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Editor's Introduction

Firstly, Volume 50, Issue 2, presents six papers, including a pair of studies by Aoroaro Tamati and colleagues presenting, first, the development of culturally appropriate instruments that are then used in a 10-month study of the development of positive behaviours among Māori preschoolers. I am particularly appreciative of the effort of those who reviewed this manuscript, given that it required commitment to evaluating each separately and as a pair. Continuing this developmental theme, this issue also includes Azeem and colleagues' evaluation of the impact of reading age-appropriate books describing inter-race friendships. Continuing this 'evaluation' theme, Hayward and colleagues present a qualitative analysis of focus groups of young women following a sexual violence prevention workshop. Additionally, this issue includes a NZAVS-based longitudinal investigation of the stability of political preference based on more than 5,000 New Zealanders, and a test of a key theoretical claim derived from Thomas Joiner's Interpersonal Theory of Suicide by Mason and colleagues. This last is at least as important for results relating to that key theoretical claim, as it is for the finding that around a quarter of the convenience sample of university students meet the recommended criterion for clinical concern around suicidal ideation. What these all have in common is not that the University of Otago has close to colonised this issue of the Journal, but the significant amount of work that all of these projects represent.

Secondly, we note the passing of two longstanding members of Aotearoa's psychology community - Emeritus Professor Jim Flynn and Emeritus Professor Tony Taylor. If readers have a glance through the archives of the NZJP available on the Society website, they'll see that Tony Taylor has contributed numerous times to these pages, and since the very first volume half a century ago.

Finally, we renew our call for papers to be considered as part of our upcoming special issue on psychological perspectives on environment, climate and sustainability.

CALL FOR PAPERS: Environment, climate and sustainability

We invite submissions for an upcoming special issue of the *New Zealand Journal of Psychology* focused on environment, climate, and sustainability.

We welcome contributions in the form of scholarly reviews, empirical research whether qualitative or quantitative in nature, commentaries relating to practice relevant to psychologists working Aotearoa New Zealand, and other relevant contributions. Contributions should be broadly relevant to the themes of environment, climate and sustainability, but more specific examples might include:

- Psychological and behavioural aspects of people and nature
- Ecological consequences of human actions
- Perception of, and behavioural responses to, environmental risks and hazards
- Māori and indigenous perspectives on the environment and its impacts
- Effects of environment (and perception of the environment) on human cognition and health
- Theories of environment-relevant behaviour, values, norms, attitudes, and personality
- Psychology of sustainability and climate change
- Psychological practice in the context of environment, climate and sustainability

Special issue Editors are drawn from the New Zealand Psychological Society's Climate Psychology Task Force and include Brian Dixon, Jackie Feather, Natasha Tassell-Matamua, and Marc Wilson. For further information about the Society's Climate Change initiatives please visit the Society [website](#).

The deadline for submissions is ongoing, but likely to close by November 1st, 2021.

Consistent with the imperative of the Journal, any submission must clearly articulate relevance in the context of Aotearoa New Zealand. Information about the Journal, and general author guidelines can be found [here](#).

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