



## Annual Report, 2023-2024

Tēnā rā koutou katoa. E mihi kau ana ki a koutou ngā kaimahi o te rōpū NSCBI me ngā kaimahi o Te Rōpū Mātai Hinengaro o Aotearoa.

### Membership

The National Standing Committee on Bi-cultural Issues formally acknowledges and welcomes the appointment of Moana Waitoki as the new Kaihautu for the Society.

We also acknowledge and congratulate Moana on being elected to the International Union of Psychological Science committee in Prague.



Moana signing an MOU between the NZ Psychological Society and the Japanese Psychological Association

An increase in general enquiries regarding NSCBI membership has led to a review of current membership processes to better align with general society membership criteria and process while maintaining the integrity and purpose of the NSCBI.

## STRATEGIC PLAN 2021 – 2025

### Key areas:

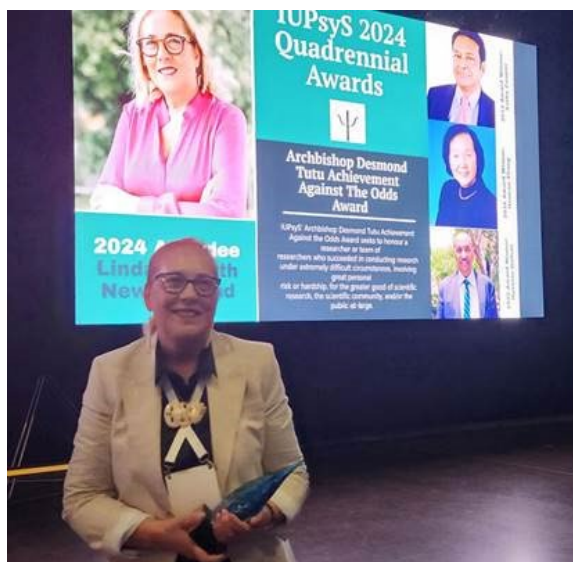
- 1). Solidify Māori leadership and representation in all areas of psychology: Governance, Management, academics, researchers, practitioners, students, consumers.
- 2). Recognition and Promotion of Māori psychology
- 3). Accountability and responsibility for Te Tiriti o Waitangi is made explicit
- 4). Whānau Māori receive psychological services that reflect their cultural worldviews

### Key values underlying the goals:

- Whakapapa: Knowing who we are and where we come from
- Kotahitanga: Joining for a common purpose
- Rongo: Listening to our senses
- Moemoeā: Purpose for the future
- Ngā taonga tuku iho a ngā tūpuna: Protect and live by the values of our tūpuna (ancestors)

### Activities to date:

- With support from NSCBI and the Kaihautu, the NZ Psychological Society, Centre for Indigenous Psychologies Massey University, Māori and Psychology Research Unit University of Waikato and Professor Leonie Pihama recently nominated Distinguished Professor Linda Tuhiwai Smith for the Archbishop Desmond Tutu Against all Odds award which she was awarded and received in Prague at the International Union of Psychological Science conference.



Distinguished Professor Linda Tuhiwai-Smith – Archbishop Desmond Tutu Achievement Against the Odds Award recipient

- He Paiaka Totara will be hosting an Indigenous Gathering on August 30<sup>th</sup> 2024 prior to the Society's annual conference in Christchurch from 31<sup>st</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Indigenous keynotes have been invited to attend and participate.

- Te Tiriti Training; Veronica Tawhai and the Te Ata Kura Educators have provided Te Tiriti training for the Society. This provided some psychologists to do the necessary 2 day course in order to continue into the Te Tiriti o Waitangi wānanga that took place on May 30-31 and 23-24 June 2024. 17 Māori psychologists attended the wānanga and preparations were made in the development of a training programme for psychologists written and delivered by Māori Psychologists from He Paiaka who are members of the Society. Funding for the wānanga came from NSCBI and the Society.
- Rautaki o te reo – is ongoing. This is now a standing item on the Executive committee agenda after it was launched it at the 2023 AGM in Wellington to celebrate Mahuru Māori.
- Te Tihi o Manono Award. The award is a joint endeavour between the Psychological Society and the College of Clinical Psychologists, biannually and has the support of Ngā Pae o te Maramatanga. Nominations for the inaugural award presentation this year are currently being received.
- NSCBI has provided ongoing support to the Society exec members involved in the apology work currently underway. Regular meetings and discussions have taken place to support this kaupapa.
- NSCBI is supporting the development of He Paiaka Tōtara as an independent entity. The registration process is nearing completion.
- NSCBI has supported and finalised the Society's Te Tiriti o Waitangi statement.
- Dr Hukarere Valentine and Dr Eleanor Brittain are current co-Directors of the Centre for Indigenous Psychologies
- Shortly Dr Rebecca Wirihana will step out of her current role as President-elect and into the role of President of the Society.

### **Planned for the rest of the year**

- Reviewing and updating of society website information on NSCBI, membership criteria process and role and purpose once He Paiaka Tōtara becomes its own entity.

### **Achievements and opportunities**

This year NSCBI in conjunction with the society has supported Te Tiriti o Waitangi workshops for Māori and tauīwi psychologists. This has provided opportunities for upskilling and knowledge development of Te Tiriti as an organisation with responsibilities to uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi provisions in our mahi, and supports development of a greater foundation of core competency expectations with regard to psychologist cultural competency, awareness and safety.

### **Bicultural Directors**

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