

REPORT TO NZAP AGM, MARCH 2020

ACP Committee

The ACP Committee has continued with a steady workload this year involving fielding enquiries, setting up Initial Panels, marking written submissions and conducting Oral Assessments. We meet face to face twice a year and do much of our work via email.

The number of candidates on the ACP path has remained stable with 21 currently, plus two in the process of application and three about to present for their final Oral Assessment.

We have focused on streamlining procedures and protocols, reviewing our documentation and updating this on the website. Our thanks to Nikky and Gabriela for their support in this process and to members of the ACP Committee who have undertaken this work, including the preparation of flowcharts to make our processes easily accessible to members and applicant members.

During the year we farewelled Miranda Thorpe, John Farnsworth and Andrew Jones. We are grateful for their contributions. Barbara Rockel is continuing in the role of Registrar meanwhile as she mentors Charlotte McLachlan into this role. John O'Connor has joined us also and is taking up the role of Secretary.

Sue Morrison manages website matters as well as managing the Initial Panel process. Our change to managing this within the committee is working well with standardisation across the country.

Diane Zwimpfer manages the marking of written submissions and I co ordinate the Oral Assessments with help from other committee members.

John Farnsworth, Diane Zwimpfer and Alayne Hall put an enormous amount of work into our submission re the PBANZ mooted changes. This submission jointly addressed issues for our ACP and He Ara Maori ACP should the changes be implemented and represented a united voice from our two ACP programmes. I am very grateful to them for their skilled and clear response to PBANZ. The outcome remains unclear but we continue to deliver our practitioner model of training amid the uncertainties.

Representatives of the ACP Committee have met with He Ara Maori/Waka Oranga members to support the process of developing the He Ara Maori ACP.

A recent letter to ACP supervisors has reminded them of their responsibility to attend and present their ACP candidates at regular TSG meetings. We decided not to proceed with the supervisor training we had planned at this conference as until we know what PBANZ changes we may be faced with we do not know how the process of Interim Registration will look in future. We intend to encourage experienced NZAP members to consider taking up the role of supervising for the ACP and this is an ongoing focus for the Committee.

We are offering an ACP Breakfast Meeting at Conference for supervisors and candidates to discuss any matters pertaining to the ACP. Three final Oral Assessment panels will be convened immediately post-Conference.

I remain grateful to the members of the Committee who work together with commitment and skill, and I also thank Diane for her generous hosting of our face to face meetings.

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Chair, ACP Committee