



Te Pūwānanga

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New Zealand's Indigenous Centre of Research Excellence

Tēnā koutou katoa

Welcome to the first issue of *Te Pūwānanga* for 2013. I hope the year has started well for you and that 2013 will be successful and prosperous for you and your whānau. This year will be another busy one for Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (NPM). A key project is preparing our proposal for further investment by the Tertiary Education Commission post-2014 when our current contract concludes. I will visit all our Participating Research Entities over the next few months to gather ideas and discuss the shape of our proposal. I look forward to talking with you about this.

We have exciting plans for 2013, including advancing research initiated in 2012. These projects include studies of Māori men's relational health; indigenous agroecology; Māori childrearing practices; success models for Māori students in schools; the rehabilitation of Tauranga Moana following the *Rena* shipwreck and much more. Our major Pae Tawhiti projects (concerning Māori economic development and Māori language) continue, as do a number of other projects, and we will endeavour to bring on yet more new research in 2013.

Our established Horizons of Insight Seminar Series continues this year and we will host our Annual Research Symposium in November. The symposium

topic will be "Te Pā Harakeke: Healthy and Prosperous Families of Mana" and we will provide further information when arrangements become firmer. Once again we are offering Grants and Awards which are listed on pages four and five – I encourage you to review them as they provide a wide range of opportunities.

In March, it will be our pleasure to co-host Professor Arturo Arias, a Professor of Latin American Literature at the University of Texas. Professor Arias is a well-known scholar of Central American literature (with a special emphasis on indigenous literature) and a novelist. I will conduct a joint discussion with Professor Arias on 14th March. There are two other events with Professor Arias, see page three for details on all three events.

Later in the same month, I will open our 2013 Horizons of Insight Seminar Series with a talk on "Creative Potential" – the vision and concept underpinning the NPM strategy.

Finally, there were two staff changes for us at the end of 2012. We welcome Dr Dominic Andrae, see page six. Dominic is looking after the Journal and Publications Coordinator – *AlterNative* role while Dr Katharina Bauer



Professor Arturo Arias

is on parental leave. Congratulations to Katharina and her whānau on the birth of a boy! Publications and Communications Manager Dr Helen Ross left her role for another position within The University of Auckland after more than three years with us. Her contribution to our publications, in particular *AlterNative*, was invaluable and saw it grow into the international indigenous journal it is today. We wish her well in her new role.

Ngā mihi,

Professor
Charles Royal
Director



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HE MIHI

Kei ngā maunga huahua
Kei ngā taumata iringa kōrero
Kei ngā wai karekare
Kei ngā awa tuku kiri a te iwi
Kei ngā nohoanga tāngata
Tēnā koutou
Tēnā koutou
Tēnā koutou katoa!

HE WHAKATAUKĪ

Whāia ngā pae o te māramatanga
me te aroha
Te pae tata, te pae tawhiti
Kia puta koe ki te whaiao ki te ao
mārama



Horizons of Insight seminars 2013

Our Horizons of Insight Seminar Series starts off for 2013 on Wednesday 27th March, with a presentation from our Director Professor Charles Royal on “Creative Potential” – the vision and concept underpinning the strategy of Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga.

These seminars are held the last Wednesday of every month, March to October from 2-3pm, and run for an hour with a light afternoon tea afterwards. There is time for questions within this hour, although the lively discussion continues over the cup of tea, making the seminars an excellent chance to network and engage with others in the same interest area.

We aim to film all the seminars and post these on our Online Media Centre, allowing people who cannot attend the seminar in person to also enjoy it or for others to watch again at their convenience. Videos of previous years' seminars are available at media-centre.maramatanga.ac.nz Details of upcoming seminars are updated regularly on our website www.maramatanga.ac.nz/news-events/events

We hope to see you at Waipapa Marae, The University of Auckland, 27th March, 2pm for the first seminar.

Above: Professor Charles Royal



The MAI Doctoral conference participants

News from Te Kupenga o MAI

“Building the Basics” was the theme for the 2012 MAI Doctoral Conference, 30th November–2nd December. Held in Christchurch and hosted by MAI ki Ōtautahi – Lincoln, convener Dr Simon Lambert said the conference aimed to provide the opportunity for emerging Māori scholars to present in a supportive forum, and network with doctoral candidates and established academics. The other conference committee members were Melanie Shadbolt, Dr Amanda Black and Ekara Lewis.

Over the weekend, there were 27 presentations from doctoral students, ranging in topic from contemporary indigenous business leadership, to the oral and written tribal histories in Taranaki, to Māori-focused health literacy.

Attendee Dr Melinda Webber said she always feels so proud to learn alongside the Māori doctoral students who attend and present their mahi at the conference. “They excel across such a wide spectrum



Conference attendees (left to right) Dr Melinda Webber (MAI ki Tāmaki), Anaru Eketone (MAI ki Otago Coordinator) and Acushla O’Carroll (MAI ki Tāmaki).

of areas and have so much to offer their various disciplines. Their ability to integrate mātauranga Māori and Māori ways of knowing into their discipline-specific mātauranga is excellent.”

For more information on Te Kupenga o Mai visit www.mai.ac.nz



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Latin American indigenous literature expert to visit

Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (NPM) is delighted to co-host Professor Arturo Arias during March, with a series of events planned. Professor Arias is a Hood Fellow of The University of Auckland, and is being hosted by The New Zealand Centre for Latin American Studies and NPM.

Arias is Professor of Latin American Literature, University of Texas. He is a mestizo (of Maya and Spanish ancestry) creative writer and specialist in critical theory whose contributions to Maya culture are recognised by their claiming him as one of their own. He is a well-known expert on Central American literature, with a special emphasis on indigenous literature, as well as critical theory, race, gender and sexuality in post-colonial studies. He co-wrote the screenplay for the film *El Norte* (1984), and edited *The Rigoberta Menchú Controversy* (2000). Having published six novels in Spanish, with two Casa de las Americas Awards, he was also winner of the Ana Seghers Award for fiction in Germany, and the Miguel Angel Asturias National Award (2008) for Lifetime Achievement in Literature in his native Guatemala. He is a former President of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA).

While in Auckland, Professor Arias will give a public lecture on “Oxlajuj B'aqtun: Not the End but a New Beginning for Maya, Indigenous Peoples and the Earth”, to be held Tuesday 12th March, 6pm at The University of Auckland, Owen G. Glenn Business School. He will discuss how on 21st December 2012, Maya communities in the Americas celebrated the end of the Fourth Era and welcomed the Oxlajuj B'aqtun, the Fifth Maya Era. However across the planet, from the US to Russia, people panicked at the idea that the world would end “as predicted by Maya astronomers”. This was a Western invention; this change does not predict the end of time but promotes continuity at a time of crisis. In this talk, he will explain the calendar's workings and dispel the myths surrounding it. Professor Arias will also talk widely about indigenous peoples and how groups are coming together to face common issues, such as advancing decolonialisation processes, racism, shrinking territories and protecting Mother Nature.

He will also lead a hui with Professor Linda Tuhiwai Smith, titled “Decolonisation, Research and Indigenous Peoples



Today”, on Monday 11th March 9-3pm at Waipapa Marae, The University of Auckland. This day is for researchers and is about research on, by and with indigenous peoples. It will offer researchers a space for reflection on the history of decolonisation with specific local examples from various parts of the world and among different types of indigenous peoples working with their own communities and with non-indigenous groups. The focus is on the leadership that indigenous peoples have provided in moving their communities toward self-determination through healing, mobilisation, transformation, development and decolonisation in its varied phases and waves amidst unanticipated outcomes. Both hui leaders each have a lifelong engagement with and commitment to decolonised research with and for indigenous communities in Aotearoa, Abya Yala-the Americas, and the world.

Finally, on Thursday 14th March at 1-3pm at Waipapa Marae, Professor Charles Royal will conduct a joint discussion with Professor Arias and other artists and writers on the theme “Truth and Narrative”.

In the academic environment there is increasing pressure to deny the truth-value of storytelling and to privilege quantitative or measurable truth over narrative ways of knowing. The focus here will be on the transformative potential of indigenous creativity that reveals truth through various forms.

KEY DATES

Monday 11th March – “Decolonisation, Research and Indigenous Peoples Today” hui for researchers, 9-3pm at Waipapa Marae, The University of Auckland. Registration is required, please see event listing online to register.

Tuesday 12th March – “Oxlajuj B'aqtun: Not the End but a New Beginning for Maya, Indigenous Peoples and the Earth” public lecture, 6pm at Owen G. Glenn Business School, Lecture Theatre B4, The University of Auckland.

Thursday 14th March – Professor Royal and Professor Arias discuss “Truth and Narrative”, 1-3pm at Waipapa Marae.

For further details on all of these events visit www.maramatanga.ac.nz/news-events/events

Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga grants and awards for 2013

All Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (NPM) grants and awards are positioned to advance our research plan and strategic direction. Awards are primarily given to researchers or emerging researchers and students of NPM or employed in NPM research projects; and to those researchers from our Participating Research

Entities (PREs). Support may be available to other researchers whose research is relevant to our research plan. For further information, please visit our website – downloadable guidelines and application form templates will be available the day the grant or award opens.

Grant or Award	Size of grants	Key dates	Purpose	Criteria
Doctoral Bridging Grants	\$3,000 per month	Opens 10/04/13 Closes 31/05/13	To provide assistance to candidates who are not in receipt of any other significant income during the final stages of completion of their doctorate. It is also for those who have recently successfully completed their doctoral studies and working on research publications, or engaging in knowledge transfer relating to their research.	For Māori or indigenous students who are currently registered and in the final year of a doctoral degree; or who have recently submitted a thesis for examination; or recently completed the final requirements for a doctoral degree and wish to disseminate more widely their research before commencing formal employment.
Publishing Support Grants	\$10,000 (max)	Opens 10/04/13 Closes 31/05/13	For researchers and emerging researchers to publish or disseminate their research findings. It is for books, book launches, writing in the Māori language and other creations including photography and web publications that contribute to indigenous research development.	For Māori or indigenous researchers and senior students/emerging researchers. Generally a one year publishing project.
Conference Attendance Grants	\$3,500 (max)	Opens 10/04/13 Closes 31/05/13	To support researchers and developing researchers wishing to disseminate their research work at national and international conferences leading to the potential publication of their research findings.	For Māori or indigenous researchers and students/emerging researchers. Supporting knowledge sharing of our research projects and/or our researchers is priority.
Knowledge Event Support Grants	\$15,000 (max)	Opens 10/04/13 Closes 31/05/13	To run events at which research knowledge of a transformative nature is shared among our key audiences. Such events include conferences, symposia, hui, wānanga, colloquium, workshops, performances and/or exhibitions.	For Māori or indigenous researchers and students/emerging researchers; and Māori community groups. Supporting NPM research project knowledge sharing is priority. Generally completed within the year awarded.
Internships	\$5,000	Call for internship research projects opens 01/08/13 and closes 06/09/13. Projects to be advertised for students to apply 18/09/13 with applications closing 11/10/13 for a December 2013 start.	To foster and encourage promising students to enter a research career and gain research training by working closely on an investigator initiated project with an active researcher who is able to supervise, support and mentor the intern through research activity.	For Māori or indigenous students who are in their final undergraduate year, or in the preliminary stages of a postgraduate study programme and attending a PRE institution or linked to a current NPM researcher. Interns must be available to work fulltime for a period of 10 weeks over the summer period.
NPM Research Methods Scholarships	Five-day course registration, travel and accommodation	Opens 10/09/13 Closes 20/10/13	Scholarships include paid enrolment fee(s) for attendance at a NZSSN short course, February 2014, as well as six days standard accommodation and return national air fare or travel to attend the course.	For our researchers and tertiary students (undergraduate, with the required prerequisites, or postgraduate) within our PREs to attend any of the short courses offered by NZSSN in their summer programme 2014 at Victoria University, Wellington.

Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Travel Awards in Indigenous Development	Up to NZ\$5,000 towards a 12 to 90 day visit to the US	Two rounds, closing dates 1/04/13 and 1/08/13	To visit the US in order to present on a theme of indigenous development to American audiences.	For New Zealand academics, artists or professionals who have a PhD or the equivalent professional or artistic training or experience.
Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Scholar Award	Up to US\$37,500	Closing dates 1/07/13 and 1/10/13	For a New Zealand academic, artist or professional to lecture and/or conduct research at a US institution in the field of indigenous development.	Have a PhD or the equivalent professional or artistic training or experience; and plan to undertake fulltime lecturing or research which fits within one of NPM's research themes for a period of three to five months.
Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Graduate Award	US\$25,000 plus travel towards one year of study or research in the US	Closing date 1/08/13	For a promising New Zealand graduate student to undertake postgraduate study or research at a US institution in the field of indigenous development.	Have completed the equivalent of four years fulltime study at tertiary level and obtained a bachelor's degree, but not yet hold a doctoral degree. Plan to undertake fulltime postgraduate study or research which fits within one of NPM's research themes.

Māori scholar to share knowledge of schools in the US



Dr Melinda Webber

Māori scholar Dr Melinda Webber (Ngāti Whakaue, Ngāti Kahu, Ngāti Hau) from The University of Auckland's Faculty of Education will share her unique knowledge of Aotearoa's school communities with American counterparts at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay later this month, with the help of a Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (NPM) Travel Award.

Melinda is currently a fulltime qualitative researcher on The University of Auckland's Starpath Project – a pioneering research project focused on transforming educational outcomes for New Zealand students who are under-achieving at secondary school and under-represented in tertiary education. She is also co-investigator on a NPM research project entitled "Ka Awatea: An iwi case study of Māori student success".

Melinda looks forward to sharing her knowledge of Māori education, cultural identity development and adolescent social psychology with a range of academic departments and programmes at her host institution. She will give presentations on the Starpath Project to staff of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay's similarly-focussed Phuture Phoenix programme, on racial-ethnic identity of adolescent New Zealanders to the university's Department of Human Development, and on Māori identity in the 21st century to the First Nations Studies programme.

She says her exchange will benefit the collective knowledge of both communities, and herself as an indigenous scholar. "Communities in both countries face similar challenges and much is gained for the peoples of our countries through the exchange of knowledge and ideas. This award will enable me to establish new research networks to support my career aspirations, and to grow my research skills and knowledge. It is an opportunity for me to grow as an academic and to extend my research profile in the broad fields of indigenous education and cultural and social psychology."

This is one of three exchange awards offered under a partnership between NPM and Fulbright New Zealand. For more details and to apply visit www.maramatanga.ac.nz/research/grants_and_awards



Māori of the Year awards

Several Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (NPM) researchers were recognised in the *Marae Investigates Ngā Toa Whakaihuwaka* (Māori of the Year) 2012 awards, as people who have uplifted the mana of Māori in 2012. The special show aired on Waitangi Day 2013 on TVNZ.

Professor Linda Tuhiwai Smith was the winner in the Māturanga-Education category. Professor Smith was a founding Joint Director of NPM and is the Principal Investigator on our project "In pursuit of the possible: Indigenous well-being – A study of indigenous hope, meaning and transformation". Nominated in the same category was Professor Sir Mason Durie, who leads another NPM project, "Fostering te Pā Harakeke: Advancing Healthy and Prosperous Families of Mana."

Associate Professor Cindy Kiro won the Ratonga Hapori – Community Service category for being a passionate champion of children and health inequalities. She was a lead author of the *Trends in wellbeing for Māori families 1981–2006* report, commissioned by NPM and published in 2010.



Associate Professors Poia Rewi and Rawinia Higgins
Below: Dr Ocean Mercier

In other categories, NPM researchers Associate Professors Poia Rewi and Rawinia Higgins were nominated in the Reo-Tikanga category, for their work on our three year project *Te Pae Tawhiti: Te reo Māori*. MAI Journal Board Member Dr Ocean Mercier was nominated in the Te Ao Hangarau-Science/Technology/Innovation category. Congratulations to all.



ALTER AN INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES NATIVE

LATEST ISSUE OUT NOW

The first issue for 2013 of *AlterNative: An International Journal of Indigenous Peoples* is now available online and in print. Papers in Volume 9(1) come from the Arctic Circle, to Africa, Japan, Australia, Canada and New Zealand.

Two of the articles centre on indigenous education. Ylva Jannok Nutti considers Sámi teachers' experiences in Sweden in teaching of mathematics and the necessity for lessons to be taught from the perspective of the local culture – despite the fact that culturally based teaching is not specifically defined. Teachers must adapt as to how and what they teach. The second article by Lone Elizabeth Ketsitlile, Philip Bulawa and Onalenna Tiny Kgathi seeks to understand why appropriate and relevant research methods are crucial when undertaking literary research among Southern Africa's first indigenous peoples – the San of Botswana. The authors consider and develop an argument articulating the need to include a specific Southern African philosophy (Botho, also known as Ubuntu) as a theoretical framework.

Olivia Guntarik's article "Dangerous Historiographies: Minoru Hokari's observations and lived Aboriginal practices of history" considers Australian Aboriginal notions of historiography (the methodology and development of history) which challenge existing and accepted understandings and interpretations of societies' and cultures' histories. Alternative interpretations (and solutions) to conventional history are often binarized as minority or oppositional groups and simply accommodated in what continues to be the dominant story.

Rāpata Wiri adds to the growing body of academic work considering New Zealand's Treaty of Waitangi settlement through the lens of the controversial "Treelords Deal" and the application of mana whenua or Māori custom law. The article looks at the claims made for Central North Island forestry and how certain large iwi misinterpret mana whenua for their own commercial gain at the expense of smaller but significant land-owning iwi in the region.

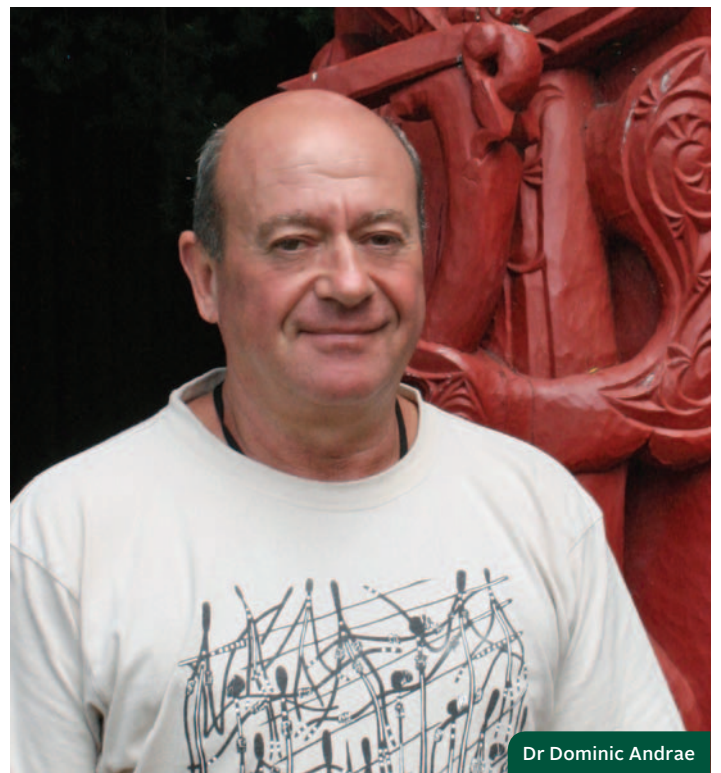
Canada's federal and provincial systems of government have been strongly influenced by the nation's Aboriginal peoples. Or have they? David MacDonald argues any such influences have been largely accidental, and a concerted critique of some conventional study highlights a glossing over of Aboriginal-settler history rather than a detailed engagement with it.

Among other things, he advocates the incorporation of Aboriginal notions and concepts of power, justice and decision-making into existing institutions and potential new institutions.

Hiroshi Maruyama examines an ambitious dam project on the Japanese island of Hokkaido and the impact on the local indigenous people, the Ainu. Legislation gives priority to river development yet existing indigenous legislation and policy has yet to take firm steps towards the protection of Ainu indigenous rights. Maruyama's paper considers the legal system surrounding river development in light of the conservation of Ainu culture and the environment.

The final article "Songlines and touchstones: A study of perinatal health and culture in Greenland" by Ruth Montgomery-Andersen and Ina K. Borup explores how family and community perceive support-giving during the perinatal period. In particular, it focuses on story-telling as a health promotion tool through an ethnographic approach. Content analysis, interviews and dialogues are used to set the stories into a cultural perspective.

AlterNative is a peer-reviewed interdisciplinary journal that aims to present indigenous world views from native indigenous perspectives. Access to the journal is by subscription, visit www.alternative.ac.nz for more information.



Dr Dominic Andrae

NEW ALTERNATIVE STAFF

Welcome to Dr Dominic Andrae who has taken on the role of Journal and Publications Coordinator for *AlterNative* and other scholarly publishing projects of Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga, while Dr Katharina Bauer is on parental leave for 12 months. Dominic holds a PhD in Sociology and a MA (Hons) in Anthropology. His research has focused on working with marginalised communities and their interaction with the judicial system in New Zealand. He recently worked with Aboriginal communities in Alice Springs.

MAI JOURNAL

SUBMISSIONS WELCOMED

We are busily working on volume 2, issue 1 of *MAI Journal: A New Zealand Journal for Indigenous Scholarship* due to be published in April. Don't forget submissions are considered all year round and we welcome papers that critically analyse and address all indigenous issues in the context of Aotearoa New Zealand.

While *MAI Journal* focuses on the Aotearoa New Zealand context, we welcome articles from international authors whose work may be of particular relevance to this context. We accept both articles and commentary pieces.

We have an enthusiastic Editorial Board that is composed of highly respected academics and researchers in indigenous research from a wide range of disciplines. We welcome three new board members this year: Dr Fiona Te Momo (Massey University), Dr Tahu Kukutai (The University of Waikato), and Phillip Borell (University of Canterbury). We are honoured to have these appointments and look forward to their guidance.

Earlier this year our Publications Manager Dr Helen Ross left Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga. We would like to acknowledge Helen for her pivotal role in the development of *MAI Journal* and extend our gratitude for her commitment and contributions.

Please ensure that you follow us on Facebook and sign up to our mailing list to keep up-to-date with our news, and visit www.journal.mai.ac.nz for further information about the journal and to submit articles.

Kōrero mo tētahi Kaupapa Wānanga Spotlight on our Research

He moemoeā mo Ahuriri: A vision plan and health assessment for the Ahuriri Estuary

The Ahuriri or Napier Estuary is of significant value to both tangata whenua and the Hawke's Bay community as a whole. Historical and current environmental pressures, together with some questionable management processes over the years, had caused an almost total cultural disconnection between the tangata whenua and the estuary.

This Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga project, led by Principal Investigator Dr Jamie Ataria, aimed to assess the situation by identifying the problem, effect and extent of the estuary's contaminant levels. A key contributor is stormwater run-off into the estuary; essentially water flowing over roads and roofs collecting toxins, which then flows or is discharged, untreated into the estuary.

Low levels of contaminants normally associated with stormwater were measured in the sediment and the edible flesh of cockles and yellowbelly flounders. Samples collected from the Napier Estuary were compared with those of flounder caught in the Pōrangahau Estuary, southern Hawke's Bay. Jamie says even though he knew the drains into the Napier Estuary were

close to factories and industry, he was still surprised at the high levels of contaminants at one site sampled in the estuary.

The team also carried out a literature review of historical and culturally significant events and issues using information from the Waitangi Tribunal WAI 55 Report, the courts and other significant historical records and publications.

The study involved local tangata whenua from the outset. The research team interviewed hapū representatives about their aspirations for the estuary; a senior Māori student from Napier Girls High School was part of the research team; and other school students visited the site. All of the gathered information provided the foundation for the *25-Year Living Document* – a collection of tangata whenua and other organisations' aspirations for the future of Te Whanganui-a-Orotū (the greater area which includes Napier Estuary) written by the team.

NPM's support for this characterisation study was instrumental in allowing the researchers to successfully secure funding from the Ministry of Science and Innovation to carry out further biophysical research in the estuary and to develop an online tool aimed at enabling greater Māori participation in natural resource management via an increased awareness and access to relevant environmental planning documents.

Dr Jamie Ataria (foreground) and Maurice Black, two of this project's team, survey the estuary.





Kōrero mo tētahi Kaupapa Wānanga Spotlight on our Research

Dietary intake and its effect on early life course, with particular focus on Māori communities

Metabolic health issues such as Type 2 diabetes and obesity are increasingly prevalent in our community, in keeping with worldwide trends. There is now a considerable amount of evidence that events during pregnancy and early childhood influence the risk of metabolic disease in later life by affecting glucose and fat metabolism and possibly appetite regulation. To try to prevent later metabolic disease, we therefore need to look at practical ways to intervene in early life to decrease these risks – and Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (NPM) is supporting a study doing just this.

Clearly nutrition is one area in which one could intervene. Metabolism is affected not only by the type of food eaten, but also by the pattern of eating. For example, it is now well-established that in both adults and older children, eating breakfast is associated with improved weight and glucose metabolism. An area that has been studied less, but may also be important, is the effect of eating irregularly, so that meals are not predictable and food not matched to hunger signals. In adults, irregular eating has contributed to insulin resistance (a risk factor for Type 2 diabetes) and unfavourable lipid profiles associated with increased risk for heart disease. The effect of irregular eating in young children is not known. However, a study in healthy young lambs showed that glucose tolerance was poorer in those fed unpredictably, because they did not secrete the insulin required to respond to a glucose load. Young children rely on others to interpret hunger signals and provide their meals, so they may be particularly vulnerable to the effects of an irregular food supply.

Before advising about possible interventions, we first need to get an idea of what determines eating behaviour in the young children – how and when they actually eat, as pre-schoolers are not always easy to feed, families with young children are often busy, and parents and caregivers will bring their own ideas and experience to how they care for their children.

NPM and Gravida (National Centre for Growth and Development) have collaborated to set up this study which will look at eating patterns in Māori preschool children in the Rotorua region. Families who volunteer to participate will be asked to fill in question-



Dr Te Kani Kingi

naires about the child's eating behaviour, and parental thoughts and attitudes about how their young children should be fed. Three 24-hour food diaries, particularly focussing on the time and type of meals or snacks given, will be recorded. The information gained from the study will be presented back to the community, and any potential areas of intervention discussed. The study has the approval of local iwi and the Māori Health Unit at Lakes District Health Board. The NPM researcher involved is Dr Te Kani Kingi.

He Pitopito Kōrero News in Brief

He Manawa Whenua conference

Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga is pleased to be a "Hokioi" sponsor of He Manawa Whenua, Indigenous Research Conference 2013 in July. Hosted by Professor Linda Tuhiwai Smith and Te Kotahi Research Institute at Waikato University, it will explore the pool of indigenous knowledge and research under the following three themes, "He Manawa Auaha/Innovation/Imagine the Invisible"; "He Manawa Ora/Well-Being/Explore the Potential"; and "He Manawa Toitōi/Inspiration/Defy the Impossible". For more details visit www.waikato.ac.nz/rangahau/hemanawawhenua

Scholarship recipients

Congratulations to the 10 recipients of our Research Methods and Skills Scholarships, via the New Zealand

Social Statistics Network (NZSSN) summer programme 2013. These researchers and tertiary students were supported by NPM to attend short courses at Victoria University, Wellington during February: Karleen Everitt (Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangī); Maree Roche (University of Waikato); Ani Alana Kainamu; Dayle Fenton (Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangī); Felicity Ware (Massey University); Dean Walker (Lincoln University); Paul Edwards (Victoria University, Wellington); Rāwinia Kāmau (Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangī); Gloria Clarke (University of Waikato); and Jonathan Kilgour (Waikato-Tainui College, University of Waikato).

Annual Report

Our Annual Report for 2012 will be available in April. This will detail the

range of research we carried out, the scholars we supported, our publications and events and how we communicated with our networks. It will be available online, please keep an eye on www.maramatanga.ac.nz

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Proceedings online

In case you missed their release in the Christmas rush, the conference proceedings for our International Indigenous Development Research Conference 2012 are available. The proceedings are free to download from our website, and include nearly 40 peer reviewed papers from around the world. www.maramatanga.ac.nz/conference_proceedings