



PANZ

Population Association of New Zealand

Te Roopu Whaka Waihangā Iwi O Aotearoa

Minutes of the 40th Annual General Meeting

17th July 2014, 4.45 pm

Chair: Alison Reid

Minutes: Shefali Pawar

Present (30 members):

Alison Reid	Rosemary Goodyear	Denise Brown
Tahu Kukutai	Alison Day	John Byrant
Shefali Pawar	Jacques Poot	Denise McGregor
James Newell	Peter Salter	Len Cook
Arvind Zodgekar	Mary Gray	Patsy Fischer
Kim Dunstan	Richard Bedford	Luke Crawford
Ward Friesen	Ian Pool	Hera Cook
Mike Berry	Janet Sceats	Paul Brown
Andrew Butcher	Ruth Framer	Anne Henderson
Andrew Hancock	Bal Devgun	Lisa Davies

Apologies: Warwick Neville, Andrew Trlin, Mansoor Khawaja, Natalie Jackson, Peggy Koopman-Boyden, Adele Quinn, Chris Lane

Meeting started at 4.45 pm.

1. Minutes from previous AGM (27th June 2013)

Moved to accept: Alison Reid

Seconded: Arvind Zodgekar

Minutes accepted.

2. Presidential report

Attached.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Jamie Newell presented the financial report, a summary of the income and expenditure for the year to date and the finalised 2014 March Year.
- As at 31 March 2014, the PANZ had net assets of \$62,262.52 consisting of cheque and term deposits of \$62,607.16 and accounts payable of \$344.64. There was a net operating deficit \$988.61, contrasting with a net deficit of \$10,002.08 for the 2013 March Year and a net surplus of \$13,099.36 for the year to March 2012.
- The financial performance of PANZ was lower than normal for a conference year due to a number of reasons: high costs of the Te Papa hosting of the event, including but not limited to higher than usual costs incurred in conference service charges, audio recording and preparation of proceedings into an indexed conference DVD.

- Both publication and ordinary member income were slightly higher in 2014 than 2013.
- A lot of work has gone into setting up the website and keeping it updated, simplifying and standardising the membership and invoicing sys
- PANZ ended the March 2014 year in a strong financial position. Detailed report available in Appendix 1.

Moved to accept: Richard Bedford

Seconded: Anne Henderson

Report accepted.

4. Election of Officers

- The following nominations were received for the 2014/15 year:

President: Andrew Butcher
Vice-President: Tahu Kukutai
Secretary: Shefali Pawar
Treasurer: Andrew Hancock

Council Members:

Alison Reid
 James Newell
 Arvind Zodgekar
 Kim Dunstan
 Michael Berry
 Wardlow Friesen
 Rosemary Goodyear
 Alison Day

- Christine Bycroft and Rachael Hutt stepped down from their role as Council members.
- The President proposed that all nominations be accepted.

Moved to accept: James Newell

Seconded: Andrew Butcher

Carried

NOTE: Andrew Butcher took over as the chair for the AGM from Alison Reid at this point.

5. Appointment of Auditor

The new Treasurer to make recommendation on the appointment of auditor. To be discussed in council meeting.

6. Life Membership for Ruth Farmer

- Ruth Farmer nominated by the council for life membership.
- James Newell presented a short biography of Ruth's career history and achievements.
- Ian Pool supported the nomination by adding a few words to the citation.

Moved to accept: Andrew Butcher

Seconded: James Newell

Carried with acclaim

7. Life Membership for Janet Sceats

- Janet Sceats nominated by the council for life membership.
- Tahu Kukutai presented a short biography of Janet's career history and achievements.
- Len Cook supported the nomination by adding a few words to the citation.

Moved to accept: Andrew Butcher

Seconded: Rosemary Goodyear

Carried with acclaim

8. Other Business

8a. PANZ Conference in 2015

- Chair agreed that this matter would be discussed at Council meetings.

8b. Accessibility to the Population Review Journal

- Chair agreed that this matter would be discussed at Council meetings.

The AGM ended at 5.45 pm.

APPENDIX 1 – PRESIDENTIAL REPORT 2012/13

Kiaora tatou and welcome to the 40th annual general meeting of the Population Association of New Zealand. Thank you all for making the time to be here, and for your ongoing involvement and support of the Association. It is precisely this sort of active engagement and support that has kept PANZ (formerly the New Zealand Demographic Society) alive for the last four decades, long may it continue.

It is my pleasure to report that the Association's affairs are in good order and we have moved into this financial year with a healthy bank balance and a membership of more than 100 people from across New Zealand. In addition to the conference last year, Volume 39 of the New Zealand Population Review was delivered in 2013, and we are about to start production of Vol 40, due to be released by the end of this year. We have released two newsletters, and we have had great pleasure in bringing together this event today. Achieving all of these things take a lot of time and effort, and to an extent everyone on council has been involved.

Special mention and thanks ought to be made however to a few individuals –

Firstly, Shefali Pawar. Shefali has been Secretary on Council for the last two years now. She is highly efficient and helpful and we are very grateful to you Shefali for all of the work that you have put in behind the scenes. Thanks also for agreeing to continue in the role next year.

Kim Dunstan has been the editor of the newsletter for a few years now also. This is a vital communication tool for PANZ and Kim works hard to ensure that it gets out on time and has a wide range of informative contents.

Special mention must also go to Ward Freisen, co-editor of the New Zealand Population Review for hours spent in coordinating contributions, organising peer reviews, and helping to edit the Review.

Ward brings a lot of experience and good humour to this role and it has been a pleasure to work with him.

Our Treasurer Jamie Newell has gone over and above the call of duty in recent years, not only keeping our finances on track, but being actively engaged in other vital ways. I will speak a little more about Jamie in a few minutes.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the time and effort spent by those who have worked together to organise this 40th anniversary event – namely, the organising subcommittee of Andrew Butcher, Arvind Zodgekar, Jamie Newell, Shefali Pawar, Tahu Kukutai and Professor Jacques Poot. Well done everybody.

At a strategic workshop two years ago the newly elected PANZ Council identified several long-term goals for the Association. One of those goals was to organise events in between biennial conferences that enable association members to network and PANZ to promote its activities. This is one such event. There is an incredible amount of value in face to face meetings and networking and I would encourage future Councils to explore other opportunities to bring people together like this.

As with all AGMs there is a change of the guard this year, with two Council members standing down and a new Council member coming on board, and there will be new people in the roles of President and Treasurer. I would like to discuss some of these changes now.

First our departures. Christine Bycroft and Rachael Hutt are both stepping down from Council this year. Christine is well known to many of us through her work at Statistics New Zealand and presentations at our conferences. It has been great having Christine on the Council over the last two years – not only for her cheery energy, but she has provided a interesting and informative link to Council regarding the future Census work , a topic dear to our hearts. I really hope that the PANZ Council and broader association will continue to enjoy that vital link with Christine, just perhaps not in a Council member role.

Rachael Hutt's time on the Council has been relatively short – she joined at the last AGM. Rachael was at the time a senior researcher at NIDEA, however being the bright young thing that she is, she has been snapped up by Land Information New Zealand in an exciting new role. I would like to thank her very much for her involvement over the last year and for helping out with bringing this anniversary celebration together.

On behalf of the PANZ Council I thank you both for your involvement and wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

We welcome Dr Alison Day to Council this year; Alison is a researcher at NIDEA, with a background in History.

As I also mentioned, we will have a new Treasurer. Jamie Newell is standing down as Treasurer, after a three year term, and Andrew Hancock has kindly agreed to take this vital role on. Jamie has done an amazing job in the last three years, contributing far more than the responsibilities of the Treasurer role. 'Initiative' is his middle name. Not only has Jamie ensured that the Association's subscriptions, finances and files are in good order, but he has been a driving force in enhancing our communication systems. Over the last few years, this has included upgrading the PANZ website to a Word Press environment, which allows the Council ease and flexibility in managing the site, but also updating the site to a more modern, clean look and feel, and securing the catchy url name of population.org.nz. Jamie was also instrumental in moving PANZ communication systems into a centralised internet based email system using Actrix, and for digitally capturing conference presentations onto a CD in order to make them accessible to a wide audience after the event. Jamie brings fresh ideas, experience, wisdom and a real sense of openness and fairness to his role and I think we might be a little lost without him.

Jamie will be supporting Andrew Hancock into the Treasurer role over the next few months, as there is a lot to learn, and I know that the rest of the Council will be highly supportive during this transition time also.

After four years as President, I am handing over the reins to Dr Andrew Butcher. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who has been on the Council with me during the last four years, for your support and guidance. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in this role and I look back with a large degree of satisfaction at what we have all achieved. It has been a lot of work but thoroughly rewarding. I am very proud of this association, and am grateful to have played a role in

its ongoing success. I leave you in the capable hands of Andrew. I know that he will bring passion and professionalism to the role of President and I am excited for the year ahead. Andrew I extend my congratulations and wish you all the very best.

Finally, the Council has put forward nominations to this annual general meeting for two amazing women to be recognised as life members of PANZ. The substantial contributions to the association and to New Zealand's population and demographic studies by Dr Ruth Farmer and Dr Janet Sceats will be outlined in some detail later in this meeting, but I do wish at this point to extend my congratulations to you both. You are role models to us all.

That is all from me today – thank you again to everyone on Council for the time and effort that you have put in this year. And to all Association members thanks for your continuing support.

Alison Reid

President, Population Association of New Zealand

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APPENDIX 2 – TREASURER’S REPORT 2013/14

Thursday, July 17, 2014

Population Association of New Zealand Financial Statements For Year ended 31 March 2014 Treasurer’s Report

The financial statements of the Population Association of New Zealand for the year ended 31 March 2014 have been audited and the auditor’s report is attached. Except for the booking of some costs of the 2013 biennial conference of the association in the 2013 March year, the auditor gives the advice that the financial statements represent a fair and true account of the financial affairs of the Association for the year ended March 2014.

Under an accrual accounting regime, any costs paid for a conference outside of the year of that conference should be accompanied by an asset record to carry over that cost into the year of the conference. For any income received, a corresponding liability should be booked to transfer the costs to the conference year. I recommend that this practice be adopted for the future. I propose that no action be taken to adjust historical accounts other than noting the slight departure from strict accounting practices for some past years.

As at 31 March 2014, the Population Association of NZ had net assets of \$62,262.52 consisting of cheque and term deposits of \$62,607.16 and accounts payable of \$344.64. During the financial year to March 2014, the Population Association of New Zealand had a net operating deficit \$988.61, contrasting with a net deficit of \$10,002.08 for the 2013 March Year and a net surplus of \$13,099.36 for the year to March 2012.

Both publication and ordinary member income were slightly higher in 2014 than 2013. However, despite it being a conference year, sponsorship was lower than previous conferences, there were also comparatively high costs of the Te Papa hosting of the event, including but not limited to higher than usual costs incurred in conference service charges, audio recording and preparation of proceedings into an indexed conference DVD.

Offset against this, only one issue of the NZ Population Review was paid for in the 2014 year as compared with two in the previous year. The financial performance of the Population Association was lower than normal for a conference year due to these considerations.

The Population Association of New Zealand remains in a strong financial position in the year to March 2014.

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Appendix 3: Life membership nomination for Dr. Ruth Farmer

The Population Association of New Zealand is pleased to award Dr Ruth Farmer life membership in recognition of her substantial contribution to the increased understanding and appreciation of population, and particularly international migration and refugee issues, in New Zealand. She played an important role in the development of both the Population Studies Centre at the University of Waikato and the New Zealand Demographic Society and strove to enhance the practical application of demographic knowledge in population policy-making in New Zealand.

Dr Farmer is one of the early leaders and practitioners in the history of the New Zealand Demographic Society and in the teaching and research into population processes at Waikato University. She had a strong interest in promoting high quality population education and ensuring that local issues were understood in a world context. Her extensive contribution to population studies and human geography in New Zealand has been summarised in a 1999 article in the *New Zealand Geographer* written by Emeritus Professor Richard Bedford. The following summary points are drawn from this article.

Dr Farmer gained her PhD from the University of Tasmania for a thesis on *The Geography of Migration in Tasmania*. She took up a position as a lecturer in the Department of Geography at the University of Waikato early in 1970 and then spent 30 years teaching at the university before taking up the position of Co-ordinator/Director of the Bromley Refugee Network in the United Kingdom in January 2000.

During her time at the University of Waikato she advocated a broadly based population studies curriculum and in 1973 initiated and wrote a proposal to establish a Demography Centre at the university. This eventually led to the establishment of the Population Studies Centre. She then became an active participant in the Centre's teaching, research and conference related activities. She was elected a foundation Council member of the New Zealand Demographic Society and was heavily involved from the outset in the Society's deliberations about population policy issues. Dr Farmer became the Society's third President in 1978.

Professor Bedford's article shows that Dr Farmer's prominence in the field of population research is most obvious in the field of International migration. She developed an undergraduate and graduate programme in migration studies at the University of Waikato. It was 'the first department to teach migration in a comprehensive way'. Ruth Farmer furthered her interest in population policy issues through the New Zealand Planning Council's Population Monitoring Group and in many other activities in New Zealand and in international collaborations. Dr Farmer's research was at the forefront of New Zealand academic research on refugees and refugee settlement in the 1980s.

The following excerpt from Professor Bedford's 1999 article 'End of an era? Population geography in New Zealand at the turn of the century' provides more detail on Dr. Farmer's work (see *New Zealand Geographer*, 1999 vol 55 (2), 8-24).

Please note:

Two corrections have been made in the excerpt from Professor Bedford's article.

- 1] 1st paragraph, line 6 – delete 1950s and insert 1940s
- 2] 5th paragraph, 3rd line from end – delete 1980 and insert 1978

Dr. R.S. J. (Ruth) Farmer came to a lectureship in the Department of Geography at the University of Waikato early in 1970 from the University of Tasmania where she completed a PhD on "The Geography of Migration in Tasmania, 1921-1961" (Farmer, 1969). Almost 30 years later to the day she will leave the University of Waikato to take up the position of coordinator of the Bromley Refugee Network in the United Kingdom. In the classic tradition of return migration, she will be going back to work in a place close to where her family lived before migrating to Australia in the late 1940s. Farmer has experienced personally many of the challenges of the process which was to excite her research and teaching interests throughout her academic career: population movement.

During her 30 years of teaching at the University of Waikato, Farmer has developed a distinctive undergraduate and graduate programme in migration studies. The courses have long been and remain the only courses dedicated to the study of this demographic process anywhere in New Zealand. No geography department in New Zealand has ever given such priority to teaching on mobility processes. In this regard, Farmer began a tradition that the Department of Geography at the University of Waikato has traded on for some time: being different from other departments in the country. It was the first department to teach migration studies in a comprehensive way, just as it became the first department in New Zealand to have feminist and

Maori geography streams in its undergraduate and graduate programmes (Porteous and Bedford, 1993).

It is important to acknowledge at the outset of this brief review of Ruth Farmer's contribution to New Zealand's population geography that her research and teaching interests extended well beyond migration. Her advocacy of a broadly-based population studies curriculum at the University of Waikato laid the foundations for what was to lead eventually to the establishment of the country's only Population Studies Centre. During the 1970s Farmer led an active Committee on Demography and she developed the initial proposals for a Population Studies Centre (Farmer, 1976a, 1978).

This was reinforced following the appointment of Ian Pool (one of the Auckland population geography cohort of the late 1950s) as Professor of Sociology in the late 1970s (Bedford, 1990). In the early 1990s Pool was formally appointed New Zealand's first Professor of Demography and Director of a stand-alone Population Studies Centre. Farmer has been an active participant in the teaching, research and conference-related activities associated with the Population Studies Centre through the various phases of its development.

Farmer's initial publications were on Tasmania's population (1965, 1967). Her thesis research on internal migration in Tasmania was reported at a number of conferences in Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom in the early 1970s (Farmer, 1972, 1973 and 1974). She also reported on her thesis research in a substantive chapter in a book on mobility and community change in Australia – a book whose editors included two New Zealand population geographers based in Australia (Ian Burnley and Don Rowland) (Farmer, 1980a).

In the early 1970s she became a foundation member of the New Zealand Demographic Society, and was a regular participant in the Society's conferences and workshops (Farmer 1975a, 1975b, 1976a, 1980c). The New Zealand Demographic Society had an interesting genesis. The initial impetus for a society focusing on population issues came from demographers and statisticians in the Department of Statistics (now Statistics New Zealand). The debates about population policy, which resurfaced in New Zealand in the early 1970s in the lead up to the World Population Conference in 1974, generated considerable discussion amongst the small community of population specialists in both government and academia. Ruth Farmer was heavily involved from the outset in the Society's deliberations about population policy issues (Farmer 1976b, 1976c, 1976d). In 1978 she became President of the New Zealand Demographic Society and her Presidential Address to the Society, on the occasion of its sixth conference, was entitled "Planning for population in New Zealand" (Farmer, 1980c).

During the 1980s she furthered her interest in population policy issues as a member of the New Zealand Planning Council's Population Monitoring Group (PMG). Farmer's expertise in the field of international migration was, by now, well known locally. She was a contributor to a number of the monitoring reports produced by the PMG before the Planning Council was disbanded by the National Government in 1991 (Population Monitoring Group 1985a, 1985b, 1986, 1989). Farmer was also prominent in the Royal Society of New Zealand's National Committee for Geography – the national contact-point for the International Geographical Union. In 1988, when the IGU held its four yearly Congress in Sydney, Farmer was Chairperson of the New Zealand National Commission and she oversaw the collaboration with the Australian National Commission over the organisation of this major international conference.

Farmer used the occasion of the IGU Congress in Sydney to present papers in Australia on Southeast Asian refugee resettlement issues in New Zealand (Farmer, 1988b and 1988c). She had earlier presented papers on refugee resettlement issues at the New Zealand Demographic Society's conferences in 1985 and 1987 (Farmer 1985a and 1987), as well as at the Refugee and Migrant's Ministry Network Meeting in Harare, Zimbabwe, organised by the Anglican Consultative Council (Farmer, 1988a). Farmer's research was at the forefront of academic work on refugees in the 1980s, and she was a prominent participant in several major international conferences featuring refugee movements and policies. Unfortunately only three substantive papers have been published on this aspect of her migration research to date (Farmer, 1985a and 1988d; Farmer and Hafeez, 1989).

Through the 1980s and early 1990s Farmer was an active participant in international conferences organised by the IGU, the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP), the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and the Committee for International Cooperation in National Research in Demography (CICRED). Her contributions featured international migration policy issues including refugee settlement (Farmer, 1980b, 1985a; Bedford, Trlin and Farmer, 1987), migration and the labour market (Farmer, 1982, 1986a), migration flows (Farmer, 1986b) and, more recently, the economic roles of female migrants (Farmer, 1993). These conferences reinforced the importance of both international as well as interdisciplinary perspectives on population issues, and Farmer pushed very strongly for both in her teaching and her research in New Zealand. The parochialism of many of the debates about population issues in New Zealand was a matter of on-going concern to Farmer. In her view, there was nothing particularly novel about the New Zealand situation, or about the perspective that a geographer brought to the study of migration.

She worked with demographers, sociologists and psychologists (Pool et al., 1982; Ho and Farmer, 1994). Students and fellow researchers alike were given every encouragement by her to explore the literature to obtain more informed perspectives on the key population issues of the day.

Ruth Farmer's prominence in the field of population research is most obvious in the field of international migration. Her reputation in this field in New Zealand and overseas was cemented in a series of international conference presentations and chapters in books published in the late 1970s and early 1980s. In 1979 Warwick Neville and James O'Neill (1979a) published the first interdisciplinary collection of essays on New Zealand's population. Farmer (1979) contributed the chapter on international migration. Seven years later, in what is arguably the most substantive collection of essays on New Zealand's population published this century, Farmer (1985b) again dealt with international migration in a paper which has become a classic in the New Zealand migration literature. It remains the best survey by a population geographer of developments in New Zealand's international migration system and immigration policies through to the major changes in immigration policy and flows from 1986. Farmer (1996 and 1997) subsequently reviewed the more recent developments in two articles published in *People and Place*, a migration journal produced by the Centre for Population and Urban Research at Monash University.

In 1979 Farmer was heavily involved in organising a major research symposium on trans-Tasman migration at the University of Waikato's Population Studies Centre (Pool, 1980). Farmer and one of her graduate students produced a detailed statistical assessment of migration between New Zealand and Australia from a New Zealand perspective for this symposium (Farmer and Andrew, 1980). Thirteen years later she revisited trans-Tasman migration as part of a major collaborative study involving geographers and demographers in New Zealand and Australia (Farmer and Buetow, 1993; Carmichael, Buetow, and Farmer 1993). Gordon Carmichael (1993), a New Zealand geographer working at the ANU, led this project and the resulting book remains the most detailed assessment of trans-Tasman migration ever produced in either country.

Ruth Farmer's legacy as a migration specialist extends well beyond the publications, conference presentations and teaching programmes that are dimensions of her university career. Through the 1980s and early 1990s she was a consultant to the New Zealand Inter-Church Commission on Refugee Resettlement (now the Refugee and Migrants Service) and the Hamilton Council of Churches Refugee Committee (now the Waikato Refugee Resettlement Society). She wrote a major submission, on behalf of the Inter-Church Commission on Immigration and Refugee Resettlement, on the Immigration Bill in 1986 – a Bill which, when enacted in 1987, provided the legal basis for some significant changes in policy relating to immigration, refugee resettlement and asylum seekers (Farmer, 1986c).

In addition to her work with committees dealing with refugee-related issues, Farmer has been actively involved in assisting refugee families to settle in Hamilton. In April 1999, when the New Zealand Government announced it would take in some hundreds of Kosovo refugees as part of an international relief effort, it was Ruth Farmer who was asked by the New Zealand Immigration Service to assist with setting up appropriate administrative procedures. Her academic teaching and research interest in refugees and asylum seekers is backed up with years of practical work at national, regional and local levels. It is hardly surprising that a charitable organisation that provides advice and service to refugees and asylum seekers in the London Borough of Bromley found Dr Ruth Farmer to be an excellent applicant for the position of coordinator of the Bromley Refugee Network.

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Appendix 4: Life Membership Nomination for Dr. Janet Sceats

The Population Association of New Zealand is delighted to award Dr Janet Sceats with a lifetime membership in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the discipline of demography in New Zealand. Dr Sceats pioneered several important areas of research in medical demography and family formation in New Zealand. Her PhD dissertation on induced abortion in New Zealand remains a seminal study of abortion in a low fertility country, and her wide-ranging career in academia, the health sector, and private consultancy reflects a lifelong passion for undertaking research at the intersection of demography and health policy.

Dr Sceats graduated from Victoria University College with a BA in languages in 1962. Three years later she moved to Ghana with her husband Ian Pool, also a demographer. Dr Sceats worked on various demographic surveys funded by the Population Council in New York, and obtained funding from the Pathfinder Fund, a global NGO, to design an integrated rural health and family planning project. As an associate in the Female Studies programme at Cornell University in the United States, she obtained additional funding to extend her work in West Africa through a project examining the changing roles of women in Ghana, Burkina Faso and Niger. This work was subsequently published in the Canadian Journal of African Studies. Dr Sceats also worked as a Lecturer in the Department of Preventive Medicine at the University of Ottawa.

In 1976, she returned to study and obtained a Masters in Medical Demography (with Distinction) from the University of London, under the supervision of Professor William Brass in the School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. A former President of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, Professor Brass was one of the Britain's most distinguished population scientists, and was well-known internationally for his work estimating fertility and mortality in developing countries lacking robust vitals data. Dr Sceats's Masters thesis ("Family - Building in a Canadian City: An Analysis of the timing and Spacing of Pregnancies") was one of the first studies to examine birth intervals using survey data (versus vitals data), and was published as a paper in Population Studies; a rare achievement for a Masters thesis. Dr Sceats also completed her PhD at the University of London under the supervision of Professor Brass. Many of his PhD students from that time, including Dr Sceats, went on to become senior demographers and policy figures in their respective national contexts.

From the late 1970s until her retirement in 2009, Dr Sceats occupied senior advisory, research and management roles in the health sector. Her long list of roles included positions with the Canada Department of National Health and Welfare (1970s), the New Zealand Department of Health (1970s), the Waikato Area Health Board (1980s), the Midland Health Funding Authority (1990s), and Pinnacle Primary Health Network (2000s). With her strong demographic training, health policy knowledge, and applied research experience, Dr Sceats developed a reputation for producing meticulous health and demographic research that was accessible and relevant to policy-makers. While working for Pinnacle Group Limited (now Midlands Health Network), she led the Primary Health Intelligence Unit that was tasked with reporting, monitoring and evaluating health services and programmes, as well as advising on a range of issues around population health and demography. After establishing her own consultancy in the late 1990s, Dr Sceats continued to provide expert advice and research to clients including the Ministry of Health, Health Waikato Ltd, local government and iwi authorities.

In addition to her work in medical demography, Dr Sceats has had a long interest in family formation. She was one of the first demographers to examine, in detail, family dynamics in New Zealand including induced abortion, and changes in birth timing and spacing. Dr Sceats published the first comprehensive monograph on abortion in New Zealand in the 1990s for the Abortion Supervisory Committee. She wrote or co-authored numerous journal articles and research reports for institutions including the New Zealand Planning Council, the Ministry of Social Development and the Families Commission. Her co-authored book (with Ian Pool and Arunachalam Dharmalingham) *The New Zealand Family from 1840: A Demographic History* remains the most comprehensive study of family in New Zealand.

Beyond the workplace, Dr Sceats made a broader contribution to demography through service and mentoring. During her term as PANZ President (1990-1992), Dr Sceats was instrumental in 'modernising' the association, not only effecting a name change from the New Zealand Demographic Society to its current moniker, but also instigating the association's flagship journal, the New Zealand Population Review. In several of her roles she was able to train and mentor a cadre of aspiring women demographers and health policy analysts, several of whom are now senior demographers in their own right. The following quotes speak volumes about the lasting impacts that Dr Sceats has had:

"...to have as a boss and mentor, a woman demographer whose work I admired, provided an outstanding role model for someone in their early career"

"Her advice about connecting demographic 'moments' to my audience is still the touchstone of many of my talks to community groups about population change".

"Her work to develop population-based evidence to inform health planning, and particularly the

identification of health gain opportunities, continue to influence my own contributions to policy and advocacy”.

“One particular skill that was greatly admired was that she could summarise the effects of years of wider health sector reform and its effect on primary care succinctly in ways that a variety of audiences could easily understand”.

“Looking back I can see how she was ahead of her time – evidence-based planning is only now getting currency with the NSW state government, while we were pushing the agenda in NZ two decades ago”.

“Janet’s vision was to bring together researchers from a range of disciplines to form a team that could provide multiple perspectives on an issue. Working with people who saw the world through different prisms taught me to see an issue from many angles. However she always stressed that people always came first, so demography was at the core of any work that we did”.

“I greatly admire Janet for forging a very successful career as a medical demographer in a sector that was male-dominated and skeptical of researchers who were not medically trained. She was a role model for her staff, both as a researcher and a manager - showing us that as demographers could make a difference to the lives of New Zealanders”.

In 1993, Dr Sceats was also awarded a New Zealand Suffrage Medal in recognition of her services to health and statistics. As the recipient of a PANZ lifetime member award, she joins a small and very deserving group of population scientists who have made their mark on population research in New Zealand and, in so doing, have helped to shape our collective understanding of ourselves as a society.