



ANZEA

Annual Report 2016

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'The voice of evaluation in Aotearoa New Zealand'

Strategic vision

To build ANZEA as the voice of evaluation, promoting evaluative thinking and action in the unique bicultural and multicultural context of Aotearoa New Zealand

Convenor's Report 2016

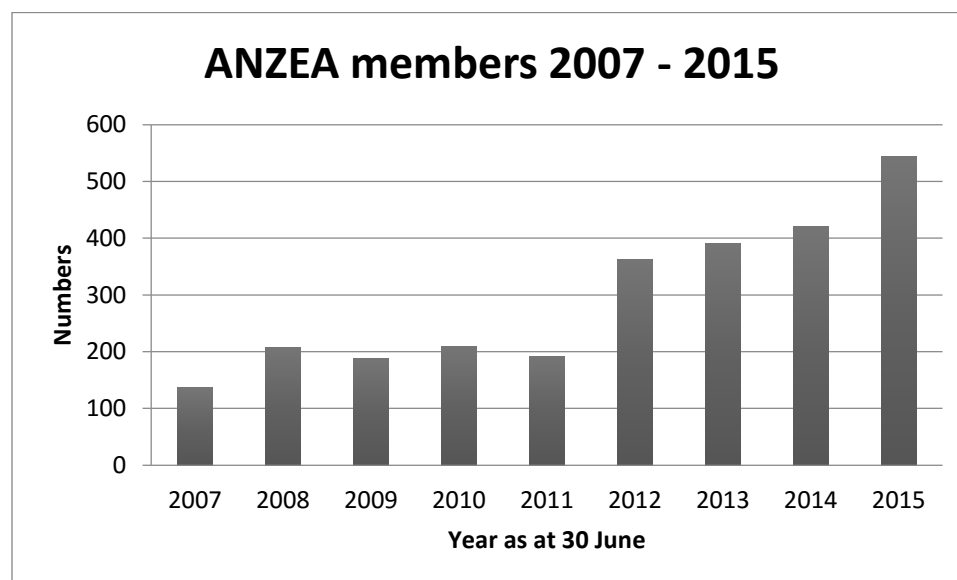
Kate McKegg

Celebrations for the International Year of Evaluation came to an end in December 2015, but as we entered our 10th year, our focus on developing and supporting the use of appropriate ethical and professional standards for evaluation; development of evaluation theory, methods and practice; and advocacy for the use of evaluative thinking and practice has not diminished.

With the combined energies, talents and support of our board, individual and corporate members, our manager, our taumata, our branch convenors and committee members as well as the many others who support the association's work, we have managed the organisation through considerable change, transitioning and redeveloping most of our management processes and systems – at the same time serving our members through the development of principle based standards, an Aotearoa New Zealand evaluation journal, local events, as well as a major annual conference. The broad support we receive is vital to the sustainability of the organisation and I wish to acknowledge everyone who has contributed to ANZEA in the past year, as well as over the past 10 years. Thank you all.

Our membership continues to grow, and as the graph below demonstrates, in our 10th year, we have crossed the 500 mark - an important milestone for the association. With a new board in place for the next three years, there is a strong platform to build upon. Constitutional changes have meant that the leadership of the organisation is now more distributed and in our view more sustainable. I would like to acknowledge the work of those board members leaving, and give a warm welcome to the newest board members and Co-Convenors, elected in May this year.

ANZEA members 2007 – 2015



In our recent survey of members, our members indicated that they are generally happy with the services ANZEA offers, feel we meet their needs and provide value for money. However, there were also plenty of suggestions for how the organisation can focus effort and improve over the coming year. There was a particularly strong call for more professional development opportunities, capacity building as well as more support for branch activity.

The conference has been a feature of ANZEA's annual offerings to members, a pinnacle professional learning event that many of our members value. Last year's conference in Auckland received very positive feedback and we hope this year's conference will be no different. However the voluntary work and commitment of conference committees and convenors to run our conferences is substantial. And the management costs and commitment required to deliver a high quality conference experience continue to rise. The combination of member feedback and conference committee and management feedback has lead to a decision by the board to hold the next conference in 2018. Over the next 18 months, a programme of high quality, fee paying professional development will be rolled out in consultation with branches, combined with our more usual free and low cost opportunities. Our primary purpose in taking this approach is to more intentionally support the development of the evaluation skills and capacity of our members, across the country. The programme of professional development will be aligned to our competencies and principle based standards, as well as the expressed needs of members and branches. We are also hopeful that a co-ordinated approach to professional learning opportunities will help provide support to branches who sometimes struggle to maintain their momentum. We are mindful of the need to maintain the organisation's financial stability, and are confident that the professional development programme will generate the surpluses we need.

A focus on our achievements

Strategic goal	To be a viable, sustainable and responsive association
Priorities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Broaden and maintain ANZEA membership and representation</i> <i>Continue to increase ANZEA revenues to grow the organization</i> <i>Continue to raise the profile of the organization</i> <i>Continue to build strong and inclusive governance</i> <i>To be responsive, adaptive and meet the needs of members – nationally and regionally</i>
Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over the past year, there has been ongoing work to redevelop ANZEA's membership tracking, monitoring and renewal systems Our financial systems are now more integrated and streamlined, to improve tracking and reporting. We are very pleased to have sustained a solid financial position through a considerable transition period.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our corporate membership approach has attracted new corporates. • Our election was successful –with three new board members and Co-Convenors Lou Were and Sarah Appleton-Dyer elected by members. • A survey of members provided the board with plenty of feedback from which a new strategic direction can be developed • The ANZEA website continues to be developed and improved. • We have developing relationships with Evalpartners through our involvement in key international working groups.
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Strategic goal	To be a professional body focused on supporting the needs and aspirations of the evaluation community
Priorities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Promote evaluative thinking through ANZEA activities and initiatives</i> 2. <i>Provision of high quality, relevant services</i> 3. <i>Engage members in ANZEA's kaupapa</i> 4. <i>Build and strengthen the evaluation community</i>
Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Auckland conference received very positive feedback. It was a lively, engaging and exciting event. We look forward to this year's Wellington event being a great success. • Over the past year, a wide range of regional activities have been held, although we acknowledge that more support for branch activity will be needed going forward to keeping the momentum going. The board has made branch support a priority for the coming term. • Our new newsletter format appears to be valued by members with the vast majority indicating that it is important to them and most are very happy with the current format and content. • Our website is one of our main mediums for communication, and so considerable effort continues to go into ensuring it is engaging, is simple to navigate, and that there is regular, new content available.

Strategic goal	To contribute to the creation of an ethical, safe and competent evaluative environment
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Priorities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Promote open dialogue / discussion and understanding about evaluation, theory and practice</i> <i>Support professional, competent, credible and ethical evaluation</i>
Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the past year, ANZEA has continued to support the development of Māori and Pacific evaluation aspirations and capacity, most notably with support for the development of Mā Te Rae-Māori Evaluation Association. Over the coming year, we also hope to give effect to the Te Tiriti o Waitangi through a working partnership with Mā Te Rae – Māori Evaluation Association. Our commitment for Pacific evaluation continues through our support of the Fono's strategic plan. A peer reviewed journal for evaluation in Aotearoa was launched at the Auckland conference, with a second issue due out in July 2016. This is a huge milestone for evaluation in Aotearoa that the board will continue to support. We would like to acknowledge the work of the journal's editor, Fiona Cram, and editorial board, as well as NZCER's support for publication and dissemination of evaluation theory and practice. ANZEA and the Social Policy Research and Evaluation Unit (Superu) partnered to lead the development of principle based evaluation standards for Aotearoa. These were very successfully launched at the Auckland 2015 conference and a workshop that builds on this work will be held at the Wellington 2016 Conference.

Acknowledgements

As this is my last report as Convenor, I want to personally acknowledge and thank every single person who has generously given your time, energy, creativity and support to the association over the past year, indeed over the past 10 years.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the many organisations that make contributions to ANZEA, both financial and in kind. Your support is hugely valued, and we know we wouldn't be here without your ongoing willingness to support our kaupapa.

I would like to acknowledge the commitment of our new Manager Immanuela Pfeifferberger-Haslam. She has made a significant contribution to ensuring our membership systems are reliable and effective and she has also worked tirelessly to ensure the organisation's wider systems are up to date, efficient and serve our purpose and our members.

Treasurer's Report 2016

Debbie Goodwin

Developments and Achievements 2015-2016

Total revenue received in the 2015 – 16 financial year was \$162,672. Total expenses in 2015-16 year were \$163,718, resulting in a small deficit of \$1,046. As at March 2016, ANZEA had accumulated funds of \$78,299.

The following are of particular note to this financial report:

- Conference Sponsorship of \$37,000 was raised for the July 2015 Conference held at Waipuna Conference Centre, Auckland. We are grateful to our sponsors for their contribution and recognise this event would have not been possible without them:
 - ERO \$7,500
 - MSD \$6,300
 - ACC \$5,000
 - Auckland Council \$5,000
 - Pasifika Futures \$5,000
 - NZCER \$3,000
 - Superu \$3,000
 - NZQA \$2,000
 - Wylie and Associates \$100
 - Evaluation Works \$100.
- The increased membership subscriptions in both Corporate and Individual Memberships has been due to the great effort of our Manager to ensure a robust membership process, including follow up and tracking of memberships.

The Journal Evaluation Matters - He Take Tō Te Aromatawai adds an important service for ANZEA members (we are keen for sponsors to support this venture)

- Additional website expenses reflect the website re-development the Board requested including:
 - Moving from an external web provider to managing the website ourselves using Wordpress. This in the long-term should help to manage website costs while enabling ongoing communications and updating through the website (mail-outs, postings, work opportunities) to keep members informed
 - A number of changes to website navigation (in progress)
 - Maintenance and upgrades to newsletter functionality
 - Streamlining a number of processes including subscription renewal and invoicing processes, and membership tracking creating a paperless system

- Set-up of a Consultants Directory (to promote evaluation consultancy in Aotearoa New Zealand and connect people to evaluators)
- Two key funding streams secured include the Working Together More Fund and the Faster Forward Fund, most of which is carried forward into 2016/17 year.
- Also of note: \$15,000 from our BNZ Cash Pie account was moved to the current account for cash-flow purposes.

Our accounts were audited by BDO Chartered Accountants.

Please see financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2016 below.

A new Treasurer will be appointed at the next Board Meeting. It has been a pleasure to be a part of the ANZEA Board for the last 6 years.

Annual Accounts

Statement of Financial Performance

Aotearoa New Zealand Evaluation Association Incorporated (ANZEA)
For the year ended 31 March 2016

'How was it funded?' and 'What did it cost?'

Account	Notes	2016	2015
Revenue			
Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue	1	45334	25022
Fees, subscriptions and other revenue from members	1	28320	16459
Revenue from providing goods or services	1	87659	100222
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	1	163	777
Other revenue	1	1196	4885
Total Revenue		162672	147365
Expenses			
Costs related to providing goods or service	2	53454	40875
Grants and donations made	2	1000	0
Other expenses	2	109265	97124
Total Expenses		163718	137999
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		-1046	9365

Statement of Financial Position

Aotearoa New Zealand Evaluation Association Incorporated (ANZEA)

As at 31 March 2016

'What the entity owns?' and 'What the entity owes?'

Account	Notes	31 Mar 2016	31 Mar 2015
Assets			
Current Assets			
Bank accounts and cash	3	51620	18974
Debtors and prepayments	3	1781	6246
Total Current Assets		53401	25220
Non-Current Assets			
Investments	3	41683	65925
Total Non-Current Assets		41683	65925
Total Assets		95084	91145
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and accrued expenses	4	16785	11800
Total Current Liabilities		16785	11800
Total Liabilities		16785	11800
Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)		78299	79345
Accumulated Funds			
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	5	78299	79345
Total Accumulated Funds		78299	79345

Notes to the Performance Report

Aotearoa New Zealand Evaluation Association Incorporated (ANZEA)

For the year ended 31 March 2016

Account	2016	2015
1. Analysis of Revenue		
Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue		
Conference Sponsorship Income	37000	25500
Donations Received	0	160
Faster Forward Fund Income	984	0
Koha from Hui	0	-638
Working Together More Fund Income	7350	0
Total Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue	45334	25022
Fees, subscriptions and other revenue from members		
Corporate Membership Subscriptions (CMS)	12895	3650
Individual Membership Subscriptions (IMS)	15425	12809
Total Fees, subscriptions and other revenue from members	28320	16459
Revenue from providing goods or services		
Auckland Branch Income	539	526
Christchurch Branch Income	0	17
Conference Dinner Income	5417	0
Conference Pre/Post Workshop Income	11578	0
Conference Registrations Income	59870	99679
Conference Silent Auction Income	1630	0
Consultants Directory Income	1043	0
Pasifika Fono Special Interest Group Income	717	0
Waikato Branch Income	48	0
Wellington Branch Income	6618	0
Work Opportunities Income	198	0
Total Revenue from providing goods or services	87659	100222
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue		
Interest Income	163	777
Total Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	163	777
Other revenue		
Income distribution	1196	1885
Pacific Development Income	0	3000
Total Other revenue	1196	4885

Account	2016	2015
2. Analysis of Expenses		
Costs related to providing goods or services		
ANZEA Subs & Fees	947	914
Auckland Branch Expenses	89	396
Bank Fees	121	97
Board Meeting Expenses	875	2119
Computer/Software Update & Maintenance	0	183
Conference Management - Variable	0	4428
Conference Online Registration Set-up Expenses	0	350
Conference Workshop/Webinar Expenses	0	561
Consultants Directory Expense	13	0
Evaluation Journal	6750	125
Internet Hosting and Maintenance	0	1586
Manager - Development & Training	80	0
Manager - Disbursements	207	0
Manager Fee	24720	26714
Maori Development Portfolio Expense	146	250
Mileage	0	560
Miscellaneous/Contingency	771	0
Pacific Development Portfolio Expense	1334	357
Pasifika Fono Special Interest Group Expense	63	0
Printing & Stationery	290	1041
Professional Practice Development Portfolio	0	388
Telephone & Broadband	479	809
Website Expenses	11928	0
Wellington Branch Expenses	4643	0
Total Costs related to providing goods or services	53454	40875
Grants and donations made		
Donations Made	1000	0
Total Grants and donations made	1000	0
Other expenses		
Accounting Fees	660	0
Audit Fees	1955	1681
Conference - ANZEA Website	2746	0
Conference Catering - Lunch, Teas, Monday Forums	28336	15578
Conference Committee Expenses	536	916
Conference Delegate Folder Costs	729	1736

Conference Dinner Expense	0	5980
Conference Entertainment - Deductible	1200	0
Conference Happy Hour	0	1488
Conference Hui Maori Expenses	0	600
Conference Keynote Accommodation Expenses	3359	3095
Conference Keynote Additional Expenses & Gifts	210	882
Conference Keynote Fees	3870	3000
Conference Keynote Travel Expenses	4157	6573
Conference Management - Disbursements	849	1600
Conference Management - Fixed	22851	13746
Conference Online Registration Fees	1470	1409
Conference Pakeha Forum Expenses	0	750
Conference Pasifika Fono Expenses	0	450
Conference Powhiri Koha	250	87
Conference Printing, Name Tags, & Stationery	816	889
Conference Refunds	4422	1788
Conference Scholarship Expenses	263	1072
Conference Venue - Room Hire	13601	13960
Conference Venue AV Expenses	13390	10053
Conference Workshop Catering Expenses	700	3660
Conference Workshop Presenter Fees	2895	4961
Financial & Legal Advice	0	178
Loss on Sale of Assets	0	995
Total Other expenses	109265	97124

Account	2016	2015
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3. Analysis of Assets

Bank accounts and cash

ANZEA - Auckland Branch	1792	1090
ANZEA - Christchurch Branch	414	414
ANZEA - Conference	19457	592
ANZEA - KB Auckland Branch	0	0
ANZEA - Main	11383	93
ANZEA - Waikato Branch	1795	1795
ANZEA - Wellington Branch	3510	270
ANZEA Funding Account	13269	14719
ANZEA PayPal	0	0
Total Bank accounts and cash	51620	18974

Debtors and prepayments

Accounts Receivable	1470	5990
Withholding tax paid	310	256
Total Debtors and prepayments	1781	6246
Investments		
ANZEA - Term Deposit 1	0	10438
ANZEA BNZ - Cash Pie	41683	55487
Total Investments	41683	65925

Account	2016	2015
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4. Analysis of Liabilities

Creditors and accrued expenses		
Accounts Payable	4960	3065
ANZEA IMS Subs 2014/2015	0	0
GST	-1030	-866
Income in Advance	12856	9601
Rounding	0	0
Total Creditors and accrued expenses	16785	11800

Account	2016	2015
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5. Accumulated Funds

Accumulated Funds		
Opening Balance	79345	69979
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	-1046	9365
Total Accumulated Funds	78299	79345
Total Accumulated Funds	78299	79345

Branch Highlights 2015-2016

ANZEA Auckland Branch Report

The ANZEA Auckland Branch has had a very active past 12 months.

Organisations that supported the branch: We do wish to thank ERO for their continued support in providing a venue for our meetings.

We had considerable turnover in the branch committee in late 2015, with the following people stepping down: Branch Convener Simone Randle, Treasurer Kathryn Nemec, and Secretary Pam Oliver. We welcomed Allan Wylie and Adrian Field onto the committee.

The current Auckland Branch committee is: We now have a small but committed branch committee made up of Lisa Dyson, Allan Wylie, Adrian Field and Steffan Brough. We are operating as an executive committee and sharing roles rather than having specific roles, although Allan is acting as treasurer and Lisa is acting as events coordinator. We welcome members who are interested in volunteering for this committee.

Events run: In 2015, a post-conference presentation that was scheduled in early September was cancelled due to speaker illness.

On 14 November Pam Oliver delivered a half-day skills-based workshop called “Interviewing for deep insights”. We are grateful to Pam for her efforts in running this workshop which offered many insights to its participants and was also a great fundraiser for the Auckland Branch.

2016 has started out strong with three successful events.

- On 3 March: **Under the Pohutakawa Tree, In Conversation with Helen Simons, Professor of Evaluation and Education, University of Southampton, UK.** Helen talked with us about case study evaluation and the ethics of narrative qualitative inquiry in evaluation.
- On 14 April, **Killian Destremau, an Economist at the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research (NZIER)**, explained the New Zealand government’s social investment approach and led a good discussion of this topic.
- On 22 June, **Kelsey Deane and Pat Bullen from University of Auckland sparked a lively discussion on Social Justice and the Evidence-Based Movement** based on the results of a survey they conducted with participants working in the New Zealand education and social service sector.

Approximately 15-20 people attend each event. The recent ANZEA national survey indicated that some members are not able to attend meetings because of the timing. The committee is currently conducting a follow-up survey of its members to determine possible times and topics for meetings.

ANZEA Waikato/Bay of Plenty Branch Report

Membership: ANZEA membership within the Waikato/Bay of Plenty region continues to be strong with the majority of members coming from the public sector, as well as a small cohort of independent evaluators.

Current membership stands at 61. Our branch has corporate members including Education Review Office (ERO), Population Health, Ag Research and Waikato Regional Council.

Organisations that supported the branch: Once again this year, we would like to acknowledge the support we have received from ERO, Population Health Waikato DHB and University of Waikato for supporting our 2015-16 ANZEA events through providing venues for branch meetings and events.

The current Waikato/Bay of Plenty Branch committee is: Dianna Beattie and Michelle MacLachlan took on a shared convenor role for 2015-16 which has worked well with support from other committee members. Other committee members include Debbie Goodwin, Louise Were, and Jacqui Henry.

We continue to have three of our Waikato/Bay of Plenty members on the ANZEA National board: Kate McKegg, Louise Were and Debbie Goodwin.

Events: This year the Waikato/Bay of Plenty ANZEA branch has only run three events, however these events have been valuable and have focussed on sharing practice ideas and learnings, as well as networking opportunities. We do have difficulty with attendance at some events given our region is quite geographically spread from Waikato through to the Bay of Plenty, so travel can be a barrier to attendance. We have however been able to utilise teleconference facilities where these are available to increase attendance and interest to others who may not want to travel the distance. We will continue to explore venues that provide videoconference opportunities to link in other members from afar over the next year.

Early in the year we had Debbie Goodwin and Louise Were provide a presentation to the branch which explored the concept of Cultural Fit and its use in the evaluation context. This presentation was based on their recent journal article which was published in the inaugural ANZEA Journal – Evaluation Matters – He Take To Te Aromatawai. The discussion allowed for participants to increase their understanding of how to utilise a continuum of cultural fit to identify your fit with an evaluation context. A lot of discussion was shared as well around challenges that can arise.

End of June 2015 we had a presentation in which we had three branch members who work for the Research and Evaluation team at the Waikato DHB Public Health Unit, Population Health, present on Capacity and Capability building projects they have been involved in. This presentation was continued at the next event held in August 2015. This was an informative session which provided insight into some of the projects this team have been involved in both internally and externally to their Public Health unit where they are building capacity and capability around evaluation to empower others to value and undertake their own evaluations, such as non-government organisations and Māori / Pacific health providers. Many of the successes and challenges of this work and empowering others were discussed.

In March of this year, we were privileged to have Helen Simmons come to the Waikato region to share some of her work and knowledge around case study evaluation with the Waikato/BOP branch members

and other ANZEA members who could link in via videoconference. Helen is a pioneer of case study in the UK and has conducted many external case study evaluations of programmes and policies for over thirty five years. Helen presented some of her thoughts around issues surrounding case study evaluation, and held a question and answer space where participants were able to ask Helen any questions.

Below is a summary of the events that we ran July 2015-June 2016.

ANZEA Waikato/Bay of Plenty Branch Events July 2015 – June 2016	
Debbie Goodwin and Louise Were July 2015	Developing the Cultural Fit continuum and its use in the evaluation context.
Research and evaluation team Population Health (Michelle MacLachlan, Kerri Huaki and Teresa Binoka) August 2015	Capacity and capability building for “non-evaluators”: presentation around the capacity and capability building projects and key learnings.
Helen Simons Professor of Evaluation and Education, University of Southampton. March 2016	Under the Pohutukawa Tree: an informal dialogue held with Helen to share any questions and issues participants may be pondering in relation to case study evaluation and the ethics of narrative qualitative inquiry in evaluation.

Thank you to the small but dedicated committee, as well as the significant support from Kate McKegg, Louise Were and Debbie Goodwin in facilitating access to a range of presentations and speakers and supporting local committee members.

Going forward:

- We need new members to support at a committee level going forward, including a Branch Convenor.
- Need to continue to look at utilising video-conferencing venues where possible for branch events to ensure those from our wider region in the Bay of Plenty can also have the opportunity to be a part of the sessions without the travel.
- Prioritising a planning session at the start of each year where at least four key events are planned for the year to keep the branch active.

ANZEA Wellington Branch Report

Membership: Corporate membership has built in the Wellington region and membership continues to be strong. The majority of members come from the public sector, with a small but strong cohort of independent evaluators.

Organisations that supported the branch: ERO and MBIE were very supportive during the year. We are particularly grateful to them in their willingness to provide venues for our ANZEA events.

Events: This year the ANZEA Wellington Branch stepped back a little after the very successful symposium in April 2015 that kicked off the International Year of Evaluation. In the second half of 2015 MBIE led a group of government agencies to run a series of International Year of Evaluation activities, as well as a final end of year event. ANZEA Wellington Branch members supported these events.

In 2016 ANZEA Wellington Branch has reached out to the wider community and run two successful events.

ANZEA Wellington Branch Events July 2015 – June 2016	
<p>Dr Derek Gill, Principal Economist at NZIER Session: Wednesday, 2 March</p>	<p>Regulatory reform review and evaluation – do we know how effective our regulation really is?</p> <p>New Zealand, like other OECD countries, has been active in developing a regulatory management system since the early 1990s but the prime focus has been posing ‘big policy’ questions to review the flow of new regulations rather than reviewing how the stock of existing regulations is implemented, enforced, monitored, evaluated and reviewed. Derek’s particular area of concern in this presentation was on the review of existing regulations - whether by monitoring, evaluation or requirements for ad hoc or programmed review.</p> <p>The session focused on what the formal requirements for review of existing central government regulations are and how these requirements compare with the actual practice of reviews by practitioners. It found that the formal requirements for existing regulations are limited and underdeveloped relative to the provisions applying to new regulations. Practice varied markedly.</p> <p>It concluded that the paucity of monitoring, evaluation or programmed review was paradoxical in the face of uncertainty about the effectiveness of regulation.</p>

<p>Kate McKegg, ANZEA Convenor</p> <p>Session: Wednesday, 2 March</p>	<p>Rising demand for evaluation expertise – now where do we find an evaluator?</p> <p>Kate demonstrated there are signs of increasing demand in government for evaluative skills and knowledge. For example, demand for evaluation has been incorporated in the guidance for regulatory policy statements and the expectations that significant policy initiatives will be evaluated are now publicly communicated, as in MSD’s community investment strategy.</p> <p>She questioned where the public sector, our NGO sector and our external evaluation providers might develop and learn their evaluative skills and know how? In this presentation, Kate discussed formal and informal efforts that have been made over a number of years to address the need identified over a decade ago to build an explicitly NZ body of knowledge about evaluation. She also discussed the many ways the NZ evaluation community of practice have shared this knowledge both about evaluation as well as how to do it. She asked whether the current signs of demand for evaluation and evaluative skills are sufficient to support a more systemic approach to building the field of evaluation in New Zealand.</p>
<p>Peter Ellis</p> <p>Manager Sector Trends at the Ministry of Business and Innovation</p> <p>His team is on the cutting edge of modern data analysis, management and visualisation.</p> <p>Session: Wednesday 18 May 2016</p>	<p>Big Data – what it might mean for evaluation?</p> <p>Big data is a big buzzword that has graduated from the “hype cycle” and has been put into implementation everywhere from search engines to driverless cars. But what might it mean for evaluation practice, where scarcity of data has more often been the rule than the exception?</p> <p>Peters presentation explored how big data can be defined, how it relates to more traditional data collection, analysis and inference, and how it might change the way we think about evaluation.</p>

General comments: The Wellington branch committee remains strong, although this year there has been a shift in focus for many of the committee members to support the work of hosting the ANZEA national conference in Wellington.

The current Wellington Branch committee is: Judy Oakden (Convenor), Shaun Akroyd (Secretary), Rae Torrie, (Treasurer), Matilde Tayawa, April Bennett, Anne Dowden, David Stuart, Andre van der Walt, Shelly Rao, and Vyletta Arago-Kemp.

The election of the new ANZEA board continues good Wellington representation at governance level with Paula White, Shaun Akroyd, Rae Torrie and Matilde Tayawa to facilitate the two-way flow of information.

New branch and committee members are always welcome, so if you would like to become involved, please get in touch with us at wellington.anzea@gmail.com

ANZEA Christchurch Branch Report

The Upper South Island branch committee has met on two occasions in the past 12 months in both April and July 2015. The decision in April 2015 was for our branch to have two half day meetings per year.

The intention was to have one session for all evaluators in Canterbury to meet, network and share their work / learnings and contemporary thinking. The second session which was originally planned for November 2015 was to be a focused half day with a focus on families and vulnerable children and look at how we frame results in a palatable way to inform policy. This workshop did not get off the ground due to on-going work and life commitments of the committee.

There is now more energy in 2016 to catch up on a year that was in hiatus. The planned workshop for November 2015 with a focus on families and vulnerable children will happen in November 2016.

July 25, 2016 will see the jointly organised ANZEA/Rata Foundation (formerly Canterbury Community Trust) session on 'Building a Measurement Framework to Demonstrate the difference you are making: An Introduction for NFP organisations'. A workshop facilitated by David Pritchard. Many thanks to ANZEA national office for stepping into the breach.

ANZEA Board 2014-2016	ANZEA Board 2016-2019
<p>Adrian Field David Stuart Debbie Goodwin (Treasurer) Kate McKegg (Convenor) Louise Were (Deputy Convenor) Matilde Tayawa-Figuracion Nan Wehipeihana Paula White Rachel Trotman Sarah Appleton-Dyer (Secretary) Seini Jensen Steve Tracey Violet Tu'uga-Stevenson</p>	<p>Adrian Field Kate McKegg Kathleen (Ata) Samu Louise Were (Co-Convenor) Matilde Tayawa-Figuracion Paula White Rachael Trotman Rae Torrie Sara Appleton-Dyer (Co-Convenor) Seini Jensen Shaun Akroyd Steve Tracey</p>

ANZEA Branch Committees 2015-2016

Auckland Branch	Wellington Branch
<p>Adrian Field Allan Wyllie (Treasurer) Lisa Dyson (Events Coordinator) Steffan Brough (ERO liaison)</p> <p>Waikato/Bay of Plenty Branch</p> <p>Debbie Goodwin Diana Beattie (Branch Co-Convenor) Jacqui Henry Louise Were Michelle MacLachlan (Branch Co-Convenor)</p>	<p>Andre van der Watt Anne Dowden April Bennett David Stuart Judy Oakden (Branch Convenor) Matilde Tayawa Rae Torrie (Treasurer) Shaun Akroyd (Secretary) Shelly Rao Vyletta Arago-Kemp</p> <p>Christchurch Branch</p> <p>Libby Gawith (Branch Convenor) Sue Carswell (Secretary)</p>

ANZEA Conference Committees 2015-2016

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