



International Development in Oceania Committee (IDOC)

Report to NZLA Annual Meeting – June 8/9 2019

The International Development in Oceania Committee (IDOC) is a Standing Committee of the International Literacy Association (ILA) and has a long history of collaboration and cooperation with and between the Australian Literacy Educators' Association (ALEA) and the New Zealand Literacy Association (NZLA).

The logo of IDOC depicts a wave motif from both Oceania and New Zealand beside the star motif from an Australian legend of the Southern Cross.

This collaboration has always been in the interest of building capacity and capabilities of key literacy workers in the South Pacific Islands. In more recent times, a focus has also been on how these two ILA affiliates can identify and work on areas of mutual interest and need.

IDOC's aims: facilitate the promotion of ILA membership and council development in the Oceania region; identify and/or support professional development projects in the region, and; assist with proposal development for ILA and other grants.

2018 IDOC Meeting



The IDOC Meeting for 2018 was held in Auckland on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd October.

Members attending included Joy Hawke current IDOC Chair and president of NZLA, Glenice Andrews representative from NZLA and IDOC treasurer, Beryl Exley ALEA president and ALEA Vice President Chris Walsh (who took on secretarial duties), and Apolonia Tamata from Fiji and Folia Tohovaka from Niue.



Sheena Cameron and Louise Dempsey join the team to share their work.

2019 IDOC Meeting

The IDOC Meeting for 2019 will be held in Christchurch on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th October.

Conference Sponsorship 2019

This year the NZLA councils are sponsoring two teachers from the Cook Islands to attend the conference in Christchurch.

Books for Oceania

Scholastic NZ match dollar for dollar for the money spent on Scholastic books at the conference. Many councils also generously donate money to this project. NZLA and IDOC are extremely grateful to Rob Southam and Scholastic NZ for this on-going partnership.

Many thanks to the Councils who supported the Books for Oceania Project at Conference in 2018. I thought I would share Rob Southam's (Scholastic) email with you. We are always so appreciative of the work Rob Southam does with and for us and Tricia Kenyon's efforts over the conference days were amazing.

"Scholastic has just sent \$7,000 worth of books to 10 small Samoan village schools as a result of the wonderful effort at the NZLA Conference in Palmerston North.

Tricia's efforts were so appreciated – she was outstanding, with her superb organizational skills!

And the best news of all – as a result of our efforts and the partnership between Scholastic and NZLA, the grand total of value of books sent to Pacific Nations over the years stands at \$106,550!

What a pleasure it is to be able to reflect on this unique partnership that we have and see that total grow."

It was good to hear earlier this year that 6 boxes went to support Vailoa Primary school that was burnt down late last year.

At this year's conference in Christchurch Books for Oceania will go to Cook Islands schools.

IDOC Projects

Information Text Awareness Project

The Information Text Awareness Program (ITAP), known formerly as the Non-Fiction Book Flood, supports Pacific Island nations' teachers using information texts in their classrooms.

In 2018 ITAP2 workshops were held in Fiji in May. Chris Walsh and Apolonia Tamata were the facilitators. A presentation was given at the ALEA conference in Perth in July.



Apolonia Tamata to continue in Fiji with ITAP1 workshops during 2019.

Niue Magazine

IDOC have helped to fund the cost of printing a school magazine for the High School in Niue.

Sheena Cameron and Louise Dempsey

Sheena Cameron and Louise Dempsey attended the IDOC meeting in September to share their **Cook Islands Writing Project** – it's aim is to improve literacy outcomes in writing for students in the Cook Islands by providing teachers with on-going training and resources.

\$1.00 is donated to this project for every Sheena and Louise book sold.

Joy Hawke
IDOC Chair