

# **Whakaoho Aroha TTBC Committee's Report to the Association of Psychotherapists Aotearoa New Zealand (APANZ) AGM 2026**

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Kia ora koutou

Whakaoho Aroha TTBC is now a rōpū of four with Phoebe Hunter and Kate Brady Kean from Tāmaki Makaurau and Jo McKenzie from Ōtepoti who have joined in reforming TTBC . Collectively they bring an awareness and understanding of the significance of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and each have ongoing relationships with Māori. Their individual personal attributes and skills will be invaluable in contributing to the development and ongoing success of this rōpū. Kate Brady Kean will be rejoining us once her write up of her PhD thesis is completed, and we continue to seek additional members.

As we commence our mahi together we have met monthly by Zoom, and intend to meet in person annually. At our first kanohi ki te kanohi hui , Kate was instrumental in assembling a work plan from our discussion. See below.

We are delighted to have Phoebe Hunter join Council as an Ordinary member at our recent Council hui where she was able to join a discussion regarding appropriate support for Pae Ārahi, Dr Haare Williams and our Māori colleagues in APANZ.

Whakaoho Aroha TTBC is currently a smaller rōpū than TTBC, and will be working to uphold the principles of Te Tiriti, with a policy and governance focus with respect to psychotherapy.

We intend to fund a Te Tiriti workshop, likely in Tāmaki Makaurau, and in particular, to support Phoebe in Te Tiriti training in order to enhance our cultural fitness. We also would like to explore and potentially fund, some of the more recently advertised trainings in dealing with racist speech, conversation and behaviour.

Cultural supervision requirements both for PBANZ and APANZ will be considered together with the resources available online to our members.

We will continue to be ringawera in support of Waka Oranga at their Poutama this year, and it is our intention to continue working to build robust relationships with Waka Oranga and Māori in which tino rangatiratanga for Māori is at the heart.

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