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National Library of New Zealand Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa

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New Zealand to the World and the World to New Zealand

“The National Library of New Zealand (NLNZ) is delighted to join the Kiwi Advanced Research and Education Network (KAREN) today. It is an important strategic move as the Library positions itself to deliver digital content to New Zealanders in a very different way”, said Penny Carnaby, Chief Executive, National Library of New Zealand.

“The ‘all you can eat’ broadband capability of KAREN will enable the National Library, and potentially all the libraries of New Zealand, to bring global knowledge networks to every New Zealander and, importantly, showcase New Zealand digital content and New Zealand stories to the world”, said Penny Carnaby.

The National Library and Research and Education Advanced Network NZ (REANNZ) signed a membership contract today to join the National Library to KAREN.

“We are pleased that the National Library has joined the KAREN community and we look forward to working with the National Library to explore digital content and services they will offer the New Zealand public via the network”, said Donald Clark, Chief Executive, REANNZ.

“Libraries are a hugely important part of New Zealand’s knowledge infrastructure and it is heartening to see the National Library of New Zealand taking such an important step to join KAREN, and experience next generation telecommunications . Rich digital content and high speed connectivity are the way of the future”, said Judith Tizard, Minister for the National Library.

Our customers want access to web-based multi media experience, with rich content, video, sound, and high quality pictures. KAREN provides the capacity to deliver this digital content,” said Penny Carnaby.

“The new and different types of digital media KAREN could enable will enrich the experience of library users beyond anything they have experienced to date. Through these experiences KAREN will become essential infrastructure for an innovative New Zealand”, said Donald Clark.

About KAREN

KAREN (Kiwi Advanced Research and Education Network) is a high capacity, ultra high-speed network for New Zealand's research, education and innovation sectors. KAREN provides connectivity between New Zealand's tertiary institutions, research organisations, libraries, schools and museums, and the rest of the world.

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