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Editor's acknowledgements

A very big thank you to all those who contributed to this Newsletter. It wouldn't exist without your input.

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Convenor's kōrero

Tēnā koutou

anzea's had a very exciting winter! The highlights have been the Inauguration of **anzea's** two founding Taumata members, Ian Trotman and Robin Peace, the 2011 Conference, *Evaluation in a changing landscape*, and a big increase to **anzea** membership!

First, a big thanks to the 2011 Conference Committee for a Conference that continued the whānau kaupapa of earlier **anzea** conferences and symposia, with 150 delegates greeting old friends and making new ones, and sharing issues and epiphanies with one another both in conference sessions and in informal conversations.

Key themes that came through clearly from discussions at the Conference were the role and importance of relationships in evaluation practice (see Julie Foley's comments later in this Newsletter), and the ways in which the roles of evaluators themselves are continuing to develop in response to a range of broad contextual factors – social, cultural, economic, environmental, and philosophical. Both of these themes were especially apparent in the session run by **anzea** on 'Evaluative thinking', facilitated by Board members Syd King and Kate Averill, where a group of 50 or so people contributed their reflections on how the scope and focus of our profession are changing. And they also emerged constantly in the discussions in various other Conference presentations as delegates looked at how evaluation scope and practice has expanded in recent years to incorporate a broad range of activities and skills.

I personally look forward to seeing more of these conversations happening across the **anzea** membership over the ensuing year, and at next year's Conference, which is being planned as you read this – watch for an announcement shortly. You can read about the highlights of this year's Conference for other delegates later in this Newsletter.

At the Taumata Inauguration, Robin Peace and Ian Trotman also commented in their addresses on the challenges of contemporary change in the evaluation arena, together with the importance of relationships, both those with colleagues and those with evaluation's various 'consumers', in meeting those challenges. You can read their addresses in full further down. With their experience and wisdom, Robin and Ian will be a major asset to **anzea** as we continue to grow and develop, and it's an honour to have their support.

And I'm delighted to report that **anzea's** membership is now larger than ever before! Not only have we been joined by a number of people who attended the Conference, but we have welcomed new members through corporate membership arrangements with several organisations from both the public and private sectors, including most recently the Education Review Office. This growth is immensely exciting for **anzea**, and the current Board and Branch Committees look forward not only to welcoming new members but also to drawing on their individual and collective talents in building **anzea's** services, as well as building mutually rewarding relationships with each of the organisations.

For now, this morning I heard the shining cuckoo's lovely sweeping call, so summer's coming! The **anzea** Board and Committees look forward to meeting up with you all at Branch events soon. This is the last Newsletter for 2011, so wishing you all a sunny holiday season – who knows, I might run into you on a Waiheke beach....

Pam Oliver

Editorial

Kia ora koutou

With the talk of change in evaluation and how that affects our practice, I'm interested to reflect on what such changes might mean for evaluation in public participation contexts.

I've recently ended up in a range of conversations about values and public decision-making and I thought some of those conversations might make for an interesting editorial at a time when both the new Auckland Supercity draft plan and the Christchurch Central City draft plan are out for consultation.

I'm a long time advocate in Christchurch for the cause of active transport and as such I've found it a frustrating and often thankless task to try and highlight the range of values and problems associated with provision for active transport – the amount of real estate that goes into car parking (much of it hidden and not available to the public), the huge cost of providing more and more roads, the health costs associated with the health problems that come from our focus on cars for transport (obesity, accidents, asthma etc.), the social costs of road rage, and the time spent waiting in traffic, not to mention the rising costs of oil and climate change which are already starting to be noticed through, for example, the rising price of food.

Being involved in consultation processes has, to be frank, been frustrating. It feels as if we have very little to show for the discussions we have had, and the enormous amount of time that we put into developing constructive well reasoned submissions. So why continue and why suggest that we need *more* of this kind of thing?

Two conversations convinced me of the importance of ensuring that we do participate in local and central government planning processes and that we need to foster greater participation amongst the general public.

First, shortly after I had presented a submission to the Council on one of their strategies a city councillor came out and spoke to three of us who had just presented their submissions before the Council broke for lunch. This councillor thanked us for coming and presenting submissions that related to the public good. She said it was important that we keep doing this, because all the other submissions that morning, had been presented by people speaking for their own private interests. Our presentations meant this councillor could now go and defend the interests of the wider public in the decision processes associated with the strategy.

The second conversation happened with a friend of mine on the Otago Conservation Board. Speaking about the development of the new Mt Aspiring National Park Management Plan, he commented that 10 years earlier the management plan attracted about 50 submissions from people with interests in running businesses in the national park from flying in helicopters, to running treks or jet boat trips etc. This time, however, they had had 500 submissions from people of that description.

Further, when it came to hearing these submissions, there were *no* presentations from people with non business recreational interests or people with interests in the conservation aspects of the management plan. He noted that most of the business presenters also brought along a planner and /or a lawyer to defend their own interests at the hearings. The problem was that although many on the board felt strongly about the public interest in the Park, it was difficult for them to defend this in the face of such overwhelming participation from the business interests and so little from people speaking in the public interest.

Most of us do not write submissions and are even less likely to come and present them. We are all busy and it takes time and effort to read a plan and put pen to paper

to develop a submission. However, as we all go about our busy lives, it seems that we stand a very good chance of losing many of the things that we value, as they are quietly taken over by business interests who are well versed in the consultation process. So it is actually really important to be involved in the planning of those things that matter to us

Likewise it is REALLY important to write submissions which say what it is you *like* about a plan. A recent experience saw all the good points in a plan, which our advocacy group had not commented on specifically, removed because other interests had requested that they be changed. In the absence of any other support, the Council chose to make those changes. The things we value may need defending more than you think and at the current time decision making about public resources is increasingly being influenced by business interests – *perhaps not because they are so strong, but because the voice of public interest has become so weak!*

So the message I want to send here is it *is* a good idea to write submissions, even if it is only to support the things that you value. If you can, try to go along and present your submission, because it definitely gives it more value in the decision making process!

Don't leave this all to your local advocacy groups because no matter how many members they can claim, their submission is still only counted as one submission. Instead, join groups who have similar interests to you and ask them to make their submissions public so that you can learn from them and use them to help you develop your own submission.

People in centres other than Auckland and Christchurch: your time will come! ☺

Ngā mihi nui

Chrys Horn, Editor

Welcome to new members! And to the 'old' ones.....

It's a great pleasure to welcome the people who have joined **anzea** in just the last few months. In addition to individuals who have joined up, **anzea** has recently entered into corporate membership arrangements with SHORE at Massey University, Martin Jenkins and Associates, the Department of Internal Affairs, Evaluation Consult Ltd, the New Zealand Qualifications Authority, Inland Revenue Department, and most recently the Education Review Office. These arrangements have enabled a large number of people to become **anzea** members and will be a major contribution to **anzea's** knowledge base and capacity.

And a big thanks too to all of you who have chosen to rejoin – **anzea** is it's membership, and the Board is constantly amazed at the number of you who have given significant amounts of your time for **anzea** initiatives. Thanks for your time and fantastic ideas and enthusiasm!

Taumata inauguration, August 2011

In conjunction with the **anzea** Conference 2011 at Te Papa, **anzea** held the Inauguration of its first two Taumata members. The **anzea** Taumata is a body comprising people who are recognised and honoured by the **anzea** membership and Board as having made outstanding contributions to the sector. The Taumata reflects a

Māori concept of excellence in achievement. Thus these first two appointments are an important milestone in **anzea**'s development. The two founding members of the Taumata are Ian Trotman and Dr Robin Peace. Ian was acknowledged for his founding work in the establishment of evaluation as a professional practice in New Zealand, in particular his early, tireless work in helping to set up regional groups to drive professional development for people working in evaluation. Robin Peace was recognised in particular for her inspirational work in establishing New Zealand's first accredited graduate tertiary programme in evaluation, which has been delivered successfully now for several years. Their inaugural addresses are included below the photo.



Taumata inauguration 9 Aug 2011 – Address by Ian Trotman

Unless you've been in a similar situation as this, which as Pam [Oliver] noted is very emotional, and I found enhanced by the Māori protocols, it is difficult to appreciate. Some of the feelings and thoughts that go through one's mind include much questioning about one's worthiness, recognition that most of the achievements relied on others, including some unknown, and to the luck of timing, and a combination of, I suppose, attempted self-justification and hope that others will be encouraged by such awards and their recognition of the importance of peer evaluation and peer recognition.

All I can really say is thank you.

And now back to the prepared task.

Last year I turned 70 and promised my wife and family I would reduce my involvement in all four professional bodies with which I am involved. When I began thinking about what to say on this occasion I considered a 10 minute ramble on the evolution of

evaluation since I have been involved for about 25 years, but realised this would take a lot of preparation and probably be a fuddy duddy activity few would appreciate. So I wondered if there was anything short and sharp that might be more worth saying. I am a great believer in leaving problems to the subconscious for a few days if time permits.

As I thought about what I have done since retiring and writing some historical papers on evaluation in NZ, and of the AES, along with working on some AES projects for about the first 5 years; and trying to get to 2-3 local group meetings a year for AES and more recently **anzea**.

I have a clear impression arising from attending these that there are several times when it appears we are reinventing the wheel or having to relearn from mistakes. Three such examples appeared to highlight themselves.

First, and most important as it is often overlooked, is the importance and utility of conducting or reviewing a needs analysis

This step is to clarify and set down the objectives the programme, or delivery organisation or mechanisms are seeking to achieve - so that one has something to assess its delivery, utility, and values against. Most importantly any subsequent evaluation of the programme, or delivery organisation, or method must include reviewing if the same objectives still apply or have subconsciously or consciously been shifted, or whether with the progression of time they need revising and readoption.

Secondly; the usefulness of using a consultation, or preferably, in my experience, an external quality assurance panel

Such panels can be for a range of purposes; whether it is for a PR aim of looking good, genuine consultation with all, or a representation of stakeholders, or as a more restrictive quality assurance, or some combination of these.

The best example in my experience was primarily for quality assurance but also had partial stakeholder representation. A key point we found was that size matters. A number between 5-7 panellists seemed to be more workable both for admin and servicing and for discussion and contribution.

We found in the example of reviewing organisations and selective samples of their main functions it useful to include representatives from leading professional bodies represented in the organisations, from an organisation in a similar type of activity whether service delivery, regulatory or financial, and from major lobby groups, and an outsider with an evaluation experience. The group assembled at 3 critical stages in an evaluation.

- After scoping and developing a draft plan;
- After collecting information, developing major findings, and forming tentative conclusions pointing to a possible draft report outline;
- At the draft report stage.

Thirdly; using informed and trusted colleagues for problem-solving

This point was reinforced about three months ago in a local presentation and demonstration by 4-6 female colleagues who are independent evaluators. I would not normally highlight the gender, but I'm not sure you could find six blokes who were not too proud to share their problems and seek help like this group. Their workshop clearly demonstrated the utility of the approach so I will share the bare bones of it with you. It can be used for a wide range of problems/issues including resourcing, methods, and QA.

It needs a facilitator to introduce the process, negotiate timeframes, and guide the process; a group of willing participants, with the greater the diversity usually the richer the perspectives. It is vital all feel safe in participating face to face. One issue is dealt with at a time, but more than one issue can be covered if there is time.

1. A participant presents an issue outlining enough of the project or situation to gain understanding and clarify their question.
2. Members ask clarifying questions until clear about the situation and the question.
3. The presenter then turns away from the group or sits outside the circle.
4. Group members go around the circle raising or discussing among themselves **only one point at a time** the issue - to provide different perspectives, other ideas or possible solutions. There should be no cross talk, moving around the circle each raising a single point. The presenter can take notes as they wish.
5. When the agreed time is up the facilitator invites the presenter back to share any new insights and ideas gained from the process.
6. The group then reviews the process to gain any learnings and improvements to it.

Lastly; a final point...

I recently heard a talk by a retiring government CE who made the point that the late 80s early 90s reforms had tended to focus on silos, and that the major need for the future was going to be integration and sharing interdisciplinary perspectives and skills to address many of our issues more holistically. I have also often thought such a shift in direction was desirable, particularly as, from my experience, this more holistic approach is one of the major benefits observed when using interdisciplinary evaluation teams.

Thank you for listening and I trust something of what I have shared resonates with you.

Ian Trotman

Taumata inauguration 9 August 2011 – Address by Dr Robin Peace

E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e rau rangatira mā o ngā hau e whā, tēnā koutou katoa. Te whare tipuna e tu nei, te marae e takoto nei, tēnā korua. Laurie, me ngā tangata whenua hoki, tēnā koutou. Te Tumatakuru, tēnā koe. Ngā hoa, me ngā ākongā o mua, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa. Ko tēnei te wā i noho ora mātou ko Ian i roto i tēnei taumata: te taumata o tātou nei mahi mō te rōpū arotaki o Aotearoa. Kia ora koutou.

Colleagues, friends, visitors from the four winds, the community of evaluators in Aotearoa who are represented here, my greetings to you all. I am honoured by this appointment, and humbled.

He aha te mea nei – te Taumata? What is this hill that we have been invited to? To a Pākehā geographer, a hill is a piece of the natural world. It has a rich interior life, driven by tectonic forces, that have cast shape and form across millennia. It has a rich exterior life, carved by wind and water, that have recast its shape and form across millennia. It has a character and a beauty that is the sum of all these ‘forces’ and can be ‘understood’, in the English language, to lie within the conceptual realm of ‘hills, mountains, and ranges’, orographies, contours, and relief. It is seen as a thing to be climbed, to be conquered and as a place that affords a great view.

In te ao Māori, however, I believe the concept of Taumata entails something other than this quotidian anglo-geographical view of 'hillness'. My sense is that this particular hill, this taumata, entails identity, relationship and responsibility, and stands as a metaphor for a gathering place, an aspiration, and obligation.

I have been thinking about what this role will entail, for me, for us both, in the inaugural encounter with this space, and for those who will join us this year and in years to come.

The identity of this Council will be defined by its kaupapa – but that is not fully established here beyond the principles the underpin *anzea* as an organisation, and I believe it will be part of our job to initiate a footing for the development of the Taumata roles and responsibilities.

What has been in my mind is three images, that to me signify a starting point for our thinking about what this Taumata, this Council, might be and become.

The first of the images that came to my mind when I started to think about this council was of a mantle - a cloak. Something that protects the identity of what is embodied by the cloak. Just as a fine cloak - a korowai or kaitaka - may be bestowed on a person to signify status and authority – so too, such a cloak signifies that responsibility has also been bestowed and undertaken.

A second image I have of the Taumata is that it may be the resting place for three particular baskets of knowledge.

The first basket belongs to / represents the role, importance, and work of tangata whenua in the evaluation field in Aotearoa and internationally. The Taumata, in my view, will need to accept a responsibility toward this taonga – to be *he ngakau toitoi* – to carry the wisdom of age and experience – to serve and uphold the mana of Māori evaluation and kaupapa Māori wisdom. And while this clearly means that Māori need to stand in the Taumata, Pākehā also have a serious and challenging responsibility here.

The second basket, as I see it, belongs to / represents the work of the practitioner community of evaluators in Aotearoa – women, men, Maori, Pacific peoples, new settlers, older settlers, independent contractors, government employees, novice and experienced – who engage in evaluation practices wilfully and wittingly in their working lives. In my view, the Council's role here is to contribute to the development of evaluation – through participating in talk about standards and competencies for evaluation practice, to uphold the mana of *anzea*, and to act as an advocate for ethical evaluation practice.

The third basket, in my view, belongs to / represents the work of those who develop and disseminate knowledge about evaluation – its intellectual foundations, its critiques, the theories and approaches that inform practice, and the methodologies and methods that facilitate the gathering and interpretation of data. Here, in my view, the Taumata has a role in supporting the development of professional training and qualifications, seeking opportunities for evaluators to share knowledge internationally, and developing a clear and well articulated view of what is required for the ako of evaluation in Aotearoa.

These baskets are all related to each other: *E raka te mauī, e raka te katau*. [A community can use all the skills of its people]. Whatever the evaluation community comprises, it is very diverse: it embodies many different people with many different skills. The role of the Council is, wherever possible, to support these differences, nourish them, and ensure an inclusive community of practice and scholarship comes to thrive in Aotearoa.

My final image returns me to the idea that a hill is also a rock. The field of evaluation is

not a simple place to be, to work in, to understand, and perhaps the Taumata sometimes just needs to be something that stands firm – ka tū, ka tū, ka tū.

No reira, He kura te tangata.

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa. Robin Peace

anzea Conference 2011 - Reflections

Evaluation in a Changing Landscape - People, Politics and Policy

The 2011 **anzea** Conference at Te Papa in Wellington proved to be a great success. Over 150 people attended a wide variety of pre- and post-conference workshops, keynote addresses, presentations, the Maori hui and the Pasifika fono. Many favourable comments were received about the venues -- both Te Papa for the formal events and Mac's Brew Bar and Restaurant for the social events. The Silent Auction raised over \$1200 which will go towards the Christchurch earthquake relief funds. The keynote speakers and the quality and depth of the presentation were also commented upon. For me personally, two keynotes -- Jennifer Greene and Cresantia Koya stood out, along with the very moving Taumata ceremony.

As Conference Convenor, I must thank all those that made the Conference possible -- our sponsors, the Conference Committee led ably by Anne Dowden, our excellent Conference Manager Jackie Bourne, the liaison people at each of the venues, the extra helpers from ERO who turned up to help with registration, the IT support, the keynotes, the workshop facilitators, the session presenters, the session chairs, the many conference attendees, the **anzea** Executive, the Silent Auction providers and bidders - everyone willingly and enthusiastically played their parts. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart -- you made me proud to be an **anzea** member. All the best to Marnie and her team for next year's Conference. I'm already looking forward to it!

Carol Mutch, 2011 **anzea** Conference 2011 Convenor

Reflections from Julian King

From a personal perspective I really enjoyed the Conference. There is something special about **anzea** conferences that set them apart - it's not just the luxury of spending three days hanging out with some like-minded geeks and sharing stories - more than that, there is a real sense of belonging to a kaupapa whānau. It's no mean feat pulling that off with a diverse group of 150 assertive, independent thinkers!

At the conference I facilitated a half-day workshop on 'Evaluating value for money', using a technique that combines the strengths of economic approaches and evaluative rubrics. For those who did not attend the workshop, an overview of the content is available on my website www.julianking.co.nz.

Reflections from Julie Foley

The Conference started with a challenging keynote address from Jennifer Greene from the University of Illinois who is the current President of the American Evaluation Association (AEA). She picked up a theme that has been a thread through G1's blogs, that of social justice. Her answer to the question, *Whose interests does evaluation serve?* was that evaluation is an activity carried out in service of the public good. The

AEA Guiding Principles for Evaluators include a responsibility for general or public welfare. She also stressed the importance of respectful engagement with stakeholders, the challenge of difference and the need to contribute to improvement or social betterment.

Other keynotes were Jenni Norton of the State Services Commission (SSC) who spoke on the development of the SSC's Performance Improvement Framework (PIF), and Cresantia Frances Koya of the University of the South Pacific in Fiji, on how Pacific peoples are reclaiming a voice in research and evaluation. These speakers offered quite different but interesting perspectives on the academic and public service worlds.

I also enjoyed sessions led by MoE and NZQA on self-review frameworks and the panel talking about the evaluator competencies being developed by **anzea**.

An important theme for me was the centrality of relationships in evaluation: that our credibility rests on being able to develop and maintain respectful, affirming relationships with stakeholders.

Thanks to the organising committee for your work. It was a great venue, a stimulating programme and a warm atmosphere, both in the serious and the social events.

Julie Foley, Education Review Office, Te Tai Tonga/Southern region, Christchurch.

anzea Hui Maori 2011

The **anzea** Hui Maori was kindly sponsored by Te Puni Kokiri and held at Kuratini Marae, Massey University and attended by over 20 people.

The kaupapa of the hui was to bring together Māori working in the field of evaluation. This year's hui focused on:

- Adding value to our evaluation practice as Maori. What do commissioners want and need from Māori evaluators and evaluation?
- Whānau Ora: Evaluation tools that work with whānau
- Enhancing and strengthening the Māori evaluation community
- Exploring professional development needs and opportunities

The highlights of the Hui included:

- Whanaungatanga - the connections and reconnections that were made amongst hui participants
- The commissioners panel who shared some very useful insights
- Māori evaluators sharing of tools - the PATH planning and research tool, Photovoice, Whakatauki, Maori evaluation frameworks, ways of supporting and mentoring others
- A presentation by Hera Edwards of Whaiora Trust, Masterton on their experiences of being involved in the developmental evaluation approach of their Kia Rite Kia Ora programme

Hui participants were grateful for the opportunity to share with one another and agreed that next year's hui be longer.

anzea Conference 2012

Marnie Carter, from the Conferences portfolio, writes: We held a very successful **anzea** Conference in early August. The conference was held at Te Papa in Wellington and saw over 150 delegates converge for three days of evaluation-focused discussions, workshops, presentations and networking. We have had very positive feedback from delegates, particularly around the quality of our keynote speakers Jennifer Greene, Cresantia Koya and Jenni Norton. A number of people also mentioned that the quality of workshops and presentations continues to improve each year.

Planning has already started for the **2012 Conference, which will be held in Hamilton from 9-11 July 2012 - mark your diaries now!** The 2012 Conference Committee from around the country are currently thinking about potential themes, speakers and ideas for the Conference. This is YOUR conference so ***if you have any suggestions for themes or speakers, or would like to be involved with the organising committee please email Marnie Carter at mcarter@allenandclarke.co.nz***

Auckland Branch news

Contact Sarah Greenaway at skgreenaway@gmail.com for information about forthcoming events.

Waikato Branch news

Waikato / BOP branch held their General Meeting on 23 May 2011 with eleven members in attendance. Jacqueline Henry and Jo Cottrell stepped down from the Convenor and Treasurer role after many years of commitment, and six people were voted on as Committee members, including Michelle MacLachlan, Debbie Goodwin, Liz Proctor, Diana Beattie, Jacqueline Henry and Ellerie Bennett. Debbie Goodwin was nominated as the new Convenor for the branch, Ellerie as treasurer, and Jacqueline as Secretary. Michelle and Liz agreed to be Events Coordinators.

The Branch also heard three fantastic presentations about four public health / population health evaluations ranging from an evaluation of the "Smokefree Outdoor Public Places Policy," the "Opotiki Rheumatic Fever Prevention Project," "Waka Tautoko" – a patient transport service in North Waikato, and "Rollin'" – a programme for first offence drink drivers under 20 years in the Northern King Country.

The next get together will be held in September to hear feedback from the August ANZEA Conference. And the Hamilton members are keen to get together for a catch up after work. Welcome everybody, nau mai haere mai.

You can contact Debbie Goodwin, Convenor for Waikato / BOP branch on solutions@debz.org.nz

Wellington/ Lower North Island Branch news

No news from Wellington this time around either. Enquiries about Wellington/Lower North Island events can be directed to Melissa Weenink melissa.weenink@minedu.govt.nz

Christchurch/ Upper South Island Branch news

Christchurch has naturally had a quiet few months as we continue to deal with the aftermath of all the earthquake activity and the fact that we lost some of our favourite meeting venues on Feb 22nd. However, the group got back together for our AGM in June and a great talk by Robyn Bayley in July called *Moving beyond 'what's so' to 'so what?'* *Understanding and improving evaluative analysis*. The topic engendered some good meaty discussion and we even managed to put on a small earthquake for the event!

September 16th will see us getting together for a discussion of our favourite tools and a sharing of our favourite evaluation projects.

The branch has also set up a facebook page at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Anzea-Canterbury-Branch/151560368263515> Check it out and connect to it for regular updates, links etc.

Events are planned for October and November – check out the facebook page or contact Libby Gawith at libpaul@globe.net.nz.

Resources, conferences, journals

Evaluation-related events

A new page on our very own website that may be of interest is the **Evaluation-related Events** page which links to evaluation associations internationally and provides information about upcoming events around the world. Check this out at:

http://www.anzea.org.nz/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=102&Itemid=110

Social Science Research Methods Summer Courses

The New Zealand Social Statistics Network (NZSSN, www.nzssn.org.nz) is offering fifteen 5-day courses, one 3-day course and one 2-day course under the banner of **Social Science Research Methods**, 13th–24th February 2012. The courses take place at Victoria University of Wellington's School of Government. For details of course topics, go to the website: www.nzssn.org.nz.

The NZSSN Summer programme is designed to serve a wide variety of needs for training and professional development within the academic, public and private sectors. Our short courses are delivered by highly qualified instructors and previous courses have received outstanding reviews.

Please note that discounts are available for multiple enrolments from a single institution. If you have any queries please feel free to contact Annette Herbert, NZSSN Course Organiser (contact details below) or visit the website: www.nzssn.org.nz.

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ANGOA 2011 Awards for New and Emerging Community Researchers

Ko te hōkai nuku ko te hōkai rangi
Ko te hōkai a tō tupuna a Tānenui-a-rangi

In partnership with Unitec, the Tangata Whenua, Community and Voluntary Sector Research Centre (Community Research) is offering six awards in 2011 for New and Emerging Community Researchers, whose research/rangahau adds to our understanding of community in Aotearoa.

Applications close 16th September; Are you eligible? [Download](#) this document to find out more.

Why apply?

- A cash scholarship
- Up to \$400 in travel costs
- Present your research at the 2011 Community Research Seminar on 17th November
- A day long workshop for you and other new and emerging researchers
- Share knowledge - meet good people - find good stuff
- Your research uploaded to our website

Successful applicants will give their presentation at The 2011 Community Research Seminar:

17th November 2011 at Unitec Marae, Mount Albert, Auckland

The Mental Health Education and Resource Centre (MHERC) provides a free mental health library for everyone in Christchurch and the South Island, New Zealand.

The entire collection has been lost to the quake but they intend to continue operating. Brandon Dennis is looking to rebuild the collection from scratch and is seeking book donations on topics such as depression, bipolar (manic depression), personality disorder, schizophrenia, anxiety, phobia, obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD), agoraphobia, ADHD, children's health, parenting, abuse, violence, personal development, and personal stories.

If you can donate and/or know of any individuals or organisations that might be able/willing to do so, please contact Brandon directly:
brandon@mherc.org.nz They will appreciate any assistance.

Get involved : Ways that you can get involved in anzea

Kārearea Spring 2011 Issue – Invitation to help compile the 2nd edition

The second edition of **Kārearea** (**anzea's** Evaluation Digest) is due out in early summer, and the topic for this edition will be **Developing theory in evaluation**. In this edition we hope to profile material that represents both new developments in evaluation theory and 'classic' or established theory. So we're inviting you to contribute in either of the following ways:

Reviewers - We need people to review the materials for inclusion in the Digest – this involves approximately two hours work all up, reading materials (papers, chapters, articles) that have been pre-selected by the Editors and writing a short review – it'll be a great way to swat up on evaluation theory! And of course

reviewers' work will be acknowledged in the Digest. If you'd like to help, please email Pam Oliver on pamo@clear.net.nz

Contributions – Please email us your favourite materials on evaluation theory – writing that you've found inspiring or especially useful, or both – again, you can send them directly to pam@clear.net.nz

Your skills wanted!

Participation by members in the activities of **anzea** is a core value and goal of the Association, and **anzea** is lucky to have members each with great talents. So we'd love you to get involved. The Board are keen to have members engaged in the many projects that are under way.

Current projects that you might like to consider being involved in are:

- **anzea** Conference 2012 - Contact Marnie Carter mcarter@allenandclarke.co.nz
- Evaluator Competencies Project - Contact Syd King syd.king@nzqa.govt.nz
- Website library resource - Contact Pam Oliver pamo@clear.net.nz
- Volunteering strategy - Contact Heather Hamerton heather.hamerton@boppoly.ac.nz
- **anzea** newsletter editorial team - Contact Pam Oliver pamo@clear.net.nz

Members' forum

anzea invites you to write to the Editor with news, ideas, grumbles, bouquets, or anything else likely to be stimulating or interesting to **anzea** members.

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Are you aware the 'Work opportunities' page which you can find in a sidebar of the **anzea** website? Go to www.anzea.org.nz

The Newsletter is a forum for advertisements relevant to evaluation – job vacancies, services offered, events – and there's no cost. To place an ad, contact the Editor, Chrys Horn via info@anzea.org.nz.



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