

REPORT TO NZAP AGM, MARCH 2020

Northern Branch

2019 provided many opportunities for collegiality, learning and fun. The following gives a brief outline of some of the activities during the year and acknowledges the valued contributions by our subscribers, presenters and volunteers.

A list of the presentations over the 2019 year is outlined below:

March: Emma Green: *Poetry as Inquiry: Reflecting on Place, Belonging and Indigeneity through Whakapapa and Tūrangawaewae.*

April: Donny Riki: *Group Meeting Process based on an Indigenous Canadian Model, The Medicine Wheel.*

May: Distinguished Service Award presentations to Liadan Cotter and Margaret Bowater.

June: Branch discussion on the role of the Branch for its members and future directions, including the Branch's relationship with the national body.

July: Dr Richard Fox and Isabella van Hoyer: *Working with Couples using Emotionally Focused Therapy.*

August: Panel of senior psychotherapists and supervisors, Barbara Smith, Anne McDermott and Jean Burnton: *Discussion of Practice Issues.*

September: Dr Helen Florence: *Who Are You to Question God? (Rom. 9:20): The Challenges of Working with Christian Fundamentalism.*

October: Jean Burnton: *Out of "Room". Clinical Presentation.*

November: Branch discussion re 2020.

December: *Christmas Party:* An enjoyable and well attended party at the wonderful venue, Browne School of Art in Grey Lynn (thank you Sally-Anne!). This also provided us the opportunity to thank all those who have contributed to the functioning of the Branch over the year, as follows:

- *Hospitality group:* Jackie Petter and Emma Green.
- *Xmas party organisers:* Sally-Anne Thomson, Jackie Petter, Paul Wilson, Steffi Richter, Cathy Langley.
- *Treasurer:* Cathy Langley. Note that Cathy is stepping down as Treasurer from the end of the year. Cathy was thanked for her invaluable support over many years in this role. We are very grateful to Paul Wilson, who has agreed to take on the role of Treasurer from the beginning of 2020.
- *Advertising Coordinator:* Seng-Poh Lee.
- *Co-convenors:*
 - Kerry has now finished her two-year term as Co-convenor. Kerry was thanked for her time and commitment to the Branch over the last two years.
 - Josie Goulding is stepping down from the convenor role due to personal circumstances and is currently organising convenorship of the Branch for 2020.

DSA Nominations

Dr Margot Solomon was nominated during the year for the Distinguished Services Award (DSA). This was ratified by Council and she will receive her award at the next conference or at a Branch meeting.

Dr Kerry Thomas-Anttila and Josie Goulding
Co-convenors, Northern Branch