

NEWS THIS MONTH

By Thelma Puckey

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My apologies for the delays in getting the February and March issues out to members. We had some technical difficulties with transferring addresses for the February issue but it was available as is each issue on the website at <http://www.nzcmhn.org.nz>. Due to other reasons I was unable to get this issue out on time. The scheduling should be back on track now.

Good news, the dates and venue for our first conference are now confirmed so put it in your diaries now - see that space on p.3. There is finally some movement with the national framework project and Tony elaborates on this below. The College will put a response to the *Te Tāhuhu* action plan, can Branches and individuals please send comments for collation by 20 April to Tony at a.obrien@auckland.ac.nz

We have a request of members for a review of the MH Commission's 'No Force' Advocacy document for the newsletter. A small group would be useful for this work. If you are interested please contact Thelma.Puckey@vuw.ac.nz

This will be my last issue as editor, due to other priorities I am unable to give the time to the role that it deserves. While my decision is tinged with sadness I am pleased that other members are able to take up these opportunities in Te Ao Maramatanga. It won't be my last say by any means! Many thanks to those who have contributed, helped and encouraged during my tenure as editor particularly to Chris Taua and Sam Kelly. To all please continue to support your newsletter.

Chris Taua will be editor for the next two issues in which time the new editor will be confirmed.

The submission deadline for the April issue is 17th April and for May, 12th.

President's comment

By Tony O'Brien

Consultation has begun on the draft action plan to implement *Te Tāhuhu - Improving Mental Health*, and will end at 5pm, Friday 28 April 2006. You can access the document and information about the consultation process on the weblink below, or on the MOH's website.

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Important Announcement

Inaugural
College
Conference
2007

19 & 20 July

Novotel in
Hamilton

Maori Caucus

By Hineroa Hakiaha, Kaiwhakaha te Ao Maramatanga



Taranga Te Kumete
o
Te Ao Maramatanga

Maori Caucus is planning its hui schedule and mahi for the year and will send out the hui dates soon. The initial work for our Strategic Plan is underway; the plan will be aligned with the Strategic Plan of Te Ao Maramatanga. The key areas for development will be prioritised through the hui. Caucus is also considering a joint project with Te Rau Matatini in the piloting of a Māori mental health nursing career pathway.

President's Comment continued

<http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/by+unid/DB9D3FD858442637CC25713300106AC2?Open> Please pass this notice on to all your networks.

The MH nursing Framework document has been all but finalised, and is now with the MOH awaiting final sign off and publication. The final document identifies 9 areas of recommendations, and these are the basis for the implementation plan. The document will be an important one for the College, and we will need to be actively monitoring in terms of its implementation. The priorities for an implementation plan were agreed at the last meeting of the Framework reference group on March 7. The meeting was attended by MH sector representatives including the College, DOMHNs and other mental health nurses. The implementation plan is being drawn up by MHWDP. An implementation group was established and MHWDP is to circulate details of that. Three further dates were set for the implementation group. They are May 8 (Auckland); 3 July (Auckland) and 2 October (Wgtn). I have written to MHWDP to seek clarification of the date on which the Framework document will be published.

If you haven't read the MHC 'No Force' Advocacy document, contact the MHC for a copy. It is a very negative publication (in my opinion). Most concerning from a College perspective is that there was no response sought by the MHC, although the document contains two responses from psychiatrists.

I managed to get some airtime on National Radio about the above document. It was a bit difficult without having had a chance to read the document, so I was only able to respond to what I heard reported. I emphasised that although there are concerns about using compulsion, MH nurses try to avoid this by working with service users to develop mutual plans of care. Most of the subsequent discussion (predictably) focussed on the MH Act, with the 'Caring Communities' advocacy group claiming that there was not enough use of the MHA.

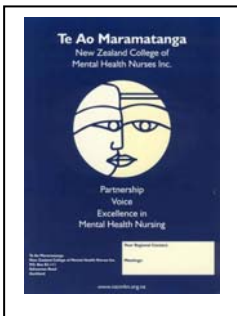
I have written a brief article for *Nursing Review* on the Confidential Inquiry. It is in the April issue. I also spoke to NR re the Framework.

Branch Activities

Canterbury: Has established a Branch, congratulations.

Auckland: Is organising the [Primary Mental Health Seminar Day, 13 July 2006](#), venue to be advised.

Otago: A Branch is in the process of formation.



Free Posters
Available. Contact
Tony on
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Wellington: Acting chairperson is Eileen Weekly. Branch meetings 2 monthly, venue rotates around Porirua, Hutt & Wellington.

**A FRESH LOOK AT NURSING IN THE MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS SECTOR
IN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND**

19 & 20th July 2007

Venue Novotel in Hamilton

Conference organisers: Six Hats: Amanda Graham

The Waikato Branch is organising the inaugural conference for Te Ao Maramatanga.

Organising Committee

Convenor: Suzette Gisler

Secretary: Denny Mc Nae

Jeff Symonds, Karin Haganaars, Heidi Steyn, Robyn Boladeras, Mark
Smith,

Tio Sewell (Maori Caucus)

The College Boards

The three Boards are Professional Practice, Research, and Education. The purpose of the Boards is to promote, support and develop the professional practice of psychiatric mental health nurses in the three key areas. In time this will allow the College to be responsive to professional issues. Updates from the Boards will be regularly reported in the newsletter.

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Member Profiles

*Christine Lyall, RN (mental health), BN, MA (Applied) Nursing
Treasurer*

I live in Waikouaiti which is a small town on the coast about 40 kms north of Dunedin. I have two adult sons who both live in Dunedin, this allows me all care and no responsibility.

My involvement with the College began a number of years ago. I have been on the executive committee for about five years. Otago has a small number of members but enough for us to be looking at re-establishing an Otago branch in the next few weeks.

I registered as a RPN in 1980 after training at Cherry Farm Hospital. I have nursed in many areas and roles in the MH sector, including inpatient, community and community crisis team. This has enabled me to develop a vast range of experiences, skill and knowledge within mental health. Until June last year I was employed by the Otago DHB.

I then commenced a new position as mental health nurse at the Mornington Health Centre. The pilot project at Mornington Health Centre was established in 2005 through the Ministry of Health's initiative and innovations funding. Its aim is to help people with mild to moderate mental health issues

The impetus for the Mornington mental health pilot comes through the NZ Primary Care Health Strategy which states that Primary Health Organisations (PHOs) should be attending to the mental health needs of their enrolled population.

Porirua Hospital Save Our Chapel /Staff Reunion

June 17th 2006 7 pm, Police College, Papakowhai, Porirua

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

A Trust has been formed to raise funds to move our Chapel which for many years has been a focal point and played a major part in the lives of both residents and staff alike.

As both a fund raiser and an opportunity to meet up again with previous and present staff we are proposing to hold a staff reunion on June 17th at the Police College, Porirua. We need your support for this to occur and invite you to advise other previous staff members of this upcoming event also.

Please register either your interest in attending the above function or your willingness to give a donation with - Joy.collins@ccdhb.org.nz
Or post to P O Box 50-233, PORIRUA

Coming Events

27-29 April 2006, Wellington

National Forum for Mental Health Nursing Education: Whitireia Community Polytechnic, Porirua. Contact Thelma.Puckey@vuw.ac.nz

Te Mata o te Tau weekly seminars:

13 April Wellington

Measuring the effectiveness of Rongoa
Prof. Mason Drurie

27 April Turitea Wellington

Maori mental health and primary health care
Dr Maureen Holdaway

For further details contact: Carl Hawkins – 06 350 5799 ext: 5262

July, 2006, Palmerston North

Health Policy School, details to be confirmed.

June 25-30, 2007, Italy

30th International Congress on Law and Mental Health: University of Padua. Includes nursing papers. For further info see www.ialmh.org

Share your knowledge with the College:

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