

ARANZ President's report August 2016

This year we mark the fortieth anniversary of the Association with the symposium ***ARANZ 40 - my past is my present is my future*** and, fittingly, with a party.

The symposium is an excellent opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the past, to acknowledge the work of the present Council and members and to consider the future of the association.

First of all, hats off to those visionaries who in 1976 established ARANZ primarily to promote *the understanding and importance of records and archives in New Zealand*.

Secondly, hats off to the present Council, branch committees and members for continuing to promote this purpose. For a voluntary organisation such as ours to have thrived for four decades is an achievement worth celebrating.

Summary of activities

2015 Conference: *Footprints in space and time*, held in collaboration with PARBICA, was a great success, strengthening our relationship with the PARBICA members and reinforcing the value of working together in the Pacific region.

The membership database and payment systems were updated.

The website was refreshed.

A revised and colourful ARANZ brochure was produced.

Advocacy in the form of meetings, correspondence and submissions were made concerning:

- *Te Ara* Online encyclopaedia
- Submission to the Chief Archivist on appraisal
- The future of the Community Archive
- Informal communication with the Chief Archivist re CAARA, the ANZ budget and the renaming of ANZ

We acknowledge the outgoing Governor-General, Lieutenant General Sir Jerry Mateparae, for his patronage of ARANZ and have asked that the incoming Governor-General, Dame Patsy Reddy, accept patronage of the association.

It has been a privilege to have served as president for these past few years and to have worked with the dedicated team on the Council. I acknowledge and thank them for their commitment, generosity and tenacity in the execution of their portfolios while juggling busy other lives.

While personal circumstances prevent my attendance at the Annual General Meeting and Symposium, I am with you in spirit.

Theresa Graham, ARANZ President