

## Presidents Report – SANITI SGM 17 OCTOBER 2023

### Introduction

21 years of the awesome that is SANITI, that's pretty impressive!

SANITI have done it again! The dedication, energy, enthusiasm, determination and sheer grit to pull off another year of quite frankly astounding services with students at the centre is humbling and inspiring. So, I say THANK YOU to the SANITI team and your Student Representative body for looking after us and keeping us studenting.

### 2023 Highlights- Operational & Staff

The team have continued to work in the background to deliver awesome service to the student body. A huge thank you to Alison Hart, for keeping the Association team on the path. Thank you to all the staff Tamsin Clark, Duncan Dunbar, Ashleigh McNeilly, Jaycob Brown, Kate Rees, Angela Christieson and Elizabeth Mead who have worked for the Association throughout this year. We give good luck and best wishes for Kate's next wee adventure, and welcome Megan Riddell who is stepping into the advocacy roll at this time.

#### Operational Excellences

- Continued independent support and advocacy services for students in 2023, through the cost-of-living crisis, political upheaval, and Te Pūkenga transitional processes
- Continuation of the SANITI hardship fund to help those struggling with unexpected situations
- Increased involvement and regular consistent service visits to Richmond campus
- Permanent staff member based in Blenheim to service Base Woodbourne and Marlborough campuses
- Delivery of a full event schedule, mixture of on campus events and online activities. Including O-week, Re-O-week, Matariki, 21<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration, Māori and Samoan language weeks
- Worked collaboratively with Te Puna Manaaki on Mental Health Awareness week to provide events across all campuses and an online competition
- Increased followers on social media and participation with online activities
- Providing International activities in conjunction with the International Wellbeing Fund (IWF) to short and long studying international students
- Successful delivery of the 2023 NMIT/Te Pūkenga Service Level Agreement (SLA)
- Successful delivery of the 2023 Ara/Te Pūkenga SLA delivering an independent support and advocacy service to Ara students
- The SANITI 2023 survey showed:
  - 98% of student are aware of SANITI services
  - Increased student satisfaction rates across all SANITI services

### Executive

Throughout of 2023 our executive has expanded its diversity to further represent our student body. We now have a Te ao Māori collective incorporated within the executive body. Welcomed and thank you for joining the team. Congratulations to Scott Baliey who has been nominated and elected as our Vice President. Thank you to all our current executives for all of their ongoing mahi and commitments to SANITI throughout the year, you are all very much appreciated.

#### Executive excellences:

- Active membership within NMIT/Te Pūkenga committees
- Active quality engagement within Te Pūkenga Learner Leadership Group, Learner Voice and Learner Success, co-design, networks and forums
- Engagement with NZQA and MoE regarding Learner support, Pastoral Care Code and Learner Voice
- NZUSA Conference attendance in July and on-going networking
- Facilitated a Local Candidates Political Forum for students October 2023
- On going support of the SANITI staff with promotion and on campus events

An important group to also give thanks to is the SANITI Professional Advisory Group. Thank you, Jackie Britz, Scott Tambisari, and Tony Gray, for being great mentors and providing great guidance to the Association during 2023.

## 2024 Strategic Plan

The Student Executive consulted on the Strategic Plan, with the support of the SANITI team and the advisory board. Goals 1-4 have been developed and adapted based on the 2023 SANITI student surveys.

### Goals as per

- Goal one: Fun social events and strong integrated student culture
- Goal two: Friendly independent support, advocacy and employment services for students
- Goal three: Independent representation of the student voice and collaborative student engagement through effective communication
- Goal four: Sustainability, survival and transition of the Student Association

The 2024 Strategic Plan has had to take into consideration the transition to Te Pūkenga, as well as student feedback and will continue to evolve as things develop to ensure the continuity of quality independent representation and services for students.

SANITI has been verbally advised that there are significant changes to the services proposed. As such, NMIT/Te Pūkenga will be delivering a student survey as part of this process. We believe that completing this survey is of vital importance to complete as it will have a direct impact upon the services SANITI may be able to provide in 2024.

## General Discussion

NZUSA membership 2024 – Executive have had ongoing discussion regarding the value of New Zealand Union of Student Association (NZUSA) membership for 2024 for students. Recommendation approval of funds allocated in 2023 and deferred, for 2024 membership, subject to further negotiation with NZUSA regarding fees and showing clear value to NMIT/Te Pūkenga students.

**Motion:** That SANITI is a member of NZUSA for 2024. Negotiation of Membership fee of maximum \$10,000 + GST is paid from Association savings.

If you have any questions regarding this report or any other Agenda items, please do not hesitate to contact the General Manager or myself.

All the best with the last month of the academic year! Make sure you look out for the team with their exam support freebies, which include hot beverage sachets, chocolates, and fruit. See you at graduation or upon your return to study next year. Feel free to pop by the office or contact us online if you need a chat.

**Max Devon**

Student President