

Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington Convenor's Report to the Association of Psychotherapists Aotearoa New Zealand (APANZ) AGM 2026

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Tena Koutou Katoa

I am delighted to share a brief overview of the Wellington Branch. We currently have a mailing list consisting of APANZ and Waka Oranga members and members of others professional organisations such as PBANZ, NZAC and NZASW who have an interest in psychotherapeutic issues. This year we have increased our Branch fee to \$70 (GST inclusive) to help cover meeting expenses.

Our convening group for this year remains similar with Annie Burgess as Convenor, Eric Medcalf as Treasurer, Patricia Ford as Secretary and Lenka Rochford and Lucy Gamlen as part of the convening team. We have been a stable group for the last few years and enjoy working together to provide the 'holding frame' for the Branch.

The Branch continues to support Waka Oranga as an organisational member.

Meetings are held monthly at St. Andrews on the Terrace. We are learning and singing waiata at each meeting and grateful for Suryagita Cox or Eric Medcalf bringing their guitars to support our endeavours. We usually have between 10 and 20 people attend our Branch meetings each month.

A highlight for the year was of course the APANZ Conference 'What we do in the Shadows' being held in Wellington and many members of Branch supported the core organising team.

We are thankful for all those that contributed and it was lovely to welcome our friends and colleagues to Wellington.

It is wonderful to see regular attendance at Branch meetings and to feel part of the APANZ whanau.

Nga mihi nui

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