

REPORT TO NZAP AGM, MARCH 2019

Te Tiriti and Bicultural Advisory Committee

*“Ma te rongō ka mohio, ma te mohio ka marama, ma te marama ka matau, ma te matau ka ora.
Tīhei Māuri Ora!”*

“Through perception comes awareness, through awareness comes knowledge, through knowledge comes understanding, through understanding comes well being. Behold there is life!”

Mahimahi i tērā tau – 2018 activities

Tuatahi 1: Otepoti Conference 2018, and beyond

Khyla Russell spoke organically in our plenary space presentation around connections with the natural world. We envisage facilitating a wider conversation at the 2020 Conference with the membership about biculturalism using the Indigenous Medicine Wheel model of conversation. Donny Riki has begun introducing this model to regional branches and has spoken in Wellington and Christchurch thus far.

Tuarua 2: Waka Oranga

Waka Oranga members Anna Hinehou Fleming and Margaret Morice are also part of this rōpū. TTbAC works to support Waka Oranga by attending Poutama workshops and Hui-a-Tau when possible to assist with manaakitanga and catering. We are well aware of the immense pressures that Waka Oranga face and we wish to continue supporting them as best we can. More recently Sheila Larsen has been co-opted to the Waka Oranga rūnanga.

Hinewīrangī Kohu-Morgan has her “He Ara” presentation at Whaiora marae on March 9th. Branches have been invited to nominate two or three members to attend this special event, which will be subsidised by TTbAC, Waka Oranga and regional branches with the aim of enhancing engagement and relationship with our Māori colleagues.

Tuatoru 3: TTbAC rōpū

TTbAC continue to meet via Zoom once per month, and kanohi ki kanohi once per year. Last September we met in Levin. Two members of our rōpū, Burke Hunter and Daniel Larsen, were farewelled at this hui and Sheila Larsen intends to step down at this year’s AGM. Their invaluable contribution and commitment will be sorely missed. Several other TTbAC members including the Co-Convenors have indicated their intention to step down this year. We have been hesitant to recruit new members until the “Project Partnership” review has been completed. We understand that a different review committee has been formed since Roy Bowden stepped down from this task.

Tuawha 4: Te Tiriti movement

We believe that TTbAC has an important function holding the space in between NZAP Council and membership, Waka Oranga and tangata whenua. While there continues to be inequity, the need for this mahi is essential.

Tuarima 5: Resources

Dr. Ingrid Huygens and Sharon Tipene of “Tangata Tiriti” have been invited to present a Tiriti o Waitangi workshop, initially in Christchurch and then potentially in other branches, as we are keen to maintain the momentum generated by Moana Jackson and Khyla Russell. While many of us have attended “Treaty” workshops in the past, we all require updating around Te Tiriti, He Whakaputanga and early NZ history.

TTBAC is currently developing an extensive list of resources to be made available on the NZAP website, including wānanga, educational workshops, books, articles, music, art, interesting websites and simple “learning toolbox” items.

Nō rēira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa,

Susan Horne rāua ko Donny Riki.
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