

Welcome to the feedback report for the executive meeting, held in Wellington on February 14th, 15th & 16th. If you have any queries related to comments made in this report please contact your regional representative.

- As always the meeting agenda was full and this year it has been deemed necessary to start the formal part of the meeting on Friday evening. This proved expedient and will continue for 2020.
- HETTANZ currently has **671** Members. The administrator for HETTANZ has reported that memberships for 2020 have been returned and paid very quickly. Thank you!
- **Reminder** the Conference & AGM are in May- more information in the weekly newsletter.

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HETTANZ NATIONAL CONFERENCE & AGM

WELLINGTON MAY 2020 15th/ 16/ 17th @ Massey University

- **Fashion Awards 2020** - submission of entries confirmed as term four. Actual date TBC.
- **Weekly newsletter** - these are usually sent out on Friday afternoon. If you are not receiving these newsletters please notify the administrators at info@hettanz.org.
Member contributions for the newsletter are very welcome. Please forward these to either your regional representative or info@hettanz.org.
- Does your teaching program include **nutrition**? Visit [ANA's](#) website for everything nutrition, *and* sign up for their newsletter. Look for their presence at the upcoming conference/AGM
- **RAS** - review of achievement standards. HETTANZ does not have any current information to feedback to members. However, there is a section in the members' area of the website and if any information is forthcoming it will be placed there. Notification of such placements, will be included in the relevant weekly newsletter.
- **Sponsorship** - is a very important component for the successful functioning of HETTANZ. 2020 has already seen a drive to recruit new sponsors and there should be an imminent announcement of a high profile sponsor. Do try and make purchases from HETTANZ sponsors.
- **Sutapa Mukund** NAF (national assessment facilitator) for Home Economics, Earth Science and Biology met with the executive on Saturday. Su has held this position since October 2018; (*NZQA website is out of date*) and one of the key messages she has for HETTANZ is that of '**critical thinking**' - and the importance of this for all of the students; particularly those sitting exams in Home Economics. She also reiterated the need for teachers to read the exam specifications and assessment reports.

Page two has a message from Sutapa.

Sutapa Mukund has recently joined the NZQA Secondary Examinations Team as a National Assessment Facilitator in November 2018.

In my introductions at the HETTANZ executive meeting, I briefed members about my current role at NZQA and my academic background.

At the executive meeting I explained the processes followed at NZQA for the development of external assessments. I also explained the roles played by the exam development team in external assessments involving several Home Economics teachers from across New Zealand.

As a passionate teacher of Biology and Science, I have over 30+ years of teaching in various countries. I am familiar with diverse curricula and innovative assessments. Having completed a recent Master of Education degree from the University of Auckland, I am enthusiastic about my role at NZQA as my thesis explored various aspects of assessment in Year 13 students in addition to other factors.

Having worked as a contractor in diverse roles for NZQA over many years, and a Fulbright scholar, I bring to the table a variety of exciting ideas. I am keen to share and collaborate with the HETTANZ members and subject experts from the Home Economics sector and produce meaningful assessments conducive to our learners.

For your perusal here is the information regarding questions asked.

* A brief about the PeP (profile of expected performance) can be accessed through this link:

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/assessment-and-moderation-of-standards/managing-national-assessment-in-schools/ncea-the-myths/myth-8/>

* Assessment Reports of the 2019 exams and exemplars (where necessary) will be published during the 1st week of April.

* Assessment Specifications are published every year during the first week of December. Late updates (if any) appear online Mid-March

* Additional information/important circulars (if any) from NZQA when published are notified to the sector via the PN at all schools.

Kind Regards

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Secondary Examinations

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