

REPORT TO NZAP AGM, JUNE 2024

From Te Tau Ihu (Top of the South) Branch

The last couple of years has seen a changing demographic in our Branch. We now have five people working towards qualifying as psychotherapists by various pathways. We also have more diversity in the nationalities represented. About 20 make up our total number, with monthly meetings in Whakatu (Nelson) attracting around ten people on most occasions. We alternate between a presentation (sometimes as simple as a 'hot topic' discussion) and a Balint-informed supervision group session. The atmosphere is honest, open and intimate. Inevitably, as the new leaves emerge, some of the older ones fall away. Louise Marmont has announced her retirement from practice later this year, though will continue her creativity with art. Susan Alldred-Lugton is also in the process of winding down her practice, intending to complete sometime next year. The ongoing support from our Branch to practice in an ever-changing landscape is beyond price.

He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata

Wayne Frecklington, Convenor