



Applied Linguistics in Aotearoa New Zealand

Ko te rōpū rapu reo o Aotearoa: Kua kī te kete, he nui ngā hua

3rd Writing SIG Symposium

The ALANZ Writing Special Interest Group (SIG) is a community of researchers who are interested in analysis of written text, writing processes and practices or teaching and/or learning of writing at any level in English, Māori, or any Pacific language. The SIG has an online community, as well as an annual symposium and occasional publication opportunities. Membership of the SIG is free to all members of ALANZ.

Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington

Kelburn Campus

August 28th 2026 – 9am to 5pm



Abstracts due May 31st 2026

Call for papers

We invite abstracts for presentations at the ALANZ Writing SIG 3rd symposium. The conference will be held in person at Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington on August 28th 2026. Parallel sessions will be 30 minutes in length. Presenters are encouraged to keep their presentations to 20 minutes, to allow plenty of time for discussion.

We welcome abstracts that focus on the analysis of written text, writing practices or processes, or teaching or learning of writing in English, Māori or any Pacific language, as a first language, heritage language or additional language. Presentations can focus on secondary or empirical research that advances theory or practice of writing, of teaching and/or learning of writing, or analysis of written text.

Please submit an informative title, an abstract (maximum 350 words) and a short blurb to be included in the conference programme (maximum two sentences). Please include all three items in a single MS word document, as well as the names and affiliations of all presenters. Please send this abstract by e-mail to: Rachael.ruegg@vuw.ac.nz by midnight on Sunday May 31st, 2026.

Notification of acceptance: No later than June 30th, 2026

Abstract Review Criteria

The reviewers will consider the degree to which each abstract:

- Is relevant to the interests of the ALANZ Writing SIG;
- Is situated within literature on the topic;
- Clearly states the focus of the presentation;
- Clearly outlines the research.

Registration information is expected to be available soon. Registration will be free for ALANZ members whose proposals to present at the symposium are accepted. Registration for presenting non-ALANZ members and for attendees is expected to be approximately \$50.

It is anticipated that there will be a publication opportunity for symposium presenters who are interested in publishing the research they present as a chapter in an edited book. At the 1st ALANZ Writing SIG symposium, attendees expressed interest in publishing an edited volume to reflect the symposium. Ten chapter proposals were accepted for publication and the book is currently in press with Springer Nature. It is hoped that this volume will be published before this year's symposium so that attendees and presenters can see the previous book and decide whether they would like to contribute a chapter to the next one.

For further information please e-mail the symposium organizer: Rachael.ruegg@vuw.ac.nz