



**August 2023**

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## **Message from the Chair**

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Welcome to the August Newsletter.

The conference is nearly upon us and we look forward to seeing all of you that have registered. We have a great line up of speakers and the political panel with a representative from all the main parties, something many other conferences have not achieved.

The AGM this year will be held via zoom after the conference so please talk to a board member, if you are interested in standing. Some board members are not standing in this year's election due to changing circumstances.

The next Peak Bodies Meeting agenda will include a number of issues that we face including duplication of compliance between NZQA and the WDC's, vocational pathway unit standard availability and student fee

protection rules. A submission has also been sent to TEC regarding the Financial Viability Forecast template being not fit for purpose. If you have any other issues you wish to raise please let Wayne know.

Depending on the outcome of the election we face either more of the same or a complete change in direction. It will be interesting to hear from political panelists.

We look forward to seeing you all in Christchurch.

Regards

Craig Musson

Chair

## **What's been happening since the last newsletter?**

Below are some of the meetings and events attended since the last edition, with some expanded on later in the newsletter.

- ITENZ Board meeting
- Meeting with Minister Jan Tinetti
- Meeting with Penny Simmonds (Nat)
- Meeting with Te Pūkenga DCEs
- Meetings with Education New Zealand (ENZ)
- Participation as member of the VET Operational Leadership Group meeting
- Ringa Hora meeting
- Meeting with TEC
- Met with the RSLG secretariat (MBIE) and BoP RSLG
- Food and Fibre Capability Group meeting

- ConCOVE Tuhura symposium
- Country presentation by ENZ (India)
- New Zealand International Education Conference
- International Education Peak Bodies Alliance meetings

## Meetings held with Jan Tinetti and Penny Simmonds

Craig and I met with Minister Tinetti on 30th August. Gillian Dudgeon from TEC was also in attendance. We discussed the following issues:

- Our concerns about policies not supporting the "critical" role PTEs play and the **need for more support and recognition** for a sub-sector that is evidently out-performing other parts of the sector and meeting the objectives of RoVE.
- The **compliance load** on PTEs, and the duplication and/or additional requirements now that both NZQA and WDCs have QA roles.
  - We initiated a cross-agency compliance working group, which has stalled, and asked that that be reestablished, which she agreed with. She also noted our concerns re duplication.
- The lack of access by PTEs to **work-based learning**, the fact that none of the existing agreements with those who arrange training will be up for renegotiation, the need to have some sort of oversight over the amount WBL funders can retain when subcontracting, and a question about how Te Pūkenga WBL subsidiaries have been able to jointly make an almost \$60M profit from arranging training. She noted those concerns and mentioned the additional regulatory levers that were in place since ITOs disbanded.
- The need for better alignment between **Immigration and Education** ministries/ministers and a reconsideration of the value

vs risks of sub-degree learners getting PSWR, especially in light of the seemingly-failing accredited-employer scheme. The Minister advised that she was also interested in learning more on this and about vocational training for international students.

Minister Tinetti will be attending the ITENZ Conference. She said Labour's education manifesto may be released by the time of the conference.

Along with board member, Jeremy Sole, we also met with Penny Simmonds, National's tertiary education spokesperson. National's education manifesto is due any time now but "not before this weekend." What we are expecting to see is a re-establishment of 10 ITPs with some centralization, and the (re-) creation of nine ITOs. RSLGs will almost certainly be disestablished and they have said they don't see value of WDCs. It is not clear whether the ITOs would go back to performing the standard setting and arranging training roles that they had before. This is unlikely to be something most members would welcome.

Penny will also be at the ITENZ conference so you will get a chance to hear more there.

**LESS THAN TWO WEEKS UNTIL THE ITENZ CONFERENCE!**

2023 Conference 12 – 13 September 2023 Christchurch Town Hall		
He Pihī, He Tupu, He Puāwai Learning, growing and thriving: tertiary education and PTEs in 2024 and beyond.		
TIME	Day 1 - Tuesday 12 September 2023	
8:00 am	Limes Room	Victoria Room
8:40 am		Arrival & Networking
9:00 am		Welcome (20min)
9:30 am		Featured Session 1 Hon Jan Tinetti - Minister of Education (30 min)
9:45 am		Exhibitor Turbo Pitch (15min)
10:25 am		Featured Session 2 Tim Fowler, Chief Executive - Tertiary Education Commission (40 min)
10:55 am		Morning tea (30min)
11:30 am		Featured Session 3 Grant McPherson, Chief Executive - Education New Zealand (30min)
	Breakout Session 1.a Alan Kan, Mission Ready - Using Change Ready Education - Empowering Learners with Generative AI (45min)	Breakout Session 1.c Wendy Kerr, Education New Zealand - Supporting capability and confidence to grow inbound student mobility (45min)
12:15 pm		Lunch (60min)
1:15 pm		Featured Session 4 Wendy Stockwell - Nielsen (30min)
1:45 pm		Breakout Session 2.a Matthew Dale, Edconomy Can AI and EdTech Replace the Role of Education? Rapid Learning Group (in 60 minutes) (60min)
	Breakout Session 2.b Charlotte Heather & Lotta Dahl, Blueprint for Learning Resilience and Wellbeing (60min)	Breakout Session 2.c Kevin Ekenadhi, Audit Express Academic Governance and Quality Assurance - A model for education providers. (60min)
2:45 pm		Afternoon Tea (30min)
3:15 pm		Featured Session 5 Philip Aldridge, Chief Executive - Waihanga Ara Rau WDC (30min)
3:50 pm		Featured Session 6 Jane Searle, Chief Executive Officer - Child Matters (30min)
4:50 pm		Conference Day concludes
5:00 pm		Networking function and presentation of the ITENZ Awards (60 min) - Town Hall Foyer
6:00 pm		End of Day 1
Day 2 - Wednesday 13 September 2023		
TIME	Limes Room Victoria Room	
8:15 am		Arrival & Networking
8:45 am		Reflections of Day 1
9:00 am		Featured Session 7 Grant Klinkum, Chief Executive - New Zealand Qualifications Authority (40min)
9:40 am		Breakout Session 3.a Joanna Parry & Megan Cuthman, Transpower
		Case study: Empowering learning through the power of virtual training in the Electricity Transmission Sector. (35min)
10:15 am		Breakout Session 3.b Diana Law & Shannon Neary, Te Pōtīrāanga Wellington City Pastoral Code: what difference can it make? (35min)
10:45 am		Morning tea (30min)
		Featured Session 8 Helen Lomax, Tūmati   Director - Ako Aotearoa
11:20 am		Breakout Session 4.a Daniel Hibbert, Digitally by Parchment
		Combating fraudulent documents and credentials (40min)
12:00 pm		Lunch
1:00 pm		Political Panel: Chloe Sawbrick - Greens, Penny Simon Shanahan Hartwell - ACT, Chris Ballie - ACT
1:45 pm		Breakout Session 5.a Helen McPherson, 4Clarity Consulting
		Taonga Taiao - We - Time is a Treasure (35min)
2:20 pm		Breakout Session 5.b Andrew Shaw, QED Associates
2:30 pm		Who cares about Social Work? Perspective on Pastoral Care and The Code of Practice in Private Training Establishments (35min)
3:05 pm		Snack Time
		Featured Session 10 Katrina Sutich, General Manager Tertiary Policy Te Pou Kaupapa - Ministry of Education (35min)
3:40 pm		Featured Session 11 Tertiary Education Committee Q&A with Gillian Dunn, Esther Calley and Jace Stowers (35min)
3:50 pm		Draw winners of the passport game
4:00 pm		Conference conclusion - Final thoughts and wrap up
		Conference conclusion

## Details and registration here

## In-study work rights for sub-degree programmes - clarification

If you have been on the [INZ website](#) recently, you will see criteria that suggest that students on one-year programmes are not eligible unless their qualification gives them points towards the Skilled Migrant Category Resident Visa.

This is not the intention. See clarification from INZ below.

*There are a few different areas of in-study work eligibility, but for most tertiary students their ability to work part time is linked to whether their*

*study results in a qualification that is eligible for points under the Skilled Migrant Category (SMC).*

*At the moment, most New Zealand Certificates at level 4 and New Zealand qualifications at level 5 and higher, earn points under SMC. This will change later in the year, as SMC points will only be awarded for bachelor degree or higher.*

*Because of the in-study work link to whether the study results in SMC points, agents appear to be advising students and providers that once the SMC changes happen, only Bachelor degree students will be able to work part time.*

*This is incorrect, as we are exploring changes to the work rights instructions in order to carry over the existing eligibility.*

*The key message for your members on this matter is:*

***“INZ is aware of the impact the upcoming changes to the Skilled Migrant Category has on in-study work rights for some tertiary students, and are currently exploring minor changes to the in-study work rights instructions to address this. No major changes to eligibility are expected and the sector will be kept informed of developments.”***

Please make sure your agents are aware of this.

**Fees-free NZ Cert in Adult Tertiary Teaching available to members**

Yoobee is offering the Certificate in Adult Tertiary Teaching L4 fees free to ITENZ members

If you are interested, you can find [more information here](#) or contact [thiago.candeu@yoobeeoffices.com](mailto:thiago.candeu@yoobeeoffices.com).

### **Invitation to attend Bay of Plenty RSLG workshop**

Bay of Plenty Regional Skills Leadership Group is convening a workshop for the 18<sup>th</sup> of September (10-1pm) at the Windermere Campus of Te Pūkenga,

The aim is to support the BOP Regional Skills Leadership Group's efforts to provide advice to the TEC that will, in turn, support development of future supplementary planned guidance. The key question the TEC has asked the RSLG to address: ***Where are you working with local providers to increase the volume of delivery in specific areas?***

The RSLG is inviting a range of regional tertiary providers as well as Workforce Development Council to this event to ensure that a well-rounded discussion takes place.

You will be supported on the day by Members of the RSLG Group and MBIE personnel.

[Read the flyer here](#)

[You can register here.](#)

## Invitation to ConCOVE Tūhura event - Christchurch

Join ConCOVE at Tūhura: A day to reimagine on **Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

Themed around **how we learn, what we learn, and how we treat each other** – on the day, speakers will delve into the concept of **impact of technology, work culture, and future of apprenticeships**, and with **more discussion sessions**.

Tūhura: A day to reimagine aims to gather your voices and forge new partnerships to drive the industry forward.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to take part in this conversation. It is **FREE** to attend.

Register here: <https://events.humanitix.com/tuhura-a-day-to-reimagine?c=partner>



## Updates from ITENZ Communities of Practice

The CoPs provide an opportunity for you to collaborate where you have common interests, and to share information, ask questions and seek advice from your peers, many of whom face or have faced the same issues as you. Each member has shared contact details of the group members and a quick email or phone call can save you time when faced with something new or complex.

There is also the opportunity for members of these groups to share best practice and to lead best practice across the sector.

The groups are chaired by CoP members, who volunteer to organise the meetings and take the minutes . Their roles are critical to the success of the groups and I would like to acknowledge the work they do on behalf of all members.

If you would like to join any of these groups, **please contact** [admin@itenz.co.nz](mailto:admin@itenz.co.nz).

Minutes and notes from these meetings can now be found on the [Members' Area of the website.](#)

### **Foundation and YG**

The YG and Foundation CoP met on 22 August. Discussions included:

- NZQA requirements, in the PTE Registration Rules and the Code of Practice, for supporting learners with disabilities
- Dyslexia-Friendly Quality Mark accreditation and benefits
- Individual LLN Pilot experiences

**The next meeting is scheduled for 24 October at 12pm.**

### **SDR Users**

The SDR Users Community of Practice has monthly meetings for administrators working with PTE compliance and reporting. We have an informal monthly meeting with a check in and discussion about any questions or concerns that we have, or interesting developments related to our work (e.g. recent discussion regarding Workforce Development Council processes and communication; accuracy of the Fees Free Entitlement Use Report; and access to our TEC relationship managers/advisors etc).

**The next meeting is from 3 – 4 pm on Tuesday 19 September 2023.**

Please email [jill.tuwhare@spcnm.ac.nz](mailto:jill.tuwhare@spcnm.ac.nz) if you'd like to be added to the mailing list.

### **Māori Engagement Rōpū**

The Māori engagement rōpū continues to hui by zoom **every second Tuesday, 2 pm** – sometimes it's a small group, sometimes finishes early but always an opportunity to kōrero about better supporting tauira and ākonga, and about our manaakitanga with local hapu or iwi, and other Māori organisations.

Please contact Wayne to hear more about this.

### **International Education Forum**

Giuliana Silveira, who supports our providers who deliver courses/qualifications to international students, will be attending the ITENZ conference in Christchurch. She would like to meet you for morning tea at the conference to discuss the priorities for international education.

Keep an eye on your Inbox for an email from Giuliana with more details.

## **ITENZ webinars and professional development**

### **Past ITENZ webinars**

About 45 people attended this week's webinar on AI, held in collaboration with CTMES. A special thanks to Sue Davidson who helped ITENZ coordinate this. Dr Stephen Garner, the Academic Dean at Laidlaw College delivered an insightful and thought provoking webinar. He made us reflect on the role of AI in Higher Education in different contexts: students, stakeholders, teaching staff, institutions. The key message was: 'Doing nothing isn't an option'. This technology is here to stay and will be available to our students when they leave our institutions. Therefore, a collaborative wide approach is necessary to ensure that AI is used in an ethical and beneficial manner to us all.

If you missed it, the recording and slides will be loaded onto the ITENZ website.

### **Upcoming ITENZ webinars**

*Calendar invitations for all webinars are sent to ITENZ's main contact in your organisation.*

### **Honouring the Treaty/Ti Tiriti**

Bradford Haami.

4th October at 1pm

### **TEC webinar - Nga Kete - a beginner's guide**

[You can view this webinar here.](#) It is recommended you have subtitles on in

order to catch everything that is said.

### **NZQA webinar - Disability Action Plan**

See [slides here](#) and [links and questions here](#)

These will all be loaded onto the members' area of the website

### **Member news**

Le Cordon Bleu NZ were hosted for High Tea by ENZ at the High Commission in New Delhi on Friday August 11. Thanks go to Jane Wang and Jugnu Roy. An alumni of LCBNZ ran a cup cake decorating workshop which was enjoyed by attendees who were representing prominent international educational agencies.



## New members

We are pleased to welcome two new members to ITENZ.

Ringa Atawhai Mātauranga is the only Kaupapa Māori NZQA registered and accredited, locally owned and operated, Private Training Establishment in Te Tai Tokerau. Its are firmly entrenched in health and health promotion, focussing on training the unregulated Māori health and disability workforce.

First Training offer First Aid training and shorter courses around New Zealand, so that workplaces and community groups can meet Workplace

Health and Safety requirements. First Training's team of skilled facilitators are experienced trainers.

## Reminders

### Pastoral care code self-review and attestations

Self-review attestations are due to NZQA on **1 November**. Providers will be asked to provide a link to their published self-review reports. For more information [see here](#). This web page also has links to guidelines, tools and a webinar.

**Ngā mihi nui**

**Wayne**



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