



CATE

Careers and Transition
Education Association NZ Inc.

President's Report for AGM 2019

Tena koutou Tena koutou Tena koutou katoa

It is a privilege and a pleasure to be the president of CATE for 2018-2020 and to lead the team of Diane from Taranaki and John from Manawatu.

Last year, I told you that I strongly believe that organisations need to know what they stand for and that members should have a consistent "elevator pitch". For this reason, we have done a bit of homework on our constitution. If you break down our constitution purpose statements into 2-3 words, this is what you get:

1. Support members
2. Establish networks
3. Engage with government
4. Develop resources
5. School & post school liaison
6. Finances (a given)
7. Treaty of Waitangi

As referenced at the conference launch, we developed a one page strategic plan as to what we stand for and what we aim to achieve. *Our vision is all that young people in Aotearoa New Zealand benefit from quality career education and guidance and we will empower career educators to lead career education and guidance that equips young people to successfully transition from education to employment.*

I encourage you to familiarise yourselves with the strategic plan and build it into your communications so that we develop a wider of awareness of what CATE is about.

We have also done quite a bit of work on our IT. Our Facebook page CATE Aotearoa NZ is going well so please make sure you like that if you haven't already.

Also referenced at the launch, our website has been less than satisfactory for some time. Thanks to Tia and her team, we now have a new website. There will no doubt be some tweaks, but we hope that the new website will offer a much better experience for you. I continue to write a Pānui to you after each Executive meeting. These are always emailed out, shared on our Facebook page and, now that our website is functional, posted on there. have written a Pānui on behalf of executive.

thankful to those who put the conferences together. This includes Event Dynamics. Yes, we pay them but I always like to acknowledge good service!

I would like to thank and acknowledge the work of our executive team. They are a friendly and committed group of professional people. I would also like to thank you. As I said in Invercargill, I believe that Careers leaders are the most vital people in a school because they deal with the stuff that really matters. Kia Kaha! (stand strong)

The big news of the year has been the Networks of Expertise contract with the Ministry of Education. This resulted in us entering recruitment and secondment of our Kaiārahi, Leigh Gray from Nelson College. This is a big step for CATE. We are not an employer but now we are! So, we've taken advice on how to second Leigh so that she, us and her school are happy. Leigh has been in the job for a few days now. You will see and hear much more of what she hopes to achieve over the next 12-24 months. I hope that you're supportive of Leigh and her role. She is essentially charged with leading PLD for our sector. This is a little unrealistic for one person to achieve so we are approaching this from a constructive viewpoint. Leigh will spend some time establishing the need and then build a sustainable model that helps to manage our PLD going forward. Recently, I have had opportunities to meet with TEC and MOE regarding careers provision for ages 7-70 (TEC) and Year 7-13 (MOE). Obviously, I'll be looking to enable their input and direction to complement and support Leigh's work.

I am delighted that the Prime Minister's Award for Vocational Excellence has been introduced and it seems, widely supported. This idea was generated by CATE and it is a tangible achievement that we have made in bringing parity of esteem to all pathways. CATE continues to be strong and we bring value to our members which contributes to good outcomes for our learners. I am very proud of that.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. Foy', with a large, stylized flourish at the bottom.

Warwick Foy
President