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NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION FOR RESEARCH IN EDUCATION

# He Pātaka Tuku Kōrero (Input)

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**In this issue: Advance notice of 2015 NZARE conference and other NZARE events; Highlights of 2014 conference and notes from the AGM; Caucus and SIG news, NZJES alerts, including a call for proposals for the next special issue.**

Kia ora tātou. Greetings to you all. As from this issue I am taking over as editor of He Pātaka Tuku Kōrero (also known as Input). Liz Gordon has done a sterling job of keeping the newsletter relevant, timely, and brief. I hope I can do as well and welcome items likely to be of wide interest to members. Ngā mihi nui, Rosemary Hipkins.

## Save the date

The 2015 NZARE annual conference will be hosted by Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi in Whakatāne, from 18-20 November. More details will follow as plans firm up. The call for papers will be made in May, with a July closing date.

The Pasifika caucus will be holding a symposium from 9-10 October 2015, in Manukau, Auckland. More details coming soon.

The ECE SIG will be holding a hui at Victoria University of Wellington, on Friday the 15th of May (note the change of date from March). Professor Marilyn Fler, the Foundation Chair of Early Childhood Education at Monash University, Australia, will be the guest keynote speaker. See the website for [more details and the call for papers](#). They are due by 23 March.

The student caucus is planning a workshop in Auckland on 27 May. More details to follow – again, keep an eye on the NZARE website.

## Start thinking about 2015 NZARE awards

The council has been working to update information about NZARE's awards and grants. The website will be updated as soon as this work is finalised. It's a good time to start thinking about potential nominations for 2015.

Submissions for the award categories will be due on 1 September.

## AERA in 2015: Travel award goes to Pasifika Caucus

Five high quality applications were received for the 2015 NZARE slot at AERA, which is open to all members.

The Council made a unanimous decision to award the travel grant to a group of Pasifika researchers, several of whom are active in the Pasifika Caucus. Led by Tanya Wendt-Samu, from the University of Auckland, the symposium is entitled: "Advancing Justice in Education for Pacific/Pasifika Peoples through Discourses of Success and Responsiveness". This theme resonates strongly with the AERA theme "Toward Justice: Culture, Language, and Heritage in Education Research and Praxis". [Read the abstract for this proposal here.](#)

## Joint NZARE/AARE conference in Brisbane

NZARE members gave strong support to the Brisbane conference, held in late 2014. From a potential membership of around 900, 150 NZ delegates attended some or all of the conference. It was judged a great success, particularly for the networking opportunities. The pre-conference workshops were very well received by those who attended.

[A short video of conference moments and highlights can be found here.](#) Note the high visibility of New Zealanders in this selection. If you were there, you just might spot yourself, basking in the warm Brisbane sun while it was reportedly very cold back home in New Zealand.

Abstracts for all the presentations, as well as refereed and uploaded papers, can be [accessed here](#). If you know what you are looking for the data base works very well.

### 2014 NZARE awards

The Council was delighted that all award recipients were able to attend the Brisbane conference to receive their awards in person:

The **McKenzie Award** for making a significant contribution to educational research over an extended period of time was awarded to Associate Professor Nick Zepke from Massey University. Read [Nick's citation](#) here.

The **Te Tohu Pae Tawhiti Award** for making a significant contribution to Maori educational research over an extended period of time was awarded to Dr. Tangiwai Mere Appleton Kēpa from Auckland University. Read [Mere's citation](#) here.

The **Sutton Smith Award** for an excellent doctoral thesis was awarded to Dr. Ella Kahu of Massey University. Read [Ella's citation](#) here.

The **Rae Munro Award** for an excellent master's level thesis was awarded to Hayley McGlashan of Auckland University. Read [Hayley's citation](#) here.

The **Herbison Lecture** was given by Dr Graham Hingangaroa Smith of Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangī. You can view [Graham's lecture](#) here.

## **AGM held at Brisbane Conference**

The AGM was well supported by members present at the conference.

Outgoing NZARE president, Liz Gordon, was thanked for the significant contribution she had made to NZARE. She was acknowledged for her leadership, for building on the work of previous presidents, and for creating a more vibrant and confident organisation.

Thanks are also due to Rosina Taniwha whose role on Council as one of two representative of the Māori Caucus has come to an end. Rosina made a significant contribution during her time on Council and leaves the work of the Māori caucus in very good stead.

The NZARE Council for 2015 was elected and new President Heleen Visser was welcomed to the role. The full list of Council members [can be seen here](#).

Key resolutions debated and passed included:

- Small changes to the constitution to allow NZARE to be registered with Charities Commission.
- Introduction of a 'School Member' membership category with a more modest fee than tertiary institutions. This new category will allow kura, schools and any type of early childhood centre to register as a collective. The kura, school or centre can then take full part in NZARE's activities including attending the conference, symposia and local events at the member rates and receive a copy of the NZJES.
- Changes to subscription rates: there will be a 10% increase in subscriptions to take effect from 1 July invoicing
- A new SIG was proposed and approved - see below.

## **New Life Members**

Traditionally new life members are nominated and approved at the AGM. These are people who have shown a commitment to Educational Research and to the NZARE over an extended period of time. For 2014 the awardees are:

**Val Podmore, Ted Glynn, Joce Jesson, John Church**

[Citations honouring their contributions](#) are up on the website.

## **Highlights from the President's address**

Outgoing NZARE president, Dr. Liz Gordon, gave a strong address that outlined where NZARE has come from and the great progress that has recently been made on strengthening systems to better support members. She noted the appointment of an Executive Officer in 2013 as a critical decision in this success. Because the EO now provides core services, the NZARE Council members can focus on providing benefits to members and extending the horizons of the association.

Successful initiatives acknowledged in the President's Address included the rapid growth in the number of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and the range of activities

they have undertaken. Potential targets for future attention include finding more ways to support members' professional and career development and creating stronger national and international linkages that enhance the status of educational research in New Zealand.

The need to build strong partnerships was a specific focus of the address. There has been strong growth in both the Maori and Pasifika caucuses (see below) but more needs to be done so that the full diversity of education researchers in New Zealand can be represented. Liz estimated that NZARE currently represents only about half the total number of educational researchers, and she noted that more senior researchers tend to be poorly represented. This implies a challenge for us all. Liz ended her address by commenting on the manner in which academic work has changed. Managerial rules are now more likely to be imposed on researchers' work and time, to the detriment of educational outcomes and with resulting pressure on the researchers. She said that this raised the question of whether NZARE should take a stand.

## Māori caucus report

We welcome Miriama Postlethwaite as the new representative of the Māori Caucus. She will sit alongside Agnes McFarland in representing the collective.

The Māori Caucus held a highly successful symposium in Whakatane in September 2014. Presentations across a range of genre promoted a forum for critical reflection on three streams that included Pasifika, bilingual and Reo Māori presentations. The exciting factor was the opportunities for these three streams to find research similarities across education, architecture, culture, language and health. Abstracts from the symposium can be downloaded from the [Caucus web page](#).

The second Te Reo Māori publication [‘Ka hoki tāua ki te whare huri ai e’](#) was launched at the *Toi te kupu, Toi te mana, Toi te whenua* symposium in Whakatāne. Edited by Agnes McFarland and Tairahia Black, it is jointly published by NZARE Māori Caucus and NZCER Te Wahanga. The first printed editions sold out within two days.

Mauri Ora!

## Student caucus report

Bridget Percy's term as student representative on the council has come to an end. Bridget has been a tireless advocate for student members and has organised a number of highly successful symposia. She will remain active in NZARE as a newly elected council member. The new student representative is Bernadette Farrell from Canterbury University. The [caucus page](#) on the NZARE website outlines benefits of student membership.

Six students were assisted to attend the AARE/NZARE conference in Brisbane. The preconference workshops were particularly well received by those student members who attended.

## Special interest groups

The Inclusive Education and Community SIG was launched at the AGM in Brisbane, in December 2014, bringing the total of NZARE SIGs to nine. [Details can be found here.](#)

SIGs are invited to consider putting in a proposal for a special issue of NZJES – see below.

We are interested in forming a Health and Physical Education Research SIG. If anyone is interested in either leading or joining such a SIG, please contact Jenny Ritchie: [jenny.ritchie@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:jenny.ritchie@vuw.ac.nz) or Shirley Harris: [shirleyharris@teacher.co.nz](mailto:shirleyharris@teacher.co.nz)

## NZ Journal of Educational Studies

### **NZJES on-line**

The NZJES journal is now [online with Springer](#). Keep an eye out for the first articles to appear as 'i-first'. These should be live by the end of March. The issues will still be available print copy in June and December each year.

Please remember to log into the site and fill out your keywords of interest if you are keen to be an active reviewer for this journal.

### **Special issue for NZJES in 2016**

Proposals are now invited for a special issue of the *New Zealand Journal of Educational Studies* to be published in the second half of 2016. The special issue will address a specific theme and may involve a focus identified by a Special Interest Group. It will include contributions from some of the leading New Zealand and international researchers in the proposed area of study.

Proposals need to be submitted by 1 July 2015 to [editors@nzare.org.nz](mailto:editors@nzare.org.nz) . For more information go to [the call for proposals](#) on the NZARE website.

### **Change in NZARE Council representation**

At the recent NZJES Board meeting, Associate Professor Carol Mutch stepped down from NZJES Board and Chair, and Dr. Alex Gunn (Otago University) has taken over the role of Chair of the Board. The joint editors are Roseanna Bourke and Judith Loveridge from Victoria University.

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