



**Te Komiti Tikanga Matatika
Research Ethics Committee | MIT and Unitec
AGENDA**

Date: 15/4/2026

Time: 2pm

Venue: MS Teams

1. Whakatuwheratanga | Opening

Kia tūturu tātou (*Let's be real*)
Kia manaaki tātou (*Let's be caring*)
Kia whai hiranga tātou (*Let's pursue excellence*)
Kia tūhonohono tātou (*Let's connect*)

Whano! Whano!
Haramai te toki!
Haumi ē!
Hui ē!
Taiki ē!

1.1 Welcome and Apologies

RESOLUTION:

1.2 Declarations of Interest

1.3 Confirmation of Previous REC Minutes

RESOLUTION:

That the minutes of the REC meeting held on March 18 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

1.4 Action Register

- 1.4.1 REC ToR Proposed Amendments
- 1.4.2 REC Secretary following up with MAP program regarding the repeated use of the same communities by MAP students

2. General Business

2.1 Chairperson's Report

Presenter: Dr Eric Boamah

RESOLUTION:

That the Ethics Committee receive the Chairperson's Report.

3. Ethics Applications

[Applications Tracking: [a. Ethics Applications tracker 2026.docx](#)]

3.1 Current Applications A

2026-1018

Blockchain-Enhanced Zero Trust Architecture (B-ZTA) for Securing Government Digital Services

Diane Tamati (S. Pour, T. Gomwe)

Authorised 10/4/26

Ratified

3.2 Previous Applications A

2026-1006

Exploring the Impact of Christian Faith and Spirituality on Mental Health and Well-Being among South Asians in New Zealand.

Daisy Bentley-Gray (E. Boamam, H. Reihana-White)

Note: Authorised 18/3/26

Ratified

2026-1007

Navigating New Academic Worlds: Lived Experiences of Nepali International Students in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Caralyn Kemp (D. Bentley-Gray, T. Gomwe)

To be Ratified

2026-1008

Narratives of International Sri Lankan Students and their Families in New Zealand on their Migration Experience, Adaptation, and Community Building Strategies.

Hinewaimarama Reihana-White (K. Ranjendra, S. Pour)

Authorised 7/4/26

Ratified

2026-1009

Social Integration and Coping Strategies of Sri Lankan Migrant Entrepreneurs in New Zealand.

Tony Gomwe (L. Wu, E. Boamah)

To be Ratified

2026-1011

Subtle Impacts, Strong Voices: Exploring the Lived Experiences of Microaggressions and Microaffirmations among Sri Lankan Migrants in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Diane Tamati (C. Kemp, E. Boamah)

Authorised 19/3/26

Ratified

2026-1012

Discrimination against Nepalese international students in Aotearoa, New Zealand.

Annabel Pretty (S. Pour, D. Tamati)

Authorised 25/3/26

Ratified

2026-1013

From roots to renewal: embedding Rongoa Māori in the design of healing environments.

Hinewaimarama Reihana-White (D. Tamati, A. Pretty)

Authorised 15/4/26

Ratified

2026-1016

The Effect of AI-Assisted Learning on Student Cognition: Comparing Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving Skills with Traditional Methods.

Soheil Pour (D. Tamati, T. Gomwe)

Authorised 15/4/26

Ratified

2026-1002

A Comparative Study of Vocational Education Pathways for Neurodiverse Degree Students in Japan and New Zealand: Contextually Relevant Transitions from Education to the Workforce

Lian Wu (D. Tamati, D. Bentley-Gray)

To be Ratified

2025-1054

O le Ala i le Manuia, o le Tautua

Daisy Bentley-Gray (A. Pretty, K. Rajendra)

To be Ratified

3.3 Form B Applications for Noting

2026-1019

AI enhanced scaffolded approach for Coping Second Language Anxiety Using Generative AI

Daine Tamati

Authorised 15/4/26

Noted

2026-1020

Ako in postdigital classrooms (working title)

Daisy Bentley-Gray

To be Noted

2025-1056

The AI agent will see you now: Exploring the use of Cogniti AI Agent in communication training in veterinary nursing tertiary education
Caralyn Kemp
Notes: the applicant decided to **withdraw** the application

3.4 Form C Applications

Application for Ethical Approval for a Research Component of a Teaching Programme

2026-1017

Capstone Project – ISCG7431 – 60 Credits
Caralyn Kemp (S. Pour, T. Gomwe)
To be Noted

2026-1001

Te mahere rangahau Active Research | 750.726. 60 Credits
Lian Wu (K. Rajendra, A. Pretty)
Authorised 30/3/26
Noted

4. Matters Arising from Previous Applications

The following applications were taken of the agenda at the last meeting. The Secretary seeks confirmation from Readers regarding any response from applicants regarding future resubmission.

2025-1045

Wessels
Caralyn Kemp (D. Brentley-Gray, T. Gomwe)

2025-1039

Kearns
Hinewaimarama Reihana-White (D. Tamati, D. Bentley-Gray)

5. Correspondence

5.1 REC member Annabel Pretty has resigned

The deputy chair H thanked A for her contribution

5.2 New Reporting templates

RESOLUTION:

That the Ethics Committee receive the Correspondence.

6. Standing Items

6.1 REC members feedback to the proposed ToR Amendments

RESOLUTION:

That REC members provide their feedback by April 20

7. Resources

<https://rdinetwork.org.au/effective-ethical-research-evaluation/principles-guidelines-ethical-research-evaluation/>

Date of the Next Meeting:

20 May 2026

Whakamutunga | Closing

Ka wehe atu tātou
I raro i te rangimārie
Te harikoa
Me te manawanui
Haumi ē! Hui ē! Taiki ē!

We are departing
Peacefully
Joyfully
And resolute
We are united, progressing forward!