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Presidents Report – SANITI SGM 22 October 2024

Introduction

Congrats to the team for completing 22 years of providing independent support! We all look forward to what the 23rd year holds. 2024 has been a challenging year, navigating the meteoric rise of the cost-of-living, shifting sands of the political landscape, and the constant evolution that is Te Pūkenga or not, all the while being students and having lives. 2024 has been the year of graft. While all that is going on in the background, the team has never let it affect the way they interact and help students with anything they need. On behalf of the student body, I would like to say a massive thank you to the SANITI team for looking after us and keeping us sane enough to carry on.

2024 Highlights- Operational & Staff

A big thank you to Alison Hart, for keeping the Association team on the path. Thank you to all the staff, Tamsin Clark, Duncan Dunbar, Jaycob Brown, Ashleigh McNeilly, Kate Rees, Megan Riddell, Maisie Pestell, Justin McComb-Kennedy and Angela Christieson who have worked for the Association throughout this year. We wish A McNeilly well on her overseas adventures and congratulate J McComb-Kennedy on getting a graduate position in his area of studies.

Operational Excellence

- **SANITI 2024 survey** showed, 96% of students are aware of SANITI services, we asked what the best way was to let students know what SANITI provides, 62% said class talks worked for them.
- **Continued independent support** and advocacy services for students, SANITI 2024 survey showed 91% of students were aware of the service. Services were under pressure due to continued high cost-of-living financial struggles and transitional processes to disestablish Te Pūkenga.
- **Worked collaboratively** with NMIT to issue Manaaki funding to help students struggling with unexpected situations. Worked collaboratively with Te Puna Manaaki to provide an online competition for Mental Health Awareness Week. Worked collaboratively with Whanake Youth to provide events consumables and promote services at Spring fest held across NMIT campuses.
- **Continued regular and consistent support** visits to Richmond campus. Blenheim staff member continued to support Base Woodbourne and Marlborough campuses.
- **Maintained the delivery** of a full event schedule providing a mixture of on-campus events and online activities. Including Orientation week, Re-O-week, Matariki, 22nd Birthday celebration, Online competitions and Māori language week.
- **Increased followers** on social media and engagement with online competitions.
- **Providing International activities** in conjunction with NMIT to short-term and long-term studying international students.
- **Leaner Network Pilot**, Association organised and ran an event for Construction and Infrastructure students. The Construction Collective connected Carpentry, Joinery and Civil Engineering students and apprentices. The event also connected these students with local industry.

- **Service Level Agreements (SLA)** Successful delivery of the NMIT SLA. Successful delivery of the Ara SLA delivering an independent support and advocacy service to Ara students and securing additional funding for additional staffing in 2025.
- **StudyLink Outreach officer**, SANITI developed a relationship with StudyLink's local representative Naomi Winslade. This relationship has benefited students who had issues relating to their allowance, loan, etc.
- **Following reduced CSSF funding** allocation all SANITI service delivery has been subsidised from approved Association savings. This includes additional staff hours and annual leave liabilities.

Executive

Throughout 2024 our executive has represent our growing student body. Thank you to Scott Baliey, Vice President for your continued support. Thankyou to our outgoing Executives: Buddhika Daluwatte, Lawrence Manchala, Basil Kuriakose, Gen Redwood and Peng Xing thanks and good luck for your future endeavours. A big thank you to all our current executives for all of their ongoing mahi and commitments to SANITI throughout this year, you are all very much appreciated, and I look forward to working with you in 2025.

Executive excellences:

- Active membership within NMIT committees
- Active quality engagement within Te Pūkenga Learner Leadership Group, co-design, networks and forums
- Membership on:
 - NZQA Pastoral Care Code quality student advisory board
 - National Disabled Student Association (NDSA)
 - Tupu – TEC student and learner advisory committee
- Ongoing support of the SANITI staff with promotion and on-campus events schedule

An important group to also give thanks to is the SANITI Professional Advisory Group for being great mentors of the executive and providing great guidance to the Association during this year. Thank you, Scott Tambisari, Jackie Britz, and Tony Gray.

2025 Strategic Plan

The Student Executive consulted on the Strategic Plan, with the support of the SANITI team and the advisory board. Goals 1-4 have been developed and adapted based on the SANITI 2024 student survey.

Goals as per

- **Goal one:** Social events to foster a strong integrated campus culture
- **Goal two:** Friendly independent advocacy and support for all students
- **Goal three:** Independent representation of the student voice and collaborative student engagement
- **Goal four:** Thriving, sustainable and future focused Student Association

The 2025 Strategic Plan has had to take into consideration the evolving landscape of vocational education, which includes NMIT restructuring and the wonders of the political arena. Alongside student feedback which will continue to evolve as things develop to ensure the continuity of quality independent representation and services for students.

SANITI has received from NMIT, the intent to confirm a schedule for the provision of advocacy and representation within the 2025 SLA. This will mean a major reduction in CSSF allocation to SANITI and thus has the potential to have a significant impact upon the service delivery SANITI could provide in 2025.

The NMIT Student survey was released on 16 October 2024, we believe that completing this survey is important as it will have a direct impact upon the services SANITI may be able to provide for students in 2025.

This forms part of the NMIT student consultation process, however, I believe this does not completely comply with the TEC requirements set out in the SSF guidelines which means that students (that's you) are not getting to have an authentic voice in the provision of student support services.

The Association is required to have an independent auditor, thus we have appointed Simon Danson, Direct NMA Marlborough Audit LTD to complete the audit in 2024.

All the best with the last month of the academic year! Make sure you look out for the SANITI team with their exam support freebies. See you at graduation or upon your return to study next year. Feel free to pop by the office or contact us online if you need a chat and check out the What's on Calendar to find out what events are happening in the region over the summer holidays!

Ngā mihi nui



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