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NEWS THIS MONTH

By Chris Taua

Greetings colleagues, I trust all is well in your part of the country. The people of Christchurch are reeling a bit at the moment following the events of the weekend around the large collection of young people at a party and the car that drove into them, killing two of the girls. Everyone you talk to seems to know someone who was at the party or knows of someone who was. There have been equally tragic events in other parts of the country as well and it is events such as these that highlight the importance of our work in mental health in supporting those affected by such crises, to recover. As Ernest Hemingway stated "*The world breaks everyone and afterwards many are strong in the broken places*".

On a more optimistic note the College has some excellent news to celebrate with the confirmation of Dame Margaret Bazley as College Patron. Many of you will have heard of Dame Margaret recently in her role regarding the Commission of Enquiry into Police Conduct. Dame Margaret originally trained as a Psychiatric Nurse and was Matron of Sunnyside Hospital back in the 1970's. You can read more about her employment history in the Press Cutting which is accessible on the College website at <http://www.nzcmhn.org.nz/webapps/site/21290/31123/news/news-more.html>

Another notable achievement in the College this month has been the News that Kate Prebble has had her Doctoral thesis titled '*Ordinary Men and Uncommon Women: A History of Psychiatric Nursing in New Zealand Public Mental Hospitals, 1939 - 1972*' accepted. I am sure all College members would join me in offering our Congratulations to you, Kate for this achievement.

On that note it seems timely to remind you about the College Conference (details later in this newsletter). Both Dame Margaret and Kate Prebble will be at the Conference and we look forward to Kate's keynote address on the first day. The Conference registration forms and programme is available on the College website. Reading through the programme this inaugural conference really looks like 'one not to be missed'. Just a reminder then that early registration closes on 8/6/07.

To take note of also in this Enewsletter is the call For MH Nurses to be involved in a Nurses And Midwives E-Cohort Study; an update from Tio Sewell and Maori Caucus and Brian McKenna's report from the College Research Board.

That's all from me for this month. Take care, keep warm and safe.

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2007**

**A FRESH LOOK AT
NURSING IN THE
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**19 & 20th July 2007
Venue Novotel in
Hamilton**

Presidents Comment

By Heather Casey

Hello to all. Health is certainly hitting the news with adverse event and strike activity frequently in the headlines. Mental health is not exempt from this (no surprises here!) and I suspect that coverage will increase as elections get closer. I did an interview on behalf of the College with Radio NZ last week related to the news reports of assaults in the Haumietiketike secure unit in Porirua. I felt reasonably well prepared for this as I had the opportunity to discuss my response with Tony O'Brien and Kaye Carncross prior to making contact with the reporter. This is my second interview on behalf of the College so feeling more confident now with this part of the President's role. I believe that it is important that Te Ao Maramatanga, the voice of Mental Health Nursing is heard so will seek out opportunities with the media and also call upon the expertise of members to ensure that I am well informed. I would appreciate hearing from nurses if they hear or see stories in the media to which the College could respond as I may not know about them.



Taranga Te Kumete
o
Te Ao Maramatanga

The College conference is rapidly approaching - registrations forms look great and have been distributed to all areas. If you do not have a copy of the registration form then access it via the website. Hineroa Hakiha has composed and recorded a Waiata for the College - it is stunning and very moving. I will work out a way to get a copy to branches so that College members can have access and practice prior to the conference.

Planning around the conference, the Fellows' ceremony and the AGM is keeping all the committee busy however there are other activities occurring. Two activities with significant progress this month are; Thelma Puckey and Mark Smith have been focusing on input into the Therapeutics Medicines Bill. Thelma and Helen O'Sullivan are also finalising the letter to Nursing Council outlining the difficulties MHNurses are having gaining UK registration. The College Boards continue to develop their own internal structures and to work with research, education and practice issues.

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.

Research Board

By Brian McKenna, Chairperson. b.mckenna@auckland.ac.nz

The purpose of the Research Board of Te Ao Maramatanga is "to promote research as a contribution to the strategic development and application of mental health nursing knowledge to benefit consumers and the broader community" (terms of reference). Therefore we are keen to support any research that works toward this aim. Recently we have been contacted by researchers primarily regarding accessing College members as research participants. We are happy to assist as long as the research meets the criteria above, has ethics approval and does not compromise the confidentiality of members. If you want such assistance please contact me at the e-mail above.

Our priority over the coming month is to re-advertise the Te Ao Maramatanga Research Fund for 2007. We are considering broadening eligibility to include research being undertaken as part of Masters or PhD education. Watch the College website for the application process.

Maori Caucus

By Tio Sewell

Huarahi Whakatu Maori Mental Health Nursing Career Pathway (HWT)

In February a joint memorandum was signed at the Mental Health Commission in Wellington, between Te Rau Matatini (TRM), Nga Ngaru Hauora (NNH), and Te Ao Maramatanga (NZCMHN).



Te Huarahi Whakatu Mental Health Nursing Career Pathway (HWT) is a Professional Development and Recognition Program (PDRP) that aims to promote Maori mental health nursing based on dual competencies. The program was initiated in 2004 as one of fourteen National Maori workforce development projects undertaken by Te Rau Matatini. In 2006, a joint approach to Huarahi Whakatu was agreed to by the three parties, and has now progressed to pilot stage to run over 2007-2008. The pilot will be run across the five midland DHB's and will be New Zealand's first dual competency

professional development and recognition program for Maori Nurses, to be presented to nursing council for accreditation. Huarahi Whakatu will be launched at the college conference in July with the presentation of awards to the participating nurses.

[photo insert- Hineroa Hakiaha (NZCMHN) , Ngairi Whata, chairman (NNH), Kristy Maxwell-Crawford CEO (TRM)]

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

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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)

CLINICAL SUPERVISORS

If you are an experienced mental health nurse, with excellent skills and training in clinical supervision - would you be interested in providing clinical supervision for a post graduate student undertaking an advanced mental health nursing paper as part of their Master of Nursing Programme? We are particularly interested in experienced supervisors who could work with Post Grad students living and working in Hamilton, Auckland, Hawkes Bay and Taranaki. The ability to work alongside an individual student or someone with talents in group clinical supervision would be appreciated. The supervision would be paid. Alternatively if you know of an excellent supervisor that we could approach that would be very much appreciated. Please contact Stacey Wilson at Massey University, S.Wilson@massey.ac.nz



NURSES AND MIDWIVES E-COHORT STUDY

Mental health nurses needed

The Nurses and Midwives E-cohort Study is a longitudinal on-line study conducted by nurses at Schools of Health Science at Massey University Wellington and the University of Queensland. This project will collect up-to-date accurate information on the health, work/life balance and patterns of workforce participation of New Zealand nurses through the study website at www.e-cohort.net. To ensure the data is as comprehensive as possible, we need to reach nurses from all the different areas of work. In this way comparisons between nursing specialties can be made both in New Zealand and internationally. The study is supported by a Health Research Council grant.

This project is a world-first, using an innovative web-based design and a user-friendly website where participants complete an annual on-line survey which will provide comprehensive ongoing information to inform nursing workforce policy and planning. All you need is your Annual Practising Certificate ID number to participate. The survey takes about 30-40 minutes but can be completed over several sittings. We welcome your participation.

At a time of global nursing shortages, it is hoped that findings will lead to the provision of safe and healthy working conditions to encourage the retention of New Zealand nurses and provide better outcomes for their patients. Visit the www.e-cohort.net website for further information about the study or contact Helen Wilson (Project Manager) on 801-5799 ext 6639; email h.v.wilson@massey.ac.nz or Annette Huntington (Principal Investigator NZ) on 801-5799 ext 6315 or email a.d.huntington@massey.ac.nz

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Regional News

Hawkes Bay Branch by Helen O'Sullivan

Hawkes Bay College members are pleased to announce a Hawkes Bay East Coast Branch of the college has been ratified. Two of the Cational committee members are in this area; myself in Hastings and Dianne Irwin in Gisborne. It is quite significant in having both another branch being formed and the geographical area it covers.

Coming events

Portland OR Oct. 11-12, 2007.

Breakthrough Strategies to Teach and Counsel Troubled Youth

Contact: <http://www.youthchg.com> , Email: dwells@youthchg.com

26 and 27 May, Auckland

Stress, humour and health, presented by Pat Armitstead

Hosted by Auckland University, Continuing Education

Phone 0800 864 266 or check out www.cce.auckland.ac.nz

27 May - 1 June 2007, Yokohama, Japan

ICN International Conference

Nurses at the Forefront: Dealing with the Unexpected

Contact: <http://www.icn.ch/conference2007>

30 May 2007, Auckland

AUT University Information Evening

For more information contact courseinfo@aut.ac.nz or phone: 0800 288 864

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

Fri 17th & Sat 18th August 2007, Gold Coast Australia

The 8th International Mental Health Conference

Submit Abstracts - Closing date is the 20th of February 2007

Contact: <http://gcimh.com.au/conference/Default.htm>

Thursday 28 & Friday 29 June 2007, Wellington

Workforce Action: Ready for the Future

Date: Venue: Wellington Convention Centre This major national conference is the first to be organised by DHB's and the Ministry of Health as part of the 'Future Workforce' programme. The conference will cover the future health workforce in New Zealand and internationally. It will be a chance to talk and learn about workforce activity, support network development, and explore / share ideas on building a future workforce. <http://www.moh.govt.nz/>

26th - 28th September 2007, Oxford, England

13th International NPNR (Network for Psychiatric Nursing Research) Conference

Researching beyond the boundaries....

Call for abstracts until 23 March, 2007. Contact Sheavaune.Fox@rcn.org.uk

8th - 12th October 2007 • CAIRNS

33rd Annual International Conference of the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses Inc.

Call for Abstracts: Closing date for abstract submission - 23 March 2007

<http://astmanagement.com.au/anzcmhc7/>

HRC Pacific Health Forum: (previously known as HRC Pacific Health Research Fono)

For more details email dalofivae@hotmail.com or nwichmantou@hrc.govt.nz

14th - 18th October 2007 ROTORUA

Aotearoa Network of Indigenous Health Knowledge & Development Trust (ANIHKD) Conference.

Visit: www.conference.co.nz/INIHKD2007 for more information. Noho ora mai Seilena Phillips Office Administrator Te Kaunihera O Nga Neehi Maori (National Council of Maori Nurses)

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