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Growing a respected Network of Christian counsellors in NSW.

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Dear CCAA (NSW) Member,

On this page, I'd like to bring you up to date with the exciting growth happening within CCAA (NSW). We currently have 18 people in 6 committees taking 37 roles. Our aim is to better serve you in our mission statement:

1. Raising the professionalism, recognition and credibility of professional Christian counsellors.
 2. Growing a respected Network of Christian counsellors in NSW.
- A highlight of the year so far has been the Day Conference for Christian Counsellors on 'Celebrating Diversity'. This attracted 105 delegates to Parramatta for a program of 16 workshops over four sessions. The feedback has been very positive and encouraging. When Sylvia Brew and I started dreaming about a year ago, as the Conference committee, we wondered how it would eventuate. In the end, so many talented people rallied to make it so well organised: Sylvia Brew, Sophia Howarth, Val Steele, Kim Savage, Denisa Kolocova, Kam Muthulingam, Robert Srma, Sharon Toh, Wayne Rowe, Chris Oliver, Wendy Raine, Jenny Truda and David Rahtz.
 - The ongoing Conference Committee consists of Sylvia Brew, Sophia Howarth, Collett Smart, Lyn Cottier, an APC person yet to be appointed, and me. We are planning a similar Day Conference in March 2011 and a 2-4 day CCAA National Conference in March 2012. The plan is to have the same central venue for 200+ as an annual event.
 - The new PD committee has formed to focus on developing a program of more in-depth training, such as full day PD events. The PD committee is being co-chaired by Collett Smart and me.
 - Since so many new students are graduating from Christian counselling courses, we have expanded the Promotion and Students committee, to focus on connecting better with Students. This is chaired by Val Steele, who also works for the Wesley Institute Counselling Department in student liaison. Also on the Promotion and Students committee are Christine Oliver, Jenny Truda, Lisy, De La Chaise, Neil Harris (Morling Rep), Derek Higgo (AIFC Rep) and myself. Projects include developing promotional brochures for students, churches and professionals.
 - We take Member Care seriously. Wayne Rowe, rowayne4@tpg.com.au, along with his Member Care committee, seeks to understand and care for CCAA members' needs, especially professional recognition, support, training, supervision and networking.
 - The Accreditation Committee has approved these new **Graduate Members** in the last 12 months: Heather Adams, Chester Carter, Arlagene Groves, Kam Muthulingam, Ian Parkin, Kwok Wai Cheung, Alvin Ho and Robert Silva
 - The Accreditation Committee has approved these new **Clinical Members** in the last 12 months: Nelson Heather, Richard Pearson and Collett Smart.
 - The CCAA (NSW) Executive Committee has all positions filled, and consists of David Bridges (President, CCAA National Council Rep), Sylvia Brew (Vice President, Accreditation Chair), Wendy Raine (Treasurer), Wayne Rowe (Member Care Chair), Sophia Howarth (proposed CCAA National Council Rep), Christine Oliver, Kam Muthulingam (Software Support), and Kim Savage (Admin Assistant, Secretary, Public Officer, Bookkeeper).

Blessings,

David Bridges

CCAA (NSW) President