

## **SLANZA Central Co-ordinator's Annual Report 2002**

Good evening and welcome to the third Annual General meeting of SLANZA Central.

Thank you to the participants and the presenters of last years AGM and day of professional development held at the Palmerston North Science Centre on the 23rd October 2001. Evaluation and feedback from participants indicated a very successful day and a positive opportunity to meet and discuss library matters with others working in the school library field.

The Wellington Conference 20-21 July was attended by twenty Central members. The speakers, workshops, trade stands and organisation were all of the highest calibre. The weekend was inspirational, informative and fun. I strongly urge you to consider attending the Christchurch conference 21 - 24 Sept. 2003. In fact it is timely to discuss opportunities for attendance with senior management now, and to plan your 2003 budget with the conference in mind.

Central is well represented with eighty-eight current members from a national total of six hundred and fifteen members as at 8th of May 2002. Our numbers are made up of forty-four librarians, five library managers, six National Library school advisers, eight library assistants, seventeen teachers with library responsibility, six trained teacher librarians and 2 principals / deputy principals.

There are six Central members who hold degrees, sixteen have diplomas, thirteen have either the NZLA or NZLS certificates. Four members are currently studying towards a library qualification, forty-eight members are currently employed in secondary schools, six in intermediate, and twenty-seven in the primary sector.

Our listserv is running successfully with over eighty Central members registered. Contacting members through e-mail is obviously the cheapest and quickest option of communication. However it is often difficult and tedious as members change their e-mail addresses and are deleted and added to the membership list depending on whether or not they have paid their subs. I would therefore ask members to pay their annual subscription as soon as possible after receiving an annual renewal in term one and to contact me urgently with any changes to e-mail addresses.

The organisation of sub-groups within our region hasn't been as successful as expected. However, with continued support and commitment during the next year I am confident that we will see members participating locally and contributing their ideas and concerns to the Central group. Nevertheless, successful social get togethers were held in the Horowhenua / Manawatu, Wanganui and Wairarapa sub groups. My thanks to Lynn Heath, Pat McKenzie and Mary Watkins.

Changes in line with the National Executive AGM will see our Central AGM and day of professional development held in term two of 2003. Planning will

begin early next year. We are hoping for plenty of support and great ideas for Professional Development, in particular for primary and intermediate schools so that we can offer a diverse and challenging range of topics. Please make provisions to attend this day. RAECO has kindly offered to sponsor SLANZA by donating \$400.00 annually to each region. This funding will help considerably especially with the cost of postage. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Raeco and urge you to support them by purchasing Raeco products.

Finally my sincere thanks to the committee, Pat Bellhouse, Gill Burns, Joy Hamilton, Lynn Heath, Pat McKenzie and Sue Callaghan for their support and enthusiasm during the past year.

Louise Robbie 12th October 2002