

Message from the President  
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Dear Members

The Executive recently met in Auckland on the weekend of 16- 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016. The weather was inclement but the energy and warmth of the meeting was impressive. Thanks to Carol Shinkfield who attended for most of Saturday afternoon and contributed a significant amount.

The Executive would like to feedback to you all on a number of issues;

Firstly we have great pleasure in announcing that Lara Mulgrew has agreed to become the new secretary for NZACAP. Lara's enthusiasm and experience will be a useful addition to the Executive and we are looking forward to working with her further in the future.

Many thanks go to Mary Ferguson for her energy and dedication to the role of Secretary. Mary's drive has helped see through so many tasks for NZACAP particularly the recent rule changes. Her ongoing support while a new secretary was found, has been invaluable. We are sure that she will provide Lara with as much support as she needs while Lara settles into the role.

The Executive meeting discussed many issues that will have significance for the entire membership. I will discuss these briefly here but further information will follow in the weeks to come, and be available on the NZACAP website.

- We have sent a response to PBANZ regarding the changes in the fee structure. This letter will be available on the website.
- We discussed the issues around the AUT training and the role of NZACAP in supporting the training.
- We discussed the External Advisory Panel final report and the implications for NZACAP and child and adolescent psychotherapists. Nicola Atwool will be providing a report on the implications of the changes to CYF to NZACAP. This will be on the website as soon as possible. We will also be making contact with members to develop our strategy for responding to the EAP report, and to ensure that NZACAP has a role in both the development of the new structure and in the delivery of services to NZ children and families.
- We discussed the Public Forum presentation and its potential usefulness for NZACAP as a whole particularly in relation to the CYF redesign. This presentation will be made available on the website once it is finalised.
- We discussed the development of the Professional Development Pathway.
- We discussed future Conferences. A further email will be sent out to members as soon as possible.

Thanks to all who contributed to the Exec planning and strategising weekend.

Lastly to all the members of NZACAP; a sincere thanks for the work of so many of you over the last few years. The voice of NZACAP is resonating through services,

agencies and the government at many levels. We have the opportunity to ensure that Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy is ongoing, viable and available to the children and families of New Zealand - if we work together.

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