

DECEMBER 2022

THE YEAR THAT WAS

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ENTRIES TERM 3/4

As we wrap up 2022 it's hard for me to understand the full breadth of work Speech New Zealand has undertaken over the past 12 months. I started in early August and still feel National Office are waiting to come up for air.

I know we could not have done any of it without the amazing team, a huge thank you to Kim Penman (Theory Administrator), Claire Tanner (Teacher Liaison) and Amy Atkins (Tour Administrator), Florence Lim (Accountant), Stephen Holdaway (IT support / Dashboard Development), Catherine Champion (ex-Tour Administrator) and Emma Carpenter (ex-Executive Officer). You all give so much to Speech New Zealand and I am very grateful to be a part of this with you.



A special thank you to the Board of Trustees who have put their faith in me to steer this waka and who have paddled alongside me and the staff.

I want to thank everyone I've met via phone, zoom, email and in person for their warmth and openness. I'm continually struck by the sincere investment and desire from you all to continue growing and supporting Speech New Zealand.

I know these past few years have been difficult for a great many of you all and the loss in connection makes it harder to maintain kotahitanga (unity / moving together as one). I'm looking forward to a implementing a few ideas to really reconnect with one another in 2023!

At the heart of all we do are the students and the impact it has on their lives long term! Thank you for all the work you put in, rest those weary heads and enjoy the sunshine with family and friends.

**29 EXAMINERS
7 TRAINEES**

**5400+ ENTRIES
FOR 2022**

**3784 CENTRE
222 ZOOMS
1397 ON DEMAND**

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Our
Team

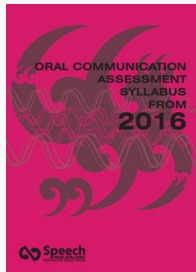
National Office have recently undertaken a review of our work in 2022 and have a number of opportunities opening up in 2023.. Watch out for further announcements!

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ORAL COMMUNICATION SYLLABUS REVISION

We made the decision to delay the Oral Communication Syllabus revision to early 2023 so please get in touch if there are any suggestions or alterations you have noticed.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Speech New Zealand were delighted to once again support the Race Unity Aotearoa Speech Awards in June. Nina Burchett presented the [Tohu Auahatanga \(Speech NZ Award for Delivery\)](#), to Leo Mwape from Palmerston North Boys' High School.

In November, Speech New Zealand partnered with The Geyser Community Foundation Rotorua to present four successful candidates the [Margriet Theron Speech NZ Scholarship](#). The successful applicants were awarded scholarships to cover exam fees for modules in the ASB or AASB.



Thank you for nominations received for *The Jill Carpenter Award for Grade 5 Speech and Drama*, *The Gabrielle Balch Award for Grade 5 Flexi Speaking and Performing*, *the Melda Townsley Award for Speech and Drama Performance and Literature* and *the Jill Walker Award for Public Speaking and Communication*. Candidates will be notified of their success by mid-February 2023.

If your students have been invited to apply for *Grade 6, 7 and 8 Scholarships and ASB Speech and Drama or ASB Public Speaking and Communication Scholarships*. Please have them complete an entry before **31st December** via our website:

www.speechnz.co.nz/what-we-do/scholarships-and-awards/

"I really enjoyed the Future Teaching Programme...the mentors really cared about making sure I got the most out of the programme...the coaches had a lot to offer and I came away with valuable resources to enter my teaching career."

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FUTURE TEACHER COACHING PROGRAMME

After a successful pilot programme in 2021 we have taken our coaching programme to the public. In 2022 we've established individual programmes for 6 candidates and a unique programme for a major drama school who joined Speech NZ in 2022.

We completed a very successful social media campaign with VIA Digital to spread this programme wider and have managed to generate several leads, connecting with people from diverse backgrounds.

The aim of this programme is to custom build a coaching programme that best suits the individual. Whether you're wanting to brush up on a specific syllabus, advice on developing a business plan or seeking support in how to grow your business to it's next stage. We invite you all to get in touch and discuss any of your needs with us.

<https://www.speechnz.co.nz/what-we-do/future-teacher-coaching-programme/>



In 2022 we said thank you and a happy retirement to the following long-serving members of the Speech NZ community:

- o Jill Walker, Examiner
- o Jan Davis, Examiner
- o Sheridan Hickey, Supervisor
- o Christine Nash as Supervisor

and special mention to long standing board members:

- o Helen Balch
- o Dr Margriet Theron
- o Christine Nash
- o Pam Logan

and our fabulous National Office staff:

- o Emma Carpenter
- o Catherine Champion



TO OUR FRIENDS BY KAREN AUSTIN

JAN DAVIS

The first time that Jan examined in Ōamaru she came to St Joseph's Primary School because we were doing Oral Assessments. Some of the students were giving Jan a tour of the Basilica that was just over the road. In those days there was a group of six students and an audience of four. I was the teacher in charge but after escorting them to the Basilica had to go back and teach my class. At the end of the day, Jan suggested that the group was rather large and that in future to restrict groups to no more than four students.

I did an observation evening with Jan when she was examining students at Holy Cross and her advice was most valuable.

DR MARGRIET THERON

Dr Margriet's financial acumen was so valuable to the Speech New Zealand Board. She was always very well prepared at our meetings and would insist on whatever plan of action she felt was prudent. Our debriefs in the Koru Lounge were so enjoyable and lead to many a course of action.

Dr Margriet also began teaching Professional Speaking to Migrants. Being Dr Margriet, she not only organised the teaching material but also the funding. She then diversified and also taught overseas doctors who needed to fulfil a speaking requirement in order to practise in New Zealand. This year, Dr Margriet helped an Australian group to coach their students for Professional Speaking and Speech New Zealand examined them.

One hallmark of Dr Margriet's is her generosity both in time and voluntary financial contributions. She was digitally literate long before most of us and produced Clipboard for a number of years. We miss you Margriet but fortunately can keep contact through Facebook.

CHRISTINE NASH

Christine was a model Local Secretary, she was so organised and very calm. The fact that she is an Oral Assessor gave her an insight into Speech NZ examinations and the way they run. Christine's late husband, Lindsay Nash, was a Speech New Zealand Examiner for many years so this also added to her knowledge base. At our Accreditation Seminars for Assessors and Performance Examiners, Christine always made valid points and sensible suggestions.

JILL WALKER

Over the years Jill has been a valued examiner and a stalwart of Speech New Zealand.

Jill and I go back a long way. Many a cup of tea I gave Jill's husband, Trevor, in his days as a hydrologist for the Otago Regional Council - not realizing that he was Jill's husband. Trevor would be up on our farm, monitoring our irrigation scheme and the flow of the Kakanui River. In the early 1990's when I was at my first Examiners' Accreditation Seminar at Frederick Wallis House my husband and Trevor were having a cup of tea and Derek mentioned that I was in Wellington because I was going to be a Speech New Zealand Examiner. Trevor replied that Jill was an examiner and that she was up there too. Those seminars at Frederick Wallis House were a lot of fun, even with the compulsory morning exercise. It was like being back at boarding school sleeping in shared rooms and discussing the day.

Jill was always very flexible and in the days that Ōamaru had a supplementary examination day at the end of Term One, Jill would work with us to find a suitable date. She had the same accommodating manner in the days when St Kevin's College did Oral Assessments. Jill was unflappable and calm in the examination room and students always had an enjoyable experience. In later years, Jill has once again been very accommodating when she examined Professional Speaking in Invercargill. Jill was a very professional examiner and methodically followed protocol.

For many years, Jill taught large numbers of girls Speech and Drama at Columba College, she also had private students. Whenever, the Dunedin Speech Teachers were having a function Jill would always contact the Ōamaru teachers and we often made the trip down to join them. One memorable day we had a Christmas Lunch and most of us walked out chatting and forgot to pay! The teachers who had organized the venue were running down George St calling out to us to come back and settle our accounts.

Jill has been a great advertisement for Speech New Zealand in the community. She has adjudicated numerous speech competitions and also been a regular adjudicator at Performing Arts Competitions.

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congratulations!



DR MARGRIET THERON- THE NEW ZEALAND ORDER OF MERIT

In September, long standing board member, Dr Margriet Theron was awarded the ONZM medal for services to science and the community.

Dr Margriet Theron was an economist and planning manager with the New Zealand Forest Research Institute, writing its first strategic and business plans. She led the Establishment Unit of the former Ministry of Research, Science and Technology, chairing major reviews of government-funded science. She represented New Zealand at international science policy conferences. She was the first female Dean of Forestry at Waiariki Institute of Technology. She was project manager for the fundraising and building of Tūrangi Community Health Centre. She is President of the Rotorua Multicultural Council and teaches Professional Speaking to migrants. Dr Theron is an Afrikaans Court interpreter and has been Chief Judge for the Rotorua Business Excellence Awards.

A huge congratulations from your whānau at Speech New Zealand!

OUR STUDENTS OF 2022 AND THEIR AMAZING TEACHERS!

Our biggest congratulations to all the students who sat examinations throughout 2022, for their work and growth. To all the teachers, thank you for your support and the hours of dedication you show in supporting your students! Your students are what drive us every day!

SPEECH NEW ZEALAND DISTINGUISHED ASSOCIATES

It was our absolute delight to award three of our members of Speech New Zealand with the Distinguished Associate Award.

- Gabrielle Thurston
- Meredith Caisley
- Pam Logan

This award was given in recognition of their contribution in maintaining and developing the work of Speech New Zealand.

All of these women consistently show dedication, commitment and a genuine passion to share the values and aims of Speech New Zealand. We are grateful for the support they provide us all in the office, on the board and in the community.



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CHAIRPERSON'S SIGN OFF

MERI KIRIHIMETE ME TE HAPE NŪ IA

We have all worked hard this year to teach and still manage COVID-19 situations with students missing lessons and having to change exam times because of illnesses. My heartfelt thanks to the National Office staff who have juggled times and examiners to meet the demands. They have been efficient and kept calm throughout a stressful and very busy year, especially the final term.

I have examined in Timaru / Ōamaru, New Plymouth, North Shore and Auckland in November and have been impressed with the sound preparation and confidence of the candidates. It reminds us why we know communication skills are so important and that we are imparting valuable life skills to candidates throughout New Zealand.

I wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas. Enjoy a relaxed holiday which I am sure is well deserved.



Kia hora te marino, kia
whakapapa pounamu
te moana. Kia tere te
kārohirohi i mua i tōu
huarahi

*May calm be spread around you,
may the sea glisten like
greenstone and the shimmer of
summer dance across your path.*

PARTNERSHIP

As New Zealanders, we value relationships that encourage and respect diversity in all forms

CREDIBILITY

As educators, we strive to deliver the best outcomes for all our stakeholders

EMPOWERMENT

As an organisation, we are committed to supporting the growth and development of all stakeholders

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Coming up...

FIND A **TEACHER**

In February 2023 we are launching the *Find A Teacher* social media campaign. Targeted at people interested in oral communication, drama, professional speaking and second language learners, directing them to our Find A Teacher page.

We want to support you in building your business so please take the time to review your contact details and email us if they're out of date!

<https://www.speechnz.co.nz/find-a-teacher/>



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR 2023

EPC is a professional body set up to support, develop and register educators in performance and communication across Aotearoa. It's an opportunity to connect, gain access to professional development webinars and attend an in-person seminar set for July 2023.

Many of you were disappointed when we made the difficult decision to delay the Professional Development Seminar. We are delighted to now announce dates are set for:

Thursday 6th July and Friday 7th July

An exciting programme is being constructed by our EPC Committee and we are looking forward to announcing it soon!

Anyone is welcome to join EPC or attend the Professional Development Seminar for more information and to register check it out here:

<https://www.speechnz.co.nz/what-we-do/epc/>

GRADUATION PILOT 2023

Speech New Zealand are so proud of our diploma students and we want to find a way to acknowledge their commitment and success! In 2023 we will be hosting two graduation ceremony options:

Option 1: Online Graduation

Twice a year (28th June & 29th November) we will hold an online graduation for candidates to participate. People from across the globe can join via zoom to celebrate. We will look for a keynote speaker to attend and record the event to share within marketing platforms.

Option 2: Regional Graduation

Teachers from the region will be given a small financial contribution to support the cost of a regional graduation, organised by them. We will supply invitation templates and request photographs / video be taken to share on marketing platforms by Speech NZ.

Further details and how to select the option that best suits your students will follow in 2023.



SPEECH NZ HISTORY

Help us build a history of Speech NZ through your stories emailed to karenjustin2014@gmail.com

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