

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**OF THE**

**TEACHERS' REFRESHER COURSE**

**COMMITTEE INCORPORATED**

**2005 - 2006**

## **OUR VISION**

TRCC provides inspirational and unique professional development for professional learning communities within and across the education sectors. We empower teachers to reflect on and improve their teaching practice in order to enhance learning.

## **THE OBJECTIVES OF THE TEACHERS' REFRESHER COURSE COMMITTEE**

- ◆ *To improve the quality of teaching and learning in New Zealand education*
- ◆ *To provide appropriate educational programmes for all personnel working in New Zealand education.*
- ◆ *to supplement other forms of in-service teacher education.*
- ◆ *to promote the concept of refresher in-service training courses offered by the Society.*
- ◆ *to promote the concept of education 'for teachers by teachers' in course planning.*
- ◆ *To take account of research into aspects of adult and teacher education.*

## **Chairperson's Message**

Kia ora, Talofa, greetings

I am delighted to present the sixty-first annual report of the Teachers' Refresher Course Committee and my second and last as chairperson.

Although we only ran ten courses in the 2005/6 contract year, because of one course being postponed to the 2006/7 year, attendances were high and we exceeded our target of teacher professional development days. New initiatives included 'Teachers talk Teaching', a very successful course for Specialist Classroom Teachers run jointly with the Ministry of Education and the inaugural SocCon conference.

Once again there have been changes in the personnel on the committee over the course of the year. We farewelled long standing members Jane Couch, Coralie Baines and Lisa Whittle at the end of 1995 and more recently Joanna Leaman and Helen Benson have decided to move on because of changes to their commitments. We thank them for all the work they have put into TRCC. We also wish Anita Mortlock all the best for the birth of her baby and look forward to her return after some maternity leave. We were very pleased to welcome PPTA representatives Anne Coster and Hamish Davidson who is holding up well as our sole male representative.

The committee enjoyed a professional development session with Mark Sweeney in February this year where we developed our vision, written above, and our values of trust, respect, commitment and collaboration (TRCC). We also took the opportunity to get to know each other better. The fortnightly meetings continue to be an opportunity for networking and friendship as well as professional stimulation.

I would like to acknowledge the work of the TRCC permanent staff, Colleen McClymont and Chris Mitchell. Colleen has recently announced her impending retirement and we are currently reviewing the job descriptions of both the executive officer and executive assistant as we try to ensure the superb work done by the office staff continues to effectively support the work of the committee. We will miss Colleen's calm and professional manner and we are grateful that she has given us plenty of time to both adjust to her departure and find a suitable successor. I would also like to thank Chris for her flexibility in considering amendments to her position description.

Once again we have been well supported by the three teacher unions, NZEI, PPTA and ASTE who have continued to play an active role in the life of TRCC. Their representatives have continued to attend meetings and distribute TRCC information through their networks.

We have also continued our good working relationship with Ministry of Education personnel. I would like to thank Prue Kyle for her support and interest in the work of TRCC during her time as our liaison person. We look forward to working with her successor.

## THE TEACHERS REFRESHER COURSE COMMITTEE

### Membership at 30 June 2006

**NZEI / Early Childhood:** Paula Hunt, Diane Lawrence and Kate Thornton  
**NZEI Primary:** Lisa Cross and Marie Dawson.  
**PPTA:** Helen Benson, Anne Coster, Hamish Davidson and Joanna Leaman  
**ASTE:** Juliet Combs, Philippa Hart-Smith and Anita Mortlock

*Chairperson:* Kate Thornton  
*Deputy Chairpersons:* Lisa Cross and Diane Lawrence,  
*Treasurers:* Juliet Combs and Marie Dawson

*Secretariat:* Colleen McClymont Executive Officer  
Chris Mitchell Office Administrator

### TEACHERS REFRESHER COURSES - JULY 2005 - JUNE 2006

Appendix A attached to this report is a summary of the 10 courses run during this period of time.

#### Participation:

2001/2	2002/3	2003/4	2004/5	2005/6
712	716	552	1182	976

**Timing:** With two exceptions, all courses were held during school holidays. The exceptions were *Specialist Classroom Teachers* and *AP/DP Training*.

Courses offered during the 2005/6 year were as follows:

July	September/October	April	May
1	6	2	1

The average course attendance was 98.

**Duration:** Again the length of courses has been flexible. Traditionally we have had courses of 4-5 days though the planning committees may vary these to suit the particular requirements of their course. The duration of each course this year was as follows:

No of Days:	3	3.5	4.5
No of Courses:	1	5	4

## Teachers' Comments

- Affirmation in so many areas that what I am teaching is the right thing. *New AP/DP Training*
- Every topic has been enlightening and of huge relevance and assistance in forming the foundations of our job. *New AP/DP Training.*
- The practical advice on how to bring out the best in others and how to coach others has encouraged me to reflect on theory as well as practice. *Specialist Classroom Teachers' Hui*
- Interesting and valuable in helping me to crystallize and define the nature of my new role as an SCT. *Specialist Classroom Teachers' Hui*
- Everything was great. It was academic, practical and can be applied to both Drama and English. *Off the Page Shakespeare!*
- I was inspired by the great ideas provided by the course lecturers and the programme. *Off the Page Shakespeare!*
- Discussion around issues was particularly helpful. Wonderful people shared so many resources. *More than Meets the Eye Media Conference*
- Practical workshops were very helpful! Good to see what others are doing. *More than Meets the Eye Media Conference*
- Great to meet people who are like-minded and passionate in empowering young people in A.E. *Moving Forward with Pride. Strengthening Young People for Tomorrow*
- I appreciated the opportunity to share info/knowledge/skills and resources with others in same field. *Moving Forward with Pride. Strengthening Young People for Tomorrow*
- Lots! *SocCon 2005*
- Everything was significant and interesting learning. Great the way the conference was structured to look at both the 'big picture' of SS and the smaller, practical classroom ideas. *SocCon 2005*
- Seeing the development and positive outcomes from the previous conference was encouraging. The singing and dance. Great workshops. *Hulaaga Vagahau Niue*
- Vagahau Niue is alive! Niue is alive! We are vibrant and well! *Hulaaga Vagahau Niue*
- Great to get the chance to have sessions with other Ag/TO teachers. *To 'L' with it! Ag/Hort Conference*
- As a new teacher of Ag/Hort I have made some great contacts and received a lot of food ideas for improving my course. *To 'L' with it! Ag/Hort Conference*
- I have been challenged and now realise that we are all capable of going past what we think our limits are! *From Checklist to Continuum*
- Inspiration, reflection and knowledge. *From Checklist to Continuum*
- I appreciated learning of the application of different teaching styles/techniques, the group work, scaffolding etc. *Kokirikiri Dance Conference*
- I enjoyed having a go at a wide range of dance styles. I loved the inclusiveness of this. *Kokirikiri Dance Conference*

## FINANCE AND STATISTICS

The total turnover for the 2005/6 financial year was \$736,384 (GST exclusive)

The Contract with the Ministry of Education, plus a one-off grant of \$5000 GST exc, to assist with the *Survive and Thrive* course, provided the following funding:

Grant:	\$443,904	
GST		<u>\$55,488</u>
Total		\$499,392
Forward payments through the TRCC office from course participants for accommodation, course fees, meals and facilities and sundry payments:		
	\$282,436	
GST		\$35,304
Total		\$317,740
Interest	\$10,044	
GST		Nil
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Total Turnover (GST exc)	\$736,384	
GST		\$90,792
Total (GST inclusive)		\$827,176
<b>Budget for 2005/6 from Ministry of Education</b>		
Total	<u>\$443,904</u>	
GST	55,488	
Total Government Grant*	<u>\$499,392</u>	

Courses offered through the year	11
Courses run through the year	10
Average length of courses (days)	3.85
Number of teachers attending courses	976
Equivalent actual number of professional development days	3662
Number of courses run under the Maori Education Option	0
Number of courses run under the Pasifika Option	1

### **Conclusion**

Thank you to everyone involved in the sixty first year of the operation of TRCC. We look forward to another successful year in 2007.

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Kate Thornton  
Chairperson

## Courses offered in the 2005 - 2006 year

<b>Course</b>	<b><u>Number attending</u></b>	<b><u>Course Director</u></b>	<b><u>Venue</u></b>
<b>July 2005</b>			
Kokirikiri – Momentum 05	50	Helen Langford & Patrice O'Brien	TAPAC Auckland
<b>September/October 2005</b>			
SocCon 2005	269	Rowena Taylor	Te Papa Wellington
From Checklist to Continuum	101	Liz Depree & Karen Hayward	Living Springs Lyttelton
More Than Meets the Eye	85	Josephine Maplesden & Ruth Ellen	Wellington Girls' College
To "L" with It! (Ag/Hort)	43	Les Tuck	Hamilton's Fraser High School
Hulaaga Vagahau Niue*	51	Lorna Kanavatoa	Te Wananga o Aotearoa, Porirua
Moving Forward with Pride	79	Yvonne Wilson	Tui Ridge Park Rotorua
<b>April 2006</b>			
Off the Page Shakespeare!	18	Dawn Sanders	Nelson College for Girls
Teachers Talk Teaching	249	Catherine Carter	Waipuna Hotel Auckland
<b>May 2006</b>			
AP/DP Training	31	Joanna Leaman	Stella Maris Wellington

**Course marked \* was a Pasifika course attracting a double weighting for teachers attending,**