

**Report:** To NZAP COUNCIL

**Re:** Ata: Journal of Psychotherapy Aotearoa New Zealand

**Dates:** 1 June 2022

**From:** Co-editor John O'Connor (on behalf of fellow co-editor Wiremu Woodard)

## **Introduction**

Kia Ora Koutou

The work of the Journal has continued to be productive and creative in 2021-2022, albeit regrettably somewhat impacted by the impacts of the Pandemic.

**Most recent issue: Te Ipu Taiao - The Climate Crucible, and other papers, volume 25, number 1, September 2021.**

The above issue of the journal was published in 2021. (The second issue of 2021 was regrettably delayed, due to the impact of the pandemic (see below)).

We were pleased with the depth of the contributions published in this issue. We were particularly pleased to publish the articles in this issue which were specifically relevant to the climate crisis that faces us all. In our editorial we noted that the capacity for grief is not only central to the individual patient in our clinical rooms. Those contributions in this issue which drew from material presented at the New Zealand Association of Psychotherapists' (NZAP) 2021 online conference, "Te Ipu Taiao – The Climate Crucible", all from different angles drew attention to the above challenges.

## **Upcoming issues of the Journal**

Work on the Journal for 2022 is progressing soundly. As previously reported, with regret the second issue of 2021, originally scheduled for December 2021, has been delayed due to implications of the pandemic, and consequent effects on the work of the editors. However, we are pleased that we are continuing to progress the preparations for this delayed issue which we are now aiming to publish in late June 2022. We have received a range of articles from various authors throughout Aotearoa New Zealand, which we are confident will provide stimulating and engaging reading for our members. We have completed the peer review process for these submissions, and the sub editing phase. This issue will be a generic issue, with papers on various aspects of psychotherapy, particularly within the Aotearoa New Zealand context. Given the lateness of this issue, we intend to publish two further issues in 2022, in August and November. We have already begun gathering submissions for the August issue which will focus on papers presented at the NZAP Ka Mua Ka Muri conference.

As always, we thank Hineira Woodard for her generous and expert work providing te reo Māori interpretations of the abstracts; tēnā koe, Hineira. Our considerable thanks to our creative, skillful, and eagle-eyed designer, Katy Yiakmis; tēnā koe, Katy. Thank you to Nikky Winchester for her dedicated and skillful work as sub-editor: tēnā koe Nikky. And we are delighted to have the ever capable and always generous Luisa Maloni join the team as assistant to the editors: tēnā koe Luisa.

**Back issues of Forum currently in the process of being put online on the Tuwhera website.**

Thanks to the good work of Luisa Maloni, we are now in the process of having all back issues of the predecessor of Ata, the Forum Journal, put online on the Tuwhera website. All published issues of Ata are already available online on this website.

### **Conclusion**

We the co-editors of the journal, Wiremu Woodard and John O'Connor, are enjoying working together, in collaboration with writers with diverse perspectives in relation to psychotherapy particularly within the Aotearoa New Zealand context. We are looking forward to continuing to develop the Journal, and in particular to the publication of the next issues, which we anticipate will provide stimulating and engaging reading.

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

John O'Connor

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