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Kia ora koutou e ngā taura, ngā pouako, ngā kaiarahi katoa, tena koutou katoa. Greetings to you all. This issue features a summary of Ngā Hui Heke - Regions 1 and 3 and then looks at various ways to use technology to reach learners (virtually) face-to-face; encourages 'silver surfers' step by step to have a go with computers and the internet, and provides links to access inspiring, motivating, persuasive and educational presentations, home grown and international.

Ngā Hui Heke Tuatahi and Tuatoru – Regional Hui

Te Hui Heke Tuatoru (Region 3) was hosted by **Buller Adult Learning in Westport** in April. The National Office programme filled Day One (*see previous issue of Tui Tuia*) as well as the election for the Te Heke 3 Māori representative for Te Kōruru, with Margaret Manuel (Literacy Westland) being re-elected. The day concluded with an exquisite West Coast meal at the 'world famous on the coast' Bay House Café situated on Tauranga Bay, where hui whānau were treated to a sumptuous banquet meal and a view of the moon.

Day Two workshops in Te Heke 3 included a round-table discussion for each Pou pou to share creative solutions for designing the ILN (Intensive Literacy & Numeracy) Programme. Cameron Forbes (Manager ALS Nelson) and Barbara Duckett (Literacy Westland) gave a brief presentation on designing a website. Meanwhile other participants learnt more about the 'TADA' Database. The feedback to Buller Manager Jeanette, since the hui has been positive, particularly with reference to wild pork, whitebait and venison.

Te Hui Heke Tuatahi (Region 1) was hosted by **Waitakere Adult Literacy inc. (WALI) in Henderson**, West Auckland in May. The National Office programme ran with the added bonus of guest speaker Brendon (Te Tiwha) Puketapu from TEC, who spoke to hui whānau about his role as the Director of Māori Strategy for TEC and explained the structure of TEC from Ministry level to providers. The Te Kōruru election for the Te Heke 1 Taiwi representative resulted in a tie between Gaye Anstis (Literacy Aotearoa Hauraki) & Fran Lapsley (Waiheke Adult Literacy).* In the evening, hui whānau were treated to a dinner at The Falls Restaurant (built in 1854), world famous in Waitakere.

Day Two included five workshops delivered by WALI staff: Janet Fournier shared some numeracy strategies using readily available resources such as fingers, dice and cards; Anne Chen led an action-packed session with ideas for making grammar, pronunciation and conversation accessible to lower level learners using words, actions and music. Belinda Jane Greenslade shared some ideas about how to get the most out of the 'TADA' database and meet deadlines, while Tooki Proctor introduced the 'E-beam Interactive whiteboard', a fascinating new learning tool. Miriam James-Scotter facilitated a discussion on workplace management and tutoring discoveries, challenges and tools. (*See photos on page 2*)

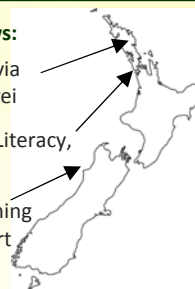
* A postal vote was held following the Te Hui Heke 1 and Gaye Anstis was re-elected. Thank you to Fran Lapsley (Waiheke Adult Literacy) for standing. Thanks also to Marina Peek (Buller Adult Learning) in Te Heke 3 for standing.

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Ngā Pou pou News:

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- Waitakere Adult Literacy, Henderson
- Buller Adult Learning Services, Westport (see below)



Te Hui Heke Tuatoru – Westport





Literacy Whangarei – Remote Literacy

workplace@literacy.net.nz

Parlance, newsletter April 2010 - Tutor Talk from Andries van der Sluis:

I work with a group in Kawakawa called "He Parirau Roha" which means spread wings.



Due to funding cuts by the Tertiary Education Commission, I decided to explore the option of teaching my group in Kawakawa while remaining in Whangarei!

I have achieved this with a programme called LogMeIn, an internet-based computer remote control program. I also run Windows Live Messenger which enables me to see and hear the group as I help them develop their literacy skills. When I am remotely controlling, students can ask me questions and I can demonstrate things via my computer in Whangarei.

Even though it is early days, I have been getting positive feedback from the students who can take control of the computer themselves and I can see in real time what they are doing. The students feel they are learning independently and I am still there to help when they get stuck. They have said that it encourages them to think more for themselves, as I am not physically available at their computer to help them.

I also tried the program Teamviewer which had a bit too much lag time for my liking. These methods of long-distance teaching and learning will be great tools for the future, combined with the benefit of avoiding the time and cost of travel - one student pointed out that it lowered my environmental impact!

As computer skills are becoming an increasingly important part of general Literacy demand, these developments will enable us to provide help in both these areas, 'killing two birds with one stone'!

I am also teaching apprentices, helping them with their various course work requirements, and am involved with individuals and small groups assisting them in situ with the demands of their workplace. This work is quite often maths- orientated, e.g. trigonometry or maths for engineering. I work with bricklayers, builders, mechanics, engineering apprentices and trainee electricians. My job is a challenge but also a real pleasure. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

https://secure.logmein.com/US/home.aspx
http://download.live.com/messenger

Te Hui Heke Tuatahi – Waitakere



Technology - Browsers up to date?

Are you using the most recent version of Internet Explorer or Firefox or Google Chrome? How would you know what version you have?

In Firefox and in Internet Explorer, go to 'Help' on the menu bar at the top of the page and click on 'About Mozilla Firefox' or 'About Internet Explorer'.

In Chrome, click on the 'spanner' for Tools on the top right of the screen, then 'About Google Chrome'. A window will appear with the version number (see images on the right >)

Click on the links below to download the latest upgrade:

- www.google.com/chrome
www.mozilla.com/firefox/
www.microsoft.com/windows/Internet-explorer/



Web talk - Resources

ACEnet – Skype - Using online tools- NZ



The ACEnet team is highlighting the use of Skype as a means of communication amongst and between community groups and as a means of reducing an organisation's costs for telecommunications.

The ACEnet team offers support in learning to use skype. The team has created a page on ACEnet that gives introductory information on why you might want to use skype, and how to set yourself up and start using it. This page also describes how you can contact ACEnet staff for 1-1 support.

<http://akoaootearoa.ac.nz/community/acenet/resources/pages/skype>

Spreading Ideas – TED Talks - Global

<http://www.ted.com/>



TED is a small non-profit devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading. It started out (in 1984) as a conference bringing together people from three worlds: Technology, Entertainment, Design. Since then its scope has become ever broader.

Our mission: Spreading ideas.

'We believe passionately in the power of ideas to change attitudes, lives and ultimately, the world. So we're building here a clearinghouse that offers free knowledge and inspiration from the world's most inspired thinkers, and also a community of curious souls to engage with ideas and each other.'

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| Themes: | Subjects: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• persuasive• courageous• ingenious• fascinating• inspiring• beautiful• funny• informative | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technology• Entertainment• Design• Business• Science• Global issues |

These talks could provide a powerful platform for students to engage in discussion, sharing opinions and inspiring writing.

Manu Ao Academy - NZ

<http://www.manu-ao.ac.nz/>



The MANU AO Academy has three main objectives: Accelerating Māori leadership; Strengthening the links between Māori Academics and Māori Professionals and Advancing Māori scholarship. MANU AO involves a series of weekly seminars on contemporary issues, from known scholars and leaders, held every Wednesday from 12 noon-1pm from March to December 2010. All weekly Seminars are beamed live to every university campus or via live web-streaming and are recorded and archived onto the MANU AO website for later viewing or research and teaching purposes. Check them out... http://www.manu-ao.ac.nz/index.php?p=weekly_seminars

Silver Surfers – UK

<http://silversurfers.digitalunite.com/>



Silver Surfers' Day has recently been celebrated in the UK (21 May 2010).

'Silver Surfers' Day is the biggest national campaign to promote use of digital technologies by older people. It is run by Digital Unite and was started in 2002.'

The Silver Surfers website has some great resources for getting familiar and confident using computers and exploring the internet for all ages. To go to the **Learning Zone**, click on this link: <http://learning.digitalunite.com/>

'This is the place to come if...

- *You are just starting to use a computer and want advice in plain English.*
- *You have some experience and want to learn more.*
- *You are helping people to learn about the Internet, especially Silver Surfers.'*

On the menu bar on the left under the title '**Browse the Guides**' you can select numerous guides (in pdf format) with web links from the following categories:

- Beginners' Help
- E-mail and Telephone
- Finding Information
- Games and Hobbies
- Music and TV Online
- Photos and Videos
- Shopping and Banking
- Social Networks and Blogs
- Web Tools and Security

Upcoming Events

Tuia Te Ako 2010 – Māori Tertiary Educators' Hui

12-13 Here turi kōka (August) 2010
Pipitea Marae, Wellington.

<http://akooteaoroa.ac.nz/tuiateako>

Bringing together the teaching and learning.

Nau mai, haere mai ki tā tātau hui, Tuia Te Ako. The inaugural Ako Aotearoa Māori Tertiary Educators' Hui, Tuia Te Ako. Tuia Te Ako brings together the Māori tertiary education whānau from all parts of the sector to share in discussion and debate on a range of issues that impact on the success of Māori tertiary learners.

Tuia Te Ako keynotes include Sir Mason Durie (Ngāti Rangitane) and Professor Linda Smith (Ngāti Awa, Ngāti Porou) with Hana O'Regan (Ngāi Tahu), and Emeritus Professor Whatarangī Winiata (Ngāti Raukawa).



NZCER Conference – Assessing Adult Learning

16 Here turi kōka (August) 2010
Holiday Inn, Wellington

A one-day conference on assessing literacy and numeracy competencies in adults. Hear about the theory, research and practice of adult assessment in a range of learning contexts. Email adultassessment@nzcer.org.nz if you want us to send you more information as it becomes available.



Australian Council of Adult Literacy (ACAL) 33rd annual conference.

10-11 Mahuru (September) 2010

Venue: [Charles Darwin University, Casuarina Campus, Darwin](#)



Info: <http://www.acal.edu.au/2010conf/index.htm>

Hands up... Hands on... 'Whether you teach adult literacy and numeracy, train teachers, or develop policies and products that support good practice in the field, this year's event is not to be missed.

Hands up... Hands on... will focus on how we can make a difference through our work in adult literacy and numeracy.



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Upcoming Events...

Hōngongoi (July)

Literacy Aotearoa Te Hui ā Tau and National Planning Hui
8-9-10 Hōngongoi (July) 2010,
Otautahi / Christchurch

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori - Māori Language Week

26 Hōngongoi (July) - 1 Here turi kōka (August) 2010

<http://www.korero.maori.nz/news/mlw>

ALPA Conference

29-31 Hōngongoi (July) 2010
James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor,
Wellington

www.alpa.org.nz/

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Mahuru (September)

Adult Learners' Week/ He Tangata Mātauranga

6-12 Mahuru (September) 2010
<http://www.aceaotearoa.org.nz/>

This year's ALW/HTM launch will be hosted by the Southern ACE Network at Te Rau Aroha Marae, Bluff.