

Travel grants to attend World Journalism Education Congress

Jeanz is offering grants for a Jeanz member and a journalism student to attend the upcoming World Journalism Education Congress at AUT in Auckland. The deadline for applications is May 13. For details, please go to <http://www.wjec.aut.ac.nz/>

Just a reminder too that there will be no Jeanz conference at the end of this year. That's because of the World Journalism Education Congress. The next Jeanz conference is scheduled for 2017 at Wintec.

Massey Journalism School turns 50

The full-time Massey/Wellington Polytechnic Journalism School kicked off in 1966 and this year marks its 50th anniversary, making it New Zealand's oldest continuously operating journalism programme. To mark this milestone, Massey is hosting a reunion dinner, to be held in Wellington on Saturday, November 26. For details and to register, go to www.massey.ac.nz/j50

AUT Pacific Media Centre launches AsiaPacificReport.nz news website

PMC's Dr David Robie, PCF chief executive Lau Lu Mac Leuanae and Evening Report's Selwyn Manning at the website launch.

AUT's Pacific Media Centre and Evening Report editor Selwyn Manning have teamed up to launch [Asia Pacific Report](http://AsiaPacificReport.nz), a current affairs website providing a fresh "Pacific" voice to bolster Asia Pacific news and analysis in New Zealand.

PMC director Professor David Robie says the collaboration is a result of a gap in the media market for an independent Asia-Pacific voice that addresses issues of equity and justice.

"AsiaPacificReport.nz will feature in-depth current affairs news stories focused on telling the 'untold stories' and also news about research. It will be a public space for no-froth journalism examining real pressing issues," he says.

Pacific Cooperation Foundation CEO Lau Lu Mac Leuanae did the honours in recently launching the site, and a 15-minute documentary, [The PMC Project](#), by [Pacific Media Watch](#) journalist Alistar Kata was also screened at the launch.

AUT graduate Kata has now joined the Tagata Pasifika television team covering news and sport. She has been succeeded at PMW by TJ Aumua.

Postgraduate student journalists, academics and journalists around the region as well as students are contributing news reports and features on the new website.

It is also primarily an outlet for the Asia-Pacific Journalism course students and other students around the Pacific, such as at the University of the South Pacific.



The idea for Asia Pacific Report was the result of Professor Robie and Manning's desire to bring the Pacific Media Centre's work beyond the university, to serve a greater global audience.

Asia Pacific Report <http://asiapacificreport.nz>.

New Zealand Institute of Pacific Research established

The Pacific Media Centre has a key research and publication role in the newly established New Zealand Institute of Pacific Research (NZIPR), which has been hailed as a milestone for advancing student learning on Pacific issues.

The new institute has been established by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in partnership with the University of Auckland, Auckland University of Technology and Otago University as a consortium for Pacific research and engagement.

Newly appointed director of the NZIPR, Associate Professor Damon Salesa, says it is the first time the NZ government had funded a national centre of excellence in Pacific research.



PMC director Professor David Robie with NZIPR director Associate Professor Damon Salesa and other colleagues involved in the new venture. Photo: PMC

[Foreign Minister Murray McCully](#) launched the institute at the Fale Pasifika, saying the think-tank's objective was to support sustainable development in the Pacific region.

Professor Jenny Dixon, chair of the new institute, said: "AUT, like Otago, has a large representation of Pacific students, Pacific staff. AUT has the Pacific Media Centre — these were assets the collective bid offered."

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