The experience of representing the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) at the UN is far removed from “wandering around the place and constantly having lunch with people”.

Dr Michael Cronin has been IFSW’s leading representative at the UN in New York since 1997 so he should know. Michael, who is a confirmed keynote speaker for November’s Asia Pacific Social Work Conference in Auckland, says everyone needs to have an idea of what the UN is and does. In describing the broad purpose that he and a team of four other volunteers work towards for IFSW at the UN, he adds: “We’re in the business of educating and alerting social workers and their representative associations around the world about the UN agenda, and we try to get feedback happening back and forth”.

“There are certain substantive issue areas that we take care of from New York just because of the way the UN system is set up. Development [now headed by Helen Clark, former New Zealand Prime Minister] is here, as is UNICEF, whereas most of the human rights advocacy work will happen with IFSW’s UN team in Geneva”. IFSW has enjoyed consultative status as a non-government organisation (NGO) since 1959, making this the 50th year that the social work profession has had access to advocate amongst what Michael calls the ‘club of governments’. This status is only granted after a rigorous process of invitation, application and approval.

“We are invited guests pretty much, as in we don’t get to go everywhere and the access we have is just one step more relaxed than the public. That’s how the UN sees it. In terms of how we see it, we teach about this as advocacy, on a macro level obviously. On social and humanitarian issues we’re focused on how to influence governments to maybe look at things from the viewpoint of Social Workers”.

“In brief, we monitor the UN agenda and participate where we can. We participate in the official commissions of the UN, which is how we use our consultative status because we’re allowed to get in there in the first place, and then we’re allowed to submit statements on the agendas that we get to see are being worked on, which will then become part of the (publicly available) official documentation that every delegate will get. Some of the issues we’re interested in and this isn’t an exhaustive list of what we follow - are, of course, social development, issues of the family, health - now including mental health, the status of women, youth, children obviously, migration, indigenous issues”.

“We don’t do it alone always - we will look to collaborate with like-minded NGOs. The most we can hope for is for a government to do the right thing as we feel it should be done. However, as you can imagine, not all like-minded NGOs are always like-minded about every issue - there are a lot of ‘we feels’ about what the right thing is. That’s the challenge (within the UN system) and that’s the beauty of it too. It should be like that, that’s more real world”.

“Even the word ‘family’ can be a hot topic. I was involved, for example, in a grouping of NGOs focused on issues of family at a time when a change in name was put forward for the group to be known as a ‘Committee on Families’. For various complex reasons it didn’t go through. Yet we still work with each other on issues to make sure that the club of governments at least recognises that family is the basic unit of society. We believe it’s the first base of social services, and that (UN) policy should be family friendly in any issue being dealt with. So, yes, we are able to still get together and sometimes successfully get a government to make sure that this language goes in”.

One of the “major interventions” Michael is involved in each year is a Social Work Day at the UN (see page 16 of NoticeBoard, March 2009). “Sometimes this event looks like a conference, sometimes it looks like a celebration, but what it really is, is an intervention,” says Michael.

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The word from the street. Years ago there was an old adage that if you really wanted to know the heartbeat of a nation then the people to talk to were … taxi drivers. Apparently they were the authority on the lowdown of a nation and so I thought I’d share one of their stories.

Recently I flew into Wellington City, collected my bag and walked out into the line of people hailing cabs. My driver was a Samoan brother standing about 6’6 and close to 20 stone; huge guy, kinda like a grizzly bear with a smile. A word of advice when your driver is a 6’6 Samoan, don’t sit in the front passenger seat, he needs both seats in the front - jump in the back, it’s a long way from the airport to the city without breathing properly. So there we are, him with three quarters of the front and me with the other quarter.

The conversation starts to flow before he asks “So what do you do” and for a split second I thought about saying labourer or something, anything but social worker cos I knew that I’d probably get a lecture about how I could do my job better. Anyway, I said “I’m a social worker” and he’s away.

Now anyone who wants to disagree with a 6’6 Samoan mammoth is a better, braver human being than I am but I gotta admit that the old adage was proving true and a lot of wisdom was pouring forth from my friend. He talked about his life growing up in the island and the village concept.

He talked about a village where the boundaries were firmly defined around the mana of the village and one wouldn’t consider the unthinkable act of shaming the whanau and the village. He talked about a concept of values and expectation, defined hierarchy and respect for parents and the older generation. He talked about spiritual instruction and the belief in a God system. Sadly he then talked about his sense of loss and his frustration with his own children and family and the loss of those old-time values to the current culture of Aotearoa.

So if the old time adage that taxi drivers have the lowdown on a nation is still true then according to my bro the number one concern of Aotearoa is not the recession or the “anti slapping thing” as he called it. It’s not the escalating crime rate, and the P epidemic, it’s not even the boy racers. It’s the breakdown of traditional whanau values and concepts, things as simple as respect, leadership, responsibility and accountability, corporate endeavour and understanding. Not bad wisdom for a boy with broken English from some island in the Pacific.

By the time you get this whanau I’ll actually be cruising the Pacific on the Pacific Sun passenger liner, so kia kaha and remember if you’re in Wellington and your taxi driver is a 6’6 Samoan … sit in the back.

Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena tatou katoa
Na Tauha Te Kani
ANZASW Governance Board, Tangata Whenua
President’s Comment

GAINING A SEAT AT THE TABLE

Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou. Nga mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa.

Our recent introductory meeting with Social Development Minister Paula Bennett was a productive opportunity to gauge her views on the profession and to engage with her personally. As many may know, the Minister once studied social work at the Albany campus of Massey University - in 1994 - before switching to a social policy degree and graduating with a BA. She has gained a high profile since attaining her Ministerial portfolio and in the week we visited her, Paula had appeared on the cover of the New Zealand Listener alongside the featured headline: “The girl from Struggle Street”.

In our meeting Paula stated her strong support for the profession, and was particularly interested in the diversity of the composition of ANZASW’s membership. We asked questions of Paula about her views on the process of registration as it currently operates, a topic that we are aware the Ministry of Social Development is considering on her behalf. In our discussion Paula queried whether the profession had, in wanting to prove itself, put too many hurdles in place, and whether we remain, as the Minister said, “too apologetic” about our professional standing. Given what the profession knows about its strengths now, we were invited to consider whether the legislation for registration would look the same if it was being introduced in 2009 rather than 2003.

The Minister’s conversation with us demonstrated her open-mindedness and a committed willingness to enter into further consultation with us in the future as relevant topics and issues arise. Paula is aware of the IFSW Asia Pacific Social Worker Conference set to take place in Auckland this November and she is very interested and supportive of the international and regional importance of this event. Indeed, we are hopeful that she may be able to, in some way, participate in the event (for further information see www.swinnz2009.co.nz)

Before our next formal meeting later in the year, the Minister’s Office is scheduling an opportunity for a more in-depth interview for NoticeBoard. If you have some questions you would like to put to the Minister please email them to our NoticeBoard editor at communication@anzasw.org.nz

In closing, it is with much regret that I inform you that Dominic Chilvers, our Executive Officer since 2006, has decided to resign and to change direction by taking up an appointment with the social work programme at the Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology. CPIT’s gain is, of course, our loss, and we will sorely miss the huge contribution that Dominic has made to the successful evolution of ANZASW in recent years - a contribution that I will reflect on more fully next month. The Governance Board is now commencing the process of recruitment for a suitable replacement and to that end a vacancy notice appears on page 4.

As we move through another period of transition I am mindful of the additional demands that this may place on the remaining staff team. Working together we will do our best to make this transition as smooth as possible for all concerned. No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena tato katoa

Rose Henderson
president@anzasw.org.nz

A MESSAGE TO ANZASW MEMBERS FROM HON. PAULA BENNETT, MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT, DISABILITY ISSUES AND YOUTH AFFAIRS:

As we hit the mid-winter point, I think it’s important to remember the families out there who will be finding this season a real struggle. I know within my own Ministry there are growing numbers of people asking for financial help to meet emergency needs. Many of you are already helping these individuals and families work through a very bleak winter. I want to tell you how much I appreciate what you do, and how this Government intends to help you out.

Before the Budget at the end of May, I was pleased to announce a new crisis fund to assist those critical social services delivering vital support to New Zealanders. The Community Response Fund will make up to $104 million dollars available over the next two years to help social services working with families, children, young or older people. The Fund will help those groups which are facing a significant increase in demand for their services or are in dire financial straits. We’ve worked with the community and voluntary sector about how best to deliver critical social services at a time of increased need.

To that end, we want to target the Fund so we know the right services are getting adequate support. Applications for each of the four funding rounds held annually will be heard by up to 12 regional panels with community representation. That’s why we’ve called it the Community Response Fund, because we know that only communities understand what’s really needed to assist their most vulnerable members. Priority will be given to supporting the delivery of extra services, while some funding will support innovative responses to demand.

We anticipate this Fund will also encourage organisations working across the country to combine their resources to meet need in their areas. Many organisations do a great job individually, but I believe there is scope for better coordination between services to avoid double-ups. We have also made a guarantee over the Pathway to Partnership Funding. The more than $400 million dollars committed under P2P will stay in the sector. How that money is distributed will have to change, and the Community Response Fund is part of that.

Being able to make such a funding commitment for the social sector in this economic environment is something I’m very proud of. It’s a huge win at a time when other areas of government are being severely curtailed. I’m pleased to be able to offer this level of support to the very organisations that so many of you work for, in recognition of the important work that you do every day.
SITUATION VACANT

ANZASW Executive Director

Want an exciting new career direction with a national focus?
Passionate about the profession of Social Work?

ANZASW is the professional association for social workers in Aotearoa New Zealand with over 4000 members. The association is seeking an experienced social worker who can provide excellent leadership and sound management for the whole organisation.

The Association has been through a period of significant growth and change and is in a strong position to face the challenges of the future. An outstanding individual is required to consolidate this position and continue to develop the services offered by the organisation. The position will involve the leadership of a paid team of 5.1 FTE staff, plus a much larger group of volunteers and contractors spread across the country.

This full-time position will preferably be based at the National Office in Christchurch but consideration will be given to location in Wellington for the right candidate.

Position Requirements

• Commitment to working within a bicultural framework
• Strong leadership and management skills
• Ability to work with the media
• Experience in the social work or social care sector
• Knowledge of the contemporary social work environment
• Experience in project management
• Commitment to continuous quality improvement
• Energy and drive

If you are interested in finding out more about this rare opportunity then please contact Rose Henderson (ANZASW President) for an informal discussion and a copy of the position description on (027) 435 2356, or by email to president@anzasw.org.nz or write to ANZASW, PO Box 6250, Upper Riccarton, Christchurch 8442.

Applications close on Friday July 17th 2009 at 5 p.m.

Interviews will be held on Thursday July 23rd.

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT THE UN

Michael says a key goal of the annual Social Work Day at the United Nations held in April - next year will be the 27th - is to “expose our constituent social workers to the work of the UN and like-minded areas of social humanitarian affairs”.

“It also serves as an opportunity to introduce or re-introduce staff of various UN bodies and agencies to the profession of social work, and how social workers with their specific viewpoint and skillset, can contribute to the work of UN programmes and projects. We try to take advantage of the relationships we make at that time, so that for the rest of the year we’re in with them, and we’re collaborating all of the way, and we can pick up phones or write letters or send emails ... and maybe get an answer once in a while”.

Michael is particularly supportive of developments such as the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for helping to forge what is “so to speak, a permanent agenda”. It was at that Forum that Michael began to gain an appreciation of the peoples of Aotearoa New Zealand and has a “high respect” for ANZASW through time spent with IFSW Treasurer Fiona Robertson, a longstanding ANZASW member.

“A characteristic I’ve picked up on is that, if you’re a Kiwi and no matter what you do, any signs of pretension are not tolerated much. When I travel to New Zealand in November - for the first time - a special priority for me will be to gain a better sense of how ‘bicultural’ works in practice, and to learn about the ways in which people are still trying to figure things out. I’m sure it’s not perfect, even though it might look that way to the rest of the world”.

NOTES:

• ANZASW is grateful to James Whale, a New York based New Zealand citizen, for conducting this interview with Michael, and for his pro-bono photography. A second instalment is planned before November.
• A profile of Michael’s achievements was published on page 5 of the March 2009 issue of NoticeBoard.
• See www.ifsw.org/f38000049.html for other IFSW Partnerships.
• The website address for the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii

2009: UN Year of Climate Change

On 1 June 2009 the International Federation of Social Workers - of which ANZASW is a longstanding member - issued a call for UN action on the social impact of climate change (the full text of which is available at www.ifsw.org)

IFSW’s President, David N Jones, stated that “climate change will affect the very basics of life and peace - water, food, energy and land”. The International Organization for Migration has recently estimated there could be, depending on the degree of climate disturbances, as many as 200 million ‘climate refugees’ by 2050. For more information on this issue see www.un.org/climatechange or http://unfccc.int/2860.php

• David N Jones will be in New Zealand in November as one of the keynote speakers for the Asia Pacific Social Work Conference - see www.swinnz2009.co.nz
‘Outside the United Nations’  
- a movie appreciation

The May 2009 issue of NoticeBoard featured a notice about this year’s Human Rights Film Festival, with special reference to a documentary movie titled SAMPARI.

This movie focused on the plight of West Papua, a country of approximately 2.4 million people (2002), almost 50:50 indigenous Papuans and Indonesian immigrants, that is controlled by Indonesia. Control of West Papua (formerly Irian Jaya) was handed to Indonesia on the condition that there would be an act of self-determination, with the UN to play an active role in ensuring that this took place. Yet from 1963 on, the Papuan morning star flag and Papuan anthem have been banned, and a 1969 Referendum called the ‘Act of Free Choice’ that sanctioned Indonesian control of West Papua has been discredited as a sham (less than 1% of tribal West Papuans were hand-picked to vote).

SAMPARI follows Viktor Kaisiepo, pictured above, through his exertions to argue the case for West Papuans at the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. As much as anything it provides an understated insight into the peculiar bureaucracy of the UN. Effectively a political refugee and the diplomatic part of a liberation struggle for a country that was not properly de-colonised, Viktor eventually gains his right to a speaking slot through the Pacific Caucus. In stepping through the wide UN corridors and past endless reams of paper, he is equally aware that he has become part of the “inventory of the UN”.

In a session for audience feedback after the screening, filmgoer Lainey Cowan, an ANZASW Life Member, lamented the blindspot that seems to occur around our “nearest neighbours”, as if they are out of sight, out of mind.

Some of the information used here is from a brochure titled ‘Stop Being Ignorant About West Papua’, as produced by the Indonesia Human Rights Committee (IHRC) in co-operation with the Australian West Papua Association. IHRC spokesperson Maire Leadbeater can be contacted for further information by email to maire@clear.net.nz

WATCH OUT FOR MORE FILMS: This year’s NZ International Film Festival starts in July. The schedule is for it to run in the following centres in the following order: From July - Auckland, Wellington, Dunedin, Christchurch; August - Palmerston North, New Plymouth, Napier, Tauranga; September - Hamilton, Nelson; October - Greymouth, Masterton; November - Gisborne, Levin, Whangarei. For more details see www.nziff.co.nz, and if you’d like to volunteer to review a particular movie please let us know by emailing communication@anzasw.org.nz

UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

In June the ANZASW Governance Board approved the following letter, which has been sent to the Prime Minister John Key, and his Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Justice and Māori Affairs:

Dear Prime Minister,

Over the past two years, the Governance Board of the Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Social Workers has received a number of enquiries from our members – highlighted at peak events such as our National Congress held in Wellington in April – as to whether your Government will or will not endorse the UN’s non-binding Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Along with organisations such as Amnesty International Aotearoa NZ, we welcomed your comments in May regarding New Zealand’s possible support of the Declaration. However, since that time we have noted that the NZ Government has not as yet followed in Australia’s footsteps by making a solid commitment to the Declaration and that this is a topic on which the Government has yet to signal its full intent.

On behalf of our membership, which totals some 4,000 social work professionals, we are writing to you now to ask if you are able to make a more definitive statement on the intentions of the Government in regard to the Declaration so that we can provide a more substantive update to our members. We are also conscious that on 11-13 November we will be hosting a major international conference – the Asia Pacific Social Work Conference – in Auckland, and that New Zealand’s stance in relation to the Declaration is a topic likely to be raised at that event. We are hopeful that we will be in a position to provide a positive statement of New Zealand’s support for the Declaration at this conference.

Our members strongly support your comments of May and we are hopeful that there will soon be a positive change of position to endorse the Declaration. We look forward to hearing back from you as soon as possible with some indication of your intent and a planned timeframe.

Note: A copy of the Declaration can be downloaded from www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii Also available on that website is a translation in Te Reo, published by the Human Rights Commission/ Te Kähui Tika Tangata, and titled ‘Te Whakapuakitanga o te Runanga Whakakotahi i ngä Iwi o te Tūranga, Maori Affairs: Negotiating Rights for Indigenous Peoples’.

HUMAN RIGHTS EVENTS: As part of ANZASW’s commitment to Social Justice and Human Rights at a regional level ANZASW staff recently attended the following events:

- Putting Human Rights at the heart of Pacific Journalism - Amnesty International (attended with members of the Pasifika Social Workers Interest Group)
- Reporting Wars: Challenges and Responsibilities - International Committee of the Red Cross

A brief summary of the issues raised, as well as a report on New Zealand’s Human Rights Complaints process will appear in the August issue of NoticeBoard.
Social Work Educators Forum for 10 November 2009

The Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Social Work Educators (ANZASWE) has changed the format of an event scheduled prior to the Asia Pacific Social Work Conference, being held in Auckland in November, from a Symposium to a Forum.

The half-day Forum will run from 12.30 pm to 7pm. It will still feature previously advertised keynote speakers Christine King, of the National Coalition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Workers Association, and Massey University’s Wheturangi Walsh-Tapiai. Roundtable discussions will also be held on the topics of: The Intersection of Education and Regulation; International Issues in Social Work; and Indigenous Social Work Practice.

The venue for the Forum is St Matthews Church, Auckland, and the registration fee is $55. A copy of the Forum Programme and a Registration Form can be obtained on request by email to bronleaden@xtra.co.nz. We still want to make this an occasion to generate discussion around social work and education, particularly given the rapidly changing contexts of social work today and so we hope you will still join us. Nau mai, haere mai, piki mai, kake mai!

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Asia Pacific Journal of Social Work and Development (APJSWD) is calling for papers for a special issue to be launched at the Joint World Conference on Social Work and Social Development being held in Hong Kong in June 2010.

The deadline for submissions is 30 November 2009. See www.ifsw.org for more information.

NOTED EVENTS

First and foremost, Te Roopu o Te Tairawhiti invites you all to attend the bi-annual Takawaenga hui to be held at Te Poho o Rawiri Marae, September 30th to October 3rd. Registration forms and accommodation options are now available at www.anzasw.org.nz/conferences.html

If you have any queries regarding the hui please contact National Support Team member Brogan Taie by email to brogant@anzasw.org.nz, where all registrations will also be accepted.

AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

- Professor Bob Lonnie, Inaugural Professor of Social Work at Queensland University of Technology and National President of the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) presents two workshops at the Epsom Campus of the University of Auckland on Wednesday 15 July. Workshop 1 considers the role of the AASW in the National Apology for the Stolen Generations; Indigenous development issues and implications for social work practice; Public perceptions and First Nation expectations. The topic for Workshop 2 is ‘Reimagining child welfare in the 21st century: Possibilities for change and building ethical practice’.


- Carers NZ National Carers Conference 2009 - Waipuna Events Centre - Auckland, 24-25 September. www.carers.net.nz

INTERNATIONAL

- The AASW (VIC) Rural Social Workers Action Practice Group is pleased to announce the 9th Biennial National Rural Remote Social Work Conference: Rural Communities Inspiring Social Care, to be held Thursday 30th and Friday 31st July 2009 at the Mercure Hotel, Geelong. http://sites.google.com/site/ruralsocialworkers/


Members should check out the ONLINE NOTICES section of the ANZASW website at www.anzasw.org.nz for an ever-changing number of notices about conferences, education, training and other events. Please also note that papers delivered at the ANZASW National Congress in April are now available at www.anzasw.org.nz/anzasw-congress.html in the ONLINE NOTICES section.
Shedding light on the work you do

The latest issue of ANZASW’s quarterly journal - one of the treasured benefits of belonging to the Association - is enclosed with this month’s NoticeBoard. As pointed out by co-editor Mary Nash the journal relies on members to be inspired to write articles and practice notes “which shed light on the work you do and what inspires you to do it”.

The lead paper of this issue (Vol XX, Number 3) explores the perspective that we live in communion with one another and that social justice and interdependence stem from compassion. Author Vaughan Milner, Chief Executive for Presbyterian Support Upper South Island, argues that more action is critically needed in the “rekindling of community and the linking of people to others”. This is followed by two other papers that focus on the role of community. Three further papers that are the “research-based fruits of qualitative research and critical literature reviews”, provide readers with insights into child protection practice in a call centre (described as “particularly intriguing and novel”), elder abuse and neglect, and the witnessing by children of intimate partner violence.

The next issue of the journal is expected to be an edition of Te Komako.

ISSUES UPDATE IN BRIEF

PAY EQUITY CAMPAIGN: A working group of unions, women’s and community organisations have rallied together to embark on a campaign called the Pay Equity Challenge. The Ministry of Women’s Affairs has received an additional $2 million over four years to do more research and policy work on the gender pay gap. However organisations such as NZEI have questioned why action isn’t going directly into addressing known gaps, and maintaining funding for investigations that have been cut. Labour MP Sue Moroney has set 1 September 2009 as the deadline for the Pay Equity Petition launched in March. Signed petitions can be returned by freepost to Sue Moroney MP, Freepost PO Box 18 888, Parliament Buildings, Wellington 6160. ANZASW has copies of the Petition form available on request.

HPCA ACT REVIEW COMPLETED: The Ministry of Health has advised ANZASW that the review of the operation of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act, commenced in September 2007, has been completed and the final report can be accessed at www.moh.govt.nz/hpca The Ministry is developing a work programme to implement recommendations from the review and a summary of that progress will be published in a future issue of NoticeBoard.

CONTROVERSIAL REFERENDUM COMMENCES SOON: The Citizens Initiated Referendum on the question “Should a smack as part of good parental correction be a criminal offence in New Zealand?” runs from Friday 31 July until Friday 21 August. ANZASW is a listed supporter for what is known as the Yes Vote campaign and was a supporter of the original law change in 2007. We recommend members visit http://yesvote.org.nz The opposing website address is www.voteno.org.nz

Queen’s Birthday Honour

ANZASW congratulates Jill Worrall, a member of ANZASW since 1987, on becoming a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) for services to Social Work. Receiving the Honour of an MNZM is something that Jill regards as very much a “shared honour” which reflects equally on all the colleagues who have helped and supported her on her path. She is especially pleased that it demonstrates how positive a career in Social Work can be, in contrast to the “bad rap” the profession sometimes attracts.

In her working life Jill has been a Nurse, a Social Worker and a senior lecturer in social work at Massey University – where she is now an Honorary Research Associate and a relieving lecturer. She says she made the change from being a Nurse in paediatrics in 1980 after experiencing firsthand the needs of children who would come “back and back and back” for health care due to causes that were related to social conditions and families living in hardship. Her work has been with children and families and she has worked in several Child and Family Support services in Auckland and was Regional Manager of Barnardos Child and Family Services in Auckland, prior to her University appointment.

Jill was a foundation member of The New Zealand Family and Foster Care Federation and is a Life member. She is a member of the International Foster Care Organisation and is part of that organisation’s Training and Development Group. She is a trustee of the Youth Horizons Trust and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Charitable Trust and works as a consultant on social work policy and practice. She has completed research on the care of children who have been the subject of abuse and/or neglect both here and overseas, and has worked in Tajikistan for Orphans and Refugees Aid, where she played a key role in the Government’s de-institutionalisation of children project, writing a Social Work Training programme in child and family assessment. As well as being widely published nationally and internationally, she has had the privilege of writing the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Handbook and undertaking the GRG research on Grandparent and other kin caregivers.

Jill lives on the North Shore in Auckland, is the mother of three sons and grandmother to seven grandchildren. With her husband John, the family cared for several foster children over a period of twenty years. Jill was raised by extended family for the first half of her childhood.

Jill is pictured above with Ruby and Jackson - who, along with Jacob, Carlo, Ella, Oscar and Toby, are her much-loved grandchildren.
NoticeBoard Deadlines
The deadline for notices, contributions and advertising bookings set for the next two issues of NoticeBoard are:

Wednesday 22 July for August issue
Wednesday 19 August for September issue

Please diary these dates so that deadlines can be met and so that NoticeBoard can be delivered to members as near to the first week of each month as possible. 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

ANZASW Meetings & Hui

Note: If members do not give their email address on the members detail report when they join, they cannot be added to our regional email database, hence will miss out on emails and local news. Also, a reminder that if you are not receiving local notices or panui please contact the local ANZASW Contact, as listed.

GOVERNANCE BOARD

23-24 July    Meeting, Wellington
20 August    Telephone conference
25-26 September    Meeting, Wellington
15 October    Telephone conference
13-14 Nov    Auckland (AGM)
17 December    Telephone conference

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

Te Ra: Thursday 27th August
Contact: Robyn Corrigan
r.corrigan@xtra.co.nz

Tamaki Makaurau

(Meets last Thursday of the month)
Te Ra: Thursday 30th July
Kei Hēa: Te Hononga 150 Great South Road, Manurewa
Contact: Chairperson, Sandy Tito Evans, sandy-supervision@xtra.co.nz
Future hui: 27 August, 24 September, 29 October, 26 November, 17 December

At the Annual General hui of the Tamaki Makaurau roopu, held on 28 May 2009, the following office holders were elected.
Chairperson: Sandra Tito-Evans
Vice Chairperson: Frances Tahapeni
Treasurer: Moana Herewini
Secretary: Will rotate amongst members as a nominee was not forthcoming.

Te Roopu O Tairawhiti

(Meets last Tuesday of the month)
Next Meeting: Tuesday 28th July
Kei Hēa: Te Kainga Whaia Children’s Village, Cochrane Street, Gisborne
Topic: Ongoing fundraiser for Tangata Whenua Takawaenga Conference
Waera: Te Rina Timutimu, terina.timutimu@nph.org.nz

Te Whanau O Rongokako

(Meets 1st Wednesday of each month)
Contact: Rawinia Hape, (06) 870 4779 ext 855 or (027) 234 3866, or email to rawinia.Hape@ttoh.iwi.nz or rawiniahapec@xtra.co.nz

Kahu Ora Roopu O Wairarapa

Contact: Raymond Kawarapa
Contact: Raymond Kawarapa

Manawhenua

(Meets first Thursday of the month)
Contact: manawhenuaroopu@gmail.com

BRANCHES

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

Auckland

NOTE: Extended time and change of venue. Next Meeting: Monday 10 August 11-12pm
Venue: St Lukes Centre, 130 Remuera Road, Remuera
Topic: Using a strengths-based approach in managing social work services
Facilitated by Dave Wood. See bio on the ANZASW website. Bring your lunch. Gold coin donation please to cover costs.
Contacts: Vicki Hirst, Chair, v.g.hirst@xtra.co.nz
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Diane Jefferson, Secretary, sdb jeff@sbug.co.nz
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Bay of Plenty

Next meeting: Wednesday 12th August 7:30-9am
Venue: Robert Harris Cafe in Red Square
Contacts: Vino Ramkissoon, vino.ramkissoon@bopdhb.govt.nz or, John Chand, john.chand@lakesdhb.govt.nz
Canterbury
Next Meets: Tuesday 14th July 5:30
Venue: School of Social Work and Human Services, Canterbury University
Topic: Speaker Suggestions: Has Social Work lost its voice? How can we make our profession be heard in this changing social climate? Come along and hear people share their views. Nibbles and networking.
Contact: Paula Grooby, paulagrooby@hotmail.com or on (03) 942 4496 (home).

Hawke’s Bay
(Meets second Monday, every second month)
All meetings will be at the Education Centre of the Hawke’s Bay Hospital.
10 August – 3:30pm members meeting + Diane Wepa, “Cultural Safety”
12 October – 3:30pm members meeting + Wayne Froggatt, Topic to be confirmed
Contact: Bruce Green, HBDHB, (06) 878 8109 or Mark Rolls, Mark.Rolls@hawkesbaydhb.govt.nz

Manawatu/ Wanganui

Manawatu
Contact: Tepora Pukepuke, anzasw.manawatuwanganui@gmail.com

Wanganui
Next Meeting: Thursday 27th August - 11am
Venue: Life to The Max, Gonville Community Police Station (side door) Wanganui
Topic: Annie Firaza will give a presentation of her recent Rotary Exchange trip to Denver USA. A group of four professionals working in the area of family violence were selected from the lower North Island to travel to Denver to visit groups and organisations who work in this area to exchange ideas and programmes.
Contact: Trish Melling, (06) 348 1234 Ext 5763, patricia.melling@wdhb.org.nz

Nelson/ Marlborough
Nelson
(Meets third Wednesday of the month )
Contact: Alistair Munro
alistairm@psusi.org.nz or (03) 547 9350 xt717

Marlborough/ Waiau
(Meets fourth Thursday of the month)
Next meets: Thursday 23rd July at midday
Venue: Bread of Life offices
Topic: Colleen Cox will speak about the Violence Intervention Project Community Group
Contact: Colleen Cox, phone (03) 578 4115

Northland
Next meets: Wednesday 19th August 12pm
Venue: Maunu Children’s Health Camp
Contact: Suzie Munro@healthcamps.org.nz
Guest speakers: Pene & Mike Norman, “Cross-Cultural Encounters”.

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

Southland
(Meets second Wednesday of the month)
Next Meets: Wednesday 8th July 5:30pm
Venue: Hospice Southland Meeting Room
Contact: Pania Coote, pania.coote@sdhb.govt.nz
Future Meetings: 9th Sept, 7th/14th Oct, 11th Nov, 14th Dec

Taranaki
Next Meets: Wednesday 15 July 2009 12-1pm
Venue: Child and Adolescent Community Centre. Taranaki Base Hospital.
Topic: Business meeting. Also, a discussion about opportunities for professional development. Please bring along any information about courses or workshops to share with others.
Contact: Peter Hickey, Taranaki Base Hospital (06) 753 6139 ext 8553

Waikato
(Meets third Monday of the month)
Next meets: Monday 20th July 5:15-6:30pm
Venue: Barnardos - 52 Lake Road, Hamilton
Contact: Narita Fletcher, narita.fletcher@slingshot.co.nz

Wellington
(Meets last Wednesday of the month)
Next meets: Wednesday 29th July 5:30pm
Venue: Level 6, PSA Building, Aurora Tce, Wellington
Topic: Celebrate Te Ahi Kaa and network with other Wellington Social Workers
Contact: Caz Thomson, caz.thomson@ccdhb.org.nz

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Reminder
For those whose membership year ends 31 July 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 August 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.

More information and Frequently Asked Questions are available on the ANZASW website, www.anzasw.org.nz

Membership update
ANZASW Membership numbers as at 17 June 2009:

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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:

Merinda Lee Telfer, Northland
Fiona Peel, Auckland
Lonlinette Tasi, Auckland
Annie Turnbull, Auckland
Joanne Aitken, Auckland
Frances Tahapehi, Tamaki Makaurau
Steve Hettig, Tamaki Makaurau

Donna Wharewaka, Tamaki Makaurau
Mahue Greaves, Tamaki Makaurau
Alla Taorei, Tamaki Makaurau
James Miller, Waikato
Shalon Lesa, Waikato
Michaela Hohepa, Wairariki
Krystyna Rutkiewicz, Hawkes Bay
Anna Driver, Wellington
Robert Austin, Wellington
Karen Gerrie, Wellington
Janie Staples, Wellington
Lorna Ramanui, Wellington
Diana Russell, Nelson
Constance Smart, Canterbury
Ann Richards, Canterbury
Dona Foley, Otago

Full members
The following have recently completed their competency assessment, are now Full members of ANZASW and are entitled to use the letters “MANZASW”. Congratulations!

Gavin Muldaly, Auckland
Lilibeth Niones, Auckland
Lorraine Pomare, Auckland
Karen Healey, Auckland
Kim Tilbury, Auckland
Jeff Erick-Peleti, Auckland
Alla Taorei, Auckland
Kawkeb Sadik, Auckland
Veronica Rodricks, Auckland
Angie Chan, Auckland
Siniva Papali’i, Auckland
Elisiva Moala, Auckland
Elizabeth Andrew-Brake, Auckland
Salika Dong, Auckland
Alice Hedgeman, Auckland
Matthew Rankine, Auckland
Natasha Aiaraisa, Auckland
Philippa Cotching, Auckland
Marydeane Paranihi-Morris, Tamaki Makaurau
Wendy Atutahi, Waikato
Syd Taare, Waikato
Selwyn Henry, Waikato
Ngare Maaka, Waikato
Mary Rolleston, Waikato
Jasmin Lucksmy, Waikato
Micharn Gatland, Waikato
Karen Evans, Waikato
Corien Simpson, Waikato
Dylan Parker, Bay of Plenty
Raewyn Hall, Wanganui
Tracey Cossey, Wanganui
Susan Allen, Nelson
Lynda Richmond, Nelson
Renee Lea, Otago
Rosemary Scott, Otago
Kerri Cleaver, Otago
Cindy Swney, Otago
Bryan Conklin, Otago
Justine Hansen, Otago
Roger Ngahooro, Southland
Gloria McAllister, Southland
David Stuart, Southland
Recertifications
Congratulations to the following members who have recently had their Full membership recertified for a further five years:

- Fale Leilua, Auckland
- Natalie Bryce, Auckland
- Eileen Bridgens, Bay of Plenty
- Julie Burne, Bay of Plenty
- Cindy Priest, Hawkes Bay
- Graeme Munford, Manawatu
- Sherrie Tamehana, Wanganui
- Mary Harmer, Wellington
- Stuart Morris, Wellington
- Trisha Chivers, Wellington

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

- Mary-Lou Kopa, Kaikohe
- Esta Deysel, Whangarei
- Kyla Vosloo, Auckland
- Chongia Leekoh, Auckland
- Patricia Davila, Auckland
- Violet Davidson, Auckland
- Nadia Jahan, Hamilton
- Katana Pittman, Hamilton
- Joanna Tahata, Gisborne
- Andrew French, New Plymouth
- Kim Eriksen, Hastings
- Morf Connolly, Napier
- Rebecca Bates, Napier
- Luana Tawaroa, Wanganui
- Roisin Keating, Lower Hutt
- Pauline Scott, Paraparaumu
- Derek B Challenor, Wellington
- Bridget McCarthy, Wellington
- Anthea Macdonald, Nelson
- Bridget Delport, Nelson
- Helen Shaw, Nelson
- Sue Parsons, Christchurch
- Lucy Morten, Christchurch
- Karen Walker, Christchurch
- Bridget Lynch, Timaru
- Shane Stevenson, Southland

Supervisors Interest Group
We have recently had a flurry of activity on our web discussion forum with some interesting and useful responses to a number of topic areas.

Email Margaret Langley at admin@anzasw.org.nz for your password and check your email address is current – then go to “Joining in” off the ANZASW home page and click on “Supervisors Interest Group”. We’d love to have your contributions!

Vicki Hirst
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“Professional Supervision: Common threads, different patterns”
Supervision Conference at Centra Hotel, Mangere Auckland
30 April – 01 May 2010
Pre-conference workshops on 29 April 2010.
This conference builds on the 2004 Supervision Conference ‘Weaving together the strands of supervision’ that examined supervision from a range of different professions’ perspectives. Professional supervision is an essential mechanism for professional development and maintenance of well-being of the practitioner, whilst improving services to consumers. This conference will explore themes and issues arising from a collaborative body of knowledge and skills, policy, management, education training and research.

Keynotes:
Tony Morrison (UK) Moana Eruera (NZ)
Liz Beddoe (NZ)
Meg Bond & Stevie Holland (UK) TBC

Pre Conference Professional Supervision Workshops
To be held on Thursday 29 April 2010. Conference keynotes will present day-long workshops on topics to be confirmed.

Conference Themes
Supervision in context
Research, education and training
Cultural models and social justice
Innovations in practice and theory

For further information, or if interested in presenting, obtain a copy of the abstract submission form by emailing Conference Organizer barbara.a.burt@gmail.com.

Proposals for presentations and workshops to be submitted before 1st of September 2009.

YEAH! - Youth Esteem and Healing, building resilience in teens facing tough times. Course run by Skylight
An informative three hour workshop designed specifically for those working with or caring for teenagers facing difficult life situations such as cyber bullying, risk taking and some issues around suicide loss. This course will introduce you to different resources such as relevant interactive books and tools and hopes to provide a range of information to help guide young people through difficulties.

Whangarei - Friday 4th September 1:00-4:00pm
Napier - Friday 26th June 1:00-4:00pm
Gisborne - Friday 16th October 1:00-4:00pm

For more information around costs and venues, and registration forms visit Skylight’s website www.skylight.org.nz
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Competency Service News

Tena Koutou tena Koutou Koutou katoa
Nga mihi mahana ki a koutou

We are seeking an additional Assessor in Waikato, which is in line with the Association’s goal to increase capacity for members to undertake the Niho Taniwha assessment. The new appointee will work closely with Merrill Simmons-Hansen and Emma Webber-Dreadon to provide assessments to the increasing number of members in the Rohe.

Tai Tokerau also requires a new Assessor to work with Soro to meet the requirements of members in the North. Thank you to Colleen Symons who held the role recently and continues to work to support competency in the area.

Details of how to complete Competency, information on accessing Workshops and participation in a Competency panel are available on the website or contact your Assessor or one of our office team, Jacqui, Margaret, Sharon or Brogan on 033586920.

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Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa

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Tangata Whenua South Island (excluding Nelson)
To be advised. Meanwhile please contact the National Support Team (contact details page 10).

Canterbury/South Canterbury/West Coast
To be advised. Meanwhile please contact the National Support Team (contact details page 10).

Otago/Southland
Penny Salmond
On leave until early August, for any urgent enquiries please contact the National Support Team (contact details page 10)

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CPD Update

Writing about social work practice

• Contributed by Liz Beddoe, Principal Lecturer and Head of School of Counselling, Human Services and Social Work, University of Auckland

A common question asked by journal editors the world over is ‘why don’t practitioners write?’ In the May issue of NoticeBoard Christa Fouche suggested that the assumption that practitioners don’t want to do research is ‘progressively regarded as a myth –the problem rather, is an apparent reluctance on the part of practitioners to sacrifice coalface priorities to engage in evaluative activities’ (NoticeBoard, May, 2009, p.9).

My view is that social worker reluctance to write about practice is also a myth. Practitioners do often find writing doesn’t fit into their daily work. It is also challenging; a common comment is ‘but my writing skills are rusty’. Social workers may lack confidence, will have very restricted access to the newest literature and, of course, have time constraints. In spite of these barriers, I have been delighted to receive so many interesting contributions from practitioners for the special issue of ANZASW’s journal Aotearoa New Zealand Social Work planned for 2010, with the result that journal readers can look forward to a stimulating issue with a focus on health and well-being.
Why write for publication?

Practitioners often do small-scale research projects at work, or participate in evaluations or service development. If you have been involved in such a project, ‘writing up’ enables you to meet your ethical and professional obligations. Your article or research note allows you to communicate the results of your work to the various stakeholders in your projects including those who assisted and participated. It is especially important to communicate findings to research participants and your professional community (see this Growing Research in Practice resource for more ideas on dissemination: http://sscs.massey.ac.nz/pdf/Gripbookweb.pdf).

In May our ANZASW Membership Services Manager, Jeanne Warmington, encouraged practitioners to write for publication: ‘We all want to be able to read about the innovative practice that’s happening in your part of Aotearoa. It contributes to our professional development and understanding of Social Work in its many forms’. Jeanne asked for suggestions to support this, in response to which I’ve put my hand up to offer a writing workshop for social workers later in the year when time allows. In the meantime I will contribute a series of short CPD articles with tips, ideas and links to resources. Where possible resources will be accessible from the ANZASW website or will include links to web material.

Planned topics will include:

1. ‘Steps towards writing: presenting at seminars, work ‘in-service’ or conferences’
2. ‘Doing a poster presentation at a conference’.
3. ‘How to write a great conference abstract and get picked!’
4. ‘Presenting your paper—more than just a pretty PowerPoint!’
5. ‘OK—maybe I will write it up for the journal: getting started’
6. ‘Picking the right journal and communicating with editors’.
7. ‘Reviewer feedback: Fume, sulk and move on!’.

If you have ideas to add to this list, comments to make or resources to contribute please write to me at e.beddoe@auburn.ac.nz

Competency Workshops

TAMAKI MAKAUARA/ AUCKLAND:

Pre-Competency and Panel Member workshops in 2009 are scheduled on the following dates: 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 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 or Bella Wikaira (Contact details on previous page)

BAY OF PLENTY
July 3rd 10-2pm
Open Home Foundation, 17 Marguerita Street Rotorua
Contact: Emma Webber-Dreadon - emsal@actrix.co.nz
Mobile: 0216 24805

Massey University
research on social work and social justice.

Some members will recall being invited to complete a questionnaire for the massey University study earlier this year. The researcher would like to say...

“I have now processed all the data from the questionnaires that were sent out recently to a sample of members in relation to issues of social justice and social work. I want to thank very warmly all those who returned the questionnaires and those who took the time to send me a note apologising for not being able to do so. It is a contribution which I acknowledge and appreciate alongside all your other heavy work and personal commitments. I have been deeply impressed with the material I have received - it tells me a lot about social work practice in this country.

I have begun some drafting of the material and will be doing a seminar here next week, using some of it. I expect to have some material fully written in the not too distant future and will send you copies to those of you who had asked for a copy. That won’t happen until October because the information with the contact details is in my filing cupboard in the office in Auckland. Again, my very grateful thanks and deep respect for the contribution and for your work as you engage with social justice in your practice. Best wishes”.

Mike O’Brien
Astrid Lindgren Guest Professor
Vaxjo University
Sweden

Tangata Whenua Competency Assessor(s)

Tai Tokerau & Waikato based

ANZASW requires two Assessors to facilitate Competency Assessments for Provisional Members: one based in Waikato and one in Tai Tokerau. The successful applicant will use the Association’s current two models, ie Niho Taniwha and Tau iwi. The role will also involve facilitating workshops for Provisional Members and Panel Members.

Good networks, well developed organisational skills and attention to detail are required, together with a willingness to provide value to Members. Working closely with Roopu and Branches is an important part of the role.

Orientation, ongoing support and training in Assessment will be provided. You must be a full member of ANZASW.

Expressions of interest and enquiries should be directed to Jeanne Warmington on 0275831029 or jeannew@anzasw.org.nz

Applications detailing support for your application should be sent to;
Jeanne Warmington
P.O. Box 34 460
Birkenhead
North Shore City 0746

Closing date, 4pm Friday July 24, 2009

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SUPERVISION - COURSE 1
Christchurch
Facilitated by Margaret Morrell
July 20-22, 2009

This workshop suits social workers and other professional practitioners who want to start supervising, and experienced supervisors who want to learn about models and frameworks for supervision. The workshop covers:

- Definition, purpose, benefits and components of supervision
- The Supervisor’s “tool box”
- How to promote reflective practice in supervision sessions
- How to establish and maintain a positive supervision relationship
- A practical guide to the negotiated agreement or supervision contract
- The 5-eyed Supervisee - engaging your supervisee in supervisory discussions
- How to manage ethical dilemmas in supervision

Early Bird - $430 (GST incl). Book and pay by July 3rd. After July 3rd: $480
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or visit Margaret’s website at www.margaretmorrell.co.nz

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Family Start Manukau is a non-government organisation founded in 2005. We are recruiting for Whanau Advocate positions to work with families in the Manukau area providing the Family Start programme.

The successful applicants will have a minimum of diploma qualification (Level 6) in either social work, early childhood education or Well Child / Public Health nursing. The position requires people who are passionate about working with families to overcome barriers and achieve their goals so their children have the best possible start in life. Experience or knowledge of working with Maori and Pacific families would be an advantage.

For a position description and an application form, please contact the Receptionist on (09) 252 0197 or email receptionist@familystartmanukau.org.nz

www.fsm.org.nz

NGO Social Work Study Awards
2010 Application Round

Applications for an NGO social work study award commencing in 2010 are invited from social workers employed by a Non-Government Organisation (NGO). To be eligible NGOs are likely to be community organisations that have become incorporated societies, or that have a charitable status. Organisations will need to demonstrate eligibility. Social work students will need to be paid employees of NGOs and enrolled in or intending to enrol in a social work course that is recognised by the Social Workers Registration Board (SWRB).

The application round for these study awards opens on Monday 29 June 2009 and closes on Friday 16 October 2009 - a minimum of 65 new study awards will be available for the 2010 academic year. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application no later than 4 December 2009.

Application Process

Application is a joint process between an NGO employee and their employer. There is a standard application form to complete and it is recommended that employees and their employers complete the application together. Complete and well-presented information is likely to assist in the selection process. All applications will be considered on a national basis on their individual merits. Selection will be based on the completed standard application form and any supporting documentation provided.

More Information

These awards are administered by Family and Community Services (FACS), a service line of the Ministry of Social Development. More information about these study awards is available on our website - http://www.familyservices.govt.nz/index.html or by calling our free phone 0508 346 376.

Pre-Application Workshops

A series of pre-application workshops will be held between June and October 2009. These workshops will explain more fully the information available contained in the Applicant’s Booklet, and on our website. These workshops also provide an opportunity to have any questions answered.

As publicised last month, ANZASW is now publishing a regular online bulletin of information relevant to social work and social workers called Social Work Kete. This has found a natural home in the “What’s New” section of the ANZASW website, with an easy-to-remember page address: www.anzasw.org.nz/news.html

The intent of this new service is to supplement and complement the types of ‘newsy’ items that have, in the last year, become more of a feature in NoticeBoard. Unlike the limitations of a print publication however, Social Work Kete offers more immediacy and the ability to take full advantage of pointing ANZASW members painlessly to the vast array of resources and latest links on the Internet; be they websites, blogs, downloadable documents, podcasts or video clips.

As each Kete is filled, people can elect to be sent an email prompt to alert them to go straight to the newly gathered sources of information. As a guiding principle there are three alternating kete that are introduced each time, with headings such as: Social Workers in the ‘news’; Shining a light on social work; Social work around the world; Tracking current issues; and Did you know? - Useful Information. The emphasis is on providing a tailored selection that helps to grow our sense of the amount of quality material that makes mention of, or is relevant to, social work, in as direct a way as possible.

Early feedback has been encouraging, as per this sample:

- Kia ora, just to let you know that Kete is great. I have enjoyed navigating my way around and opening up and reading those items I was interested in.
- It is easy to open it at my leisure and read it, though it was received some days ago, so I like that.
- This is a fantastic idea. I really like it. Keeping up with professional information is one of the hardest things in my job, and this has the potential to help make that a lot easier.
- What a fabulous new addition to what you already provide. It is in an easy to read format, interesting and not too overwhelming with an excess of information.
- Just had a quick look - love all the links and ready access to useful resources. Look forward to the next one!

Members of ANZASW’s National Support Team responsible for putting Social Work Kete together are still trialling things like content, length and frequency, and are keen to act on feedback from members. One constructive suggestion has been to invite contributions of news items and other updates from as many people as possible, and to make wider use of the information being gathered as a basis for “preparing web-based annotated lists of resources, Internet and non-Internet, for different areas of practice”.

ANZASW’s communication advisor, Stephen Olsen, says that Social Work Kete, coupled with the email alert tool, is helping to access the wide community of interest that social work covers. “As we go fishing more across the Internet to grow and sustain this new service, the spinoff is that it will increasingly help us to do more targeted monitoring. And that should, over time, help to keep us on top of things like tracking issues and events and policies, as well as opening up some more light-hearted and good news aspects to social work. There is a risk of information overload, but if we let that put us off we wouldn’t get anywhere very fast!”

An example of an event that will benefit from being featured in Social Work Kete is Te kaupapa o Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 2009 - Māori Language Week, which has as its theme this year Te Reo i te Hapori - Māori Language in the Community.

Ahead of the week, which takes place in the last week of July through to 2nd August (27 Höngongoi - 2 Here-tūri-kōkā) some key web-links will be located and promoted via Social Work Kete. Māori Language Day itself is later in the year on September 14. This Day marks the date in 1972 when a petition calling for courses in Māori language and culture to be offered in New Zealand schools was presented at Parliament. That petition was an important step in the eventual foundation of the Māori Language Commission and to the recognition of Māori as an official language of New Zealand. The day grew to a week in 1975 with the inception of Māori Language Week. Later, celebrations of that week were moved from September to July in order to fit in better with the school year.

Māori Language Day has become an opportunity for people to encourage others to use reo Māori and to promote it. The Māori Language Week Awards which are held annually on this day, celebrate and encourage all those who get out there and give reo Māori a go. (Source: www.korero.maori.nz)