

Tēnā koutou members and whanau

2019 comes to an end, and what a busy and successful year it has been for the MetSociety. We have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with AMOS. We have made good progress engaging more and effectively with students and early career scientists. We have consolidated our online membership list and improved dealing with changes and renewals to the membership database. Our membership continues to grow, and we were able to more than doubled the number of student members. Our journal *Weather and Climate* has been enjoying increasing visibility through agreements with digital libraries like JSTOR and EBSCO, which has also generated a new income stream for the society. The photo competition 2018 was again a success and with our new MetSociety T-shirts we have enhanced our public relations.

The annual conference of the MetSociety was a great success and the biggest conference for us so far, with around 110 participants and almost 80 presentations. Branching out to local and central government and the invitation of key people proved very successful and sparked lots of engagement and interest from participants at the conference. I was especially pleased that Climate Change Minister James Shaw, Climate Change Ambassador Kay Harrison and George Slim, representing the office of the Chief Science Advisor to the Prime Minister, all accepted my invitation to the conference and gave our membership valuable insights into government processes and what role science plays in the decision-making process of government. Thanks to Luke Sutherland-Stacey from Weather Radar New Zealand Ltd, who invited Nick Brown from Auckland Water to the conference. Nick's presentation on how local government relies on scientific data and engagement with the science community was very insightful.



Let me close by thanking this year's and last year's committee members for their hard work and support. This has made my role much easier. Thank you to Sylvia Nichol, Petra Pearce, Jiawei Zang, Daniel Kingston, Katrina Richards, Gregor Macara, Bob McDavitt, Nava Fedaeff, Lisa Murray, Stefanie Kremser, Tim Gunn, Luke Sutherland-Stacey and James Renwick. I would also like to use this opportunity to particularly acknowledge our former website liaison Stefanie Kremser, for all her hard work. Stefanie stood down from

the committee in November after 5 years. Stefanie has been key in making the transition of our website to a new platform a success. Her problem-solving attitude and her quick response to questions in relation to the website was always outstanding and highly appreciated by all committee members. Thank you, Stefanie, for your work and dedication during the last 5 years. We really appreciate the work you have done for the MetSociety and will certainly miss you in our team.

Merry Christmas and all the best for the new year,
Meri Kirihimete me ngā mihi o te tau hou,

Michael Martens

President of the Meteorological Society of New Zealand

