

## **Pasifika Caucus Report to NZARE Council Meeting 17 February 2009**

*Fakaalofa lahi atu. Kia orana. Taloha ni.  
Ni Sa Bula. Talofa lava. Mālō ho'omou lelei.*

*'Oku tau kaungā fakafeta'i mo fiefia 'i he 'etau a'usia mai e Ta'u Fo'ou ni!  
Fakatauange ke tau 'inasi he fakakoloa 'o e fa'ahi ta'u ko eni*

A New Year's Greetings to all of you and may we begin this year's work with *loto hangamālie* and *māfana*!

In the Report the Pasifika Caucus, Dr. Linitā Manu'atu:

1. Acknowledges that in the 2008 NZARE Annual General Meeting passed the motion to give the Pasifika Interest Group 'voting rights' in the NZARE Council hence the Group can be rightly referred to as the Pacific Caucus. Much fakamālō/sincere thanks to the Maori Caucus for the encouragement and support given to the Pasifika Caucus throughout 2008.
2. Aims to promote NZARE and recruit Pasifika members to the Association by hosting a Meeting for Pasifika NZARE Members, researchers, postgraduate students and educators during the *Critiquing Pasifika education@the University Biannual Conference 2009*. The Pasifika Caucus requests that financial assistance be granted to support the Meeting. The Plan of the Meeting is outlined in the Proposal enclosed with the Report.
3. Seeks permission from the Editor of the NZJES to publish the Conference papers of the *Critiquing Pasifika education@the University Biannual Conference 2009* in a Special Edition of the NZJES. Initial communication has been made with Dr. Liz Gordon and more talks may follow between the Conference Co-ordinating Committee and the Editors regarding conditions, cost and deadlines.
4. Has updated the Pasifika section of the NZARE website for 2009. The Pasifika section has been used as the main web-link to the *Critiquing Pasifika education@the University Biannual Conference 2009*. There has been some very good feedback on the Pasifika Section from several NZARE members about the quality of the material on display.

Mālō 'aupito

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