



Te Pūwānanga

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NEW ZEALAND'S MĀORI CENTRE OF RESEARCH EXCELLENCE



Te Pūrongo ā Te Kaiwhakahaere Matua | Director's Report

Ko te reo te mauri o te mana Māori
Ko te kupu te mauri o te reo Māori
E rua ēnei wehenga kōrero e hāngai tonu ana ki runga
i te reo Māori
Ko te reo, nō te Atua mai.

The language is the life force of the Māori mana
The word is the life force of the language
These two ideas are absolutely crucial to the Māori language
A language, which is a gift to us from God.

– Tā Hēmi Henare

Ahakoia e toru tekau ngā tau kua hipa, ka mau tonu ngā kupu
ā Tā Hemi Hēnare
*Although 30 years have passed, the words of Sir James
Henare still endure.*

Along with the rest of the country Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (NPM) has recently celebrated both Matariki and Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week) and in doing so acknowledges the work of countless kuia, kaumātua, researchers, teachers and practitioners over the years who have all strived to ensure the survival of the language and culture in a modern, challenging and ever changing world.

Amongst its many other areas of focus, NPM has conducted ground breaking research into Māori culture and te reo over the past 13 years since it was first established in 2002, and looks forward to continuing this valuable and important work under our new Centre of Research Excellence (CoRE) contract which begins in January, 2016.

2015 is a significant year for the country in many respects; it is 175 years since Te Tiriti o Waitangi was first signed by the ►

A Future Researcher in Waiting

In February we once again opened up applications, for a Year 13 Māori student who has a passion for science, to attend the 9th Asian Science Camp in Thailand, from 2 – 8 August this year. This extremely popular and prestigious annual forum has the stated goal of enlightening science-talented youths from across the region through discussion and dialogue with some of the world's top science scholars.

Students have the opportunity to attend key talks from Nobel Laureates and eminent scientists, as well as experience workshops, field trips and social events through the week. We have supported this opportunity for three years now, and once again we were presented with a huge number of high quality applications from throughout the country.

After a long and arduous process the panel selected Palmerston North student Oriwia Naera, from Palmerston North Girls' High School. Congratulations to Oriwia! We hope that your trip went well and look forward to hearing about it soon.

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Oriwia Naera

HE WHAKATAUKĪ

Whāia ngā pae o te māramatanga me te aroha
Te pae tata, te pae tawhiti
Kia puta koe ki te whaiao ki te ao mārama

gathered chiefs at Waitangi on February 6th, 1840, and then many other rangatira over the following months. It is also of course 100 years since the grim days of Anzac Cove and Gallipoli, when some argue that the country first started establishing its unique identity and place in the world. However many of us also know we should not forget the important dates of the Māori Land Wars just 50 years earlier, and the confiscations that followed, when many of our mutual ancestors fought to hold on to the little land they had remaining to them.

It is especially poignant to draw this connection between the land wars, the confiscations and WWI, when considering that those soldiers of the first Māori Contingent – Te Hokowhiti ā Tū – leaving on the troop carriers for war a century ago, were going to fight on behalf of a country that had taken so much from their hapū and whānau over the previous decades.

This Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori was the 40th anniversary of the first Māori Language Week in 1975, and much has changed since then with the language and revitalisation of the culture. We still face many challenges, but here at NPM we are heartened by the ongoing work, initiatives and dedication that so many of our communities are displaying in their quest to reclaim their taonga.

This year is also of course the 40th anniversary of Dame Whina Cooper's famous land march from Te Hāpua in the far north to Wellington, where she called for an end to the alienation (sale) of Māori land. Dame Whina and 50 marchers set off

on their journey on 14th September, and by the time they reached Parliament buildings 1000km later on 13th October they numbered 5000, and had collected 60,000 signatures to their petition. The hīkoi is recognised as having had a huge impact on Māori identity and also on how New Zealand looked at itself and accepted past misdeeds.

There are always events to remember and commemorate with every year that passes, and for NPM 2015 brings with it both endings and beginnings as we prepare for our new CoRE fund contract that will begin in January 2016.

Over the coming months through to the end of the year, many of our research projects will be concluding and we look forward to sharing with you, our network and community, the findings and outputs of these projects.

As I see the results of this work flowing through NPM, I am continually reminded of who we are doing this work for; our communities, our whānau and for the betterment of not just Māori but the whole nation.

Considerable gains have been made over the past 40 years in particular, and here at NPM we are all looking forward to the milestones that will be reached, not only this year amongst our strong network of Māori researchers, but also in the years to come as we continue to support the growth, knowledge, prosperity and well-being of our country.



Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa
Associate Professor,
Tracey McIntosh

Recent Publications

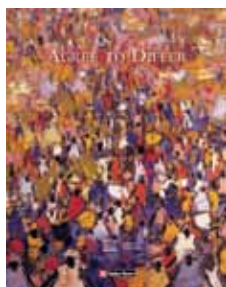
Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga continues to publish significant research publication and journals. In recent months NPM published or contributed to publishing several important publications.

In May the landmark UNESCO publication, *Agree to Differ*, was launched on Day One of the 3rd World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue in Baku, Azerbaijan. This book is part of a celebration of the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures, which runs from 2013 to 2022.

NPM accepted an invitation to provide a contribution to the book and director Tracey McIntosh wrote the section titled "Sites of understanding transformation: Māori and cross-cultural research".

The book can be downloaded in PDF form **via the NPM website**, or an interactive copy of the e-Book can be accessed on the Tudor Rose site (digital.tudor-rose.co.uk/agree-to-differ).

Critical success factors for Māori economic development were identified in the



recently released report on the three-year Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (NPM) research programme – Te Tupunga Māori Economic Development. *He Mangōpare Amohia: Strategies for Māori Economic Development* was launched at Mātaatua, Te Mānuka Tūtahi, in Whakatāne on Thursday, 21 May and details the findings of this research, which has a vision of transforming Māori/iwi economic development. **Access a copy of the report on our website.**

In May, NPM's 2014 *Annual Report* was published and it highlights the centre's ongoing impact and research excellence,

focusing on a series of new projects on Māori economic performance, our engagement with iwi and hapū, production of high quality media and documentary content, as well as research outputs that influence the day-to-day lives of local communities across the country. To have a hard copy sent through to you, please contact info@maramatanga.ac.nz or **access the PDF version.**

The Conference Proceedings from last year's International Indigenous Development Research Conference were published earlier this year, and can be **downloaded for free from our website.**

For those who would like to view some of our keynote presentations from last year's conference, they can be accessed at our Media Centre.

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Tēnā koutou katoa,
I te taha o tōku pāpā.
Ko Te Arawa te waka.
Ko Ngongotaha te maunga.
Ko Rotorua-nui-ā-Kahu mata moemoe te roto.
Ko Tūnohopu te marae.
Ko Ngāti Whakaue te iwi.
Ko Tiki-te-kohu-rua-mano te hapū.
Ko Te Naera Te Houkōtuku te tangata.

I te taha o tōku māmā.
Ko Tainui te waka.
Ko Tararua te maunga.
Ko Manawatū te awa.
Ko Poutū, ko Kererū ngā marae.
Ko Ngāti Raukawa te iwi.
Ko Ngāti Takihiku te hapū.
Ko Hoturoa te tangata.

My name is Orīwia Naera. I have four sisters and one brother, although I am the only one that currently lives at home. Both my mother, Fiona and her partner David have raised me in Palmerston North, in the Manawatū region where we live with our two dogs, Mario and Luigi. I believe in family because I owe everything to mine for teaching me the value of love and strength. My culture has also had a significant impact on my upbringing. I am very close to the extended whānau in my hapū, especially on my mother's side. Our whānau affiliates with Ngāti Takihiku which is a sub-tribe under Ngāti Raukawa. My kuia comes from a family of 21 siblings and all of them were raised on Poutū Pa, so it's not surprising that a lot of our whānau always go back to help on the marae to support kaupapa and tikanga. Through my father's whakapapa, I also have family ties to Rotorua, which is where I hope to eventually live sometime in the future.

My school even feels like a second home to me with all the close friendships I have developed over my 4 1/2 years there. My friends are very hard-working and slightly odd but they have such big hearts and beautiful souls that I consider them as part of my family. Palmerston North Girls' High School's vision of empowering tomorrow's young women inspires me to be the best version of myself which I strive for, not just for myself but for all the people in my life that have supported me. I find that the school's positive environment contributes to my passion for learning by challenging me to better or improve myself in all my subjects and extracurricular activities.

At school, I enjoy English and a trio of sciences, (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) because I love the classes and the content material. I also take Statistics which I would describe as a love-hate relationship but it's a work in progress. It certainly helps though knowing that I have great teachers who are enthusiastic and most of all caring when it comes to student achievement. It was actually my Biology teacher,

Dr Heather Meikle that recommended I apply for this scholarship so I would like to thank her and our principal, Ms Melba Scott, for encouraging me to apply myself to my studies and all areas of life with dedication.

From this trip, I hope to establish connections with students across the globe who share my passion for using science to improve lives. Of course the main aim is to have fun with the lucky people I will be sharing my journey with and I cannot wait for the adventure. The 9th Asian Science Camp has invited world renowned experts in their chosen fields of science to give lectures at the event so I am really looking forward to hearing from an immense vault of knowledge and wisdom. In particular I hope to meet Medicine and Physiology Professor, Harald zur Hausen, because I plan on pursuing a career in medicine so it would be great to hear about his experiences. I am also excited to meet new people from a range of diverse cultures and in turn use this opportunity to promote my own Māori heritage.

My keen interest in studying medicine stems from my passion to address the health disparities between Māori and non-Māori people. Dr Lance O'Sullivan with his unparalleled commitment to creating health initiatives for disadvantaged communities really inspires me to succeed in medicine. I hope my passion for people will be expressed equally through my work in the future.

In 2016, I intend to undertake full-time study in the first year Health Sciences course at either Auckland University or Otago University to ensure equal opportunity to primary health care is available to everyone. Helping people is what I want to do for the rest of my life and I hope to make a real difference to Māori lives using science-based research as a vehicle for change. "As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself, the other for helping others" – Audrey Hepburn.

2016 CONFERENCE SAVE THE DATE!

Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga is pleased to confirm the dates for the

7th BIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS RESEARCH CONFERENCE

**Auckland
15th – 18th
November 2016.**

The conference will again feature outstanding world renowned keynotes, as well as a comprehensive programme of national and international presenters over the four days. And of course there will be the conference events, with some exciting new developments – so stay tuned!

More details along with a call for abstracts will be sent out to our networks soon; however save these dates in your diaries now.

We look forward to seeing you all here again in November 2016!

Seminars & Symposium

NPM has hosted five successful Horizons of Insight Seminars so far in 2015. In March Dr Robert Joseph from the University of Waikato presented his seminar on his research project into the Māori economy and optimising the performance of Māori land trusts in the Waiariki region. View the seminar at our Media Centre at mediacentre.maramatanga.ac.nz/content/te-tetere-kokiri-o-te-ata

In April, Dr Kepa Morgan from the University of Auckland, along with Piatarahi Bennett and Tūmanako Ngāwhika Fa'au, presented the results of their study into the *Rena* disaster, and the prospects of returning the mauri of the ecosystem in and around Ōtaiti (Astrolabe Reef) to its pre-*Rena* state. This topical presentation was well received particularly given the imminent Environment Court hearing, and the offers of compensation from the *Rena* owners to iwi and hapū in the region, in exchange for their permission to leave the remnants of the wreck on the reef. View the seminar at our Media Centre at mediacentre.maramatanga.ac.nz/content/mission-impossible-returning-mauri-ecosystem-its-pre-rena-state

In May, Andrew Eruiti presented a seminar on his project Māori Engagement in NZ's Extractive Industry: Innovative Legal Solutions. Although still in its early stages this project is already garnering serious attention from the legal fraternity, iwi, hapū and industry alike – and the seminar attracted a large crowd of interested parties. View the seminar at our Media Centre at mediacentre.maramatanga.ac.nz/content/maori-engagement-nz-extractive-industry-innovative-legal-solutions

In June, our special Matariki Seminar – Insights from the Maramataka & Science – was held at the Fale Pasifika and presented by Professor Michael Walker (University of Auckland) and Dr Pauline Harris (Victoria University of Wellington). This popular seminar explored the traditional knowledge behind the Māori lunar calendar, or maramataka and the convergence of mātauranga Māori and contemporary scientific discovery, identifying potential modern day uses for the wisdom associated with Māori astronomical observations. View the seminar at our Media Centre at mediacentre.maramatanga.ac.nz/content/insights-maramataka-science

On July 29th, Aneta Morgan presented the results of the study *Taunakitia Te Marae: Marae as Centres of Excellence* –



Professor James Anaya - Māori Engagement with the Mining and Extractive Industry Symposium



Audience – Māori Engagement with the Mining and Extractive Industry Symposium

a Te Arawa Perspective, which identifies best practice and aspirations in marae development across Te Arawa marae. The project explores the concept that marae are central to the survival of the language into the future and integral to the identity and ongoing well-being of hapū and whānau. View the seminar at mediacentre.maramatanga.ac.nz/content/taunakitia-te-marae-marae-centres-excellence-te-arawa-perspective

Following on from the extractive industry seminar, on the 12th of June, at Waipapa Marae, together with the Faculty of Law, and supported with funding from the New Zealand Law Foundation, Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga held a symposium on **Māori Engagement with the Mining and Extractive Industry**. Andrew Eruiti, a Project Leader on this topic led the symposium with the purpose of exploring how Māori could better negotiate and/or engage, with the industry, with a focus on

best practice in relation to consultation, preparation of impact assessments and agreement making.

A wide variety of iwi and hapū representatives, academics, experts and industry professionals attended... and many differing points of view were expressed throughout what was an engaging and interesting day. Presenters included Professor James Anaya, Professor Marcia Langton, Kerry Prendergast, Professor Margaret Mutu and Māui Solomon – we appreciate their time and contributions in what is a significant topic for Māori, our nation and our indigenous brothers and sisters around the globe. The symposium was filmed and all talks can be viewed at our Media Centre mediacentre.maramatanga.ac.nz/content/2015-extractive-industry-symposium

Media Centre Stories

The NPM Media Centre continues to host and deliver a wealth of content on NPM research projects and topics.

In addition to the seminar and symposium presentations described above, in 2015 we published the *I, Too, Am Auckland* project on the site. mediacentre.maramatanga.ac.nz/content/i-too-am-auckland

This content has its origins in the summer of 2013/2014, when one of Ngā Pae o te Maramatanga's summer internship projects looked at the factors that were impacting Māori and Pasifika student success in higher education.

The project examined the issue of Māori and Pasifika students being under-represented in tertiary education, despite important interventions such as the University of Auckland's Tuakana programme.

The internship project relied on focus group interviews with affected male and female students, at different university educational levels and asked them about their experiences, the targeted admissions schemes such as Tuakana and the solutions they would recommend for solving the problems faced by these students. The project was launched in March of this year and since that time has generated considerable social media ([facebook.com/izamAKLD](https://www.facebook.com/izamAKLD)) and **press interest**.

The 30-minute film, *Te Pito o te Rohe* was



published earlier this year and documents the NPM project Te Rau Titapu, a community-based wānanga initiative which is currently being conducted in the community of Waipoua, north of Dargaville in Northland.

The project is investigating how wānanga can contribute to knowledge sharing, knowledge creation and also the fostering of community identity and cohesion. To achieve its goals Te Rau Titapu is examining wānanga processes and events within Waipoua, with the intention of developing a model of wānanga that is both meaningful and effective to their community but which can also be applied to other communities throughout the country.

Te Pito o te Rohe was then followed by the 40-minute film *Te Hiringa o te Tangata*, emerging out of the same project and continuing to tell the story of the project by providing an insight into the processes and people involved in the

creation of a waka made of local Kauri. This waka became a focal point for the wānanga, bringing community members together and exploring their relationship with the whenua (land).

In 2015 the Media Centre also uploaded two documentaries by the award-winning Chilean filmmaker, Ignacio Agüero, who visited NPM earlier in the year – *Augustin's Newspaper & Not to Forget*. Agüero was one of the directors of the 1988 "No" political television advertisements that contributed to the end of Pinochet's reign. He studied cinema in the Universidad Católica de Chile immediately after the military coup of Pinochet, a time during which many Chilean filmmakers left the country in exile. Under these conditions of isolation and repression, he made his first documentary film, semi-clandestinely, about the discovery of the bodies of 15 farm workers whose recognition proved for the first time that the missing detainees had been murdered by agents of the state.

Visit our Media Centre and view the rest of the content, wealth of knowledge and insights shared by national and international speakers on their research projects.

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Tā Pita Sharples: 'He kōtuku rerenga tahi'

Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (NPM) welcomed the recognition given to our new patron Dr The Honourable Sir Pita R Sharples, KNZM, CBE (Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāi te Kikiri o te Rangī, Ngāti Pāhauwera) in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours list.

As the recipient of a KNZM (Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit) this accolade recognises the extraordinary contribution that Tā Pita has made to Māori and New Zealand, over the past fifty years.

From his early years in the education sector establishing the country's first Māori language immersion primary school in Auckland, through to his work in helping to launch and then guide the Māori Party through its early years in Parliament, Tā Pita has had a long and illustrious career. In his role as Minister of Māori Affairs he was instrumental in securing millions of dollars in funding for Māori initiatives across the sectors of health, education, housing, corrections, Treaty claims and social issues; however he often says that leading the campaign for New Zealand to sign up to the United Nations Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) in 2010 was his political highlight.

We look forward to his ongoing support and counsel as we work towards a revitalised and strengthened NPM in 2016, and beyond.

Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga would also like to acknowledge one of our recent Lead Researchers, Professor Elizabeth McKinley (Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa, Ngāi Tahu) who received recognition of her services to education and Māori, in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. Elizabeth was the recipient of an ONZM (Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit).

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori – Māori Language Week

As described in Tracey's director's report, NPM has conducted ground-breaking research in te reo Māori over the past 13 years through the work of investigators and researchers such as Professor Rāwinia Higgins, Associate Professor Poia Rewi, Professor Margaret Mutu, Dr Katharina Ruckstuhl, Dr Rangī Matamua, Dr Joe Te Rito, Dr Te Kaka Keegan, Dr Margie Hohepa and many others too numerous to mention.

Our **Te Pae Tawhiti: Te Reo Māori** project sought to understand how the language contributes to economic development, to cultural identity and social cohesion and in addition to this looked at uplifting language participation, increasing depth and fluency in te reo Māori and understanding its value in a variety of settings.

Last year Rāwinia Higgins, Poia Rewi and their team produced a downloadable app called 'Aki', which came from their **He Iho Reo** project which studied how families pass on the Māori language to their children. In this project they focused on developing a 'tool-box' which would support Māori language transmission and maintenance.

In June 2014 NPM, in association with Victoria University of Wellington and the University of Otago, and through our **Te Kura Roa** research programme, launched a significant Māori language book **The Value of the Māori Language: Te Hua o Te Reo Māori**. These are just some of the projects that NPM has been involved



in since 2002, and in 2016 we look forward to continuing this valuable and important work under our new CoRE contract.

An example of how important this work is to the identity of our nation is perhaps illustrated best by the recently shared **online video of Finnian Galbraith** – which has attracted enormous attention and support from around the country and internationally.

We also acknowledge the life of Erima Henare (Ngāti Hine). Erima passed away in May of this year and was a Chairman of the Māori Language Commission and a respected authority on the ancient and modern history, reo and tikanga of Te Tai Tokerau.

In 2012, Erima presented a talk on Te Reo Māori and Literature at our 4th Annual Research Symposium which was held in Rotorua. A video of his talk can be found at our **Media Centre**.

Other NPM projects focused on Te Reo Māori include:

He rito whakakīnga whārua: Language value and development in communities

Te Reo, a language for Māori alone? An enquiry into the views of Māori

Kia areare ki ngā reo o ngā tīpuna

Whangaia te hinengaro: Reading to learn in te reo Māori

JOURNALS

Two issues of *AlterNative* and one issue of *MAI Journal* have already been published in 2015, with further issues of these journals due for publication before the end of 2015.

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NATIVE

AlterNative **Volume 11, Issue 1 (March 2015)** (<http://www.alternative.ac.nz/content/latest-issue-out-volume-11-issue-1-2015>) has a special focus on Indigenous peoples' issues in Aotearoa New Zealand. Two of the five articles reflect on Māori ways of being. The lead article by Carl Mika discusses the philosophical consequences of colonisation and explores the differences between Western and Indigenous metaphysics.

Similarly, Pita King, Darrin Hodgetts, Mohi Rua and Tiniwai Te Whetū in "Older men gardening on the marae: Everyday practices for being Māori," reflect on Māori ways of being as extending beyond physical existence, recognising that things are also constituted by relationships between people, as well as with the natural and the spiritual world. Their article explores how, through gardening and other everyday practices at an Auckland marae, a group of older Māori men who are homeless find respite from the stresses of life on the streets. The article argues that the marae embodies core Māori values which offer a solution to Māori homelessness.

Other articles in this issue look at the experiences of indigenous

health workers enrolled in a Bachelor of Nursing at a regional Australian University, discuss the potential that social media offers to indigenous development, the role of social media in Māori political engagement, analyse te reo Māori tweets, and explore if social networking is being used by indigenous-language communities and if social media platforms such as Twitter promote language revitalization efforts.

AlterNative **Volume 11, Issue 2 (June 2015)** ([alternative.ac.nz/journal/alternative-volume-11-issue-2](http://www.alternative.ac.nz/journal/alternative-volume-11-issue-2)) covers a musicological project on indigenous watercraft, two articles on Indigenous health and well-being, women's traditions, knowledge systems and environmental governance, the history of Māori land loss, community participatory action research, and the Mayan refugee identity crisis. The issue also includes three book reviews and one film review, which are available for free download.

The lead article is by Stephen Gapps and Mariko Smith on "Nawi," the Australian National Maritime museum's Indigenous watercraft project, which evolved from a number of major initiatives and programmes centred on reviving, reclaiming and sharing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander watercraft-related knowledge's, skills and traditions.

Two further articles in this issue focus on Indigenous health and well-being in Canada and Hawai'i, whilst the remaining articles shed light on women's health and well-being in North and Central America, traditional knowledge amongst Indigenous peoples, trading practices and the sale of alcohol in 19th century New Zealand, the social and cultural resilience and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal mothers in prison, and finally a commentary on the Hispanic immigrant and refugee identity crisis of Mayans living in the United States.

AlterNative is a peer-reviewed interdisciplinary journal that aims to present indigenous worldviews from native indigenous perspectives. *AlterNative* welcomes articles for inclusion in general issues throughout the year. Visit www.alternative.ac.nz or email editors@alternative.ac.nz

MAI JOURNAL

MAI Journal published one general issue in May 2015, and is due to publish its second issue of the year in November.

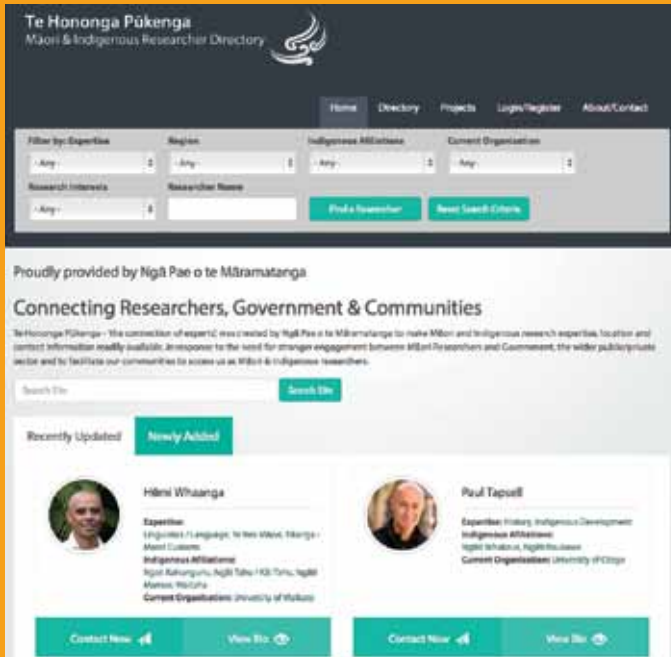
The May issue (**Volume 4, Issue 1**) (journal.mai.ac.nz/journal/mai-journal-2015-volume-4-issue-1) consists of six articles and two book reviews, covering a range of themes including Māori identity formation, Māori fire use and management practices, Māori food security and sovereignty, Indigenous peoples' experiences of entering tertiary education, as well as Indigenous research methodologies.

The lead article by Arama Rata titled "The Māori identity migration model: Identity threats and opportunities for Māori youth" discusses original research conducted with Māori high school students in order to explore factors that motivate migration between particular identity positions. It presents the Māori identity migration model as a way of conceptualising the dynamic and diverse nature of urban Māori youth identities, and to allow for an analysis of the resources and threats available to urban Māori youth who occupy different identity spaces.

Further articles in this issue look at the traditional use of fire to inform current and future fire management in New Zealand; Māori access to affordable and nutritional food; the international experiences of indigenous peoples entering mainstream tertiary education; the implications for the inclusion of Māori and indigenous cultural values in indigenous research methodologies; and the use of kaupapa Māori and Pan-Pacific research methodologies within Aotearoa New Zealand.

This issue also contains two book reviews. The first is a review of Vincent O'Malley's "The meeting place: Māori and Pākehā encounters, 1642-1840" by Tina Makereti. The second book review is of a collection edited by Merata Kawharu titled "Maranga mai! Te reo and marae in crisis?" by Peter Keegan

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Te Hononga Pūkenga | Māori & Indigenous Researcher Directory

Earlier this year at an event celebrating the increasing influence of Indigenous scholarship in New Zealand, the new Māori & Indigenous Researcher Directory – Te Hononga Pūkenga (www.tehonongapukenga.ac.nz) – was launched by the Minister for Māori Development, Hon. Te Ururoa Flavell.

Te Hononga Pūkenga brings together into one online and interactive environment, the details of some of the nation's leading Indigenous experts. As this network of researchers has matured in recent years, NPM identified a strong need to create an online resource which would connect these individuals not only with each other, but also with central and local government, private industry and media, and of course with whānau, hapū and iwi throughout the country who wish to access knowledge, or answers to key research questions. Te Hononga Pūkenga addresses this need.

New Zealand's Māori Centre of Research Excellence: 2016 – 2020

Since the Māori Centre of Research Excellence (CoRE) announcement by the Hon Steven Joyce and the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) just a few months ago, we have been advising our communities, networks and the wider public of the successful outcome for Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (NPM).

The vision for NPM 2016-2020 is: "Māori leading New Zealand into the future. Our research realises Māori aspirations for positive engagement in national life, enhances our excellence in Indigenous scholarship and provides solutions to major challenges facing humanity in local and global settings."

The proposed platform of research we will undertake from January 2016, envisages a suite of integrated, complementary research projects spread within our three thematic areas and threaded through with a vigorous programme of Te Reo me Ngā Tikanga Māori led by our tohunga reo, Professors Wharehuia Milroy and Timoti Kāretu.

As previously outlined, the three research themes for the centre from next year will be:

- Whai Rawa – Research for Māori Economies (led by Associate Professor Mānuka Hēnare and Dr Shawn Awatere)
- Te Tai Ao – Natural Environment (led by Professors Helen Moewaka Barnes and Michael Walker)
- Mauri Ora – Human flourishing (led by Professor Linda Waimarie Nikora and Associate Professor Papaarangi Reid)

To assist our network in understanding more about our new focus, we have put together an abridged version of the successful proposal to TEC, as well as a question and answer sheet.

More information will be sent to our networks throughout the remainder of the year on our progress towards the refreshed and reinvigorated NPM that will emerge in 2016.

NPM's **Abridged Proposal** and **Question & Answer Sheet** can be viewed on our website.

<http://maramatanga.ac.nz/news-events/news>

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