

Hamilton conference papers

Jeanz members held a successful annual conference at Waikato Institute of Technology in Hamilton last December, with 16 sessions running over three days.

The conference began with a computer-assisted research and reporting seminar, organised jointly with the JTO. Other highlights included sessions on investigative journalism, gender in the newsroom, writing skills, a study of *Listener* covers, shorthand, sports reporting, and reporting natural disasters.

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Moderation and unit standards teams formed

Two working parties were set up at the Hamilton conference – one to look at how journalism schools are moderated and another to review the current unit standards. Both are scheduled to convene in Wellington on March 8. Schools agreed to send the JTO details of their existing moderation arrangements. JTO executive director Jim Tucker has developed a new moderation scheme, trialled at SIT late last year. [Conference discussion](#) on moderation and unit standards. AL

New membership category

The Jeanz executive is considering a new membership classification – associate member. Says secretary Ruth Thomas: "The idea arose because of the interest from many non-members in attending the annual conference and presenting papers as well as keeping in touch with Jeanz's activities. It is great seeing Jeanz coming of age and attracting interest." RT/AL

AUT Jeanz/JEA conference: Call for Papers

Papers are being sought for the second joint Jeanz/JEA conference, scheduled for December 4-7, 2006, in Auckland.

Themed "Journalism Downunder: the future of the media in the digital age", the conference will feature keynote addresses, research paper presentations and panel discussions relating to the theme. Papers will also be accepted on other issues in the field of journalism education or the media in general.

It is hoped the conference will attract not only journalism educators from New Zealand, Australia and the Pacific Rim, but members of the media, students and all those with an interest in the interface between journalism education and the industry it serves. Conference details, accommodation and tourist information about Auckland is being added to the [conference website](#).



Those who wish to have their papers refereed should send a 250 word abstract by email before September 1, 2006. Others should send their abstracts to reach organisers by October 1.

Email abstracts to: Allison Oosterman, Conference Convenor, School of Communication Studies, Auckland University of Technology aoosterm@aut.ac.nz. Please put "JEANZ/JEA abstract" in your title. AO/AL

New editor needed for *Intro*

The JTO's basic journalism training textbook, *Intro: A Beginner's Guide to Professional News Journalism* – first published in 1999 and now in its third edition – is in need of a rethink and probably a complete revision.

The only chapters updated since the book first appeared are the one on New Media by Nigel Horrocks, and the early chapter on the history/background of the newspaper



industry. The photographic chapter was written in the days of film negatives, so that and probably most of the chapters involving changing technology (radio, TV, etc) need redoing.

Current editor Jim Tucker says his JTO job leaves no time for such a project. The new editor would probably need to write a few chapters, but the bulk of the task would be commissioning writers for all the other chapters and sub-editing the material.

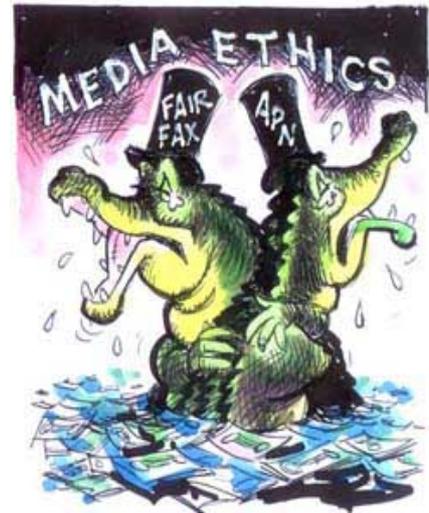
Expressions of interest, via email, to the [JTO](#) before the end of February. JT/AL

Jeanz members to get copies of *PJR*

Pacific Journalism Review will be sent to all Jeanz members this year on a trial basis. Ruth Thomas put the idea forward at the Jeanz conference, arguing the association's accounts were in surplus and that receiving the journal would encourage a research culture among members.

Two editions of *PJR*, published by Auckland University of Technology's School of Communication Studies, will be produced this year, the first scheduled for April focusing on gender issues. Jeanz will pay *PJR* \$35 per copy for each member - a saving of \$10 on the individual subscription price. *PJR* will publish a special edition containing selected papers from the 2005 JEA/JEANZ conference in April 2007. DR/AL

[PJR Call for papers](#)
[Pacific Journalism Review](#)



Incorporation on the cards

A discussion at the Hamilton conference about the pros and cons of incorporation concluded it was time for Jeanz to become a legal entity. Vice-president Grant Hannis will report back to members shortly. The JEA is also discussing incorporation. AL

Te Waha Nui wins Ossie for best newspaper

AUT's journalism newspaper *Te Waha Nui* won an Ossie Award in December for best student publication (any medium) in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific.

The two-year-old publication won against four finalists from Australia and Fiji. All were print publications, although some included online editions.

Judge Wendy Page, producer of ABC TV's *Australian Story*, said *Te Waha Nui* had broad appeal. "It provides good news stories and good features with broad appeal, and is well written. It's clearly a huge commitment for student journalists to produce work of this calibre for a fortnightly publication.

"I think the standard is equal to, if not better than, many commercial newspapers. *Te Waha Nui* is not as glossy as some of the other publications, but the substance of the content won the day for me."



Page highly commended a rival contender, *The Point*, a student-produced inner city community newspaper published by the University of Technology, Sydney.

Last November *Te Waha Nui* won the NZ Electoral Commission's [Wallace Award](#) for political reporting during the general election. DR/AL

[Te Waha Nui](#)