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## Message from the Chair



Craig is currently on leave.

## Meetings with Ministers

On 14 October, Craig and Wayne, together with QTI, met with the Minister of Immigration, Michael Wood, to discuss concerns around student visa policy, including post-study work rights (PSWR) for sub-degree level student and for students who do their first year of a degree offshore or with a different provider, the pathway visa, and the disconnect between some immigration and education policy. We put forward some possible proposals for him to consider.

The ITENZ board and Wayne also met with Minister Hipkins prior to the conference start and raised similar issues. We proposed that we meet with him together with the Minister of Immigration to discuss some of these and he was open to that suggestion. He also agreed, as he went on to say in his conference address, that there was a disconnect between Immigration and Education settings.

We also spent some time discussing the issues around Youth Guarantee funding and foundation level programmes, and youth at risk. We acknowledged the very positive movements in YG funding. These changes, he said, were a result of feedback we had given.

We also raised the issue of the financial viability standards and how they were not fit for purpose, especially for providers with capital investments.



## ITENZ Conference

The 2022 ITENZ conference was a great success with 140-odd attendees and 15 exhibitors. We had a great lineup of speakers, an ideal venue and excellent coffee! It was very useful too, to have government agency staff around for the two days to learn more about our sector, to understand some of the issues we face, and to provide members the opportunity to meet them in an informal setting.

The feedback so far has been very positive. Attendees said they really appreciated the opportunity to network after so long and that they found the topics very relevant and useful - 92% have said the conference was very good or excellent.

Our sponsors this year were Ako Aotearoa, The New Zealand Story, Education New Zealand, Canvas, and Learning Works and our thanks go out to them.

The conference was organised by Stuart Challis and the TWZL Events team, who did a fantastic job.



On Day Two, Minister Hipkins gave the keynote address and reiterated the critical role PTEs play in RoVE and highlighted those things we all know are PTE strengths - innovative, nimble and adaptable approaches to meeting the changing needs of the workforce, strong links to employers, and putting learners at the centre of what they do. PTEs, he said, are "a significant and incredibly valuable part of the sector."

He also talked about Government's commitment to get more people onto pathways and into jobs and, in some cases, back into society. There is an "enormous opportunity to do more," he said, and "the door is absolutely open" for PTEs to come to government with ideas.

If you do have ideas, feel free to talk them over with us.



## ITENZ Awards

Congratulations to **Raymond Trancel** from **Etco**, who won the Tribal Group-sponsored Tutor of the Year Award and the Ako Aotearoa-sponsored Supreme Award.

Congratulations, also, to **Jude Robinson**, from **Pacific Coast Technical Institute**, who received the Highly Commended Award for Tutor of the Year.

In the citation for the Supreme Award winner, Raymond was described as "a tutor par excellence, his passion for the sector and for teaching is unparalleled. In addition, he is committed to his own lifelong learning.

"Unusually, perhaps, Raymond left a management role to return to full-time teaching. Results have included the development of Zoom programmes for

apprentices in remote locations and the seamless continuity of learning throughout periods of lockdown. He is committed to increasing the number of qualified female electrical inspectors in New Zealand and is passionate about Etco's foundation programme to enable those who don't have the necessary NCEA credits to enter an apprenticeship. His contribution to the wider environment has resulted in other registered electricians considering teaching as a career. Raymond uses innovative assessment approaches and makes changes based on feedback and reflection. "

The Tutor of the Year Award comes with a \$500 prize and the Supreme Award with a \$2500 prize.



Raymond Trancel with Ruth Peterson from Ako Aotearoa and Steve Exley from Tribal Group

## Showcasing the PTE sector and ITENZ

Those of you flying on Air New Zealand this month will see that we have an article in November's Kia Ora magazine showcasing success stories from the PTE sector. The article features learners who have studied at different levels in various sectors, but who have all had a similar experience: excellent, well-supported education with PTEs that are well connected with industry and subsequent success in their employment.



1. Kellianne Lysaght's diploma in digital marketing allowed her to switch to an exciting new career. 2. Former truck driver Mike Woolley gained bachelor and master's degrees, as well as a new role in transport operations, after studying with Auckland Institute of Studies.

## BRIGHTER FUTURES

Look forward to a brighter future through a private training establishment (PTE), specialists in foundation-level qualifications, diplomas, degrees and apprenticeships.

If you aren't flying, you can still read the article [here](#).

It is important that all members consider how they can showcase what they do as PTEs so that, as a sector, we are better recognised for what we do. One way you can do this is by following the [ITENZ linkedin page](#) and sharing stories on it - there are almost 700 followers of that page now. Another is by using other social media. If you attended Wendy Tibbotts' webinars you will have got some ideas on that. If not, you can find recordings and slides in the Member's Area of the website.

I also invite you to share stories via this newsletter.

## ITENZ Communities of Practice

### Foundation and YG

The next meeting is scheduled for **16 November 12 pm**

### SDR Users

The next meeting will be on **2 November at 3pm.**

### Academic Managers

Meeting date and time TBC

### Māori Engagement Rōpū

The Māori Engagement rōpū or community of practice enjoyed our wānanga at the ITENZ conference and hope we inspired some pepeha! The key takeaway was that pepeha emphasises connection first and foremost with whoever's there with you, not so much about ancestry.

Our next hui is by zoom, at **2.00 pm next Tuesday 8th November**. We look forward to welcoming newcomers.

Future guests will include the Manako team of Ako Aotearoa - the Manako programme centres around building educator capability to enhance cultural inclusion and they're keen to korero on this. Please let us know any specific questions or topics you'd like them to focus on.

### International Education Forum

The next meeting will be on **1st December, 1-2 pm**

## Leadership Scholarships Available for Women in the Education, Training and Development Sector

Women & Leadership New Zealand is currently offering professional development scholarships for women across all areas of the Education, Training and

Development Sector, and we encourage you to share this opportunity with your colleagues.

**Women & Leadership New Zealand** supports women at all levels across all sectors and industries. Our career-defining leadership programs bring together a focus on applied learning with the latest in leadership theory and practice. We believe that advancing gender equity, especially in leadership, is central to creating a more fair and inclusive society.

**Scholarships of \$1000-\$5000 per person are available for women in the Education, Training and Development Sector**

To encourage more women to increase their impact at work and step into leadership roles across the Education, Training and Development Sector, WLNZ is offering scholarships for four leadership development courses. **Apply by 2 December** or find out more by clicking here: <https://www.womenandleadership.co.nz/scholarships.html>

To help you share this information easily across any platform your staff engage with, we have created a suite of social media tiles, images and wording you can access via this DropBox link: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/v9wt9b4rrakgxgo/AACSNug-Qluhn8UadT17ynuRa?dl=0>

## **Reminders**

- 1. Subscription information for 2023 is now due**
- 2. If you are an international provider and are not receiving updates from Giuliana, please contact [admin@itenz.co.nz](mailto:admin@itenz.co.nz)**

**Ngā mihi nui**

**Wayne**



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