

PMINZ Central Branch Newsletter September 2018



**KIA KAHA
TE REO MĀORI**

MĀORI LANGUAGE WEEK
10-16 SEPTEMBER 2018

Kia ora <<First Name>>

kakama (agile), tū raru (risk), tū mai (stand up), kua oti (done)

Last week I read a blog titled "The language of agile methodology in te reo Māori: being kakama" by Daniel Crichton-Rouse. He wrote about how reo Māori writer Ranea Aperahama worked with a team driving agile throughout Te Papa to come up with reo interpretations of agile common terms. It's a great story and includes a list of terms used in agile practices, and Ranea's reo Māori interpretations of them, and the thinking behind those interpretations.

[Read the blog post.](#)

[Download this poster of agile terms for your workplace.](#)

Next week, is Te Wiki o te Reo Māori – challenge yourself to use te reo Maori (more).

Introducing Elise – Central Branch Chair (elect)

When I rang Elise Adams, at 11 am on Sunday morning, she had been working



It's been a big couple of weeks governance-wise for Elise. She found out she was elected Central Branch Chair last week. And she is waiting to hear if she had been elected to the board of directors for Ngā Tangata Tiaki o Whanganui, a board overseeing the goals and aspirations of her iwi for both the people and their river.

We talked about education. Elise is BIG on education— her own learning and development, as well as supporting others' professional growth and learning. Elise was on the Hutt Intermediate School Board of Trustees for twelve years, and as Chair for the last few. The last of her five children left the school in 2012, but she stayed on the Board to see through the implementation of new strategy, ongoing self-review processes, and evidence-based practices. Seeing things through is important to her. As is knowing when to hand the reins to another leader when things are on the right track, sustainable, and making a difference.

Elise has an impressive education portfolio. Project manager, programme manager, operations manager, senior

from her home office since 7am that day. She had a big day ahead

Elise (Te Ati Hau nui-ā- Papārangi, Ngāti Whatua) was born in Auckland, but calls Taumarunui home, after living there from the age of 13. She came to Wellington in 2002 to offer her children life's opportunities, and now lives in the Hutt Valley.

She refers to the 'Cs' when she talks about governance with PMINZ. Collaboration, Coordination, Customer-centric – and the Contextual Challenges that different regions and branches bring. *“Ultimately it comes down to remaining true to the intentions of the association, having and developing authentic relationships, and ensuring the board's strategy reflects the members' needs, implementing the strategy and evaluating its progress”.*

As one of the 2018 Emerging Leaders Scholarship Recipients (thanks to The Australasian Society of Association Executives and New Zealand International Convention Centre) she's attending the Emerging Leaders Programme on the 9th and 10th and the AuSAE LINC 18 Conference on the 11th in Auckland. This conference and exhibition brings together inspiring ideas from the not-for-profit and corporate sectors in one event. Elise looks forward to exploring the 'relevance' topic with her colleagues in Auckland, as well as the opportunity to network with other associations.

Elise talked of the importance of having

project officer, mentor, coach, post graduate diploma, certificate in management studies, MSP, MBA ... [Take a look at her LinkedIn profile.](#)

“Project management is such a transferable role. Even without the title you can still apply the skills across so much in life. What excites me about being a new member of the Board is the opportunity to ensure integrity of project management and to act strategically in terms of project management as a profession and not just a ‘way of doing things’. I’ve seen a lot of examples of where organisations/individuals say they’re applying project management disciplines, but it’s often a watered down version or use of a plan and I don’t think that’s fair to those professionals who are knowledgeable in the full application of project management. At the same time, it’s about promoting the skillsets of project management and supporting our membership in that regard,” Elise told me.

Elise currently works as the Head of Business and Support Services at the New Zealand Veterinary Association – an association representing over 2,300 New Zealand veterinarian members. Its 15 regional branches and 14 special interest branches provide specialist and local support to the members, wider industry and sector partners, and promotes excellence in the veterinary profession. It sounded similar to PMINZ. I asked her what she thought was the biggest challenge for member associations. She answered “*relevance*”. She pointed to the number of New Zealand members

had excellent role models and mentors who have helped her personally and professionally. And she plays this support forward in her many volunteer roles, from coaching work, to supporting business students at Victoria University of Wellington through the structured mentoring programme, and working with three women as they return to the workforce, to supporting a member of her family member who is currently setting up a company. And on top of that she is a founding member of Oho, an investment network , supporting Māori women to develop their knowledge and understanding of investment and to actively build investment portfolios From the network a range of ‘money clubs’ (a concept started by Australian women over 20 years ago) have been established are successfully investing in a diverse range of companies.

What struck me in our 45 minute phone call was Elise’s intelligence, professionalism, and passion for wanting to make a difference. We talked about lots of things and there was still so much I wanted to hear about. But she had still lots to get through on her To Do list – for her husband, children, and grand-children – and, finally, something just for herself – getting a hair cut.

The saying “If you want something done, ask a busy person” came to mind as I hung up.

2018 marks the 125th anniversary of women's suffrage in New Zealand. Elise is only the third female chair of Central

associations that have had, or will be soon be celebrating, their centenaries, and how they have had to stay relevant to their members, whose lives, roles and needs were constantly changing. Boards need to be looking at themselves and asking “*Why do we exist?*” ... “*Why do we do what we do?*” ... “*Are we making a difference?*”

Branch and the sixth female chair out of all three PMINZ branches. She officially starts in her role as Central Branch Chair on 1 January 2019.

Elise was interviewed by Tania, PMINZ Communications Lead.

Where would an astronaut park his space ship?
A parking meteor!

Project Management Space

Did you know that on earth you lose about one percent of your bone mass per year. In space because of the lack of gravity you can lose on percent of your bone mass per month!

This was just one of interesting points I picked up listening to Kim Hill’s interview with the only Kiwi to study aerospace medicine with NASA, Lisa Brown, on Radio NZ's *Saturday Morning* on 11 August. Lisa Brown is the first New Zealander to have completed the University of Texas Aerospace Medicine short course in conjunction with NASA, which only offers one scholarship a year. [Listen to the interview.](#)

First Man – a Wellington sub-branch social event

Wednesday 17 October



Tickets are limited, so get yours today.

[Find out how to get tickets and watch the movie trailer.](#)

We will be giving away two tickets to *First Man* at the Wellington sub-branch's professional development and networking event on 17 September at The Grand. To be in, you must register for [Alyson Garrido's presentation](#) online and be present when the lucky draw takes place (sometime between 6 and 7.15pm).

Branch professional development and networking events coming up

Wellington

Monday 17 September 5.15–7pm

Your personal brand: Creating and promoting your professional profile with Alyson Garrido.

[Read more about the event and register your place.](#)

Manawatū-Whanganui

No event this month

Hawkes Bay

Tuesday 2 October (no other details on hand yet, sorry)

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Thanks [The Grand](#) for providing the venue and AV facilities for the Wellington member events.



Thanks [WSP Opus](#) for providing the venue for the Wellington sub-branch committee meetings.

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