

Head of Department's Update



In tertiary education, and particularly here at EMANZ, change really does seem to be the only constant, and some significant changes have occurred since our last edition of **EPICENTRE**.

In April Tai Poutini Polytechnic's senior management group decided that the Search and Rescue programme was better aligned with the Department of Emergency Management than the Department of Outdoor Education - which is where

the earlier organisational restructure documents had located it. Consequently, the Department of Emergency Management now covers programmes in emergency management, rural fire and search and rescue.

In August and September much time was spent transitioning the search and rescue programme management and administration from Greymouth to Palmerston North. The delivery of most of the courses that form the search and rescue programme is still done by our delivery partner, the Search and Rescue Institute of New Zealand (SARINZ) so there has been little negative effect to our learners during the transition.

In mid-November the Search and Rescue Programme Advisory Committee endorsed a new set of land search and rescue qualifications and these will be offered from mid 2011 onwards. The new qualification structure includes a number of Short Awards as well as three new Certificates and a Diploma in Land Search and Rescue Management (Level 5).

I am also pleased to advise that the Rural Fire Programme Advisory Committee met earlier in the year and approved a series of new short awards and a qualifications pathway that will help learners complete training required by their employer, while helping them to complete one or more National Certificates in rural fire fighting. My thanks go to Jared Davidson for leading the development of this new curriculum document, and to other members of my team for their assistance.

Another significant change is that I have resigned from my role as Head of Department and will be leaving TPP late January 2011 to pursue a more technical role as a Business Analyst (Risk) at Massey University. I have enjoyed my time at EMANZ and TPP and in particular the last 18 months that I have been employed as the Head of Department. The position has been advertised, and as you read this we are most likely interviewing the shortlisted applicants. We hope to have a new HOD in place by the end of January.

It has been another busy year for us and our customers. Our course calendar for 2011 is already starting to fill up. If you are considering enrolling in any of our programmes in 2011 or organising a programme of study for your staff, please get in touch with us so we can fit you into our training calendar.

I trust you will have a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday and I look forward to hearing from you in the New Year.

Chris Schraders

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Below: Recently members from the Palmerston North based Rescue Emergency Support Team were presented their certificates in emergency management and short awards by Head of Department, Chris Schraders during their Annual Awards night.

In 2010, 28 students graduated with a Certificate in Emergency Management (Level 2), and four with a Certificate in Emergency Management (Level 4).

51 Short Awards we also completed during the last seven months since they were approved.

Congratulations to all those who graduated with a certificate or achieved a short award.



New Structure for EMANZ

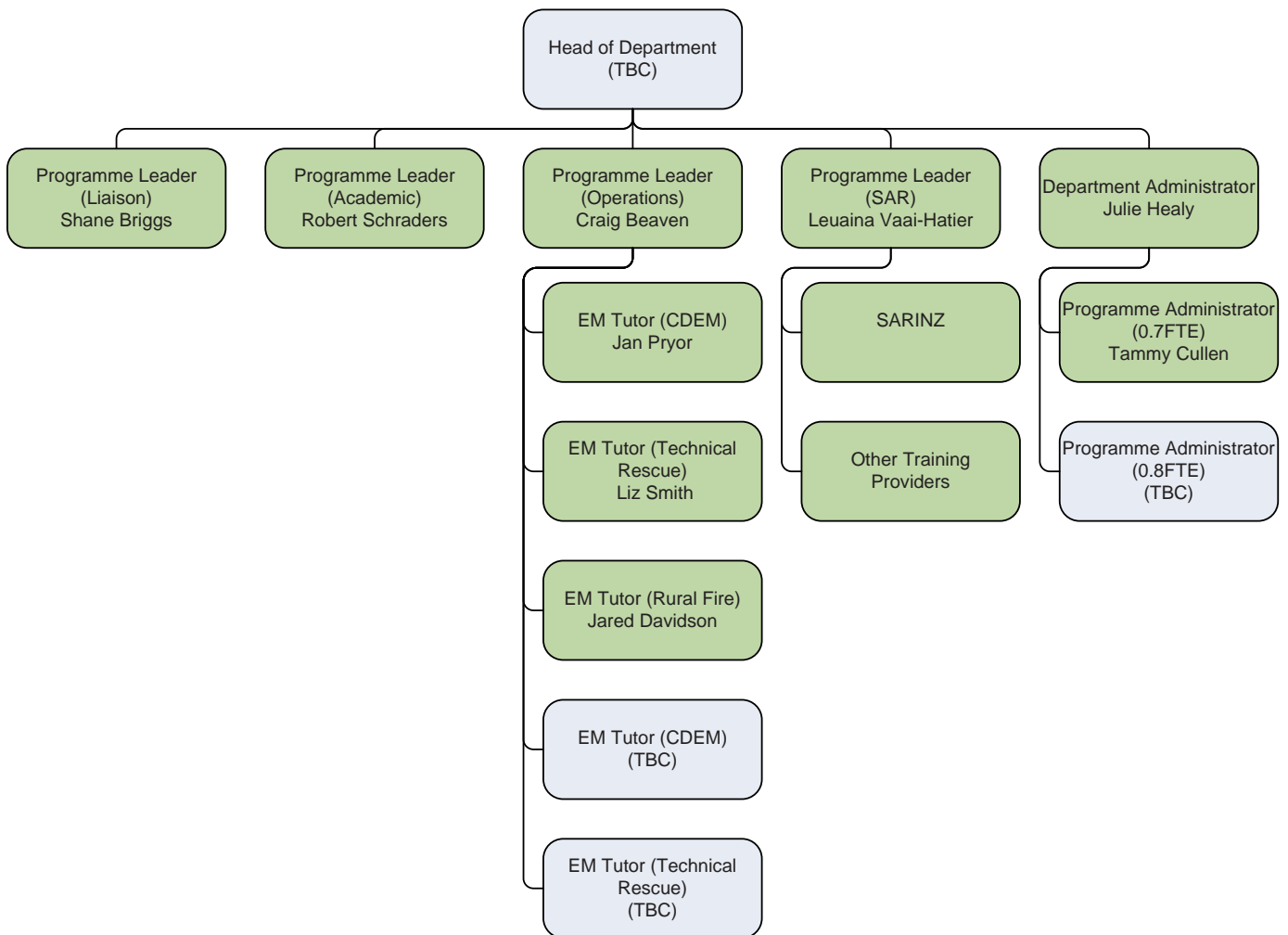
The organisational structure for EMANZ was finalised in August 2010 and vacant positions were advertised internally.

I am pleased to advise that three vacant positions have been filled by existing staff who were employed on fixed-term contracts: Leuaina Vaai-Hatier as Programme Leader (Search and Rescue); Jared Davidson as Emergency Management Tutor (Rural Fire focus) and Tammy Cullen as Programme Administrator (0.7FTE).

There are three more vacant positions that we will be advertising externally over the next month.

These are: Emergency Management Tutor (CDEM Focus); Emergency Management Tutor (Technical Rescue focus) and Programme Administrator (0.8FTE). If you are interested in any of these positions, please email info_emanz@tpp.ac.nz

The structure of the Department of Emergency Management (EMANZ) is:



The positions in blue are yet to be filled and are being advertised.

New EMANZ appointments

Liz Smith has been a Casual Tutor for EMANZ since 2006, and now joins the team full time as an Emergency Management Tutor, focusing on technical rescue courses.

Liz is also a Team Leader for Palmerston North City Council's Rescue Emergency Support Team (NZ-RT4). Throughout her 10 years volunteer service Liz has operational experience at rope rescue, swift water rescue, Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) and flood deployments.

Liz holds the Rescue 3 International (RQ3) Instructor rating for Rope and a RQ3 Swiftwater Advanced rating. She also holds a Certificate in Emergency Management (Level 4), and a number of National Certificates in technical rescue.

Jan Pryor was also a Casual Tutor for EMANZ before joining us full time as an Emergency Management Tutor, focusing on CDEM courses.

Jan's previous role was with Whakatane District Council where for five years she held the position of Eastern Bay of Plenty Emergency Management Co-ordinator.

Jan has a background in enforcement, having spent five years with Toi Te Ora Public Health in a Health Promotion role working in Liquor Licensing enforcement, and nine years as a Constable with the Whakatane Police.

Jan holds a Postgraduate Certificate in Emergency Management through Auckland University of Technology and a Certificate in Emergency Management (Level 4).

As already mentioned on page two, **Jared Davidson** was appointed as an Emergency Management Tutor and will be focusing on delivering courses for our rural fire programme.

Jared comes to EMANZ from the New Zealand Army with 10 years experience as a fire fighter specialising in domestic, rural, aircraft and bulk fuel fires.

Jared's last job saw him employed as an instructor at the Joint Services Fire School at Linton Military Camp where he trained both Army and Air Force fire fighters from fire fighter through to officer level.

Jared holds a National Diploma in Fire and Rescue Services (Urban Fire and Rescue Operations), numerous National Certificate qualifications in Vegetation, Urban Fire and Rescue Operations, Airport and Industrial Emergency Response fire fighting as well as Adult Education and First Line Management.

Jared is also completing his Diploma in Applied Emergency Management (Level 6) through Tai Poutini Polytechnic.

As the Programme Leader (Search and Rescue) **Leuaina Vaai-Hatier** is responsible for managing the SAR programme.

She has always had an inherent interest in volunteer work since living through two major cyclones in Samoa in the early 90s. Last year Leuaina volunteered with the NZ Red Cross to assist with providing relief after the 2009 Samoa Tsunami.

Leuaina holds a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from Auckland University majoring in Management and Operation Systems; and has a solid background in customer services and administration.

Tammy Cullen is our new Programme Administrator and comes to EMANZ from the New Zealand Army with 14 years experience as an Administrator.

Tammy's last job saw her employed in a challenging role as the Health and Safety Officer for Linton Military Camp, where her main effort was to ensure Linton Camp was compliant with the HSE Act.

Tammy holds a National Diploma in Business Administration and National Certificate's in First Line Management, Business Administration and Business Administration and Computing.

Seeking New Tutors

Shortly EMANZ will be advertising for two full time Tutors and will be calling for expressions of interest from people wishing to become Casual Tutors. In both cases we are looking for people with an interest in teaching any of the following: emergency management, technical rescue, fire safety or workplace emergency response.

Tutors need to have extensive experience in the area or areas they wish to teach and will ideally hold a Certificate in Emergency Management (Level 2 or Level 4) or other related qualification. Successful applicants will be required to complete a National Certificate in Adult Education (Level 5) once employed if they do not already hold this qualification.

The jobs will be advertised in the major newspapers (The Herald, The Dominion Post and The Press) as well as on the Seek website (www.seek.co.nz) within the next month.

Diploma in Applied Emergency Management

As we approach the completion of the first year of the Diploma in Applied Emergency Management, the work which has been completed by the students has been of a very high standard.

The Academic Skills Introduction paper (AS01) was delivered in a block course, teaching the requirements to write clear, concise essays and reports based on appropriate sources. It provided some of the students with their first opportunity to be exposed to this level of study.

This was followed by Introduction to Emergency Management (EMD01). Students were required to produce several reports associated with the natural hazards, looking at the risks posed and the associated mitigation processes which have been implemented in various areas in New Zealand. This has increased their knowledge, as they researched these processes within their area of study.

The Emergency Planning and Project Management (EMD02) paper required students to assess an organisation with an emergency management role, and the alignment of internal documentation to that of the legislation.

Introduction to Organisational Professional Development (EMD03) also a second semester paper, requires students to produce a report on training analysis with recommendations for an organisation which has an emergency management role.

The 2011 intake for the Diploma looks promising with a large number of people expressing an interest to undertake this study, along with the existing students re-enrolling in the next semester for continued study.

The dates for the next semester intake are as follows:

Final enrolment date for AS01, EMD01, EMD05, and EMD07 is 28 January 2011.

The semester starts on 7 February with the block courses for AS01 running from 19 – 20 February, and EMD01 from 21 – 25 February.

Students applying for special entry may be required to complete the following additional courses before commencing the diploma:

Core Skills 12 – 13 February 2011

CIMS Level 4 14 -16 February 2011

These courses have been scheduled to assist individuals who wish to study the Diploma in Applied Emergency Management, but are open to other students as well so places are limited.

If you have any questions regarding the diploma please contact shane.briggs@emanz.ac.nz

Showcase – Emergency Preparedness course

The Showcase is a section in the **EPICENTRE** where we put the spotlight on one of our courses so you can get a taste for what is involved. In this edition we showcase the Emergency Preparedness course.

The Christchurch earthquake has provided a timely reminder of the need to be adequately prepared for an emergency. In support of this EMANZ has developed a new course for any person who wants to be prepared for disasters such as flooding, storm, earthquake, tsunami, technological failure, or pandemic.

This half day course introduces students to the New Zealand Civil Defence Emergency Management structure and puts some perspective around the ability for NZ to respond to a major event.

Most people are familiar with the concept of “be prepared to cope on your own for up to three days, or more”, so the course looks at what this means, what people can do for themselves, and for

their families to be prepared in a disaster.

History has shown that in times of disaster, stress related family violence increases. Provisional statistics showed a 53% increase in family violence offences in those areas affected by the Canterbury earthquake. Students on the course learn ways to recognise stress, either their own, or that of someone close to them, and actions they can take to prevent stress escalating.

Although there are no standards awarded by completing this course due to the short duration, there are plenty of things to learn by attending. People who are involved in responding to Civil Defence emergencies should consider attending the two day Core Skills course which covers additional topics such as using radios; health and safety; and the Coordinated Incident Management System, instead of this introductory course.



Above: Damage to a house during the magnitude 7.1 Canterbury earthquake, September 2010.

Photo credit: Alan Marshall.