

**MINUTES OF THE APANZ COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM
ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2024 6.15PM – 7.50PM**

Present:

John O'Connor (President), Susan Horne, Jane Tuson (Treasurer), Jo McKenzie, Claire Miranda (Digital Comms), Verity Armstrong (Waka Oranga), Kate Dent Rennie (Ethics), Kathryn MacKenzie, Mihili Alexander, Vijay Mahantesh (Hon Secretary), Luisa Maloni (Administrator).

1. WELCOME

The meeting opened at 6:15pm with a karakia from John.

2. APOLOGIES

Gabriela Mercado

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Jo has stood back from attending meetings with the Rainbow rōpu to focus on her role at Council and to not constrain the rōpu in their discussions.

4. TRIAL COUNCIL COLLOQUIUM

Council shared feedback on the trial colloquium. Many found it a great way to connect and learn about each other and found the writing moving and beautiful. It was seen as an opportunity to build connection with each other as a team in preparation for the October in-person meeting. Some found it hard to attend to the posts throughout the week.

John will check with the moderator if the timeframe can be extended another week.

5. DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS

Claire provided an update of the digital communications strategy.

- We are in the process of changing web hosts. We are leaving Grow my Business and moving to Brockdin Barr at Catchlight. We will have a 'soft' launch to check for any bugs and then notify the membership for a full launch of the website, which includes the new name and updated logo. We could also notify any other stakeholders. Someone could write an email and send out to relevant stakeholders. Claire and Kathryn will draft a notice to membership for internal communication about the launch.
- We are looking for someone for the Public issues role. Claire will put out a notice calling for expressions of interest. If anyone is interested or knows someone who may be good please get in touch with Claire.
- Moderator for Connect- it will be difficult to find a moderator for Connect. In the meantime we can advertise the list of tips that gaggle has about managing your

Connect feed e.g. muting some emails, or using the daily digest option. This could be sent out to users of Connect and the information added to the website. We could also include information about managing conflict in general e.g. through accessing collegial support, education, having representation, having input into processes. There is an opportunity for us to develop a complaints process that includes complaints about Connect usage, with a potential outcome being moderation for anyone found breaching standards.

- Education opportunities can happen through the newsletter editor or potentially a new blog editor? There is also a potential role for a curator in Nexus to select resources to support sub groups maligned through ignorance and also provides a place for members to advertise courses in areas/issues that they are passionate about, and to form a group to support each other. We also provide opportunities for learning and thinking in large groups e.g. Mind-fields meetings.
- Improving processes for engagement by openly sharing processes with membership in a more explicit way, encouraging feedback and suggestions. Move issues forward that members want to see improved and routinely inviting people to join Council and Committees.

Council thanked Claire and Kathryn for how much work has gone into this report.

6. CORRESPONDENCE FROM RAINBOW RŌPU

Council received a letter from the Rainbow Rōpu and individual members Abby Driver and Jamie Gausel.

John has contacted the rōpu and individuals to say that these letters have been received and will be considered with Council at this evening's, and more fully at the October in-person, meetings, after which Council can respond to the letters at an in person meeting with the rōpu.

Council shared their responses to the letter and acknowledged the pain felt by the writers, agreeing that this was a complex, difficult, painful but important road to navigate, with the support of each other. Council agreed to discuss the matter more fully at the October meeting.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Te Ara Tika guidelines

This will be discussed at the October in-person meeting.

Koha for passing of Kīngi Tuheitia Pōtatau Te Wherowhero

Susan drafted a beautiful tribute for inform with the help of Anna Fleming.

Motion: that subject to consultation with Waka Oranga, Council will donate \$500 to the kingitanga.

Susan/Claire

—carried unanimously

Treasurer update

Jane is on holiday at the moment but is mindful of needing to have a conversation with John and Verity about the koha for Waka Oranga.

Jane thanked Gabriela and John for approving payments in her absence.

Nexus

Formally the 'Academy', Nexus is nearly complete and Gabriela is planning to launch this on Tuesday 1 October as part of an online event with the whole association in celebration of psychotherapy day.

Dunedin visit

Gabriela and John recently visited the Dunedin branch and described it as a productive and creative experience. They have now visited the branches at the 4 main centres.

Jo thanked John and Gabriela for their generosity and warmth.

October meeting

Reports for this meeting are due Friday 27 September.

Council can email any questions to Luisa regarding the meeting.

SOGICE report

Extensions on feedback have been advertised to membership, particularly the Rainbow rōpu, and Council will discuss this more at October meeting.

Conference 2026

The Wellington group is on board for Conference 2026.

In keeping with the commitment to annual conferences, an Auckland group will meet to discuss a potential conference for 2025.

8. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

The following memberships were ratified:

Motion: That the following applicants be ratified as new Student Members of APANZ, having completed all requirements:

NICKI JUDKINS, Auckland (AUT Masters)

Motion: That the following applicants who have full Psychotherapist registration, be ratified as Full Members of APANZ, having completed all requirements:

DEBBIE RANGLES, Auckland

Retired: None this period

Resigned: None this period

Passed Away: None this period

Kate/Jane

—carried unanimously

9. RATIFICATION OF AUGUST 2024 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Moved: That the minutes of the August 2024 Council meeting, be accepted

John/Kathryn

—carried unanimously

The meeting finished with a karakia at 7:30pm.