

REPORT TO NZAP AGM, MARCH 2020

Te Tiriti and Bicultural Advisory Committee

*“Ma te rongo ka mohio, ma te mohio ka marama, ma te marama ka matau, ma te matau ka ora.
Tīhei Māuri Ora!”*

“Through perception comes awareness, through awareness comes knowledge, through knowledge comes understanding, through understanding comes well being.
Behold there is life!”

Mahimahi i tērā tau – 2019 activities

Tuatahi 1: TTBAC rōpū

In our April 2019 Zoom Hui we agreed to a stepping back of our activities and went into recess to await the review process by the Project Partnership Review Committee. We understand that a different review committee with John O'Connor as lead has been formed since Roy Bowden stepped down from this task in 2018.

Several TTBAC members, including the co-convenors, had indicated their intention to step down but have expressed a reluctance to do so until the review is completed. Recruitment of new members seems inappropriate until we understand the outcome and implications of the review. Although several regions are currently inactive, we are convinced that TTBAC should continue to have regional representation.

Despite being in recess there has been an ongoing responsibility to provide TTBAC input to various NZAP activities so we have continued to consult on an ad hoc basis, providing material for the Newsletter, and arranging TTBAC funding, speakers and support for branch and Waka Oranga initiatives.

Our TTBAC rōpū plans to reconvene in Levin in April/May.

Tuarua 2: TTBAC remits for the 2020 AGM

Sue Jones, NZAP's Honorary Secretary, spoke to Susan after the last Council meeting with feedback about our remits. The first remit regarding changing all references of The Treaty to Te Tiriti has good support from Council as does the second remit regarding the inclusion of Aotearoa in NZAP's name. Our original proposal was “Aotearoa New Zealand Psychotherapy Association”. Some branches put in considerable effort discussing other alternatives and a list of potential name variations and their acronyms was provided to Council, who suggested a further option which we had not thought of, and which would not involve a change to our acronym:

“New Zealand Aotearoa Psychotherapy”

These two remits are before you at our AGM this year after much deliberation and delay, after being originally mooted in our kanohi ki te kanohi Hui in 2017.

There are further points of discussion around a potential name change which have been raised: should Aotearoa precede New Zealand in any name change, and if so, what other organisations' acronyms begin ANZ.

We already have Te Rōpū Whakaora Hinengaro which is a fairly literal translation of NZAP attached to our letterhead.

Could we ask our Kaumatua, Dr Haare Williams, to gift us a name that is appropriate for NZAP going into the future?

Of course we acknowledge there will be cost involved in any change.

Tuatoru 3: Te Tiriti Workshops

We believe that TTBC has an important function holding the space in between Council and membership, Waka Oranga and tangata whenua. While there continues to be inequity, the need for this mahi is essential. We maintain that while many of us may have attended “Treaty” workshops in the past, we still require updating around TeTiriti, He Whakapūtanga and early NZ history, and we feel it is timely to offer regional Te Tiriti workshops.

We recently organised a one day Te Tiriti workshop in Ōtautahi which was very well received. Burke organised one some time ago in Whakatu Nelson, and the Christchurch branch used the same organisation. Ingrid Huygens is the National Coordinator for Tangata Tiriti-Treaty People Inc.

In Ōtautahi we charged \$100 per person, with the branch and TTBC funding what wasn’t covered by the attendees. TTBC would like to support these workshops being offered in each region. It seems that there is also potential assistance available from the Professional Development and Conference Committee.

Nō rēira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa,

Susan Horne rāua ko Donny Riki
Kaiwhakahaere / Convenors
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