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Canterbury Earthquake....a member’s perspective

ANZASW invited me to write an article for NoticeBoard about the earthquake. I was most likely in the right place at the wrong time as I was struggling to complete my five yearly competency assessment and was requesting another extension at the time.

When I was asked to write an article about the earthquake in Canterbury, my biggest concern was that I could only give my perspective from the community within which I work and live. The Earthquake has affected so many communities in Canterbury and each community has developed their own perspective as to how it has impacted upon them. The most effective way to write this would be to have each area submit an article describing how this national disaster has affected their community. So at this time I can only really write about the North Canterbury rural experience as that is where I live and work.

It was February 22, I had only just begun to write the article, when the ominous but familiar rumbling roar sounding like a freight train passing by began. This was nothing unusual as we have had this continuously since the September 4, 2010 quake with its hundreds of aftershocks. However when the quake struck the building it was hugely different, it hit with such violence and ferocity that it was very difficult to comprehend - it was nothing like the September 4 earthquake or its aftershocks.

People dived under desks, others stood in the middle of the room dodging pieces of falling roof or preparing to make a run for it and get outside. Eventually 45 seconds of sheer terror drew to a close. Thankfully the building was still standing. People were shaking, crying and all in various states of shock - some in delayed shock for up to two or three days - others immediately in shock. Hands shaking, eyes wide open, staring blankly, looking around, unbelievably still alive, the buildings still there and we were not lying crushed under wood and masonry.

These forty five seconds had a profound effect on everybody and our reactions to it individually, as well as collectively as a community, are hugely different. There are some common factors present as outlined in the Post Traumatic Literature, however our emotional responses can be vastly different and what we do with this anxiety produced by this type of event leads people down many different paths to cope. Primarily for many there is initially that immediate need to protect family and friends and this tends to overrule every other response to the event. Are my children all right, partner, friends? I must find out where they are and check if they are okay.

Past traumatic events return for some individuals with an intensity they haven’t experienced for many years. Some are spurred into action by media reports and begin to mobilise resources support for areas in Christchurch where people have no water, sewage and power. Another means of achieving wellbeing for others is by withdrawing and isolating from the community, family and friends.

Continual aftershocks tend to reinforce the trauma leaving little time for healing. The evolutionary question is, “how do we learn to adapt to this continually moving whenua in a way that leads us to living productive and fulfilling lives again?”

I work for Wellbeing North Canterbury Trust that oversees the delivery of social services within a hundred kilometre radius from Rangiora in the south to Hanmer Springs in the north. It is a combination of rural and suburban areas that includes Kaiapoi and Rangiora along with Oxford.

I work as a District Truancy Officer and my role is early intervention with families whanau and their children, and young people who are having difficulty in schools. For many families problems first become apparent when children begin their attendance at educational institutions.

After the recent earthquake many staff here were tasked with counselling and support roles to assist people who have been traumatised by the recent earthquake. This often involved the assessment and referral to other support services. Many of the staff (who are normally drug and alcohol youth counsellors or youth workers) have been allocated other roles to assist in the local welfare centre in Rangiora where more than one hundred people from Christchurch are living. The needs of the community have drastically changed therefore Wellbeing North Canterbury Trust has had to adapt to this and deliver the required services. This includes maintaining the integrity and ethical practice guidelines, but operating in a vastly different environment. As more people evacuate Christchurch, Trustees of the organisation, staff, members of the community meeting and assessing the need, are responding to the services and delivering to an ever increasing population base.

How do we get through this? I don’t have the answers but believe at the moment we are operating from a micro focus re-establishing and maintaining routines the best we can around broken houses, lost jobs and, worst of all, lost family and friends. It’s day to day living sometimes reduced to hour by hour when the future is just too big a picture to cope with: it’s a one day at a time focus.

It’s a time where community based agencies such as Wellbeing North Canterbury, and one of its service providers Kaiapoi Community Support, staffed by 40 volunteers, are offering food bank services, driving people into hospitals and doctors, supporting and providing children’s programmes.

These NGO community based agencies are thriving in this environment doing what they do best. They will be the major focus for support services for many communities throughout Canterbury. They will be instrumental firstly from the micro focus on individuals’ health and wellbeing leading to the macro focus: the eventual rebuilding of Christchurch and North Canterbury.

Karl Ruddenklau
ANZASW Member

Paenga-whäwhä/ April 2011
Kia ora koutou,

Obviously the prominent event that resonates in our hearts, souls and spirits is the Christchurch earthquake and the devastation from the aftermath of the disaster. We have been touched by the stories of tragedy, courage and resilience since the earthquake interrupted the tapestry of our reality.

I speak on behalf of the membership in its entirety and extend to the Canterbury branch and Otautahi roopu our most sincere heartfelt sentiments of love, support and best wishes. To those who have suffered the deepest loss; the loss of whanau, friends, homes, places of importance and memories, you are constantly in our thoughts and prayers.

As the process in Christchurch moves through its phases of recovery many of us are looking forward to the opportunity of putting our hands to the plough and doing the mahi of rebuilding the heart and soul of your great city.

I find the response of people following the earthquake interesting but at times frustrating. The sharing of sentiments of social concern and heartfelt desire to offer practical assistance connects with my belief of community response and my faith in the innate goodness of mankind. However, I have also been confronted by theorists and their analysis of why this tragedy has occurred; theorists who attribute the disaster to the defilement mankind have inflicted through pollution etc and the response of “the earth mother” causing her son Ruamoko to rumble in disapproval. The other common theory promotes the concept that God is upset at the continued arrogance and sin of man and the violation of His ways and we are moving into that phase known as the “last days”. Either theory could be right, however, I personally prefer the ‘spit on your hands’ approach demonstrated by rescuers and communities of Aotearoa. At this point in the recovery I am sure that the people of Canterbury would prefer a man with a shovel in his hand rather than a thought in his head. I’d prefer that we concern ourselves with ‘what can we do’ rather than ‘why did this happen’. I believe the Kiwi approach is ‘all hands on deck’ and if there can be a positive taken from this immense tragedy it’s the fact that we haven’t lost this integral genetic imprint of our forebears. My father, an ex Korean War veteran, used to say that it’s in the trenches that you find out the mettle of those around you. I am sure he’d be proud of the mettle and bravery being shown in Christchurch.

Matatini o te Ra

On a celebratory note, I acknowledge the success of Te Matarae i o Rehu of Te Arawa in winning the recent National Kapa Haka competitions here in Tairawhiti. At this time, when Maori feature prominently in all negative statistics, Te Matatini o te Ra is a showcase for all that is good in Te Ao Maori. The reality of the Maori fight against colonization and hegemonic processes (which have directly contributed to Maori statistics) is a contradiction in terms to the enduring images of the cultural expo of Maori arts, creativity, talent and community co-operation. This festival was underpinned by a return to traditional Maori concepts of alcohol free, smoke free and violence free family activities. To all our members who contributed to the success of performance on the stage “ki kino te pai”.

Waiairiki MP, Te Ururoa Flavell, stated in his speech at a symposium held by the National Maori Language Institute at the Auckland University of Technology, Nga Wai o Horotiu Marae.

Mr Flavell said, “Kapa haka is a living part of a living culture, the business of every day, the question I believe we need to ask ourselves is whether we are just doing kapa haka for the performance or is it about transformation?”

Te Ururoa’s challenge is based around his desire to see the proficiency of Te Reo Maori elevated. Our challenge as practitioners of the art of social interaction and intervention is similar, to raise the levels of daily transformative connections within our communities, we are being challenged to step up to the platform of our Matatini everyday. In the inspiring words of Dan Vaka, Ngati Rangiwhenua, Te Arawa, “this is our time, this is what we’ve trained for, let’s do this for our whanau, hapu and iwi, let’s leave it all on the stage”. Tenata Katoa

Tauha

Chief Executive Update

ANZASW extends sympathy to all the families who either have a missing or confirmed death of a family member as a result of the devastating Canterbury earthquake on 22 February 2011.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to our colleagues in Japan following the disastrous earthquake and tsunami that has affected the north eastern coast. The scale of this disaster is almost beyond comprehension.

On a brighter note, I have been heartened by the response from members offering to contribute to the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Response. The MSD has been advised of the offer. As MSD is co-ordinating the response, offers of assistance will be picked up by MSD. My thanks also go the Canterbury members who have offered to billet social workers coming into the area to assist. Thank you to all the members who have taken time to phone, e-mail or send cards offering kind words of support and encouragement.

My thanks also go to the Staff at National Office. The Team have all experienced various levels of fallout from the quake. All are equally committed to being back at work and doing business as usual in order to minimise any disruption in services to our members.

For those wondering what has happened to the Discussion Document Expanding ANZASW Membership, feedback from members, non-members and stakeholders is being collated and analysed and will be considered by the Board at the end of March. It is expected that the “next steps” will be identified at that time. Ninety-two responses were received from individual members. Branch, Roopu and work place submissions represented 722 members. Individual and group responses reflect the views of just under 20% of the membership. Five submissions were received from non-members and 12 from stakeholder groups.

Lucy Sandford-Reed
The Browning of Social Work Education

Introduction
There is a lot of literature on assessment, some on culturally related educational delivery but much less on culturally valid assessment. Exploring culturally valid assessment is important as feedback and assessment is central to learning and will have a large impact on student learning (Faleolo, 2008 & 2009a). Social and cultural issues are significant in assessment at a classroom level (Faleolo, 2009a & 2009b). Culturally valid assessment is any form of assessment that a culture or group prefer and as a result that culture or group are likely to excel in. It is also being aware of cultural issues that can influence the students’ performance and using this information to best support the student.

Background/Context
More Pasifika students are enrolling in NZ tertiary providers but they are more likely than other ethnic groups to leave without passing (Faleolo, 2009a & 2009b). Benseman et al., (2006) identify ways to increase retention such as: having Pasifika staff, a pacific presence in institutions and role models. There are also pedagogical components that are dependent upon the lecturer. Some researchers suggest that there is a need to improve the style and quality of teaching and learning and improve the initial student experiences for Pasifika (Anae et al, 2002 quoted in Koloto et al). Latu and Young (2004) suggest that teachers should recognise cultural diversities, understand the cultural background of students and adjust their teaching accordingly. Some propose collaborative and experiential learning as good approaches to facilitate Pasifika students learning within a Pasifika environment (Koloto et al 2006, Latu & Young, 2004). However Pasifika students are a diverse group and teaching approaches need to allow for this diversity.

Methodology
A focus group was employed to explore first year Pasifika students’ views and experiences of assessment practice in terms of their experiences of assessment and what type of assessment they prefer, and what they consider culturally appropriate assessment (Table 1).

Table 1: Focus group questions
1. What assessment practices have you experienced?
2. What is the purpose of assessment for students?
3. What kinds of feedback have you experienced on your assessments?
4. Should an assessment event be the same for everyone?
5. What is a culturally appropriate assessment for Pasifika students?

Results
Participants experienced mainly written assessments but most liked the oral group presentations. Participants had a lot to say about what they liked and most did not speak about what they did not like.

Findings indicate that the purpose of assessment was for the student, not for the lecturer and tertiary provider. Few participants linked feedback to the experience of reflection, which is a very important developmental skill in social work practice. Reflection indicates growth and maturity in social work practice as well as in personal development.

Most participants felt that assessments should be different in terms of its design and practicality and not the same for all the papers they were studying. Assessments require a “weaving” to integrate Pasifika values and beliefs, as a means of understanding the way Pasifika students learn, with Western notions of learning. Not just assessing using written exercises (essays alone) but other ways of writing such as how to write a court report or an action plan to address a client issue. It allows for ‘reality’ to be part of their learning as well as for learning to be more ‘hands on’.

Group presentations, role playing, group work, and public speaking are more ideally suited to Pasifika learners as Pasifika learners learn more by collaboration and through non written exercises. Even in the role of referencing in essay writing, personal communication such as conversations with mum and dad, the church minister, and community leaders should be regarded as an equal and a credible source.

Participants were asked about what they thought culturally appropriate and what culturally valid assessment is about and how it should be approached. Information about this topic was limited. Participants defined the terms ‘culture’ and ‘appropriateness’, as to what these terms mean and then applied it to their own experiences of working with assessment.

Conclusion
For culturally valid assessment to be realised two considerations are purported. Firstly there is the need by lecturers to consider Pasifika as multicultural. Sometimes it is not about making the Pasifika learner “fit” the educational context but about making the educational context “fit” the Pasifika person. Secondly, there is a need to distinguish between culturally valid and culturally appropriate assessment. This means that personal communications as a reference source in essay writing, the use of oratory in formal presentations, and ‘realism’ learning or learning hands on.

There are forms of assessment that are favoured by different cultures and individuals both for the student and the teacher. The question to be asked is, is only using culturally favoured assessment (if it can be clearly identified) the only form of assessment that should be used? To step into the real world both the student and the teacher need to step outside of their comfort zone to realise the learning opportunities offered by assessment and not just see assessment as a way of ranking students by finding out what they appear to know. Assessments should be used as a learning tool to make weaknesses strengths, make the orator a writer, the shy person confident, the insecure person secure. Finally, a quote from a student that is applicable not only to Pasifika but to all students “We are not asking for special treatment but recognition that we are here”.

References:


Moses Faleolo
ANZASW Member

Competency Assessor Contacts

All regional assessors listed below can be contacted to assist members in their preparation for all assessment types (Initial, both face to face and paper-based and recertifications). The assessors leading Niho Taniwha assessments will provide assistance for these processes.

Assessors plan regular workshops for assessments. Please contact assessors for these dates.

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Taupo / Coromandel / Waikato / Bay of Plenty
Assessor: Merrill Simmons-Hansen
Process: Face-to-face; Paper-based; Recertification
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“Slainte, Tena koe – I am available for all types of assessments and for supporting folk who want to discuss “where to begin”. I can help you in the different types of applications – either face-to-face, paper-based or recertification, in a way that is meaningful for you, for your practice, your peoples and your profession. I work across Bay of Plenty, Coromandel and Rotorua. Nga mihi nui”

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Manawhenua & Otago, Southland
Assessor: Yet to be confirmed (contact National Office)

Pre-Competency Workshop Auckland
Thursday May 19th.
Friday July 22nd.
Thursday September 15th.
Friday November 25th.
Time: 1.00 - 2.30 pm
Venue: St Lukes Community Centre,
130 Remuera Road, Remuera, behind the Church.
We will follow with a panel members workshop from 2.30pm to 3.30pm.
Contact: sarahbalden@gmail.com
Tauiwi Contacts For ANZASW Governance Board

Merrill and Paula would like to introduce themselves as the Tauiwi contacts on the ANZASW Board of Governance.

They will be making contact with the Tauiwi groups to see how the groups are going, what the groups have been doing, how many members each group has, and to offer our support.

They welcome comments, ideas, communication with groups, and liaison with branches. They can email communications to groups and they invite honest talk.

Merrill Simmons-Hansen
Ko koe ki tena, ko ahau ki tenei ki wai o te kete.
Co-operation: you at that end and I at this handle of the basket.

Slainte, my name is Merrill Simmons-Hansen and I was born under Mount Pirongia, in Tainui whenua to an Irish Scottish family who had moved to Aotearoa New Zealand. My kin left Claddagh (now Galway), fascinated by possibilities of justice that inform relationships and hold us accountable to each other and our community.

My consideration for the ANZASW National Council role is motivated with the intention of enabling communication between the Council and members. I share a dream (along with other social workers) of enabling responsible growth to a Te Tiriiti based society, to work with the Association not only as the professional body and competency provider but, importantly, so membership offers ‘a place of belonging’, respects diversity and therein provides a safe place to explore what is ‘best practice’ – the bringing together of voices – personal, global and institutional.

Currently I work in different roles so the best way to contact me is by email which I check daily – “Attention Merrill” in subject line, email: merwolh@slingshot.co.nz

Nga mihi nui, Merrill Simmons-Hansen


Paula Grooby
Kia Ora, my name is Paula Grooby. I live in Christchurch and work at Te Puna Wai o Tuhinapo, a Child, Youth & Family Youth Justice Residence for 12 to 17 year olds.

My previous social work has included Presbyterian Support, Barnardos and Care and Protection social work with Child, Youth & Family.

I am a co-opted member to the ANZASW Board of Governance. As a board member I want to be able to offer social workers a good supportive Board who stand strong in matters that are relevant to our society and to our members and as a Board to be recognised as leaders in the social work profession.

I am keen to link in with Tauiwi groups and I look forward to talking with you in the near future.

If you wish to contact me, my email address is paulagrooby001@cyf.govt.nz or you can telephone me (03) 977 5416 at work.

Paula Grooby, Diploma of Social Work, ANZASW Board Member, Registered Social Worker

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Membership Update

ANZASW Membership Numbers
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* This includes members in training, those with legitimate extensions or who have changed status from Non-Practising to Provisional, as well as those who are 'out of time'.

ANZASW Full, Recertified and New Members
From 21 November 2010 to 18 January 2011 there have been:

16 Successful Competency Assessments
54 Successful Recertification Assessments
18 New Members to ANZASW

This list will be updated bi-monthly in each NoticeBoard and the names of these members are displayed on our ANZASW website. Go to ‘Member Services’ then ‘Membership Info - Member Lists’ to view these.

Contributions for Noticeboard

Remember! This is YOUR magazine - we need your input!! Let me know how you feel about a “Poet’s Corner” (contributions from members), and a column of classified advertising.

Contact margaretl@anzasw.org.nz with any ideas - all are welcome.
Focus on Health: 
Canterbury DHB Health Social Workers Respond to the Christchurch Earthquake of 22 February 2011

At 12:51 on 22 February 2011, Christchurch was hit by its third massive earthquake in five months, this time with a magnitude of 6.3 at 5 km. There was devastating damage and injury to the community including loss of life. Immediate health needs were:

• Rescue of people still trapped
• Treatment of injured people
• Evacuation of elderly people from rest homes and hospitals to other parts of New Zealand
• Identification and allocation of temporary accommodation
• Identify and deliver welfare support
• Establish priority public information messages and target appropriate groups
• Potable water availability, and
• Hygienic sewerage disposal.

The local health Emergency Operations Centre has been working with the National Health Coordination Centre in Wellington to make sure that emergency and health needs are met. They are continuously looking at the ability to respond, assist, provide and maintain resources that they have available.

"It still seems unreal and the aftershocks are very frightening for everyone here. The tragedy is starting to unfold as some of our workmates have family members who have been killed. The trauma is huge and we'll need to use every bit of resilience we have so we recover," one social worker said.

Health Social Workers from other DHBs across the country have responded immediately with support offered to Canterbury colleagues: "We would like to add our thoughts to those already expressed. The trauma and sadness you and those in your city must be going through is hard to comprehend. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this challenging time. Please be assured that the inpatient social workers at Wellington Hospital will see every patient transferred to us from your hospital to assist with trauma and crisis intervention and practical support." (Joy de Villiers, Team Leader HSW, Capital & Coast DHB).

The solidarity and support from colleagues across the country have been acknowledged. "I know the social workers at Christchurch Hospital are appreciating your messages and are encouraged by them," (Penny Maher, Clinical Manager, HSW, Christchurch Hospital)

Due to Christchurch's facilities being unsafe or lacking water and sewerage, critically ill patients, neo-nates and hundreds of elderly people have been moved to other facilities in other regions in what has been the biggest medical evacuation ever in New Zealand's history. Working in conjunction with NZ Army soldiers and CDHB doctors and nurses, Older Persons Health social workers' contacted families in the relocation of about 300 residents and patients out of Canterbury. Oncology patients have been transferred for treatment to other Centres in the Country. The paediatric oncology building has been affected and Ronald McDonald House and Ranui House were both damaged and closed. Families have been housed in alternative accommodation. The psycho-social impact on patients and families has required intensive health social work intervention. Alongside the emergency interventions regular health social work continued to support Christchurch people.

Adequate medical, nursing and allied health (including Health Social Work) cover has been a constant challenge and planning of workforce capacity has taken considerable priority. Primary care practices are seeing increasing numbers of people with mental health issues including anxiety, insomnia and stress. CDHB staff have also been affected personally with loss of loved ones and friends and loss of or damage to their homes. CDHB desperately required additional staff, resources and support to maintain services to people affected. We are grateful for the offers of volunteers which poured in from all parts of New Zealand. This tremendous national support alongside Cantabrian resilience helps the survival, healing and recovery of our city and communities. It's still early days –we have a long way to go.

Phil Clearwater
Professional Leader, Social Work, Older Persons' Health, Canterbury DHB

Addresses Unknown

National Office would be pleased to learn the current address of the following members:

Tai Estall  Wairarapa
Annie Turnbull  Auckland
Ayako Nakajima  Auckland
Joseph Devasia  Wellington
Ruth Choudhary  Waikato
Grace Dykstra  Canterbury
Te Riina Wells  Wairariki
Hannah Staines  Canterbury
Roger Burchell  Taupo
Gary Rayner  Bay of Plenty
Harleen Kaur  Auckland
Margaret Yorke  Northland
Paula Whiting  Taranaki
Jane Bennett  Tamaki Makaurau
Abbie Stevens  Hamilton

After 5 successful years working with Social Workers throughout New Zealand and overseas,
Kerry-Lee and the team at
New Zealand Social Work Recruitment Ltd
are pleased to announce that
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Are taking over the reigns.
Amicus Recruit has a successful track record of working with social workers and employers in the UK and Australia and we wish them every success.

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Social Workers Out There Interest Group
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Supervisors Interest Group
• Convenor required, volunteer role

Interest Group Updates

Are you aware of a group of like-minded social workers who would find value in the establishment of a national Interest Group? Interest Groups provide an opportunity for members with similar interests to debate issues of concern with fellow members and to receive collegial support where appropriate.

The interest groups are also consulted when the Association is asked to comment of issues that are of concern to the interest group.

Interest Group Criteria:
1. Subject to the approval of a General Meeting, any group of members of ten (10) or more who share a specialised interest on a national or local basis may form an interest group. Membership of an interest group shall be additional to membership in a branch/roopu.
2. The Rules proposed for an Interest Group shall be submitted to the Governance Board, which may approve them and submit them to a General Meeting for ratification. The Rules of the Association shall, at all times, take precedence and should be used as a model by the Interest Group.
3. In the event of the Interest Group ceasing to have ten (10) members or being inactive or for any other good reason the Governance Board may determine that the Interest Group be dissolved and all monies held shall be submitted to the National Office of the Association.
4. The Interest Group shall maintain a register of its members and forward this from time to time to the Chief Executive.

In order to meet the time frames for establishment, information about the Interest Group, the initial list of members and the Interest Group rules would need to be received by the Chief Executive no later than 01 September 2011.

For any assistance please email National Office at admin@anzasw.org.nz

Supervisors’ Interest Group.

Following the Christchurch earthquake, we supervisors are likely to need to be mindful of how our supervisees are affected by it. Some may have been directly affected, some will have been affected by its impact on loved ones, and still more will be unsettled by the collapse of buildings and may be concerned regarding the safety of their own homes and workplaces.

All of our supervisees will have clients who are affected by the quake; some will be displaced from their homes and trying to make sense of these events while living in parts of the country where the earthquake is just news, others will have been profoundly unsettled by the news itself.

As supervisors we will need to be mindful of our role in enabling our supervisees to find a healthy balance between work and selfcare. We will need to be alert to the possibility of our supervisees experiencing secondary trauma.

There is a great deal going on and there is a lot of work ahead for everyone in the helping professions over the next months and years. I’m hoping the Supervisors Interest Group forum will provide a place for supervisors to connect on a peer to peer basis, discuss ideas and provide support.

The interest group itself is not very active. It is up to the membership to make it active and vibrant. This needs to be done through the discussion forums. No coordinator would be in a position to field and redirect individual emails to enable a discussion. I am keen to hear from colleagues who would like to coordinate the group.

Michael O’Dempsey
Co-ordinator, Supervisors’ Interest Group, Lyttelton

New Interest Group Invite

You are invited to join a brand new Social Work Christian Fellowship Special Interest Group within ANZASW

Our Aims:
- To encourage and strengthen Christians working in social work and social care settings to integrate their personal faith with their professional practice
- To share in the mission of the wider church as a witness to Jesus Christ
- To encourage Biblical reflection on social issues, social work theory and practice
- To attract membership participation through prayer and fellowship

With a bit of luck members will be able to use the ANZASW online bulletin board to request prayerful support and enjoy Christian fellowship. Or if it turns out to be easier we can support each other via email.

If you would like to join please contact Liam.Butler@nmdhb.govt.nz
**ANZASW Meetings & Hui**

Please remember to keep us up to date with new email addresses so that we can ensure that you are receiving all local and national notices.

**GOVERNANCE BOARD**

The ANZASW Governance Board are scheduled to meet on the following dates: 26 March & 28 May

**ROOPU**

All roopu extend a warm invitation to current and prospective social workers to attend roopu hui. We continue to enjoy our hui and the korero, awhi and whakawhanaungatanga regarding the mahi that our members are involved with in our community. Venues are often moved around the agencies to assist members to attend hui.

**Tamaki Makaurau**

Meets last Thursday of the month at 1.30 pm at venues which are accessible to members - contact Sandy Tito-Evans for information re venue.

Next meets: April 28, 2011.
Contact: Chairperson, Sandy Tito-Evans, sandyte@xtra.co.nz (please note new email address)

**Te Roopu O Te Tairawhiti**

Meets bi-monthly for Roopu hui, also meets bi-monthly for Professional Development on the months when there is not a formal hui.

Next Meets: 29 March, 2011 1.00pm - 2.30 pm
There will be a pre-competency workshop:12.00 pm - 1.00 pm
Venue: TBC
Topic: Professional Development
Other information: Next Roopu hui is 26 April, 2011, 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm
Waea: Kay Symes, 06 869 0500, ext 8606 or 027 240 7861 or kay.symes@tdh.org.nz, 027 240 7861

**Te Whanau O Rongokako**

Meets every third Thursday, every second month
Contact: Rawinia Hape 06 870 4779 xt855 or 027 234 3866, or email to rawinia.Hape@ttoh.iwi.nz or rawiniahape@xtra.co.nz

**Kahu Ora Ki Wairarapa Roopu**

Meet quarterly, every third Tuesday monthly at 12 pm
Venue: CYF office
Contact: Lesley Wynyard, lesley.wynyard003@cyf.govt.nz

**Manawhenua**

Meets first Thursday of the month
Chair: Thomas Ngaruhe, thomas.ngaruhe004@cyf.govt.nz
Contact: manawhenuaroopu@gmail.com

**Te Whanganui-a-Tara Roopu hui**

Meets first Thursday of the month at 12-1:30pm)
Next meets: 7 April and then 5 May, 2011
Venue: Tiromoana Morehu Villa, 1 Hassell Road, Kenepuru
Contact: Kaitakawaenga - James Makowharemahihi, jamesm@careco.org.nz, 04 238 2020 or 04 238 4555, a/h 027 270 5578
Topic: Roopu Organisation, Goals, Tautoko

**Tangata Whenua Takawaenga o Aotearoa ki Otautahi**

Contact: Tiriana Te Pakeke, 03 365 9912 or tiriana@familyhelptrust.org.nz

**BRANCHES**

All branches warmly welcome new, provisional, intending and existing ANZASW members and interested social workers to their meetings.

**Auckland**

Warm greetings on behalf of the Auckland Branch to our fellow social workers around the country and particularly to those of you affected by the shock and loss of the earthquake in Christchurch. We extend our deepest sympathies to you all. Ngā mihi tino mahana ki ngā hapū me ngā whānau o Otautahi i ēnei wā pōuri. Arohanui ki a koutou.

In the previous NoticeBoard we informed you about the branch meetings we want to facilitate in the different areas of Taamaki Makaurau. Below is a timetable for the coming year which gives details of the time and area of meetings. We will send invites to all Auckland branch and Roopu members as soon as we finalise the details of those meetings - hopefully you will already have received an invite to the first one in March. The branch meetings will be held on every third Monday of the month, except for September with Social Workers Day being on a Wednesday. All are welcome and if you want to be more involved with a meeting happening in your area please let us know. There has been a lot of enthusiasm expressed about establishing local groups and it will be great to have your input into making them happen.

Hope to see you soon.

**Natasha Hofmans, Chairperson Auckland Branch Committee**

Meetings: April 18, 2011 - Central - Monday 12 - 2.00 pm
May 16, 2011 - West - Monday 12 - 2.00 pm
June 20, 2011 - North - Monday 12 - 2.00 pm
July 18, 2011 - South - Monday 12 - 2.00 pm
August 15, 2011 - Central - Monday 12 - 2.00 pm
September 28, 2011 - Social Workers Day
October 17, 2011 - West - Monday 12 - 2.00 pm
November 21, 2011 - North, Monday 12 - 2.00 pm
**Bay of Plenty**

Contact: Merrill Simmons Hansen, 021 292 2721
Sarah Deighton, 579 8000 ext 5190 or supervision@xtra.co.nz

**Canterbury**

Meets bi-monthly on the Second Tuesday.

The *Canterbury* core-group committee hope that all their members and families are safe following the earthquake.

*Our thoughts are with you all as we go through this extremely difficult time.*

The Canterbury Core group have cancelled their March committee meeting due to the earthquake.

The next committee meeting will be held on 11 April, 2011 at 7.00 pm at the Canterbury University, Clyde Road.

The committee have planned the year with forums and workshops.

Information will be emailed to members for the forums and workshops.

Contact: Paula Grooby, paulagrooby@hotmail.com, (H) 03 942 4496, (W) 03 977 5416.

**Hawke's Bay**

Meets second Monday, every second month

Next Meets: 11 April, 2011 at 3.30 pm

Venue: CAFS, Hawkes Bay District Health Board

Topic: Yet to be confirmed

Contact: Mark Rolls, Mark.Rolls@hawkesbaydhb.govt.nz, (W) 878 8109, extn 5830

**Manawatu/ Wanganui**

Next Meets: 28 March, 2011 at 12 noon

Venue, Child Youth & Family

Contact: Joanne Briggs, joanne.briggs@midcentraldhb.govt.nz anzasw.manawatuwhanganui@gmail.com

**Wanganui**

Contact: Trish Melling, 06 348 1234 Ext 5763, patricia.melling@wdhb.org.nz

**Nelson/ Marlborough**

Meets third Wednesday of the month, (note change of time)

alstairm@psusi.org.nz, 03 547 9350 xt717

**Marlborough/ Wairau**

Meets fourth Thursday of the month

Contact: Colleen Cox, 03 578 4115

**Northland**

Next meets: Wednesday, 13 April, 2011

Venue: Te Puna Whaiora Childrens Healthcamp, Maunu, 436 Maunu Road, Whangarei

Topic: Crossing borders, same clients, different sector, Family Violence and Primary Care - Guest Speaker - Shelley Crawford

BYO lunch, tea, coffee and milo provided

Contact: Suzie Munro 09 437 9056, 027)286 8840, suzie.munro@healthcamps.org.nz

**Otago**

Next Meets: Tuesday, 12 April, 2011 at 5.30 pm and then Tuesday, 10 May, 2011 (5 pm Nibbles and 5.30 pm presentation).

Venue: NEW VENUE - Community House Building, on corner at 301 Moray Place in the Brian Arnold Room. A gold coin donation is appreciated.

Topic: Non-residents - eligibility for publicly funded health and disability services - presented by Megan Boivin, Planning and Funding Manager, Dunedin Hospital. (You will be surprised who has to pay, so come along and learn more about this fascinating topic).

Contact: Helen Burnip, helenburnip@xtra.co.nz

**South Canterbury**

Next Meets: Wednesday, 13 April, 2011

Venue: Family Works, North Street, Timaru

Topic: None

Other Info: Bring your lunch, tea and coffee provided.

Contact: Karen Manson, 03 689 5999 karenfgemmell@hotmail.com

**Southland**

Meets second Wednesday of the month

Contact: Stacey Muir, stacey.muir@southerndhb.govt.nz

**Taranaki**

Contact: Secretary, Sarah DeSouza, sarah.desouza@tdhb.org.nz

**Waikato**

Contact: Nicola Livingston@waikatodhb.health.nz

**Wairarapa**

Contact: Frances Dearnley, mcccp@xtra.co.nz

**Wellington**

Next Meets: April 23, 2011, at 3.30 pm

Venue: Child Youth & Family Head Office, Wellington

Topic: Practice Packages at Child, Youth & Family

Other Info: Meet the new Chief Social Worker

May 2011 Meeting: May 11, 2011

Venue: Kapiti - (to be arranged)

Topic: (To be determined)

Other Information: Confirmation details to be emailed out. If you would like to receive regular emails of monthly branch meetings, please email Caz.

Contact: Caz Thomson, caz.thomson@ccdhb.org.nz
Additional Supervisors
Palmerston North
Gill Stacey
Amesbury House
Amesbury Street
Palmerston North
Ph: 06 357 0406 or 027 426 7048
Email: gillstacey@ihug.co.nz

Qualifications: Post Graduate Diploma in Counselling (with a Social Work Supervision focus), Massey University
Ongoing Training: I am a UK trained social worker and NZ trained counsellor with twenty-five years experience in community social work and private practice. I am a member of ANZASW and NZAC. I work as a counsellor and supervisor in private practice in Palmerston North. I sit on recertification and membership panels for ANZASW.

In the last two years I have focussed my Post Graduate Massey studies on Social Service Supervision. I have been training with the Wellington Psychodrama Training Institute part-time since 1996. I am committed to my ongoing personal and professional training and development depending on need and interest at the time.

Experience: I am an active and busy woman from the UK and moved to NZ 17 years ago. I have three nearly adult daughters and a busy but mostly balanced life of family work and play. I have 25 years experience in a broad range of Social Work settings in the UK and NZ with a more recent focus on individual work and counselling. I have worked in hospitals, hospice, child protection agencies, Maori Social Services agencies, NGO’s and private practice. The broad range and depth of my personal and professional experience enables me to offer an expansive and creative supervision service.

Supervision Interests: I supervise a variety of professionals including social workers, teachers, health workers and work from a strengths-based, humanist perspective with an integrated eclectic supervision model. I am a keen role and systems thinker and embrace feminist and bi-cultural perspectives. I have contracts at present with ACC for trauma work, Family Court for relationship counselling, EAP (SEED) employment support, PHO for mental health counselling. I am interested in all aspects of people’s ability to develop further health in relationship to one another, and believe in change and possibilities. I am passionate about seeing our human differences as the means for development of tolerance and compassion. Therefore I enjoy working across all kinds of ‘cultures’ including age, gender, sexuality, ability, health and ethnicity.

Wellington
Dr Margaret Pack
Email: margaret.pack@xtra.co.nz
Ph: 021-440-116
Female, Pakeha

Qualifications: PhD social work M.A. Applied (social work) IPP, Cert University teaching and Learning, Cert. Clinical Supervision.

Ongoing Training: Gestalt psychotherapy and adult teaching and learning

Interests: Vicarious traumatisation, critical incident stress management and trauma.

Social Worker Registration Board
Kāhui Whakamana Tauwhi

Mandatory SWRB Registration
Discussion Document

Over the next twelve months the Social Workers Registration Board (SWRB) will be undertaking the five-yearly review of the Social Workers Registration Act 2003 (the Act).

Section 104 of the Act requires the Board to:
1. review the operation of the Act, and its own operations and
2. consider the extent to which the Act, and the system of voluntary registration it provides for –
   a. protects the safety of members of the public by ensuring that social workers are competent to practise;
   b. holds social workers accountable for the way in which they practise; and
   c. enhances the professionalism of social workers.

The Board must consider whether any amendments to the Act are necessary or desirable and report its findings to the Minister.

As part of the review process the Board has released a discussion document on mandatory registration.

The SWRB wants to hear your views on whether we should move from voluntary to mandatory social worker registration. This document provides points to consider and background information to help you provide feedback on this issue. Your feedback will help to inform any future reports the SWRB makes to the Minister for Social Development and Employment about changes to the current law on social worker registration, including the Act Review Report.

Who Can Provide Feedback On The Discussion Document?
The SWRB is seeking feedback on the discussion document from as many sources as possible, including:
- the public and especially those who receive social work services
- social workers
- employers of social workers across the state sector, private sector and non-government organisations
- consumer organisations
- social work representative bodies and umbrella organisations

If you have a comment to make about social work registration the SWRB wants to hear about it.

For How Long Will The SWRB Accept Feedback On The Discussion Document?
Feedback on the discussion document will be accepted by the SWRB until Friday 1 July 2011. This will be enough time for people to make an informed response to the discussion document.
How Can I Obtain A Copy Of The Discussion Document?
The Mandatory Registration Discussion Document is available to download from the Board’s website www.swrb.govt.nz and hard copies can also be provided by the SWRB office on request. If you would like the office to send you or your organisation a hard copy of the discussion document you can contact the SWRB office by:

Email: consultation@swrb.govt.nz
Fax: (04) 931 2651
Telephone: (04) 931 2650

Or write to the Board:
PO Box 10150
The Terrace, Wellington 6143

Is The SWRB Available To Present Information On The Discussion Document To My Organisation?
The SWRB presents information on social work registration based on requests from organisations. As part of the review process the Board is available, where possible, to provide presentations on the discussion document for those seeking more information. Ideally the SWRB prefers to talk to as many people as possible at one time and encourages smaller groups to join together. For example, social service agencies in one region will come together or one agency will invite the SWRB to present and open the invitation to attend to other organisations. Again please contact the office via the details provided above if you would like to have the SWRB present to your group and also have the opportunity to ask questions on any issues related to social worker registration.

Why Has The SWRB Released The Discussion Document?
The SWRB has received a substantial amount of anecdotal information from individuals and groups about the current voluntary registration process and the need to consider making registration mandatory. To ensure that any recommendation made to the Minister is truly representative of the New Zealand population it is important that we open the discussion up to as many people as possible.

The review of the Act provides an opportune time to do this. It is important that people make their views heard now as it will be another five years before we have this opportunity again.

We welcome your input on this truly important discussion and will keep you posted on the feedback received and our progress on the review of the Act.

The SWRB would also appreciate it if you could forward this email to any colleagues or other organisations within your network who may be interested in responding to the discussion document.

Thank you.

Toni Hocquard, SWRB Chairperson

Reminder
For those whose membership year ends 31 March 2011, the membership subscription is now due. A membership invoice is now in the mail, along with a details report, insurance and declaration forms, plus a disciplinary levy invoice where applicable. Please be sure to update our database with any information that may be missing, including your current email address.

It is possible to pay by credit card, cheque, internet banking or regular automatic payment. Unfortunately we are unable to process NZ Post Postal Orders, Diners Club or AMEX.

If you have any questions about the Professional Indemnity Insurance, made available automatically through ANZASW membership, please refer to our website - http://anzasw.org.nz/member-services/indemnity-insurance/

If you have yet to register for member-only access to the website, please do so via the “Member Login” button on the homepage.

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