



## EONZ Annual Report for the year ending 31 December 2016

### Co-chair's report

It is with pleasure that we submit this annual report for 2016.

**The National Executive** this year comprised Donald Matheson, Caroline Reddish and Fiona McDonald as elected representatives. Mike Boyes, Dave Irwin, Liz Thevenard and Libby Paterson held positions as coopted members. Early in the year Annie Dignan stepped away from a coopted role held over 3 years. We have valued Annie's contribution and know she continues to follow our progress. Toward the end of the year Mike Boyes also stepped away from an active executive member role. Mike's ongoing contribution and unfailing commitment to EONZ is significant and he will be missed. Allen Hill, from Ara Institute of Canterbury, was coopted at the time of Mike stepping down, bringing leadership in research and governance as well as a strong history of engagement in EONZ.

We would like to acknowledge the work of Catherine Kappelle as the EONZ executive officer. It is through Catherine's efforts that we have become the valued organisation we are today.

**Communication** to the membership through *Out and About* continues to challenge readers with quality content that calls for a critical lens on our own practices as well as providing fine examples of practice that can take us forward. Access to the electronic *EOTC Updates* highlights quality EOTC experiences both inside and outside curriculum.

**The year** saw roll-over of an important contract agreement with the Ministry of Education supporting EOTC, which enabled both continuation of core EOTC PLD to schools and the development of new initiatives. Thirteen 2-day PLD workshops were run around the country supporting schools with their EOTC systems management, this came at no cost to schools and saw over 350 teachers and members of school boards of trustees participate.

A milestone for EONZ this year has been the development of the EOTC Safety Management template and the associated tools, which are now with the Ministry of Education and will replace the current EOTC Guidelines Tool Kit. As part of this project EONZ has developed tools in Google Forms. This and other technology promises to help schools minimise paper and repetition for teachers and parents.

The National EOTC Coordinator Database finally went live on a dedicated set of pages within the EONZ website during Term 4 and is another initiative supported by the Ministry. The database network provides a direct communication pathway for EOTC coordinators nationwide and is identified as having significant potential to support many schools. We have set an aspirational goal of 90% of schools to be connected by the end of 2020. There is much work to do.

The scoping of a major new research project was also begun. This is a collaboration between 4 universities and EONZ, again with support from the Ministry of Education, and will roll out in 2017.

**Relationship building** and development of collaborations with education and outdoor sector agencies has continued as an important aspect of EONZ work. EONZ attended the NZ Association for Environmental Education February conference and AGM. Collaborations with Physical Education NZ (PENZ), the NZ Health Education Association (NZHEA) and more recently also with Home Economics Teachers Association NZ (HETTANZ) continue. EONZ supported PENZ and NZHEA at the 2016 Health and Physical Education Conference, held in Palmerston North, organising keynote speakers and sufficient EOTC and outdoor education-focus presentations to run an EOTC line in the programme. Our EONZ Best Outdoor Education Programme Award was also presented at the conference with much acclaim. The award recipient was Tarawera High School. Congratulations go to Sophie Hoskins and her fellow staff for their work in development of the award-winning programme for 2016.

**Other exciting projects** over the last year include excellent resource development with the NZ Mountain Safety Council (MSC), continued work on the Targeted Review of Qualifications (TROQ) and the development of new EOTC qualifications for teachers. EONZ has worked with Outdoors Mark to develop an audit designed specifically for schools. This is an excellent tool for schools who want to have a robust external check of the EOTC systems.

**EONZ members engaged** in a number of local network meetings around the country toward the end of the year, which have been an excellent opportunity for to discuss issues (both local and national), and to support each other.

**The EONZ executive** has continued to work tirelessly to do all we can to advocate for Outdoor Education and EOTC and to provide support and resources to teachers. It is inspiring to hear the executive members' passion and see this put into practice.

We look forward to another very busy year ahead and the opportunity to continue to work with a passionate executive doing all we can for EONZ members.

Fiona McDonald and Libby Paterson

EONZ Co-chairs 2016

## Financial Report

**The balance sheet on P4** of the EONZ Financial Statements identifies the small surplus of \$2286 this year (see Net Result under Owners Equity). This surplus supports a steady upward trend in EONZ reserves and equity over the past 8 years. EONZ steady growth as a sound and viable organisation is clearly evidenced by the financials as well as the outcomes it continues to meet.

As the P4 balance sheet, or statement of financial position, shows, EONZ is well placed with its assets at the bank, has minimal liabilities and has equity spread across a range of initiatives.

**The Statement of Financial Performance (P2)** shows all movement through the accounts in the year. The net result is a large sum but includes any unspent, tagged Ministry of Education initiative funding. The Ministry funding will roll over to 2017 and be used up as initiatives come to completion. The figure here should not be read as a surplus to EONZ operations.

**The Statement of Equity (P3)** shows the net annual result for EONZ, \$2,286. The statement also lists the four other sets of funding that EONZ has accountability toward:

- Ministry of Education project funds. This shows the funds to be carried forward for continuing initiatives. Ultimately, all Ministry funds will be used. Currently we carry a reasonable surplus in this area but can expect that in the next years we will consistently carry a loss.
- The Outdoor Education in NZ Aotearoa fund. This money is held in trust for the authors. A small 2016 result is shown from book sales.
- Regional funds held in trust by the national office. No movement for 2016. It is hoped that this year any remaining funds from other regions can be added as tagged funds in this line.
- Receipt of proceeds of Outdoors New Zealand (ONZ). These funds were passed on as ONZ wound up in mid-2016. The funds are identified in the balance sheet and will stay as a tagged sum until a decision is made as to their application. We are hugely appreciative of the funds and will seek to do well by a fitting and appropriate use.

**The Supplementary Accounts on P9** show breakdown of expenditure Ministry of Education funding, specifically. At the time of this report, the new look Performance Report to be submitted to Charities Services by the end of June as per new reporting requirements was not fully complete. The new-look report will condense the items in the Statement of Financial Position (on P2) into minimal reporting categories.

Under revenue:

- Grants donation and other similar revenue
- Membership and other revenue from members
- Provision of good or services
- Other revenue

Under Expenditure:

- Volunteer and employee related costs
- Provision of goods and services
- Other

The breakdown of this information will not be lost and will be included in the supplementary accounts, as is already the current Ministry funding expenditure.

A new section, the Statement of Service Performance, which tells the EONZ story and links outcomes with outputs will also be included. Anyone who would like a copy of the new Performance Report can request one, or get it from the Charities Services website once it is submitted in June.

Catherine Kappelle  
EONZ Executive Officer 2016