

### **Best postgraduate paper presented at the NZHA conference 2025**

Eleanor Black, 'Unreliable Narrators: Using Gossip in Historical Research'

This was an engaging, assured and lucid presentation. Eleanor demonstrated how gossip worked in the particular community of Cosme and where it existed (in the diaries, correspondence and family stories). The judges thought Eleanor's work displays lively historical thinking.

**Highly commended:** Caitlin Moffat-Young, 'The New Zealand Workers Educational Association: A Case Study in Pākehā Identity'

This was a confident and self-assured presentation. The judges thought Caitlin situated her approach to the WEA well in existing literature, and offered clear insights into the shifting educational focus and strategies evident in the organisation over time.

Thank you to the judges Aroha Harris, Miranda Johnson, Charlotte Macdonald, and Frances Steel