In readiness for a challenging and exciting 2009!

Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou. Nga mihi nui mo te Tau Hou ki a koutou katoa.

Like many members, I have enjoyed a quieter period these past months as some of the administrative workload slows a little and enables us to catch our breath and prepare for the year ahead. Even if you have been on duty I trust that you will all have been able to enjoy some of our wonderful summer weather re-energising in readiness for a challenging 2009.

The continued recessionary economic pressures and resultant increased stresses on many in our community will inevitably have a flow-on effect for our profession where these global realities impact on the families and communities where social workers are employed. It is to be hoped that any funding constraints do not cause social services to be jeopardised at the very time when greater levels of support are needed within our communities.

Prior to the end of last year, we wrote to several of the Ministers of the new National government to introduce to them the role of the Association and the work of our profession. I am pleased that some, including the Minister of Social Development, Hon Paula Bennett have indicated an interest in meeting with us and we look forward to arranging a mutually convenient time to meet with her as soon as practicable.

The organising committee for the exciting Asia Pacific Social Work Conference to be held this November in Auckland has continued to work over the holiday period. Now is the time to make plans to include this in your professional calendar for this year - whether the conference will provide an opportunity for you to share with colleagues some aspect of the work that you do, report on research being undertaken, or participate in some continuing professional development.

I am often in the privileged position of learning of the fantastic work being undertaken by members of our profession, and I strongly encourage you to consider presenting to this event to share with our colleagues throughout the region the work being done by yourself and your organisation. The deadline for submission of abstracts is 28th February.

I urge you to visit the website at www.swinnz2009.co.nz - which is being updated regularly - to check on confirmed speakers and an outline of the programme and site visits. I also encourage you to register early. The first offer of discounted places at the conference will expire on 30th March when ‘very early bird’ registrations close. The theme for the conference is ‘Many Voices, Many Communities, Social Justice for All’. Let’s work together to make this a great event for all delegates to this conference.

Arrangements are now being finalised for the ANZASW Congress to be held in Wellington after Easter this year. Information will be sent to branch, roopu and interest group contacts and will be posted on the website as soon as it is finalised. This second Congress promises again to be a great opportunity to participate in the ongoing development of our professional body and to access further professional development.

Planning is also well underway for the Tangata Whenua Takawaenga Hui 2009 - being hosted in Gisborne by Te Roopu o Te Tairawhiti, from Wednesday to Friday, 30 September to 2 October.

The first meeting of the Governance Board for 2009 was held recently. A very warm welcome to Tauha Te Kani from Te Roopu o Te Tairawhiti who has replaced Graham Black for the remainder of his term and to John Wong from the Auckland branch who joins us as the Branch representative. Welook forward to their contributions as we work together on the Board on your behalf.

No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

Rose Henderson, ANZASW president@anzasw.org.nz

Social work in New Zealand will gain a huge boost this year when ANZASW hosts the Asia Pacific Social Work Conference. Find out more at www.swinnz2009.co.nz

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S UPDATE

Kia ora koutou
ANZASW’s National Support Team - consisting of staff in Christchurch (myself, Jacqui, Margaret, Sharon and Brogan), Auckland (Jeanne) and Wellington (Stephen) - have started the year with a New Year celebration in place of the more traditional Christmas get-together.

Aided by a punting trip on the Avon river and a shared evening meal, our time together presented a mix of recreation and the opportunity to look ahead rather than back. Our priority was to re-focus on maintaining ANZASW’s momentum in terms of the Annual Plan and the ongoing work that is supported by our colleagues in roles such as Assessors, ANZASW journal editors, Interest Group convenors, Roopu and Branch office holders and the members of the new sub-Committees established by the Governance Board.

As we start 2009 the severity of the world financial situation is dominating the media. Barack Obama, in his inauguration speech, spoke of the many challenges facing America and the world and the need for change and new solutions. Certainly the world faces some hard times ahead including those of us fortunate enough to call New Zealand home. Our society will face some significant pressures in the coming year that will touch the most basic of human needs. As always, these pressures will impact most on the disadvantaged and oppressed in our society. The coming year will therefore be one of increasing need for effective Social Workers who can support and advocate for those who struggle to hold themselves and their families together in the face of financial hardship. If only there was proper recognition for the important contribution that Social Workers make to our society at such times of economic crises.

As a professional body this is an important time for us to engage more fully with you, our members, to ensure we continue to build the strong and effective voice for social work and Social Workers that can only be provided by an active non-government organisation. Building that voice is certain to be a central theme for the ANZASW National Congress to be held in Wellington on Friday and Saturday 17-18 April. While the programme is not yet finalised it will feature at least two keynote speakers, beginning with the Merv Hancock address. Based on feedback from the inaugural Congress held in Christchurch last year, there will be more time for representatives from Branches, Roopu and Interest Groups to lead discussions on the vision and profile needed by our profession to achieve a positive future direction. All members are welcome to attend to benefit from the professional development and participate in the organisational planning. Full details will be made available at www.anzasw.org.nz or you can contact the National Support Team on (03) 358 6920 for more information.

Our latest Annual General Meeting, held in Invercargill in December, demonstrated that ANZASW has achieved some significant milestones necessary to keep pace with the demands of a growing membership, now likely to pass a total of 4000 before year’s end. On behalf of all members - new and existing alike - our kaupapa is to ensure ANZASW provides leadership for our profession so that the contribution made by social work and Social Workers is always recognised.

Dominic Chilver, Executive Officer dominic@anzasw.org.nz

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**Part Time Field Officers**

**Category: Social Work**

**Job ad for Wellington and Northland**

Do you have a social work qualification or like experience, excellent communication and advocacy skills, and would enjoy working in a community environment? Then this could be the job for you!

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) Trust was established in 2001 after a need was identified by a group of grandparents who found their role as the primary caregiver of their grandchildren both unique and stressful. The GRG Trust has grown to a stage where there is an active membership of over 3500 who are caring for their grandchildren throughout New Zealand, supported by 46 national support group coordinators. The organisation is led by one nation-wide coordinator and an Auckland-based Board of Trustees.

The GRG Trust is looking for 2 Field Officers to empower the local support group co-coordinators, with one Field Officer required for the wider Wellington region and one Field Officer required for the Northland region. The Wellington region includes New Plymouth, Taranaki, and Palmerston North. The Northland region includes Kaitaia, Dargaville, and Whangarei. The position advertised will be on a 12 month contract for 10 hours per week Monday to Friday between 9.00am and 5.00pm.

The successful candidate will be required to:
- act as a first point of contact for GRG within the above districts
- provide direction, assistance and support to coordinators of local support groups
- work to empower support groups within the region to become more self-sufficient
- provide regional leadership to the Trust and its work
- actively promote and represent the Trust at both local and national levels
- work to maintain and expand membership base
- collaborate with Board of Trustees in order to implement strategic objectives of the Trust
- develop and maintain relationships with key stakeholders
- contribute to the monthly GRG newsletter on issues relating to kin/grandparenting care
- work closely with the Secretariat as a primary point for administrative and logistical support.

The ideal Field Officer will have social work experience in working with multi-ethnic groups; have excellent communication and advocacy skills, a good understanding of legislation and policies governing the sector, knowledge of local social service agencies, a commitment to the Treaty of Waitangi and knowledge of local tikanga and kawa. You will be expected to use your own computer, car and telephone, and will be reimbursed for mileage and calling expenses.

Please email your expressions of interest to rosemarie@grg.org.nz or call (09) 480 6530.

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The ANZASW Governance Board

New faces around the table in 2009

The 2008 AGM saw some new faces introduced to the ANZASW Governance Board for 2009, and some existing Board members confirmed for further terms.

The Board now has eight members, and can have a maximum of nine. At least four members must always be tangata whenua, thereby ensuring a partnership approach to the governance of ANZASW.

Tauha Te Kani, of Gisborne (pictured at right), has joined the Board through being co-opted for 12 months to fill the vacancy left by Graham Black.

John Wong (pictured below), of Auckland, joins the Board after being elected as a Branch representative in 2008.

Existing Board members, Hanny Naus and Sarah Conwell, have also been elected onto the Board for two year terms through to 2010. Sarah previously held a co-opted position which has now passed to Rose Henderson. Rose will continue as the ANZASW President in 2009 for a period until an agreed succession transition takes place for sitting tangata whenua member Awhiora Nia Nia to take up that role. Other members of the Governance Board are Bella Wikaira and Claudine Nepia-Tule.

NoticeBoard will continue its profiles of Governance Board members (‘Meeting the ANZASW Governance Board’) next month.

Meeting dates for 2009

Meetings of the ANZASW Governance Board (not including its sub-Committees) are scheduled throughout the year, alternating between face-to-face meetings and teleconferences:

- Wellington, February 20th and 21st
- Teleconference, March 19th
- Wellington, April 17th and 18th (Congress)
- Teleconference, May 21st
- Wellington, June 19th and 20th
- Teleconference, July 16th
- Wellington, August 21st and 22nd
- Teleconference, September 17th
- Wellington, October 16th and 17th
- Auckland, November 13th and 14th (AGM)
- Teleconference, December 18th

COMING SOON!

ANZASW CONGRESS 2009

When: Friday and Saturday, 17-18 April
Where: Capital House, Melrose, Wellington
Featuring: Guest speakers, including the Merv Hancock Address; Workshops, business sessions and professional development

Our 2nd annual National Congress is set to be held in Wellington. When the programme is finalised details will be emailed to ANZASW branch, roopu and interest group contacts this month, and a further notice will be published in March.

All members are welcome. If you are interested in attending please send an email to admin@anzasw.org.nz to receive further information.

ANZASW Pasifika Interest Group

NATIONAL FONO

Wellington, Thursday 16 April 2009

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Fono organising committee welcome abstracts which focus on the themes:

Fono Theme:
“Shining the Light on Pacific Innovations”

Sub-Theme: “Pacific Social and Community Development within Aotearoa / New Zealand”

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

2. Only emailed submissions will be accepted.
3. Abstracts must be submitted in English.
4. The text should be 12 point, Times New Roman font with single line spacing.
5. The title page should be in BOLD CAPITAL LETTERS followed by a blank line.
6. On the next line write the names of the authors with the name of the presenting author underlined.
7. Clearly identify how this abstract relates to the themes.
8. The body of the abstract should contain between 200-250 words.
9. Duration of presentations:
   Papers = 15 minutes;
   Workshops = 45/90 minute options
   Poster displays = duration of fono
10. Abstracts must be emailed by 27 February 2009 to pasifikasw_intgrp@anzasw.org.nz
11. We would love to use the Fono presentations to make up the next edition of Tu Mau! So please bear in mind, that when you are planning your presentation that it may need to be formatted into an article for publication in our social work journal. Guidelines can be supplied on request.

All the very best and Happy New Year Everybody!

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RECEIVERS’ RESPONSES:

Signs of an active readership

Despite an occasional (but persistent!) rumour that copies of NoticeBoard remain un-opened months after they’ve been delivered, confidence is growing that the changes in format and a wider range of content are helping to grow its readership.

Sharon Quirke, ANZASW’s part-time Information Officer is now working with Stephen Olsen, part-time Communication Manager, to survey members’ interests to base further changes on. Those interests will be further explored by starting up a regular website-based electronic bulletin in the near future.

Meanwhile two items published in the December issue of NoticeBoard generated responses from readers: a challenge to present a much needed account of the role of Health Social Workers in any approach to reducing levels of child abuse, and a call to share experiences in running Journal Clubs.

CHILD PROTECTION AND SOCIAL WORK AT HOSPITALS

“Although it may vary from one District Health Board to the next there is definitely more training available to DHB staff in Child Protection and Family Violence than was the case in the past. There are some good models of intervention. The work done by Miranda Ritchie at Hawkes Bay DHB is a leading example, but as Miranda says, staff need ongoing support in order to ask the hard questions of patients. Time and time again the reviews into child deaths are telling us that there isn’t enough communication happening because we aren’t building up our trust in each other...”.

“I agree with Starship’s Dr Kelly that the Health system needs to take a lot more responsibility for child protection than it does. Hopefully this will initiate some dialogue amongst ANZASW members. It would be great if responses and viewpoints reported by the membership can assist the association in contributing to this discussion at a national level in the new year...”.

NoticeBoard is in contact with two Health Social Workers, both of whom have offered to provide input into a longer piece of writing or article about this topic, with assistance from ANZASW’s Communication Manager. The comments have been left anonymous for the time being, but there is a willingness to be as open as possible about this as an issue of real concern for the consistency of social work practice. If you have a view to express please make contact with Stephen by email to stepheno@anzasw.org.nz

EXPERIENCE OF JOURNAL CLUBS

From Jackie Newton, Timaru:

Here in Timaru we started a (Journal Club) a couple of years ago, but after the first year it was decided to have a wider range of topics for our monthly meeting. While we were doing it, our format was to have someone present an article, book or piece of research to the group, summarising the content, and giving their own critique. There would then be group discussion. The format followed my experience of journal clubs in a hospital setting, which I had taken part in as a member of a multi-disciplinary team. My impression was that our group (including me) found it quite challenging to do a presentation. Having said that next year, however, I want to do a presentation on the discussion on community advocacy which is being featured in ANZASW’s journal [Aotearoa New Zealand Social Work] at the moment. I think it is important that as a profession we keep up-to-date with an academic as well as a practical approach to our work.

Excerpts from Briefings to Incoming Minister from MSD

... Child, Youth and Family employs 2,952 staff. We have supported 1,091 social workers to registration since September 2005 (260 of them have resigned since achieving registration). This means that we currently maintain a workforce of 831 registered social workers. Over the past four to six years there has been an increasing desire to have social work recognised as a profession. This reflects the developing nature of the role and the growing understanding that social workers are responsible for exercising judgement in critical situations.

... There is a global shortage of social workers... We need to work out the best way to attract and retain qualified social workers. To do this, we need to target our recruitment strategy to qualified social workers. To ensure they stay with us, we need to provide ongoing professional development.

COMPLAINTS DECISION

Decision of the ANZASW Complaints Resolution Panel in the matter of Jane Elizabeth Kerr:

ANZASW received a complaint from Child Youth and Family in May 2008 regarding an ex-employee, Jane Elizabeth Kerr, who had previously worked at the CYF Nelson Site Office as a supervisor. The complaint alleged that Ms Kerr had admitted having a sexual relationship with a 16 year old boy who was at the time in the care of CYF. Ms Kerr subsequently resigned from CYF and voluntarily presented to the Nelson Police and admitted her behaviour. Since the boy concerned was over 16 years old, no criminal breaches of the law were identified by the Police and so no prosecutions were brought against Ms Kerr.

The Association considered the complaint serious enough to suspend Ms Kerr’s membership whilst an investigation was undertaken. The provisions of the Code of Ethics that were identified as applicable in the circumstances of the case were 3.1, 3.5, 6.3, and 7.1. Ms Kerr accepted that the information provided with the complaint was accurate and agreed to the complaint being considered on the papers only without a formal hearing.

Having considered the evidence provided, the Complaints Hearing Panel found Ms Kerr guilty of Gross Professional Misconduct. The Panel considered that the following matters of significance warranted the finding of Gross Professional Misconduct: the period of time over which the behaviour occurred, the age of the client, the deliberations of waiting until the client was 16 years of age, the lengthy professional relationship between Ms Kerr and the client, the repetitive nature of the behaviour and the attempt to dissuade a relative of the client from disclosing the relationship. Membership of ANZASW for Jane Elizabeth Kerr has therefore been revoked effective from October 3rd 2008.

Any further enquiries in relation to this case should be directed to Dominic Chilvers, ANZASW Executive Officer.
**Advisory Group Members sought**

The Mental Health Commission is seeking applications for people who have knowledge, experience, professional and community networks to be appointed to the Mental Health Commission Advisory Group (MHCAG). The MHCAG is a new advisory body of up to 18 members being set up to advise the Commission in a number of areas relating to the mental health of New Zealanders.

It is expected that the Advisory Group will meet twice a year in Wellington, and may also have up to two further meetings by video link each year. The Commission will pay a meeting fee for each meeting and cover travel-related costs. This is a new approach for the Commission on how it can better seek the views of, and be responsive to, those who are involved with mental health services in New Zealand. The Advisory Group will also assist the Commission by providing advice and input into its key accountability documents, particularly the Statement of Intent. The Mental Health Commission is a small autonomous Crown Entity that reports directly to the Minister of Health. It has a number of functions which can be broadly described as monitoring the implementation of the national mental health strategy, and advocating for service users and their families to improve the way mental health and addiction issues are perceived and responded to.

For more information about the Commission, visit www.mhc.govt.nz To find out more about the Advisory Group and membership, please contact Keith Hartley, Manager Strategic Projects, at khartley@mhc.govt.nz or 04 474 8914. To apply for membership of the Commission’s Advisory Group, email Christine Frewing for an application pack at cfrewing@mhc.govt.nz Applications close on 20 February 2009.

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Interactive Drawing Therapy (IDT) is a unique page-based way of working with images as well as words and feelings to access different parts of the psyche. The page becomes a mirror for the client, facilitating insight, inner resourcefulness and profound change. This way of working bridges age, language and cultural differences and can be used for short-term crisis work or at greater depth in long-term developmental work.

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**Chinese New Year:** Tens of thousands of people attended the celebration of Chinese New Year around the country in January. This year the Chinese New Year was on Monday 26 January. The celebrations usually last for 15 days from the lunar new year’s day, till the lantern festival which ends the new year celebration. Usually formal celebration ceremonies start with a lion dance and are followed by cultural performances from the Chinese communities. The events this year marked the beginning of the Year of the Ox and the closing of the Year of the Rat. The Ox is thought to be the sign of prosperity through fortitude and hard work. The Chinese Social Workers Interest Group wishes all social workers in NZ a very happy and prosperous Year of the Ox. Contact: John Wong, john.wong@pgfnz.org.nz

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**Social Worker**

**Community Palliative Care**

West Auckland Hospice exists so that terminally ill people in West Auckland and those who grieve for them experience death as a dignified and compassionately supported process. As an experienced health Social Worker you will:

- Work alongside the Social Services Manager to assist with the leadership of a holistic team.
- Coordinate the psychosocial assessment and care planning of West Auckland Hospice patients and family/whanau.
- Have a clinical workload in the community and also provide day clinics at Hospice.

At West Auckland Hospice you will be part of a holistic team of specialist practitioners who provide specialist palliative care nursing and social services. The social services team provides complimentary therapies, grief, loss and bereavement services through individual support and therapeutic groups. The social services team is also responsible for the provision of vibrant day respite programmes that provide social interaction and time out for patients and their families in a safe relaxed environment.

Your charisma and enthusiasm for providing quality of service in an organized manner is outstanding. You want to be a part of developing a unique, innovative, holistic community service that is nationally recognized. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to step out and make a difference. Please refer to our web site www.wah.org.nz for a full position description.

Apply in writing with a cover letter and CV to:

Trish Fleming
Social Services Manager
West Auckland Hospice
DDI 834 9754
trishf@wah.org.nz
New ANZASW Interest Group

Congratulations are due on the official formation of the African Social Workers Interest Group. Aims of the new group, which has 21 founding members, include advising ANZASW on matters related to African Social Workers, the promotion of on-going professional development and the provision of a network for resource sharing, information and support. Inquiries about the Interest Group can be sent to Marcelle Lamont, marcelle.lamont001@cyf.govt.nz

OTHER INTEREST GROUP CONTACTS

SWIS - Social Workers in Schools
Edwina Poynton, edwina.gl@healthcamps.org.nz

SWOT - Social Workers Out There
Mathew Keen, mathew.keen@midcentraldhb.govt.nz

Private Practitioners Interest Group
Cathy McPherson, cathy.mcpherson@goalscentre.co.nz

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About Claire Booth

Claire Booth is a veteran of counselling practice with 19
years experience in the public, private and NGO sectors in
NZ, Australia and the UK. She is a member organisation
of South East City Primary Health Organisation, and in
addition to private practice in primary mental health, offers
supervision and training in Strengths-Based counselling
and CD01. In 2008 she was privileged to attend the exclusive
Train the Trainers Conference in CD01 in Chicago. Claire has
been recognised as an emerging leader in mental health
with a scholarship from Te Pou, and will be a participant
in the International Initiative in Mental Health Leadership
Exchange in Brisbane in March 2009.

Public submissions invited on the Domestic Violence
(Enhancing Safety) Bill

ANZASW’s National Support Team is consulting with
members to make a submission on this Bill. This will follow
on the response made last year to a public discussion document
issued by the Ministry of Justice titled “Improvements to Sexual
Violence Legislation in New Zealand”.

The Bill amends the Domestic Violence Act 1995 (DVA), the
enforcement initiative is the introduction of an “on the spot”
order issued by the Police for the purpose of protecting victims
domestic violence. The Ministry of Justice concluded that
legislative reform was required to improve the way the DVA
operates. In its Regulatory Impact Statement, the Ministry
points to “concerns that the DVA does not provide adequate
protection for victims through an appropriately strong
enforcement response - especially at the time that Police are
called to a domestic violence incident, including those incidents
involving breach of protection orders - and about the ability
to protect children of alleged offenders in setting Police bail
conditions”

The closing date for submissions is Friday 27 February.
Stephen Olsen is co-ordinating ANZASW’s submission. If you
would like to provide input please email Stephen at stepheno@
anzasw.org.nz as soon as possible.

MEDIA RELEASES

The following media release was distributed by ANZASW on
9 December 2008 to mark Human Rights Day:

Vigilance on Human Rights
has to ‘start at home’

In marking Human Rights Day today (Wednesday 10 December)
the Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Social Workers
(ANZASW) has issued a caution against any complacency that
New Zealand’s human rights record is as good as it can be.

“Both the New Zealand Government’s record in terms of
ratifying or complying with international human rights
agreements, as well as the way that basic human rights are
respected by New Zealanders in our everyday lives are not
as good as they can be - we can do much better,” says Rose
Henderson, ANZASW President.

“Human rights and social justice serve as the motivation and
justification for social work action, based on respect for the
equality, worth, and dignity of all people. ANZASW is a proud
member of the International Federation of Social Workers and
we support the regular statements made by IFSW on global
human rights issues, the IFSW’s international policy on human
rights and its work to support and defend the human rights of
individual social workers, social work educators and students
throughout the world,” says Rose Henderson.

“This year’s Human Rights Day takes on special meaning because
it is 60 years since the signing of the Universal Declaration of
Human Rights. That Declaration embodies a commitment to
universal dignity and social justice, and the 30 core rights it
contains should never be taken for granted or viewed as some
sort of luxury or empty wish-list”.

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“The year ahead will be an important test for how well we are doing at a New Zealand Government level when, in May 2009, the Government’s overall performance on human rights will be examined for the first time through the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process. The UPR is a mechanism established in 2006 whereby the UN Human Rights Council reviews whether or not UN member states are fulfilling their human rights obligations and commitments. In addition to this we have yet to see what approach the new Government will take to unfinished business such as the yet to be signed UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,” says Rose Henderson.

“In November 2009 ANZASW will be hosting the 20th Asia Pacific Social Work Conference, a major international event at which human rights and social justice issues in our region will take centre stage. It will be an important opportunity also to reflect on New Zealand’s human rights performance”.

“In recent years the negative impact of both economic and social policy on human rights in areas such as children’s rights and rights to adequate housing, have been challenged in this country. Significant hardship and poverty is experienced by many thousands of New Zealanders. With downward pressures on the economy likely to increase in 2009 we have to be vigilant against any downward spiral in the observance of basic human rights. To do this we will all need to monitor the impact of economic policies or hastily introduced new laws on the right to dignity and justice for all, and ask ourselves: What price human rights?”

“But above all we need to ensure that human rights are lived out in our own individual behaviours every day, in the way that we live as families and as neighbours, in our homes, communities and workplaces and in the way that we respect each other’s rights to dignity and social justice. The commitment that new Prime Minister John Key delivered on Election night to support those who cannot support themselves will be an important signal of the way that we apply human rights in our everyday lives in the year ahead”.

OTHER RELEVANT RELEASES
Recent public statements released by the International Federation of Social Workers, of which ANZASW is a member, include a statement on the Gaza conflict and a statement to the UN Commission for Social Development. These can be accessed at www.ifsw.org

VACANCY FOR ANZASW ASSESSOR

COMPETENCY ASSESSOR
Canterbury (including South Canterbury & Westland)

CONTRACTOR ROLE
Building on development by Mike Kempt the role requires a proactive person to work closely with Branch and Roopu members and Employers. You will be required to complete around 80 Assessments in the next 12 months as well as schedule workshops for provisional members and panelists.

Orientation and ongoing support will be provided. You must be a full member of ANZASW.

Please send your CV by the closing date of 28 February to Jeanne Warmington:
Box 34-460 Birkenhead
North Shore City 0746

For further information please contact Jeanne on (03) 358 6920

Latest ANZASW journal:
Exploring supervision practice

The first number of Volume 20 of the Association’s journal, Aotearoa New Zealand Social Work, is being distributed this month to all ANZASW members.

Three of the five articles featured in the journal concern social work supervision, and as observed by journal editor Kieran O’Donoghue “when read together... encourage the reader to strive for the best possible supervision”.

The remaining articles display a social change focus, including the second part of an exploratory study about community advocacy and an article focused on the principles of Just Therapy in the context of women leaving prison. The journal is then rounded out by four book reviews.

BOOK LAUNCH

SOCIAL WORK: CONTEXT AND PRACTICE

Members of the Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Social Work Educators (ANZASWE) hosted the New Zealand launch of the second edition of Social Work: Contexts and Practice at Massey University’s Wellington campus in December.

The new edition is co-edited by Marie Connolly, Chief Social Worker - Ministry of Social Development (pictured left) and Louise Harms, Associate Head of the University of Melbourne’s School of Nursing and Social Work. Published by Oxford University Press the addition of contributors from Australia is said to “complement the wealth of experience from both educators and practitioners within New Zealand”.

The book’s 32 chapters are structured into three parts: 1. Social Work and Contemporary Issues; 2. Fields of Practice; 3. Professional Issues in Social Work. The last chapter is co-authored by the co-editors and is suitably titled “Trans-Tasman Reflections”.

Several contributors were present at the launch. Following an acknowledgement by Lynne Briggs, Marie Connolly delivered a special reading of her “Ode to Social Work - A Tale of Moral Fortitude”, an encapsulation in verse of the trajectory of social work from its birth to post-modern times.

The ode ends with a rallying “call to arms” to renew the tenet that social work enact compassion, strength and social action. This is prefaced, however, by references to the dissolution of social work in post-modernist theories and managerialist “speak”. These rhyming couplets in particular received some knowing laughter:

Oh, but such sad refrain
Our collective voices cleft in twain
Reduced in status, threadbare purses
Handmaidens to doctors and even the nurses

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Exploring supervision practice

The first number of Volume 20 of the Association’s journal, Aotearoa New Zealand Social Work, is being distributed this month to all ANZASW members.

Three of the five articles featured in the journal concern social work supervision, and as observed by journal editor Kieran O’Donoghue “when read together... encourage the reader to strive for the best possible supervision”.

The remaining articles display a social change focus, including the second part of an exploratory study about community advocacy and an article focused on the principles of Just Therapy in the context of women leaving prison. The journal is then rounded out by four book reviews.

BOOK LAUNCH

SOCIAL WORK: CONTEXT AND PRACTICE

Members of the Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Social Work Educators (ANZASWE) hosted the New Zealand launch of the second edition of Social Work: Contexts and Practice at Massey University’s Wellington campus in December.

The new edition is co-edited by Marie Connolly, Chief Social Worker - Ministry of Social Development (pictured left) and Louise Harms, Associate Head of the University of Melbourne’s School of Nursing and Social Work. Published by Oxford University Press the addition of contributors from Australia is said to “complement the wealth of experience from both educators and practitioners within New Zealand”.

The book’s 32 chapters are structured into three parts: 1. Social Work and Contemporary Issues; 2. Fields of Practice; 3. Professional Issues in Social Work. The last chapter is co-authored by the co-editors and is suitably titled “Trans-Tasman Reflections”.

Several contributors were present at the launch. Following an acknowledgement by Lynne Briggs, Marie Connolly delivered a special reading of her “Ode to Social Work - A Tale of Moral Fortitude”, an encapsulation in verse of the trajectory of social work from its birth to post-modern times.

The ode ends with a rallying “call to arms” to renew the tenet that social work enact compassion, strength and social action. This is prefaced, however, by references to the dissolution of social work in post-modernist theories and managerialist “speak”. These rhyming couplets in particular received some knowing laughter:

Oh, but such sad refrain
Our collective voices cleft in twain
Reduced in status, threadbare purses
Handmaidens to doctors and even the nurses
HOW TO GET THE BEST FROM YOUR SUPERVISION

A workshop for supervisees presented by Margaret Morrell,
Christchurch on February 24th from 9am to 4.30pm. 
Cost: $150 (GST incl). For more information/ to enrol,
visit www.margaretmorrell.co.nz

ANZASW members put Auckland’s
Cornwall Park (left) and the
Lady Norwood
Rose Gardens
in Wellington
(right) to good use in December as
end-of-year Christmas venues for
some generous Santas! Cornwall Park saw about 40 social
workers treated to good wishes from a group of fairies ably
organised by Val Sharpe and Gail Lesley, supplemented
by a display of magic from John Wong, good food and
company.

Many branches and roopu were back into gear already in
January, with meetings and hui to set the year in motion.
Some have scheduled dates through to mid-year or
beyond.

How best to promote and attract more members to branch
and roopu events is a positive challenge for the year which
ANZASW’s National Support Team are keen to support
as fully as possible.

To ensure that the most up-to-date information is available
please send any changes to these listings, including contact
details for new office holders to admin@anzasw.org.nz The
next deadline is Wednesday 18 February. Meeting listings
will continue to be publicised in both NoticeBoard (which
is regrettably late this month), and the ANZASW website.
If you are not receiving local notices or panui please contact
the local ANZASW contact/s, as listed.

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.

TAITOKERAU
Waea: Robyn Corrigan, Acting Secretary, r.corrigan@xtra.co.nz

TAMAKI MAKAURAU
(Meets last Thursday of the month)

Te Ra: Thursday 26th February
Kei Hea: (Please confirm with Sandy)
Waea: Sandy Tito Evans, (027) 370 3510 or email to
sandy-supervision@xtra.co.nz

WAIRARIKI
Waea: Hariata Kohunu, kohunu@waialiki.ac.nz

TE ROOPU O TE TAIRAWHITI
(Meets last Tuesday of the month)

Kei Hea: Te Kainga Whaiora Children’s Health Camps, Poho
Rawiri Marae
Waea: Awhiora Nia Nia, manager.tk@healthcamps.org.nz
HOW TO GET THE BEST FROM YOUR SUPERVISION

2009.
in Chicago. Claire has been recognised as an emerging
goalie for South East City Primary Health Organisation, and in
Claire Booth is a newcomer of counselling practice with 19
years of experience of the alliance and outcome.

To guide choice of technique and model; and (3) to inform
research, the CDOI approach ensures that the consumer's
voice is privileged. It assists clinicians to purposefully form

Hurley in the USA, and based on over 40 years of outcome

Early bird registration prior to 1st May $120 plus GST

Full registration after 1st May $180 plus GST

Limited to 15 places

22nd May 2009, Wellington

Workshop Two:

GST, thereafter $180 plus GST

Early bird registration $260 plus GST prior to

Limited to 15 places

19th, 20th March 2009 Wellington

GST, thereafter $180 plus GST

Early bird registration $260 plus GST prior to

Limited to 15 places

19th, 20th March 2009 Wellington

Workshop One:

BRANCHES

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

AUCKLAND

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Kelly Feng, Deputy Chair, kelly.feng@wairarapa.dhb.govt.nz
Diane Jefferson, Secretary, sbdjeff@ihug.co.nz
Sarah Alden, Treasurer, Sarah.Alden@barnardos.org.nz

BAY OF PLENTY

Next meets: Wednesday 25th February - 7.30am Breakfast mtg
Venue: Robert Harris Café – Red Square, Tauranga
Contacts: Vino Ramkisson, (07) 306 0154
or vino-sean@actrix.co.nz
John Chand, (07) 349 7955 xt 8538

Future meeting dates have been set for 5 March, 20 May, 25 June,
12 August, 10 September, 14 November and 16 December. Diary them now.

CANTERBURY

Venue for all events: School of Social Work and Human Services,
Clyde Road, Canterbury University.
Interim Contact: Rose Henderson, president@anzasw.org.nz

SOUTH CANTERBURY

Next meets: Wednesday 11th February, 11.45 to 12.45
Venue: Family Works, 26 North St, Timaru
Guest speaker: Chris Burke, Child Youth and Family - update and
discussion on differential response to notifications.
Feel free to eat your lunch during the meeting - tea & coffee
provided.
Contact: Jackie Newton, (03) 686 2248 or
jackiekiche@hotmail.com

HAWKE’S BAY

(Meets second Monday, every second month)
Contact: Fiona Woodcock, (06) 878 8109 Ext 6750

MANAWATU/ WANGANUI

Manawatu
Next meets: Tuesday 10 February, Breakfast mtg from 7.30am
Venue: Robert Harris cafe on the Square
All welcome - bring a friend, bring a student
Contact: Tepora Pukepuke
anzasw.manawatuwanganui@gmail.com (new email address)

Wanganui
Next meets: Wednesday 18th February, 11am (note the change of day this year)
Venue: Lambie Hostel, Whanganui Hospital
Put this date in your diaries and come and network with other
social workers and share some ideas about a programme for this
year’s meetings. All social workers welcome.
Contact: Trish Melling, (06) 348 1234 Ext 5763

NELSON/ MARLBOROUGH

Nelson
(Meets third Wednesday of the month)
Contact: Alistair Munro
alistirmo@psusi.org.nz or (03) 547 9350 xt 717:

Marlborough/ Wairau
(Meets fourth Thursday of the month)
Contact: Colleen Cox, colleen.cox006@msd.govt.nz

NORTHLAND

Next meets: Wednesday 11th February, 12 noon
Venue: Maunu Childrens Health Camp, 436 Maunu Rd,
Whangarei
Guest speaker: Soro Ramacake - “Things to be aware of when
engaging with Pacific families/clients”.
Contact: Suzie.Munro@healthcamps.org.nz

OTAGO
Contact: Penny Salmond, pennysalmond@xtra.co.nz

SOUTHLAND
(Meets second Wednesday of the month)
Contact: Pania Coote on (03) 2181949 extn. 8814 or via e-mail
pania.coote@sdhb.govt.nz

TARANAKI

Next meets: Wednesday 18th February, 12 noon
Venue: Child Community Centre, Taranaki Base Hospital
Guest speakers: Kelvin Stephens, Ministry of Social
Development, and Elaine Nicholls, Parents as First Teachers.
Contact: Carolyn Ravek, Te Rau Pani (06) 759 7306 or
Elaine Nicholls at jande.nicholls@gmail.com

Urgently needed: nominations for Chairperson and Secretary.

WAIRARAPA

(Meets third Monday of the month)
Contact: Narita Fletcher, narita.fletcher@slingshot.co.nz

WAIKATO

(Meets last Wednesday of the month)
Next meets: Wednesday 25th February, 5.30pm
Venue: PSA House, 11 Aurora Terrace
Contact: Sylvia Bagnan, Sylvia@sunflower.co.nz
FOCUS ON
Continuing Professional Development

Our programme of CPD events for 2008 wrapped up in November when Waikato Branch hosted Robyn Corrigan’s Ethics seminar, with evaluations showing that those attending found the content valuable and enjoyed the opportunity to network with others.

A Strategy for CPD has now been reviewed by the ANZASW Governance Board and further development will happen this year. Initial work with Branches and Roopu building on local initiatives has shown the need to focus on developing a toolkit containing the elements to support successful workshops. The toolkit will be available in the second half of the year. Thanks to those who have contributed ideas and content to the project, with special thanks to Canterbury Branch for their input and expertise.

Auckland / Tamaki Makaurau will hold two workshops in March focused on Supervision. Other Branches and Roopu are in the process of planning for the year, and once finalised details will be published in NoticeBoard and made available on the ANZASW website, www.anzasw.org.nz.

In the current economic climate ANZASW CPD continues to be a good investment. Our high quality training facilitated by Social Workers is geared to the needs of the profession and based on the Practice Standards of ANZASW. Gains and benefits from CPD are demonstrated in retention rates and staff satisfaction data.

Suggestions, ideas and expressions of interest from Facilitators are always welcome. Building a resource of available training is important in order for members and employers to access relevant professional development.

Remember to keep us up-to-date with your email contact details, by sending your latest address or any changes to admin@anzasw.org.nz.

If members do not give their email address on the members detail report when they join, it becomes difficult to add you to our national and regional email database to ensure you are sent ANZASW information and local news.

Jeanne Warmington
ANZASW Membership Services Manager
jeannew@anzasw.org.nz

A responsibility to keep up-to-date

[Contributed by Robyn Corrigan, Owhetu Consultants, MANZASW. Robyn served as President/ Tumuaki of ANZASW for several years prior to becoming Chair of the Social Workers Registration Board (SWRB). She has served two terms on the SWRB and steps down in March 2009]

Continuing Professional Development has been defined as “an activity that develops knowledge, skills and competencies for social work practice identifiably linked to the context of the individual’s work and/or to their future career development”.

The knowledge, skills and competence that social workers develop during their initial education and training are likely to become outdated for example, by the introduction of new professional knowledge or changes in legislation.

Social workers have a responsibility to keep up-to-date with the practice of social work in its current context. As in many other professions, social workers need to develop a culture of lifetime learning in order to maintain competence and also to maintain employability. In addition, for registered social workers, CPD is a requirement for their Annual Practising Certificates (see www.swrb.org.nz/apc.html)

Although the notion of the ANZASW becoming an active promoter of professional development training had been contemplated for several years, 2008 was the year which saw that notion gain some reality. During the year several seminars were presented by a number of presenters, on a range of topics relevant to social work practice and knowledge, in a number of venues throughout the country. Although the topics were aligned with the ANZASW’s practice standards they were relevant to anyone who works in the social services sector.

Many social workers, both members of ANZASW and non-members, plus members of other professions, availed themselves of the opportunity to utilise these seminars for continuing professional development. The feedback received was positive, supportive and requests for more seminars were expressed by many social workers, particularly those in “the provinces”. The tyranny of distance is an issue for rural social workers and the presentation of seminars outside of the main centres was warmly welcomed.

As one of the seminar presenters, I found the seminar participants particularly appreciative of the opportunity to network with other social workers in their community; colleagues who they might not meet in their day-to-day practice. It was also an opportunity to debate issues from a variety of perspectives while maintaining a social work context. I learned as much from the participants as they may have learned from the presentation.

Please avail yourself of 2009 CPD opportunities. They are not only relevant for your practice but an occasion to network, connect, associate and share with others of like mind. If you have ideas about seminar topics or would like to host a seminar, please contact Jeanne Warmington, ANZASW Membership Services Manager.

UPCOMING EVENTS

See preceding pages for details of other guest speakers at ANZASW meetings and but in other locations, as well as other CPD opportunities.

Otago Branch - Evening event

SPIRITUALITY’S PLACE IN SOCIAL WORK

Otago members and other interested social workers are invited to attend this evening event, presented by Blair Stirling, Lecturer - Dept of Social Work and Community Development, Otago University.

When: Tuesday, 24th February 2009
5pm Drinks and nibbles
5.30pm Presentation

Where: 530 Castle Street, Dunedin

Cost: Members - Gold coin donation
Non-members - $5.00

Contact: liz.liddell@xtra.co.nz

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Auckland Branch - Professional Development Workshops

Two CPD events are being offered in Auckland in March:
For Supervisees, “Getting the Supervision you want”, and for Supervisors, “Supervision in Practice - Theories and Models”. Numbers are limited so be sure not to miss out!

Details are as follows:

GETTING THE SUPERVISION YOU WANT
A one-day workshop presented by Vicki Hirst and Lisa King. Based on ANZASW Supervisor Practice Standards
When: Monday, 2 March 2009 9am - 4pm
Where: Ventura Suites, 14 Airpark Drive, Airport Oaks, Auckland
Cost: Members - $250
Non-members - $280
Lunch, morning and afternoon tea provided
Contact: For further information, or for a registration form, please contact the ANZASW Office – Margaretl@anzasw.org.nz or refer to the ANZASW website.

Who should attend: Those new to Supervision, those wanting to participate more fully in Supervision and those seeking a refresher.


Join your social work colleagues in an interactive learning environment. Discussion will include information, ideas and resources and assist with future planning.

SUPERVISION IN PRACTICE - THEORIES AND MODELS
A two-day workshop presented by Lisa King and Cherie Appleton. Based on ANZASW Supervisor Practice Standards
When: Tuesday & Wednesday, 3-4 March 2009 9am - 4pm
Where: Ventura Suites, 14 Airpark Drive, Airport Oaks, Auckland
Cost: Members - $250
Non-members - $280
Lunch, morning and afternoon tea provided
Contact: For further information, or for a registration form, please contact the ANZASW Office – Margaretl@anzasw.org.nz or refer to the ANZASW website.

This workshop is suitable for new and experienced supervisors who wish to extend their theoretical knowledge and supervision practice to be more effective Supervisors.

Who should attend: those who are planning their next stage of career development, and who do not yet have a Supervision qualification.

The workshop covers: role clarity; being a Supervisor and managing performance; reconciling social work supervision best practice relevant to your organisation’s requirements; cultural supervision; moving from practitioner to Supervisor.

Focus: Frameworks and tools that facilitate reflective practice, including action/reflection; contracting; Kolb’s learning cycle & adult learning principles, learning styles; strengths-based; solution focused; developmental model; process model.

Join your social work colleagues in learning how to manage ethical dilemmas in supervision, whilst enjoying a practice-based interactive learning environment. Discussion will include information and exploration of resources with regard to your next step toward gaining a tertiary qualification: and planning your next step toward this goal.

Canterbury Branch - March 2009 Forum
The aim of the forum is to provide updates; interesting discussion and networking for social workers across all practice areas.

Topic: Attachment and Bonding
Presenter: Helen Pashley-Taylor, Ministry of Social Development
Date: Tuesday, 10th March 2009
Time: 5.30pm – 7pm
Venue: Department of Human Services and Social Work, University of Canterbury (Cnr. Arts and Clyde Road, Christchurch)
Cost: Gold coin donation

Helen has extensive knowledge in this area. She has travelled overseas to gain more research and understanding when working with children with attachment and bonding issues. Please let colleagues know about the forum. Put the date in your diary.

-- NoticeBoard Deadlines --

Contribution and advertising deadlines currently set for the next two months of 2009 are:

Wednesday 18 February for March issue
Wednesday 18 March for April issue

Please diary these dates so that deadlines can be met. A full schedule for 2009 is available on request.

Notice Board is published online approx. a full week before it is distributed in hard copy. Please note that listings of meetings and longer related notices are gradually being made available on the ANZASW website, www.anzasw.org.nz in the “Joining In” section.

Messages about editorial content, any corrections to these listings, as well as any updates about special events or advertising inquiries should all be sent to admin@anzasw.org.nz
Notes from the
NATIONAL SUPPORT TEAM

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Reminder
For those whose membership year ends 28 February 2009 -
check your Membership Card - the membership subscription
for the next 12 months is now due. A subscription notice and
tax invoice is in the mail, and payment made by the due date
(20 March 2009) will attract a discount. It is possible to pay by
credit card, cheque, internet banking or automatic payment.
Don’t forget to update the Association’s membership
database information at the same time, including your current
email. If you have any questions about the Professional
Indemnity Insurance, made available automatically through
ANZASW membership, please contact the Association’s
Insurance Brokers, ACM Insurance Services - contact Iain
McKenzie, email imckenzie@acmonline.co.nz or phone
(04) 472 8710. ACM can also supply details about the Social
Workers Legal Advisory Panel, a service that provides a
panel of approved legal firms for advice on legal issues.

Membership update
ANZASW Membership numbers as at 22 October 2008:

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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’.

New members
On behalf of the Association the Governance Board extends
a warm welcome to the following new members of
ANZASW:

- Crystal Paikia, Taitokerau
- Karen Bacica, Taitokerau
- Leif Pakai, Taitokerau
- Marino Murphy, Taitokerau
- Rani Marsden, Taitokerau
- Susan Williams, Taitokerau
- Tania Sproull, Taitokerau
- Tematawai Cruickshank, Taitokerau
- Alan Kessell, Northland
- Christine Brownlee, Northland

Kylie Adkins, Northland
Lucy Brannam, Northland
Lynette Chase-Letica, Northland
Stephen Green, Northland
Stephen Hooker, Northland
Susan Arnold, Northland
Sharon Inglis, Northland
Charmain Williams, Tamaki Makaurau
Cherie Collison, Tamaki Makaurau
Mereti Te Wao, Tamaki Makaurau
Adriene Efaraimo, Tamaki Makaurau
Anne Clark, Tamaki Makaurau
Agrua Gordon, Tamaki Makaurau
Aroha Harris, Tamaki Makaurau
Carole Joseph, Tamaki Makaurau
Danny Thompson, Tamaki Makaurau
Dee-Ann Brown, Tamaki Makaurau
Elaine Wong-Keung, Tamaki Makaurau
Georgina Mahe, Tamaki Makaurau
Jack Wharepoori, Tamaki Makaurau
Judith Rameka, Tamaki Makaurau
Leigh Shadgett, Tamaki Makaurau
Lorna Payne, Tamaki Makaurau
Maureen Martin, Tamaki Makaurau
Michael Aperahama, Tamaki Makaurau
Mona Kaua, Tamaki Makaurau
Nancye Caldwell, Tamaki Makaurau
Natari Wettere, Tamaki Makaurau
Ngaio Repia, Tamaki Makaurau
Jennifer O’Connor, Auckland
Amber Cain, Auckland
Amelda Wilson, Auckland
Amelia King, Auckland
Ana Marie Ramos, Auckland
Ana Powell, Auckland
Ann Thomas, Auckland
Anna Williams, Auckland
Anne O’Hara, Auckland
Ann-Marie Penfold, Auckland
Antonio Savini, Auckland
Beane Locharte, Auckland
Bindu Chadhary, Auckland
Brendan Porter, Auckland
Caroline Blyth, Auckland
Caroline Jones, Auckland
Charlotte Wilson, Auckland
Claudine Hutchings, Auckland
Corina Alipate, Auckland
David Chon, Auckland
Deborah Curtis, Auckland
Debra McEwan, Auckland
Dorothy Alderton, Auckland
Eddie Liava’a, Auckland
Edith Padavatan, Auckland
Elijah Taule’alo, Auckland
Esther Harrison, Auckland
Eve Stowers, Auckland
Faith Maromo, Auckland
Gavin Mudaly, Auckland
Gina McTernan, Auckland
Helen Aish, Auckland
Henry Ndala, Auckland
Hulita Hoponoa, Auckland
Jared Schulz, Auckland
Jay Oh, Auckland
Jikkku Alex, Auckland
Jisook Wang, Auckland
John Tuisamoa, Auckland
Jonathan Brooker, Auckland
Joyita Pio, Auckland
Julie Crook, Auckland
Julie Thomas, Auckland
Karen Barnett, Auckland
Karen Williams, Auckland
Karyn Healey, Auckland
Kathleen Brown, Auckland
Katrina Campbell, Auckland
Kendall Bright, Auckland
Kim Tilbury, Auckland
Kopu Unua, Auckland
Kylie MacManus, Auckland
Leapai Tusani, Auckland
Lee Robinson, Auckland
Lilibeth L. Niones, Auckland
Linus Unamadu, Auckland
Liwayway Cristobal, Auckland
Lois MacKenzie, Auckland
Lorraine Nelson, Auckland
Lou Lou Le-Pont, Auckland
Louisa Merceanu, Auckland
Louise Burton, Auckland
Maria Rimon, Auckland
Maria Tetini, Auckland
Marie Filikitonga, Auckland
Martha Logofatou, Auckland
Melida De Jesus, Auckland
Mia Gallichan, Auckland
Michelle Mackie, Auckland
Miriam Scott, Auckland
Molly Mulholland, Auckland
Mthulisi Sibanda, Auckland
Nancy Arthur, Auckland
Napa Asi, Auckland
Natasha Aiaraisa, Auckland
Pamela Apiyo, Auckland
Pau ‘Pau Ah Siu, Auckland
Petronalla Musekiwa, Auckland
Rachel Brown, Auckland
Rakei Metuavaine, Auckland
Ravleen Kaur, Auckland
Rebecca Petrie, Auckland
Robert Filipo, Auckland
Robert MacGavin, Auckland
Rochelle Petersen, Auckland
Rosalina Sio-Va’afusuga, Auckland
Sandra Ewers, Auckland
Shiju Thomas, Auckland
Silvana Clement, Auckland
Sue Aati, Auckland
Suni Mahimkar, Auckland
Teresita Tahumar, Auckland
Thomas Fonoti, Auckland
Tracey Li, Auckland
Uila Esera, Auckland
Vaine Joseph, Auckland
Veronica Rodricks, Auckland
Vicki Wilson, Auckland
Victoria Thomas, Auckland

Vongaishe Lawson, Auckland
Voyita Pio, Auckland
Wayne Parker, Auckland
Kane Rangitonga, Waikato Roopu
Karen Rogers, Waikato Roopu
Leanne Colmer, Waikato Roopu
Lorayne Lowe, Waikato Roopu
Major Herewini, Waikato Roopu
Abbie Stevens, Waikato
Abdulaziz Mohamed, Waikato
Angela Lloyd, Waikato
Denise Taylor, Waikato
Dianne O’Connor, Waikato
Karen Evans, Waikato
Metua Tangaroa-Daniel-Malietoa, Waikato
Micharn Gatland, Waikato
Michelle Carter, Waikato
Rosemary Leggett, Waikato
Rozita Ahmadi, Waikato
Tracy Higgins, Waikato
Sonya Palmer, Tauranga Roopu
Barbara Swann, Bay of Plenty
Carole Meredith, Bay of Plenty
Karen Merrett, Bay of Plenty
Megan Philip, Bay Of Plenty
Nicky Klomp, Bay Of Plenty
Rosemary Maroroa, Bay of Plenty
Linda Dawson, Waiairiki
Marileen Karl, Waiairiki
Amanda Evans, Taranaki
Robyn Edmonds, Taranaki
Shane Smith, Taranaki
Kui Pulley, Taarawhiti
Maxine Jones, Taarawhiti
Huia Wharehinga, Taarawhiti
Maria Samoa, East Coast
Charlotte Freeman, Hawkes bay
Lyn Mackay, Hawkes Bay
Michelle Hugo, Hawkes Bay
Kristina Bryers, Manawhenua
Craig Burmeister, Manawatu
Debbie Weallens, Manawatu
Deidre Sheenan, Manawatu
Gary Pryce, Manawatu
Gerald White, Manawatu
Jessica Palleson, Manawatu
Laura Conlon, Manawatu
Maria Nash, Manawatu
Mark Ah-Koy, Manawatu
Nicola Tong, Manawatu
Rebecca Dale, Manawatu
Rebekah Kooge, Manawatu
Vivienne Lyster, Wairarapa
Sarah Lewis, Wellington
Angela Couch, Wellington
Deborah Gordon, Wellington
Jade Winter, Wellington
Ken McDonnell, Wellington
Michelle Morum, Wellington
Victoria Phillips, Wellington
Alastair Smith, Nelson
Lynda Richmond, Nelson
Erin Brodie, Otautahi
Lorraine Warena, Otautahi
The following have recently completed their competency assessment, are now Full members of ANZASW and are entitled to use the letters “MANZASW”. Congratulations!

Jaimee Gilmore, Auckland
Salome Mitchell, Auckland
Maureen Tuia, Auckland
Denise Buchanan, Auckland
Ursula Andersen, Auckland
Hiromi Kominami, Auckland
Debra Taylor, Auckland
Melissa Jones, Auckland
Harleen Kaur, Auckland
Briar Humphrey, Auckland

Toktam Mirzaabassi, Auckland
Joanne MacLennan, Auckland
Maria Collie, Auckland
Megan Downer, Auckland
Rau Junior Atua-Tavai, Auckland
Hulita Hopongoa, Auckland
Fleur Gibson, Auckland
Denise East-Lip, Auckland
Nevenika Horacek, Auckland
Analesha Ahmu, Auckland
Veronica King, Bay of Plenty
Rachel Wilson, Bay of Plenty
Marie Tribble, Bay of Plenty
Matthew Luxon, Canterbury
Nadine French, Canterbury
Shirley Keates, Canterbury
Christine Hoseason, Canterbury
Dawn Clark, Canterbury
Trudie Hakim, Canterbury
Takofe (Tony) Kalauta, Canterbury
Pamela M McCarty, Hamilton
Allison Dowd, Hamilton
Leone Shortland, Hamilton
Nicole Koch, Hamilton
Cass Meyer, Manawatu
Amanda Gauntlett, Nelson
Michaela Antico, Nelson
Joanne Thomson, Nelson
Victoria Carnegie, Nelson
Steven Staunton, Northland
Margaret Yorke, Northland
Robyn Shaw, Northland
Barbara Larsen, Northland
Carol Hastie, Otago
Cath Marsh, Otago
Patricia Nicholl, Wellington
Sue Ransfield, Wellington
Christine Kilkecy, Wellington
Ian Flonk, Wellington
Sonja Worthington, West Coast
Ian Newcombe, West Coast

Recertifications

Congratulations to the following members who have recently had their Full membership recertified for a further five years:

Jennifer Moore, Auckland
Gaynor Thomas, Auckland
Tracey Roberts, Auckland
Gillian Fenner, Auckland
Paul Maloney, Auckland
Sarah DeSouza, Auckland
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COMPETENCY SERVICE NEWS

Kia orātōtou, I hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing holiday period with warm weather and great company. Best wishes to you all for this year. If 2009 is the year that you plan to complete Competency then especially good wishes and we look forward to receiving your Competency Portfolio at the ANZASW Office (see note below).

A reminder that we have upgraded our administrative systems and that, as of February all Portfolios, both initial Competency and 5 year Competency (aka Re-cert) should be addressed to: Competency Service, ANZASW, DX Box WX 33484, Christchurch. Your Portfolio will be recorded and, if complete, forwarded to the nominated Assessor in your area. Portfolios received will be scheduled for the following month, where there is capacity. If the Assessor is fully booked - as regularly happens in Canterbury, Auckland and Nelson - then you may need to wait till the following month. A snapshot of 2008 Feedback received reflects on the positive aspects of the Competency process, some examples: “Although I felt nervous the Assessor quickly put me and my support people at ease”; “The overview gave a clear structure to the process”; “I valued the opportunity to reflect on my practice with my social work peers”.

More than 300 members are due to complete Recertification this year and we are increasing our capacity to meet this need. Over the 5 years elapsed since the initial assessment many members roles have evolved into other areas such as teaching, supervision or management. This routinely poses questions for these members as to how to demonstrate application of the practice standards. Often this happens through creative application of practice at another level, either supervision, advising on practice, or one of the multiple roles that members hold. I encourage all members contemplating recertification to persevere with the challenge and to continue to enjoy the benefits of full membership of the Association. Details of how to complete Competency, Workshops and participation in a Competency panel are available on the website or contact your Assessor or our office team, Margaret, Sharon or Brogan on (03) 358-6920.

YOUR PORTFOLIO: We love receiving your Portfolios but... please NO Folders. Please send only Stapled Portfolios, containing the content required on the checklist. We know you’re proud of them but PLEASE don’t send your CV or your Thesis or that article you’ve written. Tell us about them when we meet you. Large and bulky items cost more to post, are more likely to break up on entry or re-entry to the mail box and require more time to evaluate. Thank you.

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The National Support Team would be pleased to learn the current address for the following members:

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Nicolette van der Schriek, Whangarei
Patricia Harrison, Whangarei,
Barbara Schwalm, North Shore City
Catherine Holdaway, Auckland
Mailka Aiaisou, Auckland
Clive Simonsen, Auckland
Kacper Kalin, Auckland
Jikku Alex, Auckland
Andrew Perenara, Auckland
Miriam Storr, Auckland
Salika Dong, Hamilton
Robbie McCleery, Hamilton
Angela Lloyd, Hamilton
Gaylene Yates, Hamilton
Dianne Chalmers, Thames
Stephanie Butcher, Te Puke
Louise Terahui, Whakatane
Lyn Bailey, Rotorua
Bonnie Horne, Rotorua
Desiree van den Broek, Taupo
Tiaki Leathers, Rotorua
Rachel Hickson, New Plymouth
Pauline Ferguson, Palmerston North
Margaret Giles, Palmerston North
Claude Emke, Otaki
Karin Brown, Porirua
Linda Taurima, Porirua
Annabel Hawkes, Lower Hutt
Ann Kensingon, Lower Hutt
Deborah Robson, Napier
Elaine Gunn, Wellington
Jonathan Spears, Wellington

Helen Egde, Christchurch
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Peter Lucas, Christchurch
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Guy Burns, Wellington
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Susan Jones, Canterbury
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Gabrielle Wicks, Canterbury
Lynette Gallagher, Canterbury
Maree Sullivan, Canterbury
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Cushla Philips, Southland
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Marie McCrea, Canterbury
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Louise Fowler, Southland

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Competency Assessors

We have a number of areas where more than one Assessor available. Examples are John and Janetta in Hawkes Bay, Turoa and Autumn in Manawatu, Bella and Sarah in Auckland, Ngatai and Mike Canterbury Westland, Soro and Colleen in Northland, Merrill and Emma in BOP/ Waikato. This provides a choice of Assessor and Assessment process for members.

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NOTE: Full contact information for Assessors and Recertification Coordinators is also available on the Association’s website: www.anzasw.org.nz under “Contacts”.

Workshops

Tamaki Makaurau/Auckland:

Pre Competency and Panel Member workshops in 2009 are scheduled on the following dates: Wednesday 18 February; Wednesday 18 March; Wednesday 15 April; Thursday 21 May; Wednesday 17 June; Thursday 16 July; Thursday 20 August; Thursday 17 September; Wednesday 21 October; Thursday 19 November.

Now is a good time to diary a date or dates that suit you best. The venue is always St Lukes Community Centre, 130 Remuera Road, Remuera, behind the church. Times are 1-2pm panel workshop, 2-3.30pm pre competency workshop.

Contacts: Sarah Alden (027) 5375710, bill.alden@gmail.com or Bella Wikaira (027) 430 5305, eydiew@xtra.co.nz

Canterbury, South Canterbury & Westland:

Competency Pre-Assessment workshops for the beginning of 2009 are scheduled on the following dates:

Wednesday 18 February
Wednesday 18 March

Workshops are held at the Social Work and Human Services Department, University of Canterbury, Clyde Road, Christchurch.

Contact: Mike Kempt, Tel: (03) 337 3852 or (021) 434 733, mike_kempt@yahoo.co.nz
**Supervisors Interest Group**

On Thursday 16th April there will be an opportunity for members of this group to meet for learning, development and support ahead of the ANZASW Congress in Wellington (17-18 April 2009).

Two interactive seminars - each for an hour - have been organised: Margaret Gillanders on “Recording in supervision”, and Cherie Appleton and Nicki Weld on “Emotional Intelligence in Supervision - building practice theory”. It will be great to have as many members and prospective members attend as possible - particularly those who are local. We will also discuss the implementation of our “Future directions” document so put the dates in your diary now!

Please email me if you intend to come to this pre-Congress event to ensure we have sufficient room allocated, and so that we can ensure you are sent further details.

Also it would be great to hear from any member who would like to facilitate a local meeting for members and prospective members of this group to get together for support and development. We can support you to do so!

**Vicki Hirst - Supervisors Interest Group Co-ordinator**

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**NEW ADDITION TO SUPERVISORS REGISTER**

Darcy Ramsay,
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Male, European/Offices in Hamilton, Tauranga, and Coromandel peninsula

**Qualifications**

B.Soc Sci [Psych]; Dip Soc Wk; Grad Cert Prof Supervision. Currently working towards Post Grad Dip Prof Supvn.

Registered Social Worker, Counsellor and external Supervisor, in private practice. Full Member, ANZASW. Affiliate Member, NZAC. [personally supervised by a Registered Social Worker and also by a qualified NZAC Counsellor].

**Interests and experience**

Strengths-based approach to supervision, using reflective learning and double-matrix models. Committed to “accountability” to stake-holders, clients and self through linking ‘ethical practice’ to ‘credible theory’ and ‘agency policy’, in a range of client contexts.

I have extensive experience in statutory and NGO bi-cultural settings with self-referred families, couples and young person’s work, Corrections and CYF clients, and working with physically and intellectually challenged persons and their families. References available. Enquiries from students through to experienced practitioners welcome.

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**Call for Research Participants**

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Are you currently working with rangatahi (young) Māori in a community mental health setting?
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_Nau te rourou, naku te rourou, Ka ora ai te iwi._

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Workshop Announcement

Alan Jenkins author of
Invitations to Responsibility

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Christchurch 9th – 10th March 2009:
Shame, Realisation and Restitution: The Ethics of Restorative Practice

Auckland 12th – 13th March 2009:
Shame, Realisation and Restitution: The Ethics of Restorative Practice

Alan has worked in a range of multi-disciplinary teams addressing violence and abusive behaviour for 25 years. Rather than tire from this work, he has become increasingly intrigued with possibilities for the discovery of ethical and respectful ways of relating. The valuing of ethics, fairness and the importance of protest against injustice has led him to stray considerably from the path prescribed in his early training as a psychologist, towards a political analysis of abuse.

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Taking the time to celebrate each other’s achievements

[Contributed by Bay of Plenty Branch, ANZASW]

The Bay of Plenty Branch of ANZASW paid tribute to member Trish Hanlen’s many achievements in social work when we gathered for our Christmas celebration on 17th December at the Hillier Centre in Mount Maunganui.

As reported in the November 2008 issue of NoticeBoard, Trish was awarded the NZ Order of Merit last year when the Queen’s Birthday Honours were bestowed. Trish is well-known as one of the Bay of Plenty’s most respected members of the social work and teaching fraternities and a champion of voluntary workers. The communities of Tokoroa, Invercargill, Rotorua, and most recently Tauranga, where Trish moved to live in 2002, have all benefited from her devoted spirit of community work, a great deal of this being done on a voluntary basis and alongside her late husband Ross who was also contributing and participating in community work before he passed away unexpectedly in 1997.

Trish’s commitment to being an agent of change in the communities she lives in is an inspiration and encouragement to not just her colleagues and students in the field of education where she is currently working, but also to her social work connections and ongoing relationships with those colleagues. The true spirit of contributing to community is researching and identifying the needs of the community, enlisting the necessary resources, implementing and helping initiate new projects or changes, then handing over to able successors. Trish is a woman who works faithfully and diligently – often in the background, to the causes she commits to, never seeking recognition or acknowledgement for the many achievements and changes in communities she has pioneered, helped co-ordinate, facilitate and seen to fruition before handing over the reins to others. Trish has given to her communities in this spirit and her altruistic, outstanding services have not gone unnotice. The honour conferred on her is richly deserved.

An attribute chosen to best describe Trish is consistency. As noted by Branch member Anne Kennedy, this has been apparent in Trish’s values and beliefs and in her strong and loyal passion for the voluntary sector - even to the extent of weaving this through the fabric of her studies and making it the focal point of her Masters research. In Anne’s words:

“I have never ceased to be amazed at where [Trish] finds the time and energy to do all that [she] has done and continues to do in [her] life”.

Valuing knowledge and experience

[Contributed by Gail Lesley, Social Work Professional Leader, Counties Manukau DHB]

Late in 2008, Counties Manukau District Health Board (CMDHB) Social Workers celebrated the contribution made by Paula Nes to the development of Social Work across Counties Manukau District Health Board (CMDHB) over many years as they farewelled her from her role as Professional Leader for Mental Health Social Work to take up another position in the organisation.

Paula was born in South Africa. She came to New Zealand with her husband and two children in 1997 and began employment with South Auckland Health as the Social Work Section Head for Surgical Services working in Orthopaedics, General Surgery and Plastics. In 1999 she became the Professional Leader for Social Work. At that time there were 18 Social Workers in total (eight in Mental Health and 10 across Physical Health). There are currently over 90 Social Workers employed across CMDHB. In 2001 the Professional Leader role split into Mental Health and Physical Health and Paula took the role of PL for Mental Health. She also became the Quality Co-ordinator for Mental Health and was Deputy Chairperson of the Clinical Board for five years. She has been an active member of ANZASW throughout her time at CMDHB and has led many ANZASW Social Work initiatives and is well respected for her national contribution, having also been appointed to the Social Work Registration Board by the Minister of Social Development in 2002.

Paula leaves her Social Work role to become the manager of the CMDHB Research Evaluation and Audit Mental Health Services (REAMHS) and is retaining her Quality Co-ordinator role. It is pleasing to know that her knowledge and experience will not be lost to the organisation.

NOTE: NoticeBoard welcomes contributions that help to celebrate the achievements of social workers. Please email stepheno@anzasw.org.nz with your ideas.