

A spirited beginning: The origins of the New Zealand Association for Research in Education

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Rotorua

Ad hoc study group

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Membership

The membership needed to be open but the Association should “frame its objectives to make it clear that it existed primarily to promote discussion of research issues, and findings, and that it should avoid becoming simply a forum for the discussion of general educational policy”.

Report of the Lopdell House meeting on the proposed Association for Research in Education.

Membership (continued)

“Membership is open to any person who has been or is actively involved in the conduct, promotion or application of educational research.”

Draft constitution, Input 1:1, 1979



Participants at the Early Childhood Research Conference, Massey University, February 1977.

Back row from left: Jim Hefford, Louis Gurr, John Kirkland, Liz Straton, Donald McAlpine, Alan Hall, Michael Cooper, Anne Bray, Dorothy Howie.

Middle row: Marie Bell, Fay Panckhurst, Linda Hall (now Mitchell), Joan Brockett, Anne Meade, Peter Dinniss, Anne Smith, Maris O'Rourke, Penny Jamieson, David Mitchell. Seated: David Barney, Alison St George, Margery Renwick, Beverley Morris, John Watson, Marie Clay, Geraldine McDonald, Dave Fergusson. Absent: Clem Hill, Bill Renwick.



Minister of Education appointed a:

Planning Committee for Ministerial Conference on Educational Research. They appointed an ad hoc study group to look into the possibility of a national organisation for educational research.

Ad hoc study group - Peter Freyberg, Chair
Decision re a research association

Planning Committee appointed an
Interim Committee: publicity, recruitment,
constitution, newsletter, finance

continued:

Interim Committee appointed a *Conference Planning Committee*

Inaugural Conference held at Victoria University
Research in Education in New Zealand: A Balance Sheet

NZARE constitution approved by members and first President and Committee elected 9 December 1979.

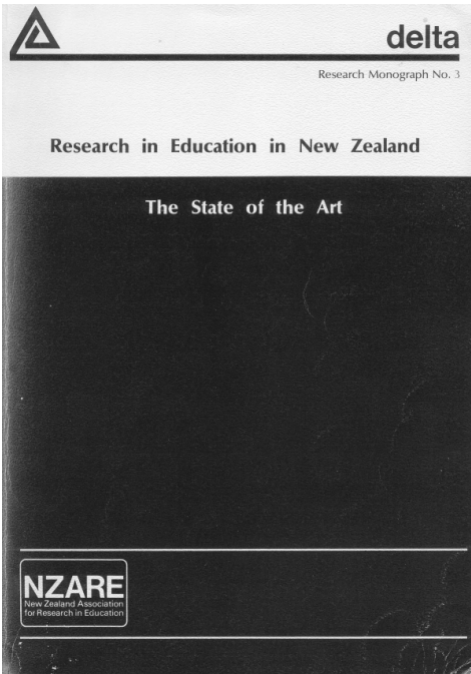
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"What's a nice girl like you
doing at a conference like this?"



“Didn’t we meet at last year’s conference?”



Advertisement for the 1983 conference (*Input 5:1, 1983*)

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Dick Harker	1983	Dick Harker	1998
Jenny Bunce	1984	Alison Gilmore	2000
Rae Munro	1986	Mary Hill	2002
Logan Moss	1988	Lynne Whitney	2004
John Church	1990	Colin Gibbs	2006

INPUT Editors

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1983	Dick Harker	1996	Liz Gordon
1984	Jim Holdom	1997	Sarah Farquhar
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1988	Stuart Middleton	2006	Susan Sandretto

Years of service by Input Editors

