



**June 2023**

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## Message from the Chair



Welcome to the June ITENZ Newsletter

Just to show dedication, Wayne is supposedly on leave, but has still found time to put out a short newsletter for this month.

The board held a meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> June and recommended a motion to second Nadia Tu'itahi to the board until the next AGM due to the resignation of Kath Ostermann, which was carried. Welcome to the board, Nadia.

We covered a range of topics affecting our sector and ITENZ including our Web site update, The Education NZ operating Framework proposal developed by the Peak Bodies Alliance and also the Financial Viability Ratio reporting for TEC which we know is not fit for purpose and not suitable for many vocational PTE's. We propose to start discussions on its value to TEC and the PTE sector. Conference numbers are improving and we encourage you to register now as it is your conference.

The Peak Bodies meetings were also held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June with a number of issues raised which will be reported back in the minutes once they are available via Wayne.

Three agenda items will be added for the next Peak Bodies meeting, they being; the Fee

Protection Rules around the payment schedule, update on the Compliance workshop progress and the rule regarding programmes not being delivered within 12 months.

Regards

Craig  
Chair

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

Below are some of the meetings and events attended since the last edition.

- ITENZ/NZ webinar, TEC Milestones webinar, NZQA disability webinar
- ITENZ Board Meeting
- Initial VET Operational Leadership Group meeting
- ENZ monthly catchup
- Peak Bodies Meetings

## **New ITENZ Board member**

We are pleased to welcome Nadia Tu'itahi to the ITENZ Board.



*Nadia Tu'itahi*

Nadia began her career as an occupational therapist, working in New Zealand and Australia. She spent 18 months contracting as an Employment Relations consultant. She has worked in executive leadership positions in the tertiary & vocational sector in New Zealand since 2008, working in PTEs, with 3 years at polytechnic. Nadia has a knack for understanding government compliance requirements and systematically operationalising this within businesses as BAU.

She is currently General Manager Academic Operations at the Electrical Training Company, who train more than 60% of the electrical apprentices in New Zealand. She is also a member of Australia NZ Electrotechnology Training Alliance (ATENZA), working with counterparts to improve training delivery and employment for apprentices. She regularly sits on advisory group panels for NZQA and TEC to advocate for the sector.

Nadia holds a Bachelor of Health Science (Occupational Therapy) and is currently studying an MBA with AUT. She has completed the Strategic Leadership Programme with the Institute of Strategic Leadership and is an active member of the Weave CEO groups.

Skills Nadia brings to ITENZ:

- Passion for vocational education
- Advocacy for the sector
- Leadership and strategic focus
- Commercial acumen

## **Ministerial changes**

We were due to meet with Michael Woods in July but, as you will be aware, he is no longer Minister of Immigration. That is now the portfolio of Andrew Little and we do not yet know whether he will maintain those meetings.

The International sector Alliance will be preparing a briefing for him; however, we are now entering a pre-election period where we are unlikely to see any significant policy changes



*Hon Andrew Little, Minister of Immigration*

## **ITENZ Conference**

We have confirmed a number of featured speakers, including:

- Jan Tinetti, Minister of Education

- Penny Simmonds, National Party Education Spokesperson
- Chloe Swarbrick, Greens Party Spokesperson
- (Chris Baillie (ACT) is probable and we have invited Te Parti Māori)
- Tim Fowler, CE, TEC
- Gillian Dudgeon, DCE, TEC
- Grant Klinkum, CE, NZQA
- Katrina Sutich, General manager, Tertiary, MoE



*Hon Jan Tinetti, Minister of Education*

We will be reviewing submissions for other speakers and drafting a programme over the coming weeks.

[FIND OUT MORE AND REGISTER HERE](#)

## **ITENZ Website Redevelopment**

We are undertaking some work on the ITENZ website. An important part of this is a member directory..

The directory will be filterable, enabling learners or other interested parties to search by location, services, qualifications etc, with a link to your profile and to your website.

To date we have only received the critical information from HALF of the members. If your organisation hasn't yet done so, **please complete the questionnaire that has been sent to your main contact person (usually CE)**

Unless we have this information, we can't include your organisation in the directory.

## **Peak Bodies Meetings**

The Peak Bodies meetings were held in Wellington on June 21st and attended by Craig and board members, Andrea McCartney and Jenny Jenkins.

Minutes from the International Peak Bodies have been uploaded to the ITENZ website.

The minutes from the TEC/NZQA/MoE meeting will also be uploaded once they are available. In the meantime, you can read the agenda, which is on the website.

## **WDC Investment Advice to TEC**

WDCs have been delivering their investment advice to TEC. You can read the documents here. (Muka Tangata's is not immediately obvious on their website).

[Toitu Te Waiora](#)

[Toi Mai](#)

[Ringa Hora](#)

[Hanga Aro Rau](#)

[Waihanga Ara Rau](#)

## **ITENZ Research into the PTE sector**

As mentioned previously, ITENZ is working with NielsenIQ (NIQ), an independent research agency, to produce a report that seeks to understand the contribution of the PTE sector in New Zealand. This report will be useful for multiple audiences, including the PTE sector as a whole to inform strategy, planning, advocacy and marketing and your own organisation.

Nielsen will have been in touch and we thank you for your important contribution if you have completed the survey, or are about to.

Nielsen will be **presenting the findings** of the research at this year's [ITENZ Conference](#) in September

## **Ako Aotearoa Te Tiriti Workshops**

ITENZ is offering a 10% discount on top of the already discounted Ako Aotearoa fees, and that we have arranged some workshops purely for our members. These will be run on the 10th, 25th, and 28th of July. To find out more and register, please go to the following links.

<https://events.humanitix.com/itenz-te-tiriti-o-waitangi-a-visual-history-10july23>

<https://events.humanitix.com/itenz-te-tiriti-o-waitangi-a-visual-history-25july23>

<https://events.humanitix.com/itenz-te-tiriti-o-waitangi-a-visual-history-28july23>

**Note that:**

1. A minimum of 15 is required to run these webinars for ITENZ.
2. There is a maximum of 20 per workshop. If the webinars are oversubscribed, we reserve the right to limit the number of participants from each organisation.

## ITENZ webinars and professional development

### Past webinars

Ruth Peterson presented a webinar on the **ITENZ Excellence Awards** and how to apply for them. Unfortunately, we didn't record this one, but a similar session from 2022 can be found in the Members' Area. If you have any questions about ITENZ Awards, please contact Wayne. **Submissions are due by 17th July.**

**Celia Coombes from Immigration New Zealand** ran a very informative Q&A session with ITENZ members. See the recording in the members' Area of the website.

**TEC** ran a webinar on developing milestones for **Strategic Funding**. [You can read about it and see slides here.](#)

You can also read about [Learner Component performance element requirements here](#)

## Member news

### Office or Classroom sub lease in Christchurch

The National Trade Academy in Christchurch have space available on a temporary basis, From mid August 2023 and part of 2024. The space includes 3 classrooms, an office area which could be a 4<sup>th</sup> Classroom, Kitchen and common area and access to

common area for toilets.

Site is at 76 Peterborough Street at our English Academy in the Central City, Christchurch

All rooms fitted with Air Conditioning units.

Sub Lease cost would include lease and OPEX on a monthly basis.

If you are interested and would like to view, contact

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## **New members**

We are pleased to welcome new ITENZ members, [Seafood Training Services](#), based in Christchurch, and [Summit Institute](#), based in Auckland. We also welcome new Associate Member, [Sorena Visa](#)

**Ngā mihi nui**

**Wayne**



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