



Presidents Report to AGM of WILNZ Inc: 27 April 2022

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As President of Work-integrated Learning New Zealand, I am pleased to present this report that covers our activities over the last year.

WILNZ Board has worked together over the year to focus on our strategic aims, which are to: advocate for WIL; foster good practice, cultivate relationships and manage sustainable WIL operations. My report today highlights some of our activities related to these aims.

Thank you to the WILNZ board and members for your efforts to advocate for WIL and create some influence at political and government level or within your own institution. The links that WILNZ has with Universities New Zealand, through the WIL advisory group, and Te Pūkenga are strategically important for the advancement of WIL. Several of the current Board members chair WIL groups within their respective institutions, and this provides great opportunities to influence the practice of WIL at both institution and discipline levels.

As mentioned already, fostering good practice is another key strategic aim for WILNZ. A big thanks to Andy Martin and Sandy Muller for organising our WILNZ webinar series over the last year. Our webinar topics have included: Indigenous employability; Teaching bi-cultural competency in a WIL course; Understanding and managing risks in WIL; The impact of WIL on the mental health of Dietetic students; and most recently, Implementing a university wide management system for WIL. We also work closely with our trans-Tasman colleagues, ACEN to share webinars and other activities that promote good practice in WIL. We hope you enjoyed being part of today's ACEN critical conversation that we included in the conference programme. If you have any topics that you would like to include in the WILNZ webinar series in the future, please let us know.

In keeping with WILNZ's strategic aim of Cultivating relationships, not only do we have a strong relationship with ACEN; but we are a national association member of WACE – WACE is the global association for cooperative and work-integrated education. Their members are from national WIL related associations from around the world, including Australia, Canada, US, Thailand, South Africa, UK, and Europe, and WACE also has members directly from Tertiary education institutions, and industry. We are fortunate to have Associate Professor Karsten Zegwaard on the Executive of WACE and I am on the Global Strategic Council. Both Karsten and I are also on the Executive for the WACE International Research committee, and currently involved in organising an International Research Symposium, to be held at the end of August in Japan and also online. If you are interested in this symposium, or other WACE activities, see the links on our website.

During the last year, WILNZ and several of our WILNZ executives have been involved in the delivery of the Global WIL modules, which offer online professional development courses focussed on WIL. If you are interested, see the website for further details of modules that will be starting later in the year.

Communication is vital to our profile and to building relationships across the WIL community. A huge thanks to Yvonne Wood, who chaired the communications team over this last year. Yvonne is stepping down from the Board after several years, and we thank her for her contributions, previously as secretary and then more recently for leading our social media profile. A huge thanks also goes to Chantal Pillay for managing our website. Unfortunately Chantal is also stepping down from the Board at the elections, after many years on the Board, and again we thank her for the variety of roles she has undertaken over many years. I would also like to acknowledge Tom Hartley, for his contributions over

many years, as he also steps down this year. Thanks to you all for everything you have done for WILNZ, and we wish you the very best.

We are keen to appoint or co-opt someone onto the board who has some interest in communications, websites and also social media. So, if you are interested in these areas, please don't hesitate to let us know during the Board elections, after the AGM or during the conference.

Sponsorship is an important part of our income to enable us to keep membership fees, and conference fees at a reasonably low level. AUT became the Gold sponsor for our conference this year, and we specially thank the PVC Learning and Teaching, for this valuable support. Our silver sponsors for the conference included Massey University, the University of Waikato and Lincoln University and QSR international who provide the placement management software Sonia. As part of this report, I would like to provide our sponsors with a special acknowledgement and thank them for their support. We are always looking for new sponsorship opportunities so we can expand our activities, so if any members have contacts that they would like to share please get in touch with one of the executive.

WILNZ provides the financial support for the International Journal of Work-integrated Learning. The journal had a great year in 2021, publishing high quality research relevant to fostering good practice in WIL. A special thank you to Karsten as editor in chief, for his ongoing hard work, and thanks to the associate editors Dr Anna Rowe, and Dr Sonia Ferns (both from Australia), and Dr Judene Pretti (from Canada). Also a big thanks to the editorial board, reviewers (many of who will be here at this meeting today), and also our copy editor Diane, and web manager Eric for all their efforts to ensure that the journal remains a high quality publication.

Finally, a big thanks to all the Executive board for all their efforts this year, in particular in the way they have come together to provide support and guidance for our members, during such a challenging time in the higher education sector. I would like to give a special thanks to our executive; Vice president, Associate Professor Karsten Zegwaard, Katharine Hoskyn, Treasurer, and Dr Sandy Muller, our Secretary for the important roles you have undertaken for the Board and the support you have provided to me to ensure the smooth running of WILNZ.

Finally, after five years as President, I will not be standing for re-election. WILNZ has developed as a really strong organisation, and I am pleased to have made a significant contribution to upholding their mission, through providing leadership for the advancement of practice and research in WIL.

This concludes my report.

Nga Mihi Nui

Dr Jenny Fleming

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