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Careers and Transition
Education Association NZ Inc.

Letter from the President, June 2020

What a ride we've been on since I last wrote! This is evidence, if we needed it, that our world is fragile and employment skills and personal adaptability and resilience will trump qualifications much of the time. Course qualifications are important, but not at the expense of better preparing young people for their next steps.

I acknowledge that lockdown will have been a unique experience for each of you. Some of us had a lovely quiet time with our families, reduced workload and more exercise! Others had huge demands from work, disruption to children and partners, changes in income and overall increases in stress levels. We need to be understanding of each other at this time.

We have now formalised the cancellation of our 2020 conference and the communications will be coming to you soon. The websites will be updated also. We have a range of proposed regional mini events in the works and we will keep in contact with you as the planning for these proceeds. If all goes to plan, Christchurch will be cut and pasted straight in to 2021 and will be everything we hoped for! In terms of travel and accommodation, our event management company is working to keep things as smooth as possible for you. We understand that there is some difficulty with Air New Zealand but this is not specific to us. We will continue to work on your behalf.

Our Kaiārahi Leigh has been very busy since school started back. Bearing in mind that her role this year is to survey the lie of the land, she has been travelling around the place, meeting lots of people and seeing what is going on. Leigh has conducted a number of regional workshops which have been well received. Leigh frequently posts on our Facebook Page and writes a comprehensive monthly newsletter. Leigh is looking for:

- Feedback on her work
- Ideas for future regional workshops
- Any input for ongoing meetings with TEC and MoE
- Feedback on our new website particularly the members section which Leigh has built into a comprehensive one-stop shop. Make sure you register for the *members section*.

Leigh can be contacted at kaiarahi@catenz.org

As our 2020 conference is cancelled, we've had to make alternative plans for our AGM. This will now take place via Zoom on November 17, later in the day. Full details and registration information will be sent later. The Auckland region has indicated a desire for the current executive team (Treasurer John from Manawatu, Secretary Diane from Taranaki and me) to have our term extended from the usual three to four years. This is to provide continuity and consistency during the COVID 19 period. A remit has been sent and we will work through this process at the AGM. We have agreed to carry on if the remit is passed.

At our Wellington meeting, which was a blend of in the room and Zoom, we bid farewell to Wiki Osborne from Hawkes Bay and Simon Richardson from Southland. Thank you for your service. In their place, we have welcomed Marion Loughran from Napier and Sue Ballentyne

from Invercargill. Eileen from Keri Keri attended her first meeting as she has taken over from Blue Newport. Thank you for stepping up to Executive on behalf of your regions.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'WFoy', with a large loop at the bottom.

Warwick Foy
CATE President