

# INPUT Newsletter October 2012.

NZ Association for Research in Education  
Te Hunga Rangahau Mātauranga o Aotearoa



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## Education issues in the news

Too many media matters to report in this issue! Many academics have entered the debates on National Standards, charter school proposals and the proposed re-organisation of Christchurch Schools. There has also been a host of other education matters discussed, where our members have been contacted as experts in the print media, on radio and on TV. Your consistency of argument and strength of analysis has been much appreciated.

Are people interested in an NZARE experts register, which could reside on the website and provide a searchable database for the media and other researchers on educational research topics? If so, we could begin to set this up at the conference. Contact me at [lizgordon@paradise.net.nz](mailto:lizgordon@paradise.net.nz) with your views.

## Conference 2012

The NZARE conference is being hosted by the WMIER at the Hamilton Novotel/Ibis hotels, on 29 and 30 November, with a seminar and SIG day on the 28<sup>th</sup>. These dates follow on from the Paulo Freire conference, held at the beginning of that week in Hamilton. Information on the conference venue and other details are available [here](#).

## Call for nominations

Nominations are called for the positions of President, Vice President and Committee Member (5 positions) for the 2013 NZARE Council. Nominations should include a photo, brief biography and a short account of why the person is standing (if desired). The proposer and seconder, and the candidate, must be current financial members. Nominations close at midday on 29<sup>th</sup> November at the Hamilton conference. Nominations please to our secretary, Kerry Earl - [kearl@waikato.ac.nz](mailto:kearl@waikato.ac.nz)

## Official notice of AGM

You are invited to attend the NZARE AGM on Friday 30 November at 7:30 am *1st floor, Ibis Hotel* with breakfast provided.

Items on the agenda include:

- An address from our outgoing President Cheryl Stephens

- Voting on election of President for next 2 years

And voting on the following:

Motion: *'That the NZARE formally recognise the constitution of the Researching Education for Sustainability Special Interest Group'* (Proposed by Glynne Mackey and seconded by Jenny Ritchie)

Motion: *'That the NZARE formally recognise the following as Life Members of NZARE for outstanding contribution to the Association and to educational research.*

*Ivan Snook, Noeline Alcorn, Anne Meade, Ann Smith and Wally Penetito*  
(Proposed by Liz Gordon and seconded by Rosina Taniwha)

Motion: *'That the NZARE formally approve the revised Constitution'* (Proposed by Heleen Visser and seconded by Liz Gordon,)

**\* Note that this motion failed to be ratified last year - look out for further information to members by email.**

Motion: *'That the NZARE formally approve the establishment of a new award category, NZARE Fellow* (Proposed by John O'Neill and seconded by Carol Mutch)

We encourage members, old and new, to attend the AGM of our Association as it is the one opportunity to meet Council face to face and celebrate the developments of the past year and look forward to the next. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kerry Earl  
Secretary

## Student travel grant

Student members of NZARE who are the first author of a paper that has been accepted for presentation at the 2012 conference may be eligible for a travel grant. See [here](#) for details.

## Membership renewal

From 1 July this year (2012), we have moved to 1 July membership renewal date for all. This means that when you renew your membership this year, you will receive an invoice for the proportion remaining until 1 July 2013 (pro-rata). This process will take everyone to a 1 July 2013 membership renewal date. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact [admin@nzare.org.nz](mailto:admin@nzare.org.nz) for further information.

## Special interest groups

The Early Childhood Education SIG is holding a pre-conference hui on 28 November in Hamilton. Keynote speakers are Alex Gunn and Linda Mitchell.

The Assessment SIG is holding a pre-conference afternoon on Wednesday 28th November from 1.30pm to 5.00pm. An outline of the afternoon's programme will be on the conference web page. The convenor is Mary Hill - [mf.hill@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:mf.hill@auckland.ac.nz).

The Science SIG has also arranged a pre-conference afternoon meeting on Wednesday 28th November, 12.30pm to 5.00pm, to be held at The University of Waikato. The \$35 cost will cover venue hire, lunch, afternoon tea & admin.

Registration is via the conference online registration page.

A new Sustainability SIG is to be approved at the AGM this year, and an Adult and Community Education SIG may be formed at the Hamilton conference, in a session led by Nick Zepke.

## 2012 Journal

Some people may not have received issue 1 of the NZJES this year – Volume 47, 1. It is a mustard yellow in colour. Please CHECK that you have received this. If you definitely have not, please contact Heleen Visser at [heleen.visser@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:heleen.visser@minedu.govt.nz).

## Postcard

NZARE has had a postcard-sized flyer printed for use when our members go overseas (primarily). The aim is to get our Association better known when we travel to external conferences or other meetings. These are available free of charge to members. Please let us know when you are going and how many you will definitely be able to give away. We have 3,000 in total and would like to see them distributed over the next two years. Contact [heleen.visser@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:heleen.visser@minedu.govt.nz).

## Maori caucus report

Tohu Pae Tawhiti Award Criteria. By the 1 September deadline, we received one nomination for this year's award. There was a late entry which was not accepted due to NZARE policy. Māori caucus decided last year to establish a sub-committee to consider 2012 nominations that would include past award recipients. These were Margie Hohepa and Angus McFarlane.

Te Reo Māori Monograph joint publication between NZARE/NZCER called 'Kawea te wairua o te kupu', Authors and names of the articles will be revealed at the launch to be held at the next NZARE hui. The NZARE Council has agreed from the hui in July in Auckland that Professor Tairahia Black in conjunction with the Māori caucus will launch the Monograph at the conference. The reviewers are Dr Nathan Matthews, Dr Darren Joseph and Professor Tairahia Black (Chair of the Māori Language Advisory Committee – Massey University).

NZARE President 2013 – Māori caucus supports the NZARE process of President Elect and therefore supports and nominates Liz Gordon.

### **New Initiatives**

2011 Māori Symposium

2012 Te Reo Māori Monograph

2013 Te Reo Māori website/Symposium in conference around ECE, Policy, Social Science, Māori Teaching Pedagogies.

## Pasifika caucus report

Warm Pacific greetings to you all! And a warm welcome to those of you who have expressed an interest in being involved in this caucus group.

I have been on leave from my institution from November 2011 until July 2012, immersed in an education project for the Republic of Nauru and the last crucial, intense stage of PhD thesis writing (due in February). I have been 'elsewhere' and hence the briefness of this report.

However, our annual face to face meeting (of the Pasifika Caucus) will take place next month at the annual conference of NZARE being held in Hamilton. These are two of the key items which will be presented for discussion:

- Review of the criteria for the Pasifika Group Research Award (for 2014 and beyond)
- A draft strategy (for 2013-2015) for NZARE, steered by the Pasifika Caucus, to support the development of Pasifika education research particularly post-graduate level

Please note: the aim of this draft strategy is to stimulate discussion about the role and function of the Pasifika Caucus and NZARE – in terms of capacity building and development of researchers (including post-graduate students) in Pasifika education.

## Call for papers

**Curriculum Matters** is a peer-reviewed journal of international standing published annually by NZCER Press. Submissions for the 2013 issue close on 31 March 2013. The journal publishes original research, scholarly essays, literature reviews and descriptions of innovations or developments on matters related to curriculum. *Curriculum* is broadly defined and can include curricula at a system, school, classroom or individual level. It can focus on a learning area or an aspect of curriculum development and delivery from early childhood to tertiary.

Manuscripts can be submitted to:

Dr Carol Mutch, General Editor, *Curriculum Matters*

[c.mutch@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:c.mutch@auckland.ac.nz)

## Wider Auckland Postgraduate Student Workshop

On July 7, NZARE held a morning workshop series for postgraduate students located in and around Auckland. It was a great success with approximately 50 students coming from the local area and as far away as Wellington. Students enrolled in distance programmes, for example, through Australian universities also attended. The morning started with a panel where students shared their experiences of being a distance, mature or international students. This was followed with lively discussion before the two workshops -- mixed method research and analysing

qualitative data got underway. Thanks are due to the School of Critical Studies in Education at the University of Auckland for hosting, Saba Kiani, NZARE student rep, for organising, and Associate Professor Carol Mutch for facilitating the workshops.

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