



# He Pātaka Tuku Kōrero

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## Have you registered for the NZARE conference?

**Venue:** Victoria University of Wellington, Kelburn Campus

**Date:** November 20-23, 2016

**Theme:** The Politics of Learning



Registration is open on [the conference portal](#).

The deadline for early bird registrations is **3 October**.

**The early bird rate is** \$500 for full members and \$250 for student members (this includes the conference dinner). Please note you must have **paid** by this date for the early bird rate to apply. After this time the rate will be \$600.

## Accommodation

If you are planning to stay in the University Halls of Residence at the special conference rate (\$69.00 per night) you will need to book through the conference website.

## Student travel grant

The student travel grant covers some travel expenses to the NZARE conference. Eligible students need to register and pay, then complete the application by **10 October**.

**Download** the details from the [Student/Emerging Researchers' page](#)

## First notice of AGM

This will be held during the conference: **7am, Wednesday, 23 November**.

Several members of Council are coming to the end of their terms. Nomination forms for new Council members can be [found here](#).

## Maori caucus news

The AGM for the Maori caucus will take place during a lunch for members on **Monday November 21**.

Note that this is just after the symposium that will pay tribute to the work of Sir Ranganui Walker.

## Pasifika preconference symposium

This symposium will be held at Whitireia Polytech on **Saturday 19 November**.

A programme outline is on the [Pasifika webpage](#) along with a call for Talanoa.

Associate Prof Kabini Sanga (VUW) will be the keynote speaker. His theme is "Words from the Wise".

The symposium will also feature a panel discussion, a series of presentations and Talanoa (which could be of particular interest to emerging researchers).

Themes: (not exclusive)

- History of Pasifika Educational Research
- Pacific concepts in Research
- Pasifika methodologies
- Intellectual Property

**Call for abstracts:** Papers (30 minutes) or Talanoa (15 minutes) that fit one of these themes (or another research-related aspect) can be [submitted now](#) for consideration. The deadline is 30 September.

## SIG preconference events

Any NZARE member can attend a SIG event. You don't have to be a signed-up SIG member. You are very welcome to attend and find out more about any of these SIGs.

## Researching education for sustainability

Conference delegates are invited to join SIG members for a guided walk around the [Zealandia wildlife sanctuary](#), near Victoria University.

The walk will be on **Sunday 20 November**, meeting at 2pm in the Zealandia foyer.

The discounted entry charge is \$15 for conference delegates. Our guide Darren van Hoof, from the Zealandia educator team, will talk about the role of the Zealandia educators as well as the wider Zealandia project.

We will walk around the sanctuary for an hour or so and then convene in the Zealandia café, Rata, for afternoon tea at about 3.30pm (others are welcome to join

the walkers for a drink at 3.30). To register, contact Jenny Ritchie [via the SIG webpage](#).

### **Early childhood education SIG hui**

This will be held on **Sunday 20 November**, 10 am-5 pm approx. The theme is: The politics of learning in ECE: recognising the role of research.

Professor Carmen Dalli will be the keynote speaker and there will be a special tribute to Dr. Anne Smith. The day will include the first ever presentation of ECE SIG awards. Click here for the [full programme](#).

Student and early career researchers are invited to **submit proposals** for a poster session at the SIG day. Details are on [the ECE SIG page](#).

### **Assessment SIG hui**

This will be held on **Sunday 20 November**, 9 am-3 pm approx. Some preliminary details can be found on the [Assessment SIG webpage](#).

### **NCARN (NZ Centre for Action research network) hui**

This hui will also be held on **Sunday 20 November**, 1 - 4pm (approx)

NZCARN members are invited to informally share recent AR projects, and discuss issues and new understandings about action research. See the [SIG webpage](#) for more information

### **Preconference workshops**

NB: These are on **Sunday 20 November**.

Workshop A: 10am - 12.00:

**The craft of writing for publication** with Roseanna Bourke, VUW

Workshop B: 12.00 - 2.00:

**Developing your academic digital footprint** with Louise Starkey, VUW

Workshop C: 2 - 4 pm:

**Putting Research into the Policy sphere** with Cathy Wylie, NZCER

Further details can be found on the [Programme page](#). It would be helpful if you register at the same time as you register for the conference itself. You can register for just one workshop or there is a discounted rate for two or three.

## SIG AGM meetings at conference

The following times have been allocated for SIG and caucus groups to meet during conference. Note that the committee has tried to avoid obvious clashes.

### MONDAY

Maori Caucus  
Inclusive Education  
Education for Sustainability  
Educational Leadership  
Educational Ideas  
Assessment

### TUESDAY

Pasifika Caucus  
NZCARN  
Early Childhood  
Science education  
Educational Policy  
Adult & Tertiary  
Student caucus

The purpose of these "AGM's" is to meet one-another, but also to elect representative(s) / convenor(s) for the coming year.

This is also an opportunity to discuss initiatives the SIG might undertake during 2017 (e.g. a mini-symposium during the year).

Providing information about such plans to NZARE Council as soon after the AGM as possible allows for budget planning in 2017 and ensuring different SIG events do not clash.

## Ideas for new SIGs

NZARE welcomes proposals for new SIGs.

Proposals need to be put forward at the AGM. The process involves filling in a proposal form which outlines the new SIG's aims and objectives, and obtaining the agreement of 15 paid-up NZARE members to form the inaugural membership of the SIG, as [outlined here](#).

## Representing NZARE at AERA 2017

Are you interested in representing NZARE by presenting a symposium to the [AERA Annual Meeting](#), to be held in San Antonio (TX) at the end of April 2017?

This is an urgent reminder that applications are due to the Executive Officer by **1 October**. See the [awards page](#) for details.

NB: the symposium must be presented at the 2016 NZARE Conference to be eligible.

### Early notice: BERA 2017

Applications to represent NZARE at the **BERA Conference 2017** will open in December - watch the website if you are interested in this one.

## News from the SIGs

### **Policy and Ideas SIG Hui: Aims & Ends in Education**

This hui was held in Christchurch on 29 August and was attended by about 40 people. Those present found it inspirational.

The full set of abstracts can be [downloaded here](#). You are welcome to follow up with the authors if you have an interest in their work. The group is keen to repeat the exercise next year.

### **NZARE connection to UNESCO**

Dr Cheryl Stephens, a long-standing member, former president and current NZARE Council member, has been appointed as [Commissioner of Education](#) to the NZ National Commission on UNESCO

The National Commission aims to build resilient communities and a culture of peace in NZ and the Pacific.

### **Resources from the Royal Society**

New guidelines developed by the RSNZ for effective engagement between researchers and the public might be of interest to NZARE members. Links to these guidelines [can be found here](#).

[This page](#) summarises support and initiatives the Royal Society can provide for teaching and learning.

### **Interact with NZARE via social media**

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