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Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa Greetings to you all

Welcome to 2024, which is the 50th anniversary of the Population Association of New Zealand. We are planning some events to commemorate this occasion and to celebrate the contribution that PANZ has made over the years to promoting population and social research. This will be one of the main focuses of the council in 2024, although we will also be doing a review of the constitution as required by the new Incorporated Societies Act. It is also a chance to refresh our vision for PANZ and we welcome feedback from members at any time.

Looking back, it has been an interesting few years with COVID upending the world and an increasing consciousness of the potential effects of climate change. Throughout these challenges there has been some interesting and innovative work being done to explore the effects of the disruption on the lives of people.

In 2023, we were delighted to host the successful NZ Population Conference in Auckland. It was such a relief to have a conference in person and to welcome overseas visitors after the period of closed borders over COVID. The photo above is of most of the conference participants. Thanks very much to everyone who attended and to the conference sponsors.

Nga mihi nui,

Rosemary, 2023/24 President

Council news

Maybe you would like to join the council next year!

PANZ council membership is a fantastic way to contribute to the ongoing promotion and study of NZ demography and population, and to strengthen your networks.

We meet every six weeks online and aim to meet once a year in person for a planning hui.

Membership involves maintaining the affairs of the association, conference organisation, website updates, supporting the journal and general sharing of ideas and information.

Please let us know if you are keen to get involved next year.

Council members must be paid up members of the association. Membership is voluntary.

Introducing the PANZ Council 2023/24

President: Dr Rosemary Goodyear
Stats NZ / Tatauranga Aotearoa

Vice President: Prof Michael Cameron
University of Waikato / Te Whare Wananga o Waikato

Secretary: Shefali Pawar
University of Waikato / Te Whare Wananga o Waikato

Treasurer: Moana Rarere
University of Waikato / Te Whare Wananga o Waikato

Alison Reid
Auckland Council / Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau

Anna Howe
Stats NZ / Tatauranga Aotearoa

Dr Arvind Zodgekar
Victoria University of Wellington/ Te Herenga Waka (now retired)

Mike Berry
Stats NZ / Tatauranga Aotearoa

Rajas Kulkarni
Te Puni Kōkiri

Find out more [here](#).

On occasion, PANZ awards life membership to individuals who are highly regarded experts in their field, and who have made a significant contribution to the social science of demography, as well as to national understanding of population related issues.

Life members

We are delighted to award three life memberships in recent years – Dr Robert Didham, Professor Tahu Kukutai (Ngāti Tipā, Ngāti Mahanga, Ngāti Kinohaku, Ngāti Ngawaero, Te Aupōuri) and Emeritus Professor Jacques Poot. All three are long-term and valued members of PANZ and are internationally recognised experts in their field.

PANZ has 11 Life Members, read up on them [here](#).

Changes to the constitution

Due to changes to the Incorporated Societies Act, the association's constitution needs to be refreshed. The council will work on this as a matter of priority and will bring the refreshed constitution for endorsement to the next Annual General Meeting (date to be confirmed).

2023 PANZ Conference (NZPopCon 2023)

The conference theme was *Population Futures in an Uncertain World: The changing faces of Aotearoa New Zealand*

Click on these links below to access

[The full programme](#)

[All presentations](#)

The 2023 PANZ conference was held at the University of Auckland / Waipapa Taumata Rau in late August 2023. It was a well-attended and lively event, with a jam-packed programme of presentations, panels and posters.

Keynote speakers included Ganesh Nana, former Productivity Commissioner Associate Professor Collin Tukuitonga, Pacific Dean of Auckland University's Medical School, Associate Professor Sarah-Jane Paine (Ngāi Tūhoe) Research Director of Growing Up in New Zealand, and Associate Professor Celia McMichael, human geography specialist in climate change impact on the Pacific.

The conference featured a special panel on Indigenous Data Sovereignty with Kirikowhai Mikaere (Te Arawa – Tūhourangi, Ngāti Whakaeu), Associate Professor Donna Cormack (Kai Tahu, Kāti Mamoe) and Sam Manuela, Pacific Data Sovereignty Committee member. Chaired by Prof Tahu Kukutai.

Thanks again to all who were involved including the conference sponsors [Stats NZ](#), [Te Ngira Institute for Population Research](#), Centre for Research Evaluation and Social Impact ([CRESA](#)), [Dot Loves Data](#) and [Infometrics](#).

In memory of the late Emeritus Professor Ian Pool, CNZM FRSNZ, we brought together a special panel including PANZ Life members and invited them to reflect on critical issues for population in Aotearoa.

Many thanks to Len Cook, Elana Curtis, Jacques Poot, Susan St. John and Robert Didham (pictured right) for participating, and to Tahu Kukutai for chairing. You can find their presentations [here](#).



It is tradition at the PANZ conferences to present awards to emerging talent.

The winner of the **Stats NZ Jacoby Prize** for best student research paper was Heather McLeod for her paper 'Linking People and Climate: The Extreme Events Climate Index for Aotearoa for Stats NZ geographies and iwi rohe'. Already a seasoned academic, Heather recently completed her Masters in Climate Change Science and Policy at Victoria University of Wellington.

Heather's paper will be published in the forthcoming NZPR Vol 49.

The winner of the **PANZ Newell Award** for best student poster was Tori Diamond for her poster 'Measuring Indigenous outcomes and inequality – Is a different approach to age-standardisation needed?'

Tori is a PhD student at the University of Auckland and was a summer student at [iNZight Analytics](#). Her poster was submitted alongside Andrew Sporle.



Photos from the 2023 conference

We have included a few photos from the event below.

Please contact PANZ Council if you wish to access more images.



Technical seminars to get ready for the release of 2023 Census data

Data users are invited to attend a technical seminar to prepare for the release of 2023 Census data from the end of May 2024.

The seminars will support customers with an interest in how the data is produced and what to expect from 2023 Census data releases. Topics will include

- products and services and the release schedule
- new and changed data outputs
- data quality framework
- combined census methodology (including administrative data sources)
- where to find metadata (information about 2023 Census data and methods).

2023 Census data

Seminars will be held in May 2024. In-person seminar locations include Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin, and we are also planning online sessions on 3 and 16 May.

For more information and to register for a session, click [here](#) to access the 2023 Census technical seminars registration form.

Update on the 2023 Post-enumeration Survey

The 2023 Post-enumeration Survey (PES) is a household survey of about 16,500 households, undertaken shortly after the census to evaluate the completeness of census coverage. The PES provides the official coverage and response rates for the 2023 Census. It is a critical input for producing accurate population estimates and projections after the census.

Following a successful field operation carried out in 2023, the focus is now on processing the collected survey data – this includes linking of PES records to census and administrative data to determine who was missed by the census, and who was counted more than once or counted in error.

Last year we published a number of methods papers and privacy impact assessments. These publications include survey design documents and information on the data-linking processes and tools developed for use in the 2023 PES.

The first release of PES results is expected in late 2024.

For more information about the survey, including links to the above documents and the results once they become available, click [here](#).

Post-enumeration survey

News from Te Ngira Institute for Population Research

A message from Professor Lisette Burrows, Director



Kia ora koutou

I am just getting my toes under the table as the incoming director for Te Ngira Institute for Population Research and loving it. I have taught and researched in Health and Physical Education for many years at The School of Physical Education, Te Whare Wānanga o Ōtākou and for the past six years have been working at Te Huataki Waiora, Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato in the community health field. While neither of these may seem an obvious fit for an Institute focused on population research, I'm finding there is much we share in terms of vision and approach.

One of the many appeals of Te Ngira is the diversity of disciplinary understandings drawn on in the Institute's research. Another is the obvious impact this research has in policy and community domains. And of course, a key feature of Te Ngira is the people.

I am really looking forward to meeting PANZ people and growing my understanding of this forum, which from the outside seems like a vibrant and generous community who do much to grow our grasp of the implications of population change here and elsewhere.

In terms of Te Ngira news, in the past couple of weeks, Shefali Pawar has presented on NZ demographic trends to the 2024 New Zealand Economics Forum (see below), Polly Atatoa-Carr headed to London to contribute to an international policy workshop on child health, Tahu Kukutai contributed to an Indigenous data symposium in Washington and Nikki Barrett will be joining us on an Erihapeti Rehu-Murchie Fellowship to work on 'Tino rangatiratanga through Kaupapa Māori pregnancy and parenting solutions'.

I would relish hearing from members of the PANZ community and will hopefully meet many of you at the next conference if not before!

Ngā mihi, Lisette

The University of Waikato Management School hosted the [2024 NZ Economics Forum](#) on 15 and 16 February. The Forum was themed 'A Briefing to the Incoming Government', and attracted attendees from business, policy, academia, and the non-profit sector. A number of students were also able to attend the event.

2024 NZ Economics Forum

Watch the recordings

The first day included a panel discussion titled '*Demographics are destiny; who are we going to be in 2050?*'. PANZ Secretary Shefali Pawar was on the panel alongside Distinguished Professor Emeritus Paul Spoonley and Sarah Baddeley (MartinJenkins). On the second day, PANZ Vice-President Professor Michael Cameron was on a panel discussing social investment. You can watch recordings of both days [here](#).

Paul Spoonley publicly commented on why NZ's demography is becoming a 'huge fiscal challenge' prior to the event. Watch and read [here](#).

Other news

New Zealand saw its **lowest annual natural increase in population in 80 years** during 2023, and the lowest number of live births in 20 year, according to Stats NZ data.

This was widely covered in the media and PANZ members were called on by media to comment.

Assoc Prof Bryndl Hohmann-Marriot commented on the implications on TVNZ 1 News.

Tahu Kukutai discussed the fertility 'double whammy' of declining fertility and population ageing, the differences between Māori and Pakeha, what this means for Aotearoa NZ and why this is not really 'news' with Jenny-May Clarkson on TVNZ Breakfast.

Upcoming conferences

Both in Australia ...

- 2024 Australian Population Assn Conference: Adelaide, 20-21 Nov 2024. Details to come. <https://www.apa.org.au/content/events>
- International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) 2025 International Population Conference: Brisbane, 13-18 July 2025. Call for papers will be out soon. People can register their interest through the website [The 30th International Population Conference IPC 2025 \(iussp.org\)](https://www.iussp.org)

Articles of interest published by PANZ members

Rarere, M., Jarallah, Y., and Kukutai, T. (2023). Indigenous fertility in Aotearoa New Zealand: How does ethnic identity affect birth spacing and timing? *Journal of Population Research*, 40, Article 25. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12546-023-09321-y>

New Zealand Population Review (NZPR)

The New Zealand Population Review is a peer-reviewed open access journal of population and demography with a focus on New Zealand and the Pacific region. It has been published since the 1970s and is the official journal of PANZ.

The journal welcomes submissions of empirical research, research notes, reviews of the literature, policy analysis, and theoretical perspectives.

Volume 49 will be released within the next month, and we will be calling for papers for Vol 50 soon.

Thank you for reading!

We aim to publish newsletters three times a year, in order to keep the association engaged and connected. The next PANZ newsletter will be in July 2024. If you have any items you would like to be included in our next newsletter please get in touch with Alison Reid, or any PANZ Council member.

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