



Chair Newsletter April 2020

Kia ora koutou PACE whanau

I hope you are all doing well during these unusual times we are all currently living. It is not a situation we thought we'd be in when we last met, wow, who would have thought!

It's good to have made it past the midpoint of Alert Level 4 and I'm surprised to look back at the past two weeks and feel like they have gone relatively quickly, or at least at normal pace. Of course, there may be some of you that don't feel the same way or are feeling a bit anxious and uncertain during these times. At our Management Team meeting this week Antionette, Kirsten and Pam put their hands up and volunteered to be available to our members during this time, for any reason, if you are living alone and would just like to chat, would like someone else to talk with, have a PACE query, or just to touch base with a colleague perhaps in a similar work situation.

I encourage you to contact any one of them, they will be happy to hear from you...and a big thank you to them for being available:

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So yes, the Management Team ~~meet~~ caught up this week for our scheduled team meeting. As you can see it was via the same method that I'm sure most of us have been using these days:



We discussed many topics including ideas and ways for our PACE monthly member meetings to continue in this environment. We also discussed the status of our next few meetings and made the following decisions:

Date	Meeting	Postponed:
28 March	Boomrock visit	Until later in the year, date tbc
28 April	PD session with Umbrella	Until after lockdown, when able to gather*
26 May	Dress for Success event	Until a future meeting date tbc
30 June	Mid-winter dinner @ the Intercontinental.	Not postponed. Remain in place at this stage, gathering guidelines dependent**

*We would like our first post lockdown meeting to be a well-being topic with a positive focus about moving forward in different times.

**SAVE THE DATE. We have booked and paid the deposit for a mid-winter dinner at the Intercontinental Hotel (Chameleon Restaurant) in June. It will be really good to see you all there in person (if we are allowed to gather at that time) and enjoy a wonderful evening catching up and sharing stories over a delicious meal. Mark this date in your diaries, and we will keep you posted.

The Management Team have several projects on the go at the moment, some of which will now take on a different spin due to the global pandemic. Because of this, and along with all the other priorities that are taking precedent at this time, we have decided to put these projects on hold and to review and assess them at a later point in time. We will keep you updated as decisions are made.

That's about it for now, I would just like to take this opportunity, halfway through this initial lockdown period to say how thankful I am. I'm thankful for the people we New Zealanders are, I'm thankful to be afforded some cautious optimism because of our efforts so far. We're doing great, and there's a lot to be thankful for.

Have a happy Easter break everyone, I'll sign off with this 'funny' ... see if you recognise someone, or yourself, and have a good laugh: [click here](#).

Kia Kaha, stay home, stay safe.

Philippa
PACE Chair

