFarland & Tairahia Black. This is a new NZCER monograph written in Te Reo Maori. It is the third in a series. See [more about this publication](#) here.

Sociocultural Realities: Exploring new horizons: Editors Angus MacFarlane, Sonia MacFarlane, & Melinda Webber. This collection is published by Canterbury University Press. Read [more about this book](#) here.

Teaching as inquiry, with a focus on priority learners, edited by Lindsay Conner. This is another publication from NZCER Press. Read [more about the book](#) here.

The Professional Practice of Teaching in New Zealand: edited by Deborah Fraser and Mary Hill. Published by Cengage, this is the [fifth edition](#) of this popular resource for initial teacher education.

The Waikato Journal Of Education: Special 20th Anniversary Collection. This collection from across the 20 years of the journal was curated by Emeritus Professor Clive McGee. All the [selected papers can be freely accessed](#) here.

The New Zealand Journal of Educational Studies: Te Hautaki Mātai Mātauranga o Aotearoa (NZJES) celebrated 50 years of publication with the launch of the most recent edition. [Read more about the journal](#) here. Please note you should have received issue 2 for 2015 in late November.

Conference presentations

The abstracts of all conference presentations is now on the [NZARE website](#). Note that there will not be a separate disk or print version of the proceedings.

Notes from the NZARE AGM

The AGM was held on Thursday 19 November as part of the annual conference.

Officers elected to the Council for 2015-2016 are:

President	Heleen Visser
Vice President	Agnes McFarland
Secretary	Gillian Ward
Treasurer	Helen Dixon
Māori Caucus	Miriama Postlethwaite & Mere Skerrett
Pasifika Caucus	Rae Si'ilata
Student Caucus	Bernadette Farrell
Council:	Rosemary Hipkins, Bridget Percy, Cheryl Stephens, Richard Smith, Tanya Samu
Conference 2016:	Jenny Ritchie
NZJES Chair:	Alex Gunn

Heleen thanked Mary-Liz Broadley for her time on the Council, with particular reference to her work in the Membership portfolio. She also thanked Shirley Harris for her time as a co-opted member this year. Both now have other demands on their time. She also thanked Agnes McFarland and Tanya Samu for their work for the Māori and Pasifika caucuses respectively. Both will remain on the Council but in different roles.

In her president's report Heleen noted the positive impact of the NZARE Executive Officer. Administration in-house has strengthened and the website has been consolidated and extended on its new platform.

Heleen noted that NZARE's journal – [the New Zealand Journal of Educational Studies](#) (NZJES) - is thriving. The move to an international on-line platform has been good for its visibility. She thanked the journal editors, Roseanna Bourke and Judith Loveridge for their hard work.

The Māori and Pasifika caucuses have been prominent during the year. The Pasifika Caucus hosted a successful symposium in October. The 2015 annual conference was particularly well represented by members of both groups. Heleen also noted that the Special Interest Groups have been strengthened. SIGs are successfully developing communities within the wider association and some have run meetings/workshops during the year.

Heleen noted that challenges for the next few years include maintaining and growing NZARE's membership and to keep the association financially viable.

Finally Heleen thanked the 2015 conference organisers for their vision and commitment, and announced that the 2016 conference would be hosted by Victoria University.

Two new Life Members:

The AGM approved the nomination of two new life members. They are:

Wally Penetito (Wellington). [Read Wally's citation here.](#)

Kuni Jenkins (Whakatane). [Read Kuni's citation here.](#)

Warm congratulations were extended to both Wally and Kuni for their commitment to NZARE and to educational research in New Zealand.

NZARE awards for 2016 international conferences

NZARE sessions at international conferences showcase examples of the best of recent New Zealand research and/or scholarly work in education. The sessions also allow the presenters to establish and build international linkages to support their ongoing research programmes.

The recipients of the NZARE award to attend the AERA conference in 2016 are a group led by Professor Patricia Johnston, of Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangī. Their symposium is called *Amorangi: Doctoring our own*.

Pasifika caucus activity

80 Pacific post graduate students and others with an interest in Pasifika education research attended the very successful Pasifika Education Research symposium in Auckland on 9 October 2015. Song, dance, and spoken word from the theatre group 'Black Friars' gave the day a distinctly Pacific flavour.

The opening keynote was presented by Tagaloatele Professor Peggy Fairbairn-Dunlop (AUT), and a panel of academics shared their insights on what it means to be a Pasifika researcher. There were excellent individual paper presentations and wonderful round table discussions.

Nga mihi aroha to the Maori Caucus for their continued tautoko of the Pasifika Caucus, and also to Professor Tairahia Black who, although unable to join us due to a whanau bereavement, provided great support and sent his Matauranga Maori publication for distribution to all attendees. Special thanks to Dr. Jenny Ritchie (VUW), who provided great support on the day with registrations and logistics.

This feedback from one of the Pacific post graduate students in attendance:

I just wanted to take a moment to say congratulations to you, Tanya and the whole entire team for running a fantastic symposium. As a beginning Pasifika researcher it was an absolute pleasure to be able to share our research journeys with one another and glean from each other... For me this highlighted the importance of Pasifika researchers coming together and sharing with one another our highs and lows. To be reminded that we carry a responsibility if you like to develop as researchers and navigate new spaces but to do it with integrity and focused attention... I would like to say that I no longer feel like an 'outsider' but an 'insider' as a strong Pasifika researcher ready to grow and explore Pasifika methodology and draw on the strengths of those incredible and brave Pasifika researchers who have gone before us, whilst navigating my own ideas/critical thinking to make a difference for our Pasifika community at large. I look

forward to the next step in my journey and can't wait to share ideas and thoughts about empowerment and emancipation through education.

The Pacific Caucus wishes to acknowledge and thank Dr. Tanya Wendt Samu for her work in leading the Pasifika Caucus over the past few years. Tanya resigned this role at the AGM but was re-elected to Council as an individual member. Malo lava le galue Tanya.

Accessing NMSSA research data

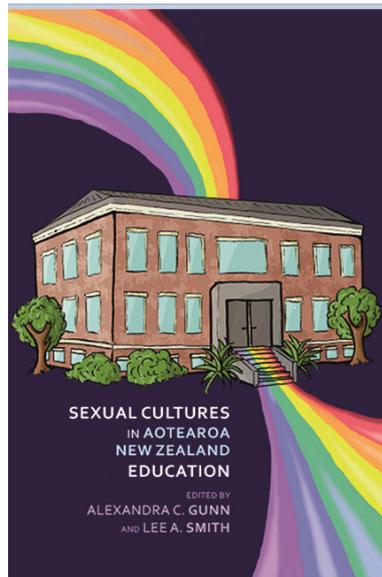
The National Monitoring Study of Student Achievement (NMSSA) is designed to assess and understand student achievement across the New Zealand Curriculum. It uses nationally representative samples of students at Year 4 and Year 8.

NMSSA data and original student artefacts can be accessed for secondary analysis by researchers, educators and postgraduate students. For further details [visit the NMSSA website](#) or contact Alison Gilmore, alison.gilmore@otago.ac.nz

An obituary

Several past members of NZARE died during the year. We have noted those we knew of in earlier newsletters. We are sorry we missed the passing of Les Ingham, a Life Member, and founding member of NZARE, in January 2015. His work for NZARE was noted by Geraldine MacDonald in the brief history of the association she outlined in the [2006 Herbison Lecture](#).

New book from Otago University Press



Alex Gunn, a past member of the NZARE Council is a co-editor of this newly published book.

'This book examines how the heterosexual presumption operates within education settings to the detriment of alternatives,' says co-editor Alexandra Gunn. 'We consider the way this shapes thinking, policies and practices, and we ask what this means for teachers, students and parents. How can education settings become more socially just sites of inclusion for sexual and gender diversity?'

More information about it can be found on the [Otago University website](#)

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