

New Plymouth conference takes shape

A programme has been released for the Jeanz annual conference, hosted by the Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki, December 4-5.

The theme is *The Odd Couple: Academic Degrees versus Skills-Based Training*. Or how journalism training in New Zealand is affected by the growing demand for degrees.

Papers on the conference theme look at unit standards, at the future place of journalism in universities, and at the importance of hands-on experience for tomorrow's journalists. Other papers and presentations focus on training indigenous journalists, press freedom, war reporting, digital media, Uni Tauranga, *Pacific Journalism Review*, and mainstream news/journalism education.



[Full conference programme](#)

Conference speakers should send their papers (at least an advanced draft) to Ruth Thomas at AUT (ruth.thomas@aut.ac.nz) by Friday, November 14. APA style is recommended.

To register for the conference please email Jim Tucker at WITT: j.tucker@witt.ac.nz

For information on hotels and motels. See [conference accommodation](#).

PIMA conference coverage

The Pacific Islands Media Association conference was held in Auckland on 3-4 October. See [stories](#) from the conference filed by AUT journalism students. [P.I.M.A.](#)



PJR goes to press

The first edition of Pacific Journalism Review published by AUT has gone to press. It was launched on October 3 at the Pacific Islands Media Association Aotearoa (PIMA) conference by former Fiji Deputy Prime Minister Dr Tupeni Baba.

For general information, style guide and subscription forms for PJR, visit the journal's website: www.pjreview.info

