

Maori and Psychology Research Unit

Annual Report 2008

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Background

The Maori and Psychology Research Unit (MPRU) was established in August of 1997. The unit is designed to provide a catalyst and support network for enhancing research concerning the psychological needs, aspirations, and priorities of Maori people. The MPRU is well situated to draw together skilled and experienced interdisciplinary research groups by networking and establishing working relationships with staff and students within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, the University, and the wider community.

An important role played by the MPRU is in providing invaluable practical experience to both Maori and non-Maori students through involvement in Maori focussed research, planning and management, and professional development activities. Through winning grants and awards, the Unit helps to provide options for students to further their academic development and scholarly pursuits, and to supplement their income.

The MPRU runs an advisory service to assist researchers in writing research proposals that will result in research products useful to Maori development. A particular focus is on constructing procedures that are culturally appropriate and practical for use with Maori. Increasingly, review committees require that the ethical standard of research be measured against Treaty of Waitangi principles and provisions. The MPRU provides advice on how to achieve these standards.

The MPRU facilitates contact with others experienced in conducting Maori focussed research, potential participants in communities of interest, and end-users, to illicit feedback and comment on the usefulness, practicality, validity and support for research ideas and methods to be employed. This contributes to a more robust research endeavour.

A recruitment and training service for the employment of research assistants ensures an available source of people to assist with research projects.

Goals

- To provide a support structure which encourages Maori focussed research in psychology.
- To serve as a scholarly resource to support Maori focussed research projects and to promote new research initiatives among staff, undergraduate and graduate psychology students.
- To seek out new sources of research funding, respond to requests for proposals and tenders relevant to Maori issues, and to obtain continued external funding for Maori focussed psychological research.
- To facilitate the professional development of Maori researchers and to continue to develop future leaders in Maori focussed research and psychology.
- To provide a foundation for the teaching of psychology by enhancing availability and access to Maori focussed research experience and products.
- To promote the use of Maori focussed research products into the Department of Psychology's curriculum
- To facilitate internal and external lectures and research seminars to support the development of new projects and disseminate the work of scholars in the Unit.
- To host visiting researchers and scholars
- To encourage collaborative research in Maori focussed projects across disciplines

MPRU Researchers

Emeritus Professor Prof James Ritchie

Director Assoc Prof Linda Waimarie Nikora

Research Officer Mohi Rua

Principal Investigators

Assoc Prof Linda Waimarie Nikora

Assoc Prof Darrin Hodgetts

Mohi Rua

Bridgette Masters

Dr Michelle Levy

Dr Neville Robertson

Dr Ottilie Stolte

Prof Kerry Chamberlain (Massey University,

Albany)

Prof Alan Radley (Loughborough University,

England)

Dr Eci Nabalarua (University of South Pacific,

Fiji)

Associates

Prof Ngahuia Te Awekotuku (Centre for Maori

& Pacific Development Research)

Rolinda Karapu (Admin Mgr, Centre for Maori

& Pacific Development Research)

Waikaremoana Waitoki (PhD)

Dr Pauline Guerin (University of South Australia, Adelaide, Australia) Shaun Awatere (Landcare Research, Hamilton) Dr Pauline Norris (University of Otago) Assoc Prof Kevin Dew (University of Otago) Prof Jonathan Gabe (Royal Holloway, University of London) Helen Madden (Massey University, Albany)

Research Team Members

Diana Johnson (MA), Jerrie Hill (Dissertation),
Des Ellis (MA), Shiloh Groot (PhD), Karyn
McRae (MA), Teah Carlson (Summer
Studentship), Lynley Uerata (Summer
Studentship), Lolohea Tongi (Summer
Studentship), Hemaima Wihongi (Summer
Studentship), Catherine Lane (Summer
Studentship), Tatiana Hohepa (Summer
studentship), Keriata Patterson (Research
Associate)

Visitors to MPRU

Dr Liz Jones, Deputy Head of School and Dr Stefano Occhipinti (Lecturer), School of Psychology and Griffith Psychologic al Health Research Centre, Mt Gravatt Campus Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia (23 July, 2008)

Highlights

Since its establishment in 1997, the MPRU has successfully competed for and won external research funds in excess of \$4.5 million. A success rate of over 50% for external funds contested points to the high calibre of proposals written, the increasing public profile of the MPRU, and the recognition by funding agencies of those areas of staff/student interest and expertise.

- **Royal Society of New Zealand Marsden Funding and Health Research Council Funding:** The Maori & Psychology Research Unit lead by Assoc Prof Darrin Hodgetts and Assoc Prof Linda Waimarie Nikora, was part of a multi-sited research team awarded Marsden funding to investigate 'A pill for every ill': The domestic life of medications in consumer society' (\$600k) and a Health Research Council fund to research "Medications in everyday life: Understandings and social practices" (\$1m). The principal investigator leading both projects is Prof Kerry Chamberlain of Massey University's School of Psychology (Albany) and the team includes Dr Pauline Norris and Assoc Prof Kevin Dew of Otago University, Prof Jonathan Gabe of Royal Holloway, University of London, Prof Alan Radley, Loughborough University (UK) and Ms Helen Madden (Massey University, Albany). The Marsden project will run from 1 February 2009 to 30 January 2012 and the HRC funded project began 1 July 2008 with expected completion date of 1 July 2011.
- Winner of Montana Book Award: Mau Moko: The World of Maori Tattoo (Te Awekotuku, Nikora, Rua & Karapu, 2007) won a nomination in the *Lifestyle & Contemporary Culture* category of the prestigious 2008 Montana New Zealand Book Awards. The event was attended by Mohi Rua and Rolinda Karapu along with Geoff Walker, Publishing Director for Penguin Group. The primary authors Ngahuia Te Awekotuku and Linda Waimarie Nikora were part of New Zealand's delegation to the 10th Festival of Pacific Arts, Pago Pago, American Samoa and were unable to attend the awards.

- International Conferences: A number of MPRU researchers attended conferences around the world including the 2nd International Conference on Community Psychology (Assoc Prof Darrin Hodgetts, Dr Ottilie Stolte, Dr Michelle Levy, Ms Shiloh Groot, Ms Dianne Johnson; 2-4 June, Lisboa, Portugal); Psychology and Indigenous Australians: Teaching, Practice and Theory (Assoc Prof Linda Waimarie Nikora, Dr Michelle Levy; Adelaide, South Australia).
- **Domestic Conferences:** Twelve students and staff of the MPRU attended the New Zealand Psychological Society Conference held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, Christchurch (29th 31st August, 2008). This is the fifth consecutive year we have attended this conference and look forward to many more. We would like to thank Te Aka Matua (FASS Maori Support) through the Pro VC Maori Office (Waikato University) and the Waikato Student Union for their funding support.
- Maori Focussed Research Symposium Series 2008: The research series was a joint venture between MPRU and the Centre for Maori & Pacific Research with funding support from the Pro VC Maori Office. The series encouraged staff to step back from their daily teaching and research routines and to share their research pursuits and interests with similarly interested staff across disciplines. It comprised six, two hour sessions over the A Semester with contributions by Prof Linda Tuhiwai Smith (PVC Maori), Assoc Prof Jarrod Harr (Waikato Management School), Dr Te Taka Keegan (School of Computing & Mathematical Sciences), Prof Ngahuia Te Awekotuku and a research team from MPRU (AProf Linda Waimarie Nikora, AProf Darrin Hodgetts and Shiloh Groot).
- **Student Scholarships:** MPRU was successful in winning externally funded scholarships to support several summer studentships and two Masters Students. The total combined amount awarded was approximately \$85k.
 - o Teah Carlson (Nga Pae Summer Internship; HRC Summer studentship; HRC Masters scholarship)
 - Lynley Uerata (Nga Pae Summer Internship; HRC Summer studentship; HRC Masters Scholarship)
 - Hemaima Wihongi (Nga Pae Summer Internship; BRCCS Summer studentship)

- o Catherine Lane (Nga Pae Summer Internship)
- o Tatiana Hohepa (Nga Pae Summer Internship)
- Lolohea Tongi (HRC Summer studentship; HRC Pacific Masters Scholarship)
- **Research Outputs for 2008:** MPRU was able to produce 1 book, 15 peer reviewed articles, 22 conference presentations, 1 conference proceedings, 1 Masters thesis and 4 commissioned reports.



NZ Psychological Society Annual Conference, Christchurch, 2008.

L- R: Lynley Uerata, Tatiana Hohepa, Tamati Amuketi, Hemaima Wihongi, Lolohea Tongi (back), Catherine Lane (front), Rose Rerehau, Karyn McRae, Hannah Banks, Shiloh Groot, Yvonne Te Pohe.

Absent: Robert Loto, Mohi Rua, Dr Michelle Levy, Moana Waitoki, Dr Neville Robertson

Contracts & Grants

New Projects

Title: Medications in Everyday Life: Understandings and social practice

Investigators: Prof Kerry Chamberlain (Massey University, Albany), Assoc Prof Darrin Hodgetts, Dr Pauline Norris (University of Otago), Assoc Prof Kevin Dew (University of Otago), Dr Linda Waimarie Nikora, Prof Jonathan Gabe (Royal Holloway, University of London), Prof Alan Radley (University of Loughborough) & Ms Helen Madden (Massey University, Albany) Grant agency: Health Research Council

Title: 'A pill for every ill': The domestic life of medications in consumer society

Investigators: Prof Kerry Chamberlain (Massey University, Albany), Assoc Prof Darrin Hodgetts, Dr Pauline Norris (University of Otago), Assoc Prof Kevin Dew (University of Otago), Dr Linda Waimarie Nikora, Prof Jonathan Gabe (Royal Holloway, University of London), Prof Alan Radley (University of Loughborough) & Ms Helen Madden (Massey University, Albany) Grant agency: The Royal Society of New Zealand Marsden Fund

Projects in progress

Title: Health & Homelessness: Social reintegration in Aotearoa *Investigators*: Assoc Prof Darrin Hodgetts, Dr Linda Waimarie Nikora, Prof Kerry Chamberlain, Dr Eci Nabalarua & Prof Alan Radley.

Grant Agency: Marsden Fund, Royal Society of New Zealand

Title: Increased uptake of energy conservation in households and communities

Investigators: Mohi Rua & Dr Linda Waimarie Nikora

Grant agency: Foundation for Research, Science and Technology.

Title: Hei arahi atu: Transforming cultural concepts for the millennium

Investigators: Dr Linda Waimarie Nikora & Prof Ngahuia Te

Awekotuku

Title: Strangers in Town: The health & social needs of Ngati Haua young people.

Investigators: Dr Linda Waimarie Nikora & Mohi Rua

Grant agency: Foundation for Research, Science and Technology. *Descriptor:* To establish the nature of the health and social service needs of Ngati Haua young people moving into and out of rural areas.

Projects Completed

Title: The Meanings in Ethnic Labels

Investigators: Dr Linda Waimarie Nikora, Assoc Prof Darrin Hodgetts, Dr Neville Robertson, Mohi Rua with Saburo Omura

Title: Defining Pakeha Culture

Investigators: Dr Linda Waimarie Nikora, Assoc Prof Darrin Hodgetts, Dr Neville Robertson, Mohi Rua with Saburo Omura

New Proposals

Title: The Kiwi Youth Programme: Following young people into work and life.

Investigators: Dr Elsie Ho, Prof Dick Bedford, Assoc Prof Darrin Hodgetts, Mr Mohi Rua, Assoc Prof Linda Waimarie Nikora & Ms Jenine Cooper.

Grant agency: Foundation for Research, Science and Technology.

Student Supervision

Homelessness Project: Shiloh Groot (PhD), Diana Johnson (MA), Jerrie Hill (Dissertation), Des Ellis (MA), Anna Scanlan (MA), Sally Meuller (MA)

Medications Project: Teah Carlson (Summer Studentship), Lynley Uerata (Summer Studentship), Lolohea Tongi (Summer Studentship)

Maori Cultural Concepts Project: Hemaima Wihongi (Summer Studentship), Catherine Lane (Summer Studentship), Tatiana Hohepa (Summer Studentship)

Sustainability Project: Mohi Rua (PhD)

Death, Grief & Dying: Karyn McRae (MA)

Others: Bridgette Masters (PhD), Waikaremoana Waitoki (PhD), Dave Snell (PhD), Wei Li (PhD),

Research Outputs

Peer Reviewed Articles

- Chamberlain, K., & Hodgetts, D. (2008). Social Psychology and Media: Critical Considerations. *Social and Personality Psychology Compass*, 2.
- Groot, S., Hodgetts, D., Chamberlain, K., Radley, A., Nikora, L., Stolte, O., et al. (2008). Homeless Lives in New Zealand: The Case of Central Auckland. In M. Levy, L. W. Nikora, B. Masters-Awatere, M. Rua & M. Waitoki (Eds.), Claiming Spaces: Proceedings of the 2007 National Maori and Pacific Psychologies Symposium (pp. 68-73). Hamilton: Maori & Psychology Research Unit, University of Waikato.
- Hodgetts, D., & Rua, M. (2008). Media and Community Anxieties about Men's Interactions with Children. *Journal of Community and Applied Social Psychology: Special Issue: Mediated Communities*, 18(6), 527-542.
- Hodgetts, D., Stolte, O., Chamberlain, K., Nikora, L. W., Nabalarua, E., & Groot, S. (2008). A trip to the library: Homelessness and social inclusion. *Social and Cultural Geography*, *9*(8), 933-953.
- Levy, M., Lane, C., & Amuketi, T. (2008). Claiming Collective Space: Kaupapa Maori in Psychology. In M. Levy, L. W. Nikora, B. Masters-Awatere, M. Rua, W. Waitoki & N. Te Awekotuku (Eds.), Claiming Spaces: Proceedings of the 2007 National Maori and Pacific Psychologies Symposium (pp. 159-162). Maori & psychology Research Unit, Hamilton.
- Levy, M., Nikora, L. W., Waitoki, M., Rua, M., & Masters-Awatere, B. (2008). 2007 National Maori and Pacific Psychologies Symposium: Claiming Spaces. *The Bulletin 110*(May), 8-12.
- Levy, M., Waitoki, M., Masters-Awatere, B., Rua, M., & Nikora, L. W. (2008). Opening Address. In M. Levy, L. W. Nikora, B. Masters-Awatere, M. Rua & M. Waitoki (Eds.), *Claiming Spaces: Proceedings of the 2007 National Maori and Pacific Psychologies Symposium* (pp. 6-11). Hamilton: Maori & Psychology Research Unit, University of Waikato.
- Loto, R., & Hodgetts, D. (2008). Audience responses to news media images of Pacific Health. In M. Levy, L. W. Nikora, B. Masters-Awatere, M. Rua & M. Waitoki (Eds.), *National Maori & Pacific Psychologies Symposium* (pp. 40-47). Hamilton: Maori & Psychology Research Unit, University of Waikato.

- McRae, K. (2008). Feedback Report on Maori Student Attendance at the New Zealand Psychological Society Annual Conference. *The Bulletin, November*(111), 14-16.
- Nikora, L. W., Rua, M., Te Awekotuku, N., Guerin, B., & McCaughey, J. (2008). Social consequences of Tuhoe migration: Voices from home in Te Urewera. *MAI Review*(2).
- Nikora, L. W., & Te Pohe, Y. (2008). What's in a title? The use of honorifics in media coverage. In M. Levy, L. W. Nikora, B. Masters-Awatere, M. Rua & M. Waitoki (Eds.), *Claiming Spaces: Proceedings of the 2007 National Maori and Pacific Psychologies Symposium* (pp. 74-76). Hamilton: Maori & Psychology Research Unit, University of Waikato.
- Rua, M., & Nikora, L. W. (2008). 'Spill-over' of sustainable practices a PhD proposal. *The Bulletin*, 110(May), 13-14.
- Rua, M., & Nikora, L. W. (2008). 'Spill-over' of sustainability values and practices a psychology PhD thesis proposal. In M. Levy, L. W. Nikora, B. Masters-Awatere, M. Rua & M. Waitoki (Eds.), *Proceedings for the National Maori & Pacific Psychologies Symposium* (pp. 154-158). Kingsgate Hotel, Hamilton: Maori & Psychology Research Unit.
- Te Awekotuku, N., Rua, M., & Nikora, L. W. (2008). Moko A research Project. In M. Levy, L. W. Nikora, B. Masters-Awatere, M. Rua & M. Waitoki (Eds.), *The Proceedings for the National Maori & Pacific Psychologies Symposium* (pp. 27-28). Hamilton: Maori & Psychology Research Unit, University of Waikato.
- Teddy, L., Nikora, L. W., & Guerin, B. (2008). Place attachment of Ngāi Te Ahi to Hairini Marae. *MAI Review*, 2008(1).

Book

White, H., Nikora, L. W., & Te Awekotuku, N. (Eds.). (2008). *Ngoku Whakaaro*. Ngaruawahia: Turangawaewae Marae Trustees.

Conference Proceedings

Levy, M., Nikora, L. W., Masters-Awatere, B., Rua, M., & Waitoki, M. (Eds.). (2008). *Claiming Spaces: Proceedings of the 2007 National Maori and Pacific Psychologies Symposium*. Hamilton: Maori & Psychology Research Unit, University of Waikato.

Conference Presentations

- Amuketi, T. (2008, 29 August). *An exploration of the nature of Maori Cultural Competencies within Organisations*. Paper presented at the The New Zealand Psychological Society: Wellbeing: Individual, Organisational, Community Hauora: Ritenga, Ia Tangata, Iwi Whanui The Hotel Grand Chancellor, Christchurch
- Chamberlain, K., & Hodgetts, D. (2008, 4-6 June). *Everyday worlds, material things, and innovations in research*. Paper presented at the 2nd International Conference on Community Psychology: Building Participative, Empowering & Diverse Communities: Visioning Community Psychology in a Worldwide Perspective, Lisboa, Portugal.
- Groot, S. (2008, 4 Sept). *Cultures of homelessness in New Zealand*. Paper presented at the Te Toi o Matariki Conference, University of Waikato, Hamilton.
- Groot, S. (2008, 18 Nov). *More than bricks and mortar: Homelessness research project*. Paper presented at the Rangahau Maori Research Series, University of Waikato, Hamilton.
- Groot, S. (2008). *Resilience in the life of a homeless man*. Paper presented at the Homelessness Advisory Group, Auckland.
- Groot, S. (2008, 14 Nov). *Street lives in New Zealand: Beggars and bums*. Paper presented at the Psychology Graduate Research Day Out, Massey University Albany, Auckland.
- Groot, S., Hodgetts, D., Chamberlain, K., Radley, A., Nikora, L. W., Stolte, O., et al. (2008, 4-6 June). *Making a home: Homelessness in New Zealand*. Paper presented at the 2nd International Conference on Community Psychology: Building Participative, Empowering & Diverse Communities: Visioning Community Psychology in a Worldwide Perspective, Lisboa, Portugal.
- Groot, S., Hodgetts, D., Nikora, L. W., & Chamberlain, K. (2008, 30 August). *The need for ethnographic case study research in psychology*. Paper presented at the The New Zealand Psychological Society: Wellbeing: Individual, Organisational, Community Hauora: Ritenga, Ia Tangata, Iwi Whanui The Hotel Grand Chancellor, Christchurch
- Hodgetts, D. (2008, 4-6 June). *Core Competencies: New Zealand*. Paper presented at the 2nd International Conference on Community Psychology: Building Participative, Empowering & Diverse Communities: Visioning Community Psychology in a Worldwide Perspective, Lisboa, Portugal.

- Hodgetts, D., & Groot, S. (2008). *The Case of Joshua*. Paper presented at the Workshop for the Anglican Auckland City Mission, Auckland.
- Johnson, D., & Waikato Homeless Group. (2008, 4-6 June). *Homelessness and Maori Mental Health Services.* Paper presented at the 2nd International Conference on Community Psychology: Building Participative, Empowering & Diverse Communities: Visioning Community Psychology in a Worldwide Perspective, Lisboa, Portugal.
- Levy, M. (2008, 14-15 July). *Critical Mass, Tipping Point and Reaching the Point of Irreversible Change: Indigenous Psychology in Aotearoa*. Paper presented at the Psychology and Indigenous Australians: Teaching, Practice and Theory, University of South Australia, Adelaide.
- Levy, M. (2008, 29 August). *Indigenous Psychology Development in Aotearoa: Reaching the Point of Irreversible Change.* Paper presented at the The New Zealand Psychological Society: Wellbeing: Individual, Organisational, Community Hauora: Ritenga, Ia Tangata, Iwi Whanui The Hotel Grand Chancellor, Christchurch
- Levy, M. (2008, 4-6 June). *Maori and Psychology: Claiming our space*. Paper presented at the 2nd International Conference on Community Psychology: Building Participative, Empowering & Diverse Communities: Visioning Community Psychology in a Worldwide Perspective, Lisboa, Portugal.
- Levy, M. (2008, 14-15 July). *Critical Mass, Tipping Point and Reaching the Point of Irreversible Change: Indigenous Psychology in Aotearoa*. Paper presented at the Psychology and Indigenous Australians: Teaching, Practice and Theory Conference, University of South Australia, Adelaide.
- Rua, M. (2008, 11 Nov). Assessing the Needs and Priorities of Tuhoe.

 Paper presented at the Te Roopu Manukura Internship Programme,
 University of Waikato, Hamilton.
- Rua, M. (2008, 15 August). *Maori & Psychology Research Unit.* Paper presented at the Te Roopu Maunkura, Council Chambers (B Block), University of Waikato.
- Rua, M. (2008, 29th 31st August). *Spill-over of workplace* sustainability values and practices a psychological insight. Paper presented at the The New Zealand Psychological Society Annual Conference (Wellbeing: Individual, Organisational, Community Hauora: Ritenga, Ia Tangata, Iwi Whanui), The Hotel Grand Chancellor, Christchurch.

- Rua, M., & Nikora, L. W. (2008). 'Spill-over' of sustainable practices a PhD proposal. *The Bulletin, 110*(May), 13-14.
- Snell, D., & Hodgetts, D. (2008, 4-6 June). *Heavy Metal as Communities of Practice: The everday lives of bogans*. Paper presented at the 2nd International Conference on Community Psychology: Building Participative, Empowering & Diverse Communities: Visioning Community Psychology in a Worldwide Perspective, Lisboa, Portugal.
- Stolte, O. (2008, 4-6 June). *Homelessness*. Paper presented at the 2nd International Conference on Community Psychology: Building Participative, Empowering & Diverse Communities: Visioning Community Psychology in a Worldwide Perspective, Lisboa, Portugal.
- Stolte, O., Hodgetts, D., Chamberlain, K., Radley, A., Nikora, L. W., Groot, S., et al. (2008, 4-6 June). *Considering domiciled accounts of homelessness*. Paper presented at the 2nd International Conference on Community Psychology: Building Participative, Empowering & Diverse Communities: Visioning Community Psychology in a Worldwide Perspective, Lisboa, Portugal.

Invited Presentations

Nikora, L. W. (2008, 14-15 July). *Keynote Address: Indigenising psychology – The Maori Way*. Paper presented at the Psychology and Indigenous Australians: Teaching, Practice and Theory Conference, Adelaide.

Reports

- Robbins, K., & Robertson, N. (2008). *Te Whakaruruhau Transition and Wellbeing Programme: an implementation evaluation*. Hamilton: Maori & Psychology Research Unit, University of Waikatoo. Document Number)
- Robertson, N., & Oulton, H. (2008). Sexual violence: Raising the conversations A literature review. Prepared for Te Puni Kōkiri and The Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs. Hamilton: The Maori & Psychology Research Unit, Department of Psychology, University of Waikatoo. Document Number)
- Rua, M., & Nikora, L. W. (2008). The Needs and Priorities of Tuhoe A Beginning: A report presented to the Tuhoe Fisheries Charitable

- *Trust.* Hamilton: Maori & Psychology Research Unito. Document Number)
- Rua, M., & Nikora, L. W. (2008). Assessing the Needs and Priorities of Tuhoe: A summary report presented to the Tuhoe Fisheries Charitable Trust. Hamilton: Maori & Psychology Research Unit, University of Waikatoo. Document Number)

Theses

Davies, S. H. (2008). *Kaumätuatanga the changing roles of kaumätua in Ngäti Rehua: Future directions*. Unpublished Masters Thesis, University of Waikato, Hamilton.

Towards 2009

Better supporting Maori and Pacific students through an
individual case management approach
Consolidating our research agenda to be better positioned to win
longer-term programme grants.
Expanding our collaborations across the University and other
research institutions
Closer working relationships through joint projects and activities
with the Centre for Maori and Pacific Development Research
Presenting and disseminating research findings at national and
international conferences