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Message from the President



Dear Members

I am sure that you are all with me when I say that our thoughts are very much with those in Christchurch at this time of tragedy and they will continue to be with Christchurch for a long time to come.

Words cannot express the sense of desperate sadness, impotence and shock at the events of Tuesday 22 February when Christchurch was hit once more by a powerful earthquake that brought it to its knees. On behalf of the Executive Board, I offer our heartfelt sympathy to all the people who have lost their loved ones, their friends and communities, those that have lost their homes, and to everyone as they try to make sense of the tragic events. In particular our thoughts are with the families and friends of students and staff of Kings Education, and with all tertiary education providers, their staff and students.

New Zealand is united in our compassion and support. The enormity of what has happened grows every day and so many are left in situations where significant help, physically and emotionally, is desperately required and is paramount. Some may want to leave Christchurch and they may have to relocate to places where they may not know anyone; others may need to find temporary schools to continue their education; and many will want to stay in the city where resources are such that it makes it extremely difficult even for those small and ordinary things that we take for granted. In these difficult times we are being asked to give to those who do not have the necessities of life and we are required to act with love and generosity towards our colleagues in Christchurch.

You will all have received communications from the Ministry of Education, the Tertiary Education Commission and the New Zealand Qualifications Authority as part of an inter-agency effort seeking information on the position of PTEs in the Canterbury region, to help where possible, and to provide much needed information to other relevant government agencies. NZQA is coordinating a single database of providers in Christchurch affected by the earthquake and will share this information with other government agencies several times daily.

An inter-agency meeting to find ways for assisting providers in need was held for Christchurch PTEs and English Language Schools on 2 March. This was also attended by NZAPEP. You would also have received an email from Chuck Wareham

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asking for specific ways that we can assist PTEs in Christchurch with resources. NZAPEP will coordinate this assistance as it comes. Already many offers of assistance have been received from providers throughout New Zealand and also from the Australian Council of Private Education and Training (ACPET). NZAPEP is also coordinating the names of those providers who are seeking access to their buildings which are inside the cordoned off area. The TEC has been extremely helpful in this as well.

I thank you all for all your efforts to assist. Every little bit helps and it counts in the most unimaginable ways. These are tragic and extenuating circumstances and it is a time for outreach and support. I am continually amazed at the resilience of the people of New Zealand, how we all come together when in need, how we stand tall and strong and fearless in the most telling times.

May the people of Christchurch have courage, peace and wisdom in these uncertain times.

Kia kaha Christchurch.



Edwige Fava
President

NZAPEP Board News

The NZAPEP Board last met on Wednesday 16 February 2011 at the Professional Bar & Restaurant School, Auckland.

At the meeting Board members looked at a number of issues including Strategic and Marketing Plans, and entertained a number of visitors. The Board is to hold an additional meeting in Wellington on Monday 7 March at the New Zealand Institute of Sport, Westpac Stadium, Wellington to look further at the Strategic and Marketing Plans.

At the meeting the Board was also advised that Christine Clark had now become free from work commitments which had earlier forced her to resign from the Board and was now in a position to assist in the Foundation Learning area. The Board unanimously agreed, in terms of the Rules of the Association, to appoint Christine to the Board for the remainder of the year to fill a vacant position on the Board.

This decision was communicated to Christine and she has accepted the position, and will once again take charge of the Foundation Learning portfolio, She will be assisted by Andrew Murray from Academy New Zealand in Christchurch who has been co-opted to help with different aspects of this challenging portfolio.

The finalized programme for the NZAPEP Conference was agreed to as was the format and topics for the Workshops which will be held on the day prior to Conference. It is expected that notification regarding registration will be sent out to all PTEs shortly.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held in Wellington on Wednesday 6 April at the NZAPEP Office.

NZAPEP Conference and Events 2011

The first regional forums for 2011 have already been held: in Whakatane on 23 February and Whangarei on 24 February. These new locations are part of NZAPEP's commitment to meet with members and the sector throughout as much of the country as possible and it was pleasing to see so many representatives from the PTE sector attend the meetings and hear from TEC, NZQA, MSD and Ako Aotearoa..

The first round of Roadshows will be held this month in Auckland and Wellington. Unfortunately because of the tragic events in Christchurch we have taken the decision to cancel the Roadshow planned for Christchurch but will look at holding one later in the year.

The following indicative programme is subject to change and modification due to presenter availability.

Date	Type	Location
15 March	Roadshow	Auckland
16 March	Roadshow	Wellington
26 May	Regional Forum	Dunedin
8 June	Roadshow	Auckland
9 June	Roadshow	Hamilton
14 June	Roadshow	Christchurch
15 June	Roadshow	Wellington
16 June	Roadshow	Palmerston North
31 August	Workshops	Wellington
1 September	Conference	Wellington
2 September	Conference	Wellington
1 November	Regional Forum	Auckland
2 November	Regional Forum	Tauranga
8 November	Regional Forum	Christchurch
9 November	Regional Forum	Wellington
10 November	Regional Forum	Wanganui

The cost to attend the Roadshow will be \$40 for NZAPEP members and \$80 for non-members.

The Regional Forums will be free for NZAPEP members and \$20 for non-members.

Registrations for the Roadshows are now open at <http://bookings.nzapep.co.nz>

The NZAPEP Conference this year will be at the Amora Hotel, Wellington (formally the Duxton Hotel) on Thursday 1 and Friday 2 September. There will be an additional and optional Workshop day on Wednesday 31 August. Conference will have numerous highlights including a Political Debate hosted by Mai Chen from Chen Palmer. All political parties have already indicated that they will attend. A Welcome Reception at Parliament House is also being planned as another of the highlights.

Conference Registrations will open shortly and a draft programme is available on the NZAPEP website: <http://nzapep.co.nz/Programme.htm>

The NZAPEP awards will again be held this year with the recipients announced at the Conference Dinner.

More information on the awards is available on the NZAPEP Website at <http://nzapep.co.nz/Awards.htm> Shortly nominations will be called for the awards and all NZAPEP members will be advised on how to nominate people or institutions. NZAPEP looks forward to receiving a large number of nominations for what a fast becoming the awards which students, tutors and providers aspire to.

Meeting with Labour MPs

On Tuesday 22 February, NZAPEP President, Mrs. Edwige Fava and Executive Director, Chuck Wareham, met with the Labour Spokesperson for Chinese Community Affairs, Raymond Huo and the Labour Education Spokesperson, Darren Hughes. The meeting was to discuss private training and to look at regulation governing private training enterprises.



Pictured above: Chuck Wareham, Edwige Fava and Raymond Huo, MP

The NZAPEP representatives were able to make a number of points regarding private training establishments and were also able to offer comments on a proposed Private Members Bill.

The meeting was very useful for both parties and NZAPEP looks forward to further meetings in the future around private tertiary education.

Letters to the Editor

NZAPEP welcomes letters to the editor and comment on articles. These should be addressed to PEPTalk at: exec@nzapep.co.nz

NZAPEP reserves the right to not print, or to abridge any letter. However comments and opinions are always welcome, as is news about NZAPEP members.

If any members have articles or news they wish to be included in PEPTalk please contact Chuck Wareham. We are always pleased to acknowledge “good news” about members as long as space permits.

MSD Peak Bodies Meeting

The Ministry of Social Development and TEC held a meeting of Peak Bodies to discuss the TOPS funded training. NZAPEP was represented by Christine Clark.

NZAPEP were in receipt of a number of responses to our request for comments and concerns and we are pleased to say that we achieved a great deal. NZAPEP will provide more in-depth information at a later stage directly to members, but a brief overview follows.

Travel: if you are concerned at all with the amount this is “costing” you please contact your Regional Manager or if in the case of an individual the local Case Manager. The need for more in-depth analysis on this has been acknowledged.

ESOL: Provision of this is now in discussion with other governmental agencies and NZAPEP will continue to work for providers regarding this area.

Communication between TEC and MSD: TEC is providing MSD with the information from the ERS, however providers are also being requested to submit weekly information sheets to the Regional Office. This will be looked at but PTEs are required to communicate with Case Managers regarding outcomes of referrals so that the Case Managers know how your enrolments are progressing.

Referrals: It is acknowledged that there are difficulties with these and that many referrals are inappropriate to your needs. MSD are increasing their referral rates, however right now are concentrating on the situation in Christchurch and are very concerned about the Canterbury people. More information will be available regarding this next week.

Canterbury learners and newly unemployed. These people will require substantial support. No PTE nor learner will be disadvantaged in any way. MSD and TEC will be requesting assistance from the PTE sector shortly.

Youth Training: a separate issue and more information will be provided next week.

Workplace learning: discussion too place on workplace learning and work experience. This will be clarified and the minimum 4 week Workplace Learning for FFTO will be looked at.

30 Hours tutor contact: this has always been in place, however this comment generated a lively discussion and TEC will discuss this with NZQA to ensure consistency of requirement.

NZAPEP appreciates the input from providers and will be asking for more prior to the next meeting in one month. Excellent progress was made in sorting out the various issues and it is the Association's intention to carry on with this.



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Support for Canterbury

The thoughts of all NZAPEP members, like those of all New Zealanders, is still with the people of Christchurch as they face the aftermath of the devastating and tragic earthquake of 22 February.

NZAPEP is working with the various Government agencies to support NZAPEP members and the wider tertiary sector in getting PTEs back into business as quickly as possible.

It has been heartening to receive so many messages of support from around New Zealand and also the following from Australia

“Many of us have close ties to New Zealand, and I know that some of you will have friends and family affected by the Christchurch earthquake. Particularly poignant for those involved in international education has been the fate of the international students, many from Japan, studying at the Kings Education language school in the CTV building. Our thoughts are with these students, their teachers and families.

ACPET has been in regular contact with our sister organisation, the New Zealand Association of Private Education Providers, and have been advised that a number of NZAPEP members have been affected by the earthquake. ACPET has offered its assistance should there be anything required”.

Further information is available at the following website: www.recovercanterbury.co.nz and people can donate to the official Government appeal at: www.christchurchearthquakeappeal.govt.nz



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Correspondence to Members

- 4 February 2011 - NZQA Website Updated
- 4 February 2011 - More Young People Engaged in Tertiary Study
- 7 February 2011 - New First Aid standards and Assessment Support Material
- 9 February 2011 - Updates to TEC Website Feb 2011
- 9 February 2011 - E-News 0 8 February 2011
- 9 February 2011 - IRD News - Student Loans Feb 2011
- 11 February 2011 - Media Release: Trainees the Priority in Response to ITO Closure
- 12 February 2011 - TEC Review
- 17 February 2011 - Christine@corpgroup.co.nz
- 17 February 2011 - StudyLink News February 2011
- 18 February 2011 - Meetings Between Immigration New Zealand and the Education Sector
- 19 February 2011 - Foundation Focused Training Opportunities and Training for Work - SDR Reporting Requirements
- 21 February 2011 - E-News - 21 February 2011
- 21 February 2011 - NZQA Review Summaries - January 2011
- 21 February 2011 - TEC Now: Rule ENR028 and Amended Youth Guarantee Criterion
- 22 February 2011 - Report on TEC Peak Bodies Meeting 9th Feb 2011
- 25 February 2011 - NZQA Mandatory Review
- 25 February 2011 - NZAPEP Events - Update 25 February 2011
- 25 February 2011 - Urgent Message for Christchurch Based Providers
- 25 February 2011 - Specific Impact of TEC Funding Decision for March Payments
- 25 February 2011 - E News Special—25 Feb 2011
- 25 February 2011 - Immigration NZ - FAQs for Students Affected by Christchurch Earthquake
- 26 February 2011 - TEC Update
- 28 February 2011 - TOPS Provision – Peak Bodies Meeting
- 1 March 2011 - Christchurch Recovery - Tertiary Education
- 1 March 2011 - Meeting for Christchurch Providers
- 2 March 2011 - Higher Education Summit 2011
- 3 March 2011 - Possible Assistance for Christchurch Providers
- 3 March 2011 - Christchurch Providers - Possible Entry Through Cordon
- 4 March 2011 - Cordon Access and Management - Christchurch

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