CANCELLATION OF NZARE AWARDS 2020

Due to the budgetary constraints that have arisen from the COVID-19 pandemic and the cancellation of the NZARE 2020 Conference, the NZARE Council have made the difficult decision to cancel all NZARE awards for 2020.

However, we will be accepting nominations for the 2021 round of student awards for students who would have qualified for any of the 2020 student award categories.

The deadline for the next round of nominations for all NZARE awards is 1 August 2021.

To find out more information about the award categories and submission details please click here.

AGM 2020 AND FUTURE SIG EVENTS

AGM 2020 to be held online

The NZARE council has decided that the 2020 AGM is to be held fully online.

We anticipate that the AGM will take place in mid to late November this year. No specific date has been chosen yet but we will continue to update you via our website, Facebook page and future newsletters.

Future SIG events

The NZARE council also made the decision that all future 2020 SIG events will take place online using tools such as Zoom or Skype.

This decision was difficult to make but we are confident that it will still be possible to hold informative and enjoyable SIG events online. We have received positive feedback in relation to the online elements of the Education Leadership SIG and Education Policy SIG events and intend to continue refining the running of these events digitally.

To stay up to date with SIG events, please follow NZARE on Facebook or regularly check the website.
POLICY SIG IN GOOD HEART

The Education Policy SIG has just held a successful seminar, titled “Taking stock: Perspectives on the government’s education reviews and where to from here?”

After much toing and froing as a result of the different requirements under the various COVID-19 Alert Levels, the seminar was finally able to be held on 8 June, with twenty people having the opportunity to meet in person (carefully separated by 1 meter) in what is probably going to be the first and last face-to-face SIG or caucus meeting of the year. Another 38 people joined via Zoom for all or part of the day.

The morning had presentations about the review of Tomorrow’s Schools, with Martin Thrupp giving an outsider’s perspective and Cathy Wylie sharing the perspective of a member of the review taskforce. Judie Alison and Rob Willetts also provided a case study of why the government’s failure to profoundly interrupt the high levels of school-based decision-making impacts negatively on the conditions of teachers’ work in some schools and across the system.

In the afternoon there were two presentations on curriculum and assessment. Elizabeth Rata talked about Educational Knowledge Theory and how different kinds of knowledge tend to be conflated and confused in our system. Bronwyn Wood asked whether the review of NCEA was heading in the right direction or not.

The day finished with an NZEI session titled “Change: Being done ‘to’ or ‘with’ or ‘for’” which covered the union’s experiences of change over recent decades. This was presented by President/Te Manukura Liam Rutherford and Campaign Lead Jane Porter.

All who contributed to the final session reflecting on the day, agreed that it had been a coherent and very enjoyable programme, and a huge treat for those who were able to be there in person.

NZARE would like to thank all the speakers and attendees for participating in the event and Judie Alison for organising and running this event.

EDUCATION LEADERSHIP EVENT

Recently the Educational Leadership SIG organised an online symposium titled, “NZARE Symposium: Leading in a Time of Crisis: Avenues for COVID-19 Inspired Research and Critical Practice”.

The purpose of this event was to draw researchers who have an interest in the educational leadership space and provide some stimulation for future avenues of research. Our speakers each provided a unique and interesting perspective on the topic.

Speakers included NZARE’s own Professor Peter Roberts, NZPF President Perry Rush, and Secretary for Education Iona Holsted. Each provided their perspective on the COVID-19 crisis from their unique positions in the education landscape. A number of interesting points were made over the hour-and-a-half sessions and left the attendees with some real food for thought.

NZARE would like to thank all the speakers and attendees for participating in the event and Dr Paul Crowhurst for enabling this event to happen.
CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL 2020

We are pleased to announce that Mere Berryman has kindly agreed to be co-opted on to the NZARE council. Mere is a pillar of Māori education nationally and Indigenous education globally. Her research endeavours have been exemplary and her long association with NZARE provides support for sustaining the ongoing institutional memory that has been built up over the years.

On behalf of council it is our please to welcome Mere on board and we look forward to working alongside her.

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IPU KERERŪ

NZARE’s official blog Ipu Kererū, acts as a forum for us to disseminate our work and share our views about educational topics in Aotearoa New Zealand. Ipu Kererū currently has many blog posts discussing a wide range of educational topics. On the right hand side of this page are two examples of blog posts you will find on Ipu Kererū. Below is information about our blog and how to submit.

All NZARE members are welcome to contribute posts to Ipu Kererū at any time. We welcome posts that summarise members’ research as well as posts that offer opinion or commentary on educational issues, topics, policies or initiatives. Members at all career stages can contribute to Ipu Kererū, including postgraduate students and school-based practitioners.

We have chosen the name Ipu Kererū for our blog. Directly translated as ‘pigeon carrier’, the term Ipu Kererū can mean both a carrier of news and a repository of treasured and preserved knowledge. We trust that this blog will both convey news and hold knowledge for the education and educational research communities in Aotearoa New Zealand.

For more information regarding how to submit to Ipu Kererū please click here.

For any questions regarding Ipu Kererū please email blog@nzare.org.nz.

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SAVE THE DATE!

The Australasian Society for Autism Research (ASfAR) Conference will be hosted by Autism New Zealand and Victoria University of Wellington on 10 and 11 December 2020.

Planning of the conference is proceeding on the basis that the conference will occur either face-to-face, or online.

Abstract submissions close at 5pm AEST on 6 July 2020. To find out more information about this conference please click here.

BERA CONFERENCE CANCELLED:

“In the current circumstances with little prospect of requirements for social distancing being relaxed for some time we have now regretfully taken the decision to cancel this year’s conference. This is a matter of profound regret as we had our usual range of excellent papers accepted, some fantastic keynote speakers to look forward to and of course the vital opportunity for networking and knowledge exchange that conference provides...

...Please do stay in touch with us as we try to navigate our way through a truly unprecedented period and we hope that you all stay safe and healthy in these challenging times until we can all meet in person once again at the 2021 BERA Conference in Birmingham!”