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OF ANZASW

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# NAU MAI, HAERE MAI

E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā rau rangatira mā, tēnā koutou katoa

It is my pleasure to welcome you to our whakanuia, celebrating 60 years of the Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Social Workers (ANZASW).

Sixty years ago, our Association was formed, and in his inaugural address, the first President, Merv Hancock, set out three primary objectives: advancing training, creating a forum for debate, and promoting social work research. From these humble beginnings, our Association has grown into a robust, dynamic body that plays a pivotal role in shaping the social work profession across Aotearoa.

Today, ANZASW represents a diverse and committed community of practitioners, each dedicated to upholding the values of manaakitanga, equity, and social justice. We continue to evolve, embracing the challenges and opportunities of an ever-changing world while remaining steadfast in our mission to support and advocate for the wellbeing of all people in Aotearoa.

*Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua*

*I walk backward into the future with my eyes fixed on my past*

As we reflect on the past six decades, we acknowledge the visionaries who laid the foundation, the leaders who carried the torch, and the countless social workers who have made a profound difference in the lives of individuals, families, and communities. This celebration is not only a time to honour our history but also an opportunity to look ahead, to envision a future where social work continues to thrive, innovate, and lead positive change.

Thank you for being part of this special milestone.

Nāku iti noa, nā



Sharyn Roberts

Kai Tahu, Kati Mamoe, Waitaha, Ngāti Kahungunu  
ANZASW Perehitana / President

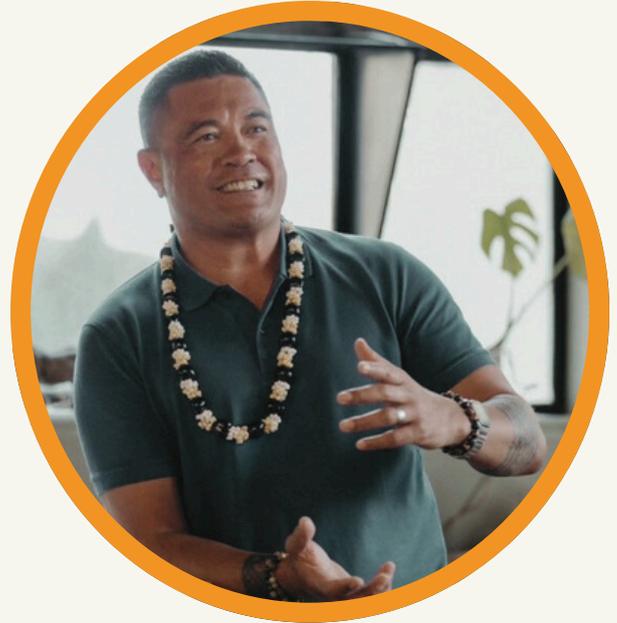


# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**Dr Claire Achmad**

As the Chief Children's Commissioner, Dr Claire Achmad is a recognised advocate for children in Aotearoa New Zealand and internationally, having worked in a wide range of areas relating to children's rights, including from legal, policy and practice perspectives.



**Jeremy Faumuinā**

Jeremy describes himself as a multipotentialite: a communicator, social worker, cultural advisor, motivational speaker, public relations consultant, and design lead for numerous educational leadership training programmes across Aotearoa and Samoa.

# DAY 1 PANELISTS



**Shannon Pakura MNZM (Te Atihaunui-a-Paparangi)**, the first registered social worker in Aotearoa, has chaired the SWRB since 2019. She has extensive experience in Child Protection and Youth Justice, was the former Chief Social Worker, and served on the NZ Parole Board (2008-2021). Shannon is a life member and former President of the Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Social Workers, and received the NZ Order of Merit in 2022.



**Sharyn Roberts (Ngāi Tahu, Kāti Māmoe, Ngāti Kahungunu ki te Wairoa)**, is a proud Māmā, Tāua, and whānau member. She is a tangata-ō te whenua registered social worker passionate about Māori success. Sharyn is the Pou Ārahi Manager at Te Ora Hou Ōtautahi and has been ANZASW President for five years.

# DAY 1 PANELISTS



**Dr Moana Eruera (Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Ruanui and Ngāti Rangiwēwehi)**, is a registered social worker with a PhD in indigenous studies, has over 30 years of experience in social and community work. She is dedicated to strengthening whanau/child safety, applying kaupapa Maori frameworks, and advocating for social justice and human rights. Moana is a founding member of the Tangata Whenua Association of Social Work, has published extensively on indigenous social work, and has held significant leadership roles in both the state sector and her Te Tai Tokerau Iwi.



**Dr. Leland Ruwhiu (Ngāti Porou, Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāi Tahu ki Mohaka)**, is a passionate advocate for whānau wellness and wellbeing (states of ora) and actively promotes Tangata Whenua kaitiakitanga in social and community work in Aotearoa. An indigenous leader, poet, innovator, thinker, writer, and critical commentator, he holds a Doctorate in Philosophy (Social Work and Social Policy) and a BSW (Hons).

# DAY 2 PANELISTS



**Sam Davis** - Ko Mataatua te Waka, ko Pohue te Maunga, ko Mangaiti te Awa, ko Mangaiti te Marae, ko Ngāti Pakahi te Hapū, ko Ngāpuhi nui tonu te Iwi. E noho ana au ki Whanganui, no Kāeo ahau. Ko Sam Davis tōkū ingoa.

Sam is a registered social worker committed to social justice, equity, Māori, and community development. Accustomed to addressing diverse whānau needs and experiences while navigating dynamic environments, she enjoys challenging systems and partnering with people and whānau to activate their aspirations.



**Piotr Mierzejewski** - Born in Poland but raised in Dunedin, Piotr is a social worker and has extensive experience in and around disability on a professional and personal level. He presently works with people who live with trauma and mental health, and is starting to dabble in motivational speaking and disability awareness.

# DAY 2 PANELISTS



**Georgie Attwood** is a dedicated, registered social worker, based in the Bay of Plenty. With a strong focus on family harm and court mentoring for rangatahi youth, Georgie brings a wealth of expertise and compassion to her work. She believes in unleashing the potential within every individual she supports.



**Monique Edmonds** is a recent MASW graduate who is passionate about making a difference in the family harm sector. With a fresh perspective and a strong commitment to supporting individuals and families, Monique is dedicated to fostering safe and nurturing environments.

# OUR MC



**Longi (Ronnie) Taulafo** brings a powerful voice as a dedicated advocate for Pacific climate action, and his leadership in this space will help set the tone for an inspiring and forward-thinking event. His passion for the environment and social justice aligns with the values we hold at ANZASW.

# DAY 1 PROGRAMME

Wednesday 23 October	
Time	Activity
8:30am	Mihi Whakatau   <b>Me te Aroha te Iwi Te Ahi Waru ki Māngere</b>
9:00am	Housekeeping
9:15am	Video Message   <b>Her Excellency Rt. Hon. Dame Cindy Kiro, GNZM, QSO</b>
9:30am	Whakatū Whera   <b>Perehitana Sharyn Roberts</b>
10:15am	Kaihautū   <b>Lisa King</b>
10:30am	Morning Tea
10:50am	<b>Caucus Sessions</b>
12:05pm	Lunch
1:00pm	<b>Caucus Feedback</b>
2:00pm	<b>Discussion Panel</b>   The journey of social work in Aotearoa <b>Shannon Pakura MNZM, Dr Moana Eruera, Dr Leland Ruwhui, Sharyn Roberts</b>
3:00pm	<b>Hītori Matihiko</b>   Digital History presentation  <b>Sally Dalhousie</b>
3:30pm	Reflections and Close of Day
6:00pm	<b>60th Celebration Dinner</b>
	Launch of Ngā Taonga Tuku Iho   <b>Sally Dalhousie</b>

# DAY 2 PROGRAMME

Thursday 24 October	
Time	Activity
9:00am	Karakia Timatanga, Day 1 Reflections
9:15am	Welcome and Opening remarks   <b>Chief Executive Nathan Chong-Nee</b>
9:30am	Keynote Address   <b>Dr Claire Achmad</b>
10.30am	Morning Tea
10.45am	Panel - Facilitated Sessions <b>Shannon Pakura, Dr Moana Eruera, Dr Leland Ruwhui, Sharyn Roberts</b>
12:00pm	Lunch
12:45pm	Keynote Address   <b>Jeremy Faumuinā</b> <i>Sponsored by Oranga Tamariki Ministry for Children</i>
1:45pm	Afternoon Tea
2:00pm	<b>Panel</b>  Emerging Social Work Leaders <b>Jeremy Faumuinā with representatives from ANZASW Social Change and Equity Committee and ANZASW Graduate Support Programme</b>
3:15pm	Summary Remarks
3:45pm	Karakia Whakamutanga

# HOUSEKEEPING

## **Conference Address**

Holiday Inn Auckland Airport  
12 Ascot Road  
Māngere  
Auckland 2022

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Ample onsite parking available

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