

Te Reo report, 2023 AGM

Editor's Report (Victoria Chen, *Victoria University of Wellington*)

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1 Overview

I took over as editor of *Te Reo* in January 2023. *Te Reo* has continued to publish linguistics research during 2023, with a slow but steady stream of submissions. We received 6 submissions and have accepted and published 3, with a fourth one invited for resubmission.

- One notable success this year is the increase of submissions focusing on Pacific languages and varieties, including Tomoip (an Austronesian language spoken in New Britain), Fiji Hindi, and Hawaiian Creole English. Please help encourage future submissions on the description and/or analysis of understudied Pacifika languages.
- We are excited to announce a soon-to-release special issue on te reo Māori (scheduled to be published in December 2023). Thank you to Julie Barbour and Peter Keegan for their time and work as guest editors, and to Miriam Meyerhoff for her role as the handling editor.
- Thanks to the efforts of our Book Review Editor, Susan Foster-Cohen, we have also published two book reviews and one book notice.
- The quantity of submissions remains lower than we had hoped. The current volume ([Vol 66, Issue 1](#)) contains 3 research articles, 2 book reviews, and 1 book notice. We hope to see an increase in the number of submissions in the future. Below is a summary of submissions over the past six years:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Number of research articles submitted	4	9	6	4	7	6
Number of research articles sent out for review	4	4	3	3	6	6
Number of papers published	1	2	1	2	2	3
Number of submissions focusing on Asia-Pacific language(s)	0	1	3	1	3	3
Number of submissions focusing on te reo Māori	0	0	0	0	2	0

To increase the journal's vitality, I have advertised *Te Reo* at two international conferences on Austronesian linguistics (PLC 15 and AFLA 30) and contacted several linguistics departments to invite submissions. Please help introduce *Te Reo* to students and colleagues and encourage submissions. My main focus for 2024 will be to increase visibility and appeal of the journal without compromising quality of scholarship.

- List of papers published in 2023

[Te Reo 66\(1\)](#)

Research Article Tomoip phonetics and phonology

Russell Barlow and Don Killian

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Research Article Debunking ten myths about Hindi in Fiji: Taking some of the hot air out of the Mirchi FM debate
Rajendra Prasad and Fiona Willans
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Research Article Humour in Radio Commentary: A micro analysis
Nicholas Holm and Koenraad Kuiper
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Book Review of Pawłowski, Embleton, Mačutek and Mikros (2021)
Sidney Wong
2 August 2023

Book Review of Skalicky (2023)
Koenraad Kuiper
30 July 2023

Book Notice of Malau (2021)
Eleanor Ridge
30 July 2023

Te Reo 66(2): Special Issue on te reo; edited by Julie Barbour and Keegan Peter

Research Article Katoa: A descriptive, comparative and historical analysis
Kanaueha Wessels, Beau Stowers and Julie Barbour
To appear December 2023

Research Article Ngā āhuatanga o te /r/ o te reo Māori: preliminary investigations into the acoustics of Māori /r/
Isabella Shields, Catherine I. Watson and Peter J. Keegan
To appear December 2023

Research Article A world of light, or hurt? Māori metaphors in response to non-Māori use of te reo Māori
Ia Morrison-Young and Julia de Bres
To appear December 2023

Research Article The Pronunciation of the Word “Māori”
Margaret Maclagan, Toby Macrae and Joshua Wilson Black
To appear December 2023

Research Article First and second language speakers in the revitalisation of te reo Māori: A statistical analysis from Te Kupenga 2018
Chris Lane
To appear December 2023

Research Article Teaching of Māori language pronunciation based on research and speech analysis
Peter J. Keegan
To appear December 2023

2 Aim of *Te Reo*

Regular issue. *Te Reo* will continue to include the following publication repertoire:

- a. full research articles
- b. overview articles
- c. squibs

- d. review articles
- e. book reviews

Submissions pertaining to the description and analysis of te reo or understudied Oceanic/Polynesian languages are particularly welcomed. Students and junior researchers are highly encouraged to submit.

Book reviews. I am grateful to Susan Foster-Cohen for her dedication as a Book Review Editor and her willingness to continue her role. Since taking over the role, *Te Reo* has published 2 book reviews and 1 book notice.

Special issue. *Te Reo* will continue to aim to publish two issues per year: a regular issue which will accommodate all regular papers from January to December of each year, published online, on a rolling basis, and a special issue which will be edited by a volunteer editor (or team of editors) on a specific theme/topic and which will appear as a collection. Proposals for future special issues are welcomed at any time.

3 Style sheet and LaTeX template

Thanks to Andreea Calude, Sally Nicholas, and Don Killian for creating a handy LaTeX style file for *Te Reo*. From January 2024, we will start to provide a free overleaf template, enabling future authors to (co)-write and submit their contribution in .tex formats using overleaf. *Te Reo*'s general stylesheet will also undergo some minor simplifications. The new version will appear on the TR site in January 2024 along with the overleaf template.

4 Te Reo journal organisational document

I have gratefully inherited the documents created by Andreea that detail *Te Reo*'s organisation and submission/publication records. I also wish to thank Susan Foster-Cohen and all members of the Editorial Board for their time and contribution and also those who reviewed journal articles for *Te Reo* in 2023. Special thanks to Andreea for offering generous tips and advice and to Alan Kroninger, who built the site and has updated it from time to time. Feedback and suggestions for the future direction of *Te Reo* are welcomed.



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