



## **REPORT TO APANZ Annual General Meeting (AGM), June 25 2025**

### **Re: Ethics and Professional Standards Committee**

**From:** Kate Dent Rennie, Chair of the Ethics and Professional Standards Committee

**Date:** 24 May 2025

### **Committee Members**

The members of the Ethics & Professional Standards committee are Kate Dent Rennie (chair), Penny Kennett, and John Savage.

### **Work done in the past year**

In the past year, the main work of the Ethics & Professional Standards committee has been to provide support, information and advice to association members and members of the public around ethics issues, including potential or current ethical complaints. The one hour of free legal advice which is available to members through their professional indemnity insurance with Gallagher Insurance continues to be a helpful resource.

In accordance with our obligations under the Incorporated Societies Act (2022) we have recently drafted a procedure for managing internal disputes within the association, which has been adopted by Council. Under this procedure, the Ethics & Professional Standards committee will have a role in investigating and determining disputes raised by members regarding the conduct of other members or the association itself.

Council has also recently introduced a process for responding to disputed posts to the “Connect” email forum, which will also involve the Ethics & Professional Standards committee in responding to posts that do not follow community standards and breach the APANZ Code of Ethics.

### **Plans for the coming year**

In the year ahead, the committee plans to have a look at some of the ethical implications of the use of AI technologies for members, for example in the recording and storage of clinical notes.

We will consider whether this and other information could be provided to members in an “Ethics FAQ” online environment.

Thanks to Penny, John and my Council colleagues for supporting me in this role, as I continue on my learning curve with it.

Kate Dent Rennie  
Chair, Ethics and Professional Standards Committee