



Te Tari Puna Ora o Aotearoa
NZ Childcare Association

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Te Tari Puna Ora o Aotearoa/NZ Childcare Association congratulates two early childhood educators; Noreen Moorhouse and Dr Anne Meade, on their respective awards in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

NZCA Life member, Noreen Moorhouse, has been awarded the Queen's Service Medal (QSM) for services to Māori and the childcare community.

From Otangarei, the 78-year-old has dedicated over four decades to advancing the interests of childcare and women, in particular contributing to Maori and day-care centres in Maungaturoto and Otangarei.

With five grandchildren and 15 grandchildren, her interest in childcare grew after she took her youngest daughter to a day-care centre in Whangarei.



From thereon in she has continued to promote the care of early childhood education, "working hard for children because they are the foundation of New Zealand."

Ms Moorhouse was the president of the Plunket Society in Maungaturoto as well as being a member of the New Zealand Child Care Association. She's the secretary/treasurer of the Otangarei Maori Women's Welfare League, as well as being associated with the Northcare Mental Health Trust since 1992.

Dr Anne Meade Q.S.O, has been awarded the Companions Order of Merit (CNZM) for services to education.

Dr Meade has been associated with early childhood education for many years, both as a parent and in career roles that include teacher, researcher, lecturer and policy adviser. She was the convener of two major Ministerial working groups on early childhood care and education (Education to be More, 1988; and Report to the Minister of Education on a Strategic Plan for Early Childhood Education, 2001).

Anne was the Director of the New Zealand Council for Educational Research for six years, Chair of the Special Education Board and member of the Council governing Wellington College of Education. She has also been a member of several Ministerial working groups.

Currently a self-employed consultant, Dr Meade specialises in educational research, advice and writing with a focus on early childhood education. She is currently the Programme Co-ordinator for the early childhood education centres of innovation for the New Zealand Ministry of Education. Her research interests lie with education policy, early childhood education – in particular early childhood teaching and learning, and action research methodology.

Both awards are a fitting recognition of outstanding, ongoing careers in early childhood education.