

Editorial

O le ala i le pule, i le tautua.

The pathway to ownership is through serving.

Relationships have always been a driving force behind the publication of *Kairaranga*. The journal aims to ensure an inclusive and culturally responsive voice for a plethora of people and provides an opportunity for diverse groups to have a vehicle to disseminate and discuss topics of educational interest. In doing so, *Kairaranga* rises to the challenges of diversity which coincides with the focus of this year's RTLB National Conference in Manukau, Auckland: "Rising to the challenges of diversity (eke ki te Matataki o te Ahureatanga)".

This issue reflects a potpourri of articles highlighting different voices, cultures and stories. The vibrant cover art depicts the richness of the Pasifika, and continues the *Kairaranga* tradition of showcasing the RTLB conference host region with the second issue of the journal. Contributions to this issue reflect the collaborative partnership the journal has held between RTLB, the Ministry of Education and the tertiary education sector.

The interview with Keith Ballard gives a fascinating and comprehensive insight into his contribution to education. Whilst sharing his journey with the reader, his sense of humour and appreciation of significant others is evident, and is commanding reading. *Kairaranga* is also proud to support first-time and emerging writers. In supporting practice *Kairaranga* advocates that there are many forms of evidence, including the Storied Experience narratives in this journal. The opportunity to tell stories, frame reflective positions and acknowledge those who have gone before are all aspects of becoming self-determining.

In 2007, a questionnaire provided *Kairaranga* readers with the opportunity to provide feedback. The findings have been summarised within this current issue as part of the Editorial Board's commitment to feedback and service. As always, we hope that you reflect on the content and use it to support your own practices, relationships and advocacy.

Noho ora mai, nā

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