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NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION FOR RESEARCH IN EDUCATION

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Pasifika Caucus Report – February 2016

NZARE Pasifika Caucus Representatives:

Rae Si'ilata & Fuapepe Rimoni, with support from Tanya Wendt Samu

2015 Highlights

- Fuapepe Rimoni's acceptance of co-option to council as a Pasifika Caucus representative. We are pleased to have representation of Pasifika Caucus interests spread geographically, with Fuapepe being located at Victoria University, where this year's conference is hosted.
- We were pleased with the attendance of emerging Pasifika researchers at the NZARE conference hosted by Te Wananga o Awanuiarangi in Whakatane in November 2015. Ten Pasifika papers/presentations were accepted.
- Thanks again to the conference organisers for inviting a Pasifika keynote to present at the NZARE conference. We were proud of the keynote address given by our newest Associate Professor in Education, Roberta Hunter. Roberta was honored to be invited to present: Thanks again to NZARE.
- The Pasifika Research Symposium in October 2015 at MIT campus, Manukau was a highlight of our year, (80 participants, two keynote speakers, 15 paper presentations, 12 round table presentations). Collaborative planning with komiti members from AUT, UNITEC and MIT meant that a range of people attended from across Auckland and from Wellington, Waikato and Dunedin (see programme)
- A number of events in 2015 raised the profile of Pasifika research within NZARE, lifted the visibility of Pasifika education research across the motu, and boosted the profile of NZARE as an organisation to Pasifika researchers, (particularly for emergent researchers and post graduate students):
 - The Pasifika Research Symposium in October
 - The Pasifika keynote presentation at the NZARE conference
 - The first Pasifika Sutton-Smith doctoral award
- We hope to see measureable outcomes in terms of membership and activity and we look forward to building on last year's work in 2016.

Plan for 2016

- We hope to have another Pasifika Research in Education Symposium, this time in Wellington (Victoria University)
- In her role as Associate Dean Pasifika, at the Faculty of Education and Social Work, University of Auckland, Tanya is in discussion with the faculty about developing a Pasifika Research in Education website that will be able to showcase NZARE Pasifika Caucus work and activities to a global audience.

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