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Message from the Chair



Welcome to the February Newsletter

As we all know it's a busy time of year with student enrolments and courses starting. On top of this many of you have been affected by Cyclone Gabrielle and the flooding in Auckland as well. Our thoughts are with you all and I see Wayne has kept you up to date with links to various support organisations. We hope you recover soon.

From a board perspective we have already had our first meeting and peak bodies meetings are starting in March. We have many things on the agenda to discuss and two meetings are already set in stone to discuss compliance for our sector and the Strategic Component Fund for 2024.

International students are starting to come back into New Zealand and we will have a discussion on immigration matters at the peak bodies meeting on the 15th March. Please feel free to provide us with feedback as soon as you can on any issues affecting a return to some form of normality. We recently had funding approved from ENZ and we are grateful to them for recognising the work ITENZ carry out to support our members involved in international education.

On a positive note, Wayne has secured a meeting for the two of us with the new

Minister of Education, Jan Tinetti and we will have the opportunity to discuss sector issues with her on the 9th of March. The Minister is keen to meet us.

During 2022, the board undertook some branding exercises to work out what messages ITENZ and the board wanted to promote. The start of this was the article in the Kia Ora magazine on Air New Zealand flights in October last year. We plan to use this branding and messaging going forward.

We wish you well for the year ahead.

Craig Musson
Chair

Cyclone Gabrielle

While the immediate impact of Cyclone Gabrielle has passed for most places, many communities, including those of members, are still dealing with the truly awful effects on people and property.

Below is a list of some sources of information that may be useful for you or your learners

ACC

If one has been injured, needs support, or needs equipment

<https://www.acc.co.nz/cyclone-gabrielle-support/>

Asian Family services

A helpline in eight Asian languages

[Asian Helpline at 0800 862 342](#)

Business New Zealand

Information on government cyclone and flooding recovery grants, as well as other business-related information (tax, staff, buildings etc)

<https://www.business.govt.nz/risks-and-operations/extreme-weather-information-for-business/>

Civil Defence

Various resources

<https://www.civildefence.govt.nz/resources/news-and-events/news-and-events/cyclone-gabrielle-february-2023/>

Fire and Emergency

Safety information for those affected by power outrages

<https://fireandemergency.nz/incidents-and-news/news-and-media/cyclone-gabrielle-info-for-public/>

Ministry of Education

Mainly for schools

<https://www.education.govt.nz/news/severe-weather-event-tropical-cyclone-gabrielle-update/>

MSD

Emergency costs (Studylink)

<https://www.studylink.govt.nz/about-studylink/news/2023/cyclone-gabrielle-response.html>

Community support packages

<https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/community/community-support-package-north-island-floods-and-cyclone-gabrielle.html>

ITENZ values

At the end of last year, we did some work on refreshing the ITENZ brand. This included a workshop in which we defined the ITENZ values. The four that we arrived at, and which reflect and guide our activities, are below.

ITENZ values

Unity

United we are strong, working alongside our industries, partners and government towards a common goal.

Tenacity

We do whatever it takes to have the voice of our members and users heard when it matters.

Connection

We are focused on making the right connections for the benefit of our members and learners.

Inclusivity

Everyone deserves access to a quality education, whatever their needs.

ITENZ Conference

SAVE THE DATE.

The [ITENZ Conference](#) will be held in Christchurch at the Town Hall on **12th and 13th September, 2023**



ITENZ Awards

Award nominations are an excellent way to showcase and build the strengths in your organisation. Previous participants highlight the value to themselves and/or their organisation of going through the process, regardless of the outcome.

You can watch a webinar on the awards on the Members' Area of the ITENZ website. (May 2022) .



2022 Tutor of the Year winner, Raymond Tancrel with Ruth Peterson from Ako Aotearoa and Steve Exley from sponsors, Tribal Group

Strategic Funding

TEC have [published the list of providers](#) who received \$13M in strategic funding. 26 ITENZ members received funding for 29 proposals, totaling approximately \$5.3M.

Congratulations to those of you who were successful! There are some exciting projects beginning.

We are aware that while this is a significant amount of funding and that it is important to fund innovative and strategic projects, for many providers it does not address the issue of a shortfall in baseline funding for delivery. There were members whose applications were unsuccessful and others who were unable to apply because they were not deemed to be delivering priority education or training.

There remains \$3.7M unallocated and we have requested that this be allocated in

a timely manner and that the criteria be less restrictive rather than more.

ITENZ will be meeting with TEC this month to discuss the 2024 strategic component round.

Webinars and events

Is there something you would like a webinar on? Let us know.

ITENZ Communities of Practice

If you would like to join any of these groups, **please contact** admin@itenz.co.nz.

Foundation and YG

The YG and Foundation CoP met on 22 February. NZQA attended the meeting, and provided advice about providers sharing learning outcomes and stakeholder consultation for programme development. The impact of the significant changes in the education sector for foundation providers, including NCEA, literacy and numeracy standards, and funding changes, was discussed.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 21 March, 2023 in MS teams.

SDR Users

The SDR Users Community of Practice has informal monthly meetings for administrators working with PTE compliance. Our current focus is on the changeover from SAC to UFS funding; how UFS funded courses will be tracked in Ngā Kete and reported; and Ngā Kete capabilities in general.

NEXT MEETING: 3 – 4 pm on Tuesday 21 March, 2023.

Academic Managers

The Academic Managers CoP has not met in this period

Māori Engagement Rōpū

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 14 March, 2023.

International Education Forum

- 1) **Next online meeting:** International Education Forum (IEF) - **2 March 2023 from 1 - 2pm.** This is an opportunity for providers to share good practice, and also to convey what the current challenges and opportunities are and to decide what the top priorities should be. Zoom link has already been sent.
- 2) **Resources:** As international education begins to thrive again, we would like to remind you of some key resources that we have available exclusively to ITENZ members. These are located under the MEMBERS' AREA on our website. Some documents include:
 - **Stepping into international education** - This is a great starting point for those providers who are interested in tapping into international education or have started but the pandemic put a stop to this process. If you are feeling overwhelmed and unsure where to start, I strongly recommend you look at this document.
 - **Returning to international education** - This document is a wonderful reminder of all the resources that are available out there, from sales and marketing tips to procedures and systems that need to be in place for international students, it is worthwhile taking the time to read this.
- 3) **Fairs:** Are you considering attending student or agent fairs? Keep up to date with ENZ' schedule <https://www.enz.govt.nz/events/> and ICEF's events <https://www.icef.com/upcoming-icef-events/>

4) **Blow your own trumpet.** We are always looking for success stories.

Storytelling is the BEST way to showcase the achievements of the PTE sector. If you have a student or staff success story, a new qualification, a successful EER, please share with us. We are happy to upload it to LinkedIn, share with government agencies and include it on our website.

NEXT MEETING: 2 March 1-2pm

In the news

Varda showcased on One News

Chris Hipkins has highlighted the need to re-engage youth in education, provide opportunities for sustainable employment, and, where relevant, to break the cycle of crime. In December last year, [John Campbell met a young offender](#) who had completed a makeup artist course at ITENZ member, Varda .



SAE announces partnership with Serato software company

SAE Creative Media Institute (SAE) has announced an industry partnership with renowned audio software company Serato. The partnership brings together two globally recognised and highly reputable organisations - both keen to feed the bustling audio and music industry, and share best practice in education.

You can read the full [press release here.](#)



Have you had a story in the media? Let us know.

Positions vacant in member organisations

[Programme Director, Vineyard College](#)

This is a new service we are trialing in response to member enquiries. If you have a position vacant please send the job title and a link to your advertisement (eg on Seek) or a PDF of the advertisement, including contact details. Note that newsletters come out at the end of the month.

Reminders

Emailing TEC

If you are emailing your relationship adviser, make sure you also copy in customerservice@tec.govt.nz. That way there will be someone to follow up and to check that your enquiry is being actioned.

Ngā mihi nui

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