



REPORT TO APANZ AGM, June 25, 2025

Re: Ata: Journal of Psychotherapy Aotearoa New Zealand

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

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Introduction

Kia Ora Koutou

We are delighted to have published the latest issue of the journal, in December 2024, volume 27, number one, with contributions from John Farnsworth, John O'Connor, Malik McCann, Keith Tudor, Evelyn Shackley, Chris Milton, Kris Gledhill, and Maria Haenga-Collins. We consider the journal remains a peer-reviewed journal of high standard, and an important contribution to the life of psychotherapy in this country.

Challenges: Editors stepping down, new editors needed

The work of the Journal has been somewhat delayed in recent months. We are making gradual progress on the next issue, now intended for publication in November 2025. However, there is a matter of some urgency for the journal. We are needing one or two new editor(s) with myself and Wiremu Woodard now stepping down, having been editors since 2017. I have one person who has expressed interest in the role and will be talking with them in the coming weeks. Expressions of interest in this role are warmly welcomed.

Upcoming issue of the Journal

We have received five submissions for the upcoming issue and are expecting a couple more. This issue will focus on papers delivered at the 2024 APANZ conference the theme of which was in relation to psychotherapy sexuality and gender. Despite the challenge of finding new editor(s), we are committed to ensuring that this issue is published this year.

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 on the team as assistant to the editors: tēnā koe Luisa, who may still be willing to contribute in 2025 despite having moved to other pastures.

Back issues of Forum online on the Tuwhera website

Confirming that, thanks to the good work of Luisa Maloni, all back-issues of the predecessor of Ata, the Forum Journal, as well as all issues of the current Ata, are all available online on the Tuwhera website.

The link for all issues is:

<https://ojs.aut.ac.nz/ata/issue/archive>

Conclusion

We, the co-editors of the journal, Wiremu Woodard and John O'Connor, have enjoyed 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 seeing new energy pick up the editor role and the continue to develop the Journal.

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

John O'Connor

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