

Tui Tuia

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Mission: Literacy Aotearoa is established to develop, promote and deliver accessible, quality literacy services designed to ensure the peoples of Aotearoa are critically literate and able to realise their full social, cultural and economic potential.

Ngā mihi mahana kia koutou katoa, Greetings to you all...

In this issue, we see how Literacy Waikato has presented lifelong learning and the values that underpin it with a snapshot from their 2015 Annual Report. The first three Poupou* websites have been launched as part of the Digital Strategy and other Poupou websites are being prepared. Literacy Feilding has published a War Stories book after being inspired by the works of Literacy Aotearoa Hawke's Bay.

The Literacy Aotearoa National Planning Hui is fast approaching and this year will include the Student Writing Event, where students from Ngā Poupou will come together to be part of a large-scale writing event. Information about the new Health and Safety at Work Act is on the back page with a link to a video with the basic facts that you need to know.

**Poupou = member provider of Literacy Aotearoa*

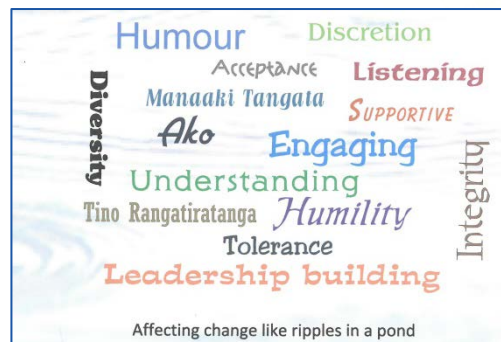


Literacy Waikato, like ripples on a pond

The passion of the people working for Literacy Aotearoa throughout the country is never in doubt. It becomes more apparent in the stories that are told through local newspapers, Poupou newsletters and their annual reports.

One example of this is Literacy Waikato who presented their 2015 Annual Report with the theme: *Affecting change like ripples on a pond*.

The report opens with the Literacy Waikato Kaupapa, then presents the highlights and challenges of the year acknowledging the students, tutors, board members and the community.



"By the end of 2015 Literacy Waikato was comfortable. Well placed to further raise the bar professionally ...However not too comfortable. Literacy Waikato is made up of people who are prepared to leave their comfort zones. To learn new things. To take on more challenges and to continually improve. It's a great organisation to be part of and to take pride in."

Te Kōmako

Extending our reach

Te Rito

Focusing on what matters

He Tāngata

Growing the demand



Digital Strategy – Poupu Websites launched

The first three Poupu Websites are live.

Congratulations to Literacy Taupō, West Coast Adult Learning Services and Arohamai Literacy Horowhenua – You are live!

- Literacy Taupō: <http://taupo.literacy.org.nz/>
- West Coast Adult Learning Services: <http://wcals.literacy.org.nz/>
- Arohamai Aotearoa Horowhenua: <http://alh.literacy.org.nz/>

The websites promote the local services, staff and governance and share some pages from the national website. The consistency in branding of the websites strengthens our uniformity and visibility as a nationwide provider of adult literacy services. This is consistent with the Big UPS (Uniformity of Practices and Systems) project.

What is the Big UPS project?

The Big UPS project is the name given to the project that will modify practices and performance expectations that achieve uniformity of practice and systems throughout every level of the organisation.

The aim of the Big UPS project is to ensure that Literacy Aotearoa consistently delivers high quality services that always meet the requirements of funders and our kaupapa, including how we meet the TEC priorities of Māori, Pasifika and youth learners' achievement. The Big UPS project will be implemented throughout every level of the organisation.

What will the Big UPS project cover?

The expectation of uniformity of practices and systems will cover the whole organisation and includes:

- Practices and systems for funding requirements such as tutor training, delivery of tuition, financial and service reporting, review and audit, etc.
- Practices and systems for membership such as the demonstration of kaupapa, and branding and promotion.



Coming up in Mahuru (September)

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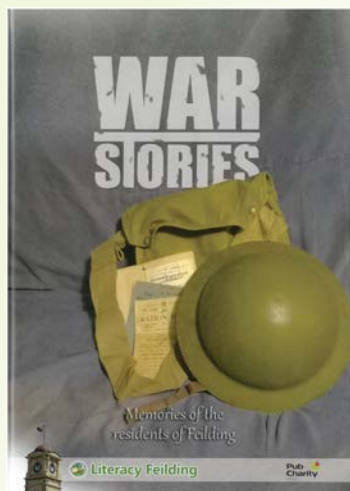
International Literacy Day
8 Mahuru (September)

ALW-HTM

Adult Learners' Week
He Tangata Mātauranga
5-11 Mahuru (September)

Launch in Nelson

Adult Learning Support (Nelson) will be hosting the launch of ALW-HTM [more...](#)



Inspired by the collection of War Stories published by Literacy Aotearoa Hawke's Bay, Literacy Feilding staff were motivated to produce something similar. The publication 'War Stories – Memories of the residents of Feilding' can now be

used as a resource for students at Ngā Poupou to generate discussion, to read individually or as a group, and to inspire writing of own experiences and life stories.

Ruth Dalzell, Manager Literacy Feilding, tells the story:

It was at the 2015 Region Two Hui in Hawke's Bay that our Committee member Bobbie Nicholls and I heard Wendy McKenty (Literacy Aotearoa Hawke's Bay) speak of her War Stories publication.

Bobbie, being a journalist (now retired), pricked up her ears and took notes and we later discussed 'borrowing' Wendy's idea for Feilding. Wendy was thrilled about our interest in her work.

Bobbie wrote an article and advertised for people in our community who were interested to learn how to become interviewers and write for publication. Seven people answered and formed our War Stories group.

Those who answered our call were happy to volunteer their time and effort to seek out Feilding people who had lived through the terrible war-time era.

They listened and wrote up their memories, then visited them again to check the content. These stories were gathered and we applied for and were granted funds from Pub Charity Ltd. to cover the cost of publishing our book.

Literacy Feilding is also very privileged to have the support of Heather Thomson who is a Graphic Artist. Heather is the daughter of Jan (our Committee Secretary) and Dr Nick Thomson – who was an interviewer and author of his own story. Heather then worked her miracle, turning the pile of stories into a full colour book with wonderful illustrations. Freedom Print and Design printed the resulting work.

We launched the War Stories Book at a gathering of 46 people including the owners of the stories, relatives who recalled other people's war stories, the interviewers and even Margaret Kouvelis, the Mayor of the Manawatu District.



One elderly chap, Alan Mason aged 94, stood up and said what a wonderful thing it was to see his story in print and that he had many other stories to relate for the next book! Sadly he has since passed away and we are now even more aware that if these stories are not captured soon it will be too late. Another poignant event happened at Alan's funeral. As Alan's casket was being placed in the hearse, a Spitfire plane circled the church – a fitting honour for Alan.

We have already seven more stories on file and are set to work on the second edition. Wendy in Hawke's Bay has just published her third book – so the race is on!

This is a community project that will have an historical value so it may be something Ngā Poupou could think of doing in the near future.

Our War Stories book sells for \$20 – If you would like to buy one, be in quick, our print run of 200 copies has gone well and we only have 50 left to sell.

More: literacy.feilding@xtra.co.nz



Te Hui ā Tau, National Planning Hui and Student Writing Event 2016

Te Hui ā Tau, National Planning Hui (NPH) and the Student Writing Event (SWE) will be held at the Waipuna Hotel and Conference Centre from 18 to 20 Hōngongoi (July) 2016.

The theme for the Hui is Strategic Goal 2:

Te Rito

Focusing on what matters

Improving how resources are best deployed to ensure all Literacy Aotearoa learners achieve success and that the organisation meets its business priorities to ensure sustainability.

Te Kōruru has reviewed an exciting line-up of keynote speakers, and we look forward to stimulating workshops, innovative exchanges and a high-energy event once again, as we share great ideas and insights with one another over the three days.

THāT – NPH – SWE

18-20 Hōngongoi (July) 2016

NOTE: All hyperlinks can be accessed here:

<http://literacy.org.nz/what-we-do/tui-tuia>

New Health and Safety at Work Act



In 2013, the Independent Task Force on Workplace Health and Safety reported that New Zealand's work health and safety system was failing. As a result, New Zealand underwent its most significant workplace health and safety reforms in 20 years. The new Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 (HSWA) came into effect on Monday 4 Paenga whāwhā (April) 2016.

HSWA repeals the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, with immediate effect.

See these links on the WORKSAFE website and in particular the FAQ section:

<http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe/hswa/myth-busting>.



The 'Working together on health and safety' presentation (24:37) provides you with the basic facts you need to know about the Health and Safety at Work Act (HSWA). The video is a great resource for getting the message across to your staff.

<http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe/hswa>

'Whether it's reading or writing, literacy is an outlet to an untouchable world – your imagination. Not only is literacy a basic human right, it is a fundamental building block for learning as well as a personal empowerment tool. It is the catalyst for social and global progress.'

<http://internationalliteracyday.org/>



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