

REPORT TO NZAP AGM, MARCH 2021

ACP Committee

In tune with much of the country the Covid 19 pandemic lockdown presented challenges for our committee.

We were able to complete the three final Oral Assessments in Wellington post-conference and I am very grateful to the members who made themselves available for these in such stressful circumstances. As a result of the assessments we recommended to Council that Peter Boeke and Graeme McCartney be awarded the ACP. The other candidate was deferred, but subsequently successful at a later Oral Panel which I arranged in Christchurch. We were able to recommend to Council that Stacey Bowker and Kate Brady Kean be awarded the ACP and welcome them as Full Members of NZAP.

The meeting with candidates and supervisors planned for Conference was unable to proceed due to the country going into lockdown.

John Farnsworth and Diane Zwimpfer conducted a Written Assessment round remotely and a subsequent embodied marking round. Again my gratitude to John, Diane and the markers for their willingness to undertake this under such circumstances. There is a lot of work involved in this mahi.

The ACP Committee met via Zoom, farewelling Barbara Rockel and thanking her for the extraordinary work she has done in her role as ACP Registrar. Charlotte has now stepped fully into the role of ACP Registrar and John O'Connor into the Secretary role and they are both being appreciated for their willingness to undertake these roles. Alisa Hirschfeld has joined the Committee and we were able to welcome her at an embodied meeting recently.

My time as ACP Chair comes to an end at the March 2021 AGM. John O'Connor will step into the role of Chair and representative on Council and Alisa will take up the role of Secretary. Sue Morrison continues sterling work managing the Initial Panel process.

We await PBANZ notifying us of their final accreditation standards for registration as a psychotherapist. The ACP Committee along with a sub-committee of Council continue creative discussion as to how we might position ourselves to ensure the survival of our very effective route to registration, including retention of Interim Registration at the entry point. Interim Registration under the guidance of weekly supervision with an experienced supervisor has delivered safe, affordable and effective psychotherapy for many years through our practitioner route known as the Advanced Clinical Practice route to registration.

We continue to respond to many enquiries and questions and I want to thank Nikky too for her experienced and thorough support. Her advice to us is invaluable. Finally my thanks to all the dedicated people, including assessors I have worked with in my time as a member and then Chair of the ACP Committee over a number of years. This voluntary work freely given has maintained the very high standard of our training.

Siobhan Collins
Chair, ACP Committee