

# Geography Network of Expertise Newsletter #4

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We're all in this together: Building capacity in the geography teaching community

## Establishing a Steering Group

### *Te Ao Māori in New Zealand School Geography*

#### ***Aim of Steering Group***

- The purpose of this steering group is to determine the types and scope of resources that would support teachers and students to explore Te Ao Māori in their Years 11-13 geography curriculum.
- Following the steering group recommendations, Network of Expertise [NEX] funding will be made available to contracted individuals to design teaching resources for distribution (online and some face-to-face workshops) to secondary school and wharekura geography teachers.

#### **Commitment**

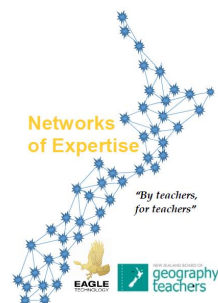
- It is anticipated that there will be three steering group meetings from June – September, 2019
- Steering Group meetings will be conducted through [Zoom](#), after hours, in the hope that group membership is widely spread.

#### **Sound like you?**

Senior school **Geography Teachers** (Immersion and English Medium) and **geography academics** with research interests in Te Ao Maori, who would like to establish the Steering Group should send an email to [mike.taylor@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:mike.taylor@vuw.ac.nz) (NEX project manager) by **Tuesday 21 May, 2019**.

## Term 2 Kaiārahi Cluster Meetings

LOCATION	DATE	VENUE	CONTACT
Hamilton	7 May	Hillcrest high School 1.30 - 4.30pm	Ryan Fox <a href="mailto:rcox@hillcrest-high.school.nz">rcox@hillcrest-high.school.nz</a>
Tauranga	8 May	Otumoetai College 1.30 - 4.30pm	Nick Page <a href="mailto:npage@otc.school.nz">npage@otc.school.nz</a>
Rotorua	9 May	Rotorua Lakes H.S. 1.30 - 4.30pm	Stephanie Beaumont Gills <a href="mailto:beaumont-gills@rotorualakes.school.nz">beaumont-gills@rotorualakes.school.nz</a>
Christchurch	15 May	University of Cant. Undercroft 101 1.30 - 4.30pm	Donna Lee <a href="mailto:lo@burnside.school.nz">lo@burnside.school.nz</a>
Nelson	17 May	Nelson Girls 1.30 - 4 pm	Jennifer Thomas <a href="mailto:jennifer.thomas@ncg.school.nz">jennifer.thomas@ncg.school.nz</a>
Gisborne	21 May	Gisborne Boys 1.30 - 4.30	Nick Chapman <a href="mailto:nickc@gisboyshigh.net">nickc@gisboyshigh.net</a>
Napier	22 May	Lindisfarne College 1.30 - 4.30pm	Victoria Gardner <a href="mailto:gardner.v.e@lindisfarne.school.nz">gardner.v.e@lindisfarne.school.nz</a>
Timaru	27 May	Timaru Girls 1.30 - 4.30	Sarah Robinson <a href="mailto:srobinson@timarugirls.school.nz">srobinson@timarugirls.school.nz</a>
Dunedin	28 May	The Edgar Centre 9am - 3pm	Simon Cushen <a href="mailto:cn@kingshigh.school.nz">cn@kingshigh.school.nz</a>
Invercargill	29 May	Southland Girls 9am to 3.30pm	Michelle Diack <a href="mailto:michelle.diack@southlandgirls.school.nz">michelle.diack@southlandgirls.school.nz</a>
Queenstown	30 May	Wakatipu H.S. 9.30am - 3 pm	Leanne Richards <a href="mailto:lrichards@wakatipu.school.nz">lrichards@wakatipu.school.nz</a>
Palmerston N.	5 June	PNBH 1.30 - 4.30pm	Hugh Drake <a href="mailto:drakeh@pnbhs.school.nz">drakeh@pnbhs.school.nz</a>
Wellington	6 June	Wellington Girls' 9.30am - 4pm	Paul Walker <a href="mailto:paul.walker@wgc.school.nz">paul.walker@wgc.school.nz</a>
Taranaki	13 June	Sacred Heart NP 1.30 - 4pm	Amanda Brown <a href="mailto:abr@shgcnp.school.nz">abr@shgcnp.school.nz</a>
Northland	18 June	Bream Bay 1pm - 4.30 pm	Holly McDonald <a href="mailto:hmcdonald@breambaycollege.school.nz">hmcdonald@breambaycollege.school.nz</a>
Keri Keri	19 June	Keri Keri H.S. 1.30 - 4pm	Dana Boissen <a href="mailto:DBoisen@kerikerihigh.ac.nz">DBoisen@kerikerihigh.ac.nz</a>



## Scholarship 2019: A focus on the significance of location in a global context

The 2019 scholarship focus is suitably broad to challenge our ‘best of the best’ students and is framed around a core concept. How might location be significant for global trade? For biodiversity? For wellbeing? For urbanisation? For population flows? Critically, what criteria might we use to assess the relative importance of different locations? The framework below is one approach.

### Assessing Relative Importance of a Place/Location

	Place - Location	Place - Location	Place - Location
<b>Spatial Influence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scope of Influence:</li> <li>- Magnitude of Influence:</li> <li>- Duration of Influence:</li> </ul>			
<b>Inherent or Assigned Significance</b> Does it have particular cultural, religious or historical meaning or value?			
<b>Instrumental or Strategic Value</b> Is it crucial to securing a valued purpose or objective?			

Adapted from: Sharpe, Bahbahani & Tu Huynh (2011) *Teaching Geographical thinking*. CTC/RCGS