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From the Editor

Hello All

Welcome to another edition of eNews. ARCAP is now in existence. Well done to all who worked so tirelessly to bring it about. Like all entities, just because we have arrived at a creation completion point does not mean an end, but a continuing evolution of growth. The birth brings a new beginning and a new journey commences.

How will it unfold? What are the unknown aspects that will emerge as it grows? Will they be what we want or hoped for? Will they create more confusion and disharmony? Will the strain of 'difference' and of 'living' close together become more manageable or create more splitting? Will it, in fact, bring an added depth of respect and recognition to counselling/psychotherapy in Australia? All of this remains unknown, but like every creation, every human system, the participants all contribute, by influencing and being influenced by.

One way you can ensure you are doing your part is by renewing your membership with your local MA that in turn provides you with entry to the PACFA Register and from that to the PACFA section of the ARCAP Register. **A reminder that your renewal to the PACFA Register is your responsibility and you must complete the renewal form and attach your PI insurance information or demonstrate where it is carried by your organisation/workplace and return to the PACFA office ASAP.**

In this edition we hear from Dr. Colin Benjamin (CEO) of the tireless work that continues in the form of meetings etc. in an attempt to gain the recognition we seek. We also hear from Tim Johnson-Newell (President) about his fascination with the ability of people in a war zone to maintain dialogue in the face of very great differences. I daresay the formation of ARCAP might be compared to a war zone at times, and yet we have successfully negotiated through creative dialogue to arrive at a place of agreement and that is quite an achievement. Through Tim's report we also hear from Nitya and the meaning of levies and entry requirements in relation to PACFA and ARCAP.

We hear a rural counsellor's tale of isolation in the workplace and ways of managing it. We get a glimpse into the names behind the portfolios in Government from Simon and an outline of a professional development connection from USA with Tasmania.

I see my role as editor to simply bring together what you send me and what you want in your newsletter. In this edition, Jan from rural WA poses an invitation to those of you who may have experienced isolation, boundary issues, etc. Please take her up on the invitation and let others know what life is like as a counsellor/psychotherapist in other rural parts of Australia

in addition to suburbia.

We are signed up and on the journey. What develops has yet to unfold. Australia Dreaming: Coming Together is happening in Canberra in October – don't miss it and continue to dream! **Early birds as usual do best, sign up before closing date 30th July.**

Until next time
Warm regards



ARCAP ... Opening doors

Rosemary Watkins
Editor

President's Report

For a while now the question about PACFA and ARCAP has been: Are we there yet? To which the reply has been: Soon.

Well I can now say, as of early June, that both Presidents have signed all the documents and therefore, and assuming all the slips between cup and lip have happened already, it is a done deal.

I don't think that I have to spell out the significance of this step, I am sure that you have been kept up to date by your PACFA Delegates about the debates and whys and wherefores that have been happening since early 2008. Immediately we are able to approach Health Insurance Providers with the pieces in place that entitle us as a profession to apply to be eligible for rebates from those providers. This is an important and significant step towards the recognition of the profession of psychotherapy and counseling.

It is clear though that there is still a way to go before we consider ourselves to be a profession. In the last few months I have had a number of conversations which suggest to me that Associations in PACFA are feeling the effects of being part of something bigger. They seem now to be taking it for granted that we have an ear in the various departments of government and that we have a voice. This seems to be a strengthening feeling that makes people think beyond their own associations and concerns. I have a sense that there is some strategic thinking going on that will take us forward into the next era of the development of our profession. However these discussions have also sounded alarm bells for me. As a profession since its beginning all those years ago in fin de cicle Vienna we have been prone to splitting. I think it is still hard for most of us to come to terms with the idea of some overarching principles, ways of working and thinking that are common and that therefore have led us to want to come together under one umbrella.

There are still things to work through as we try and work out how we want to proceed. We started over 10 years ago as a Peak Body composed of Associations. There was a principle of

one Association / two votes where the Council saw itself as the main decision making body.

Since that time we now have more very large associations and we have an office with a number of people in it and a CEO. We are now seen to be a profession by outside people with a single credentialing system. All these facts put pressure on the original system. The Board is in the process of evolving a blueprint of the structure for PACFA that can be debated at Council. There is a feeling of the tension of people wanting what comes with a single system but being chary of the oversight, implied and actual. We are also in need at some time in the future to have the debate again about if we have things in common and what those things are. When PACFA was formed it was more like ARCAP is now, very separate entities finding a way to come together for the common good but remaining separate.

We have furthermore gone very quickly into the idea of applying for Medicare without any debate about what that means to us as practitioners who might at present have no links with the Medical system or model.

That, if you like, is the bigger picture. There is also the arrival of more universal registration on the PACFA Register and the existence of the ARCAP Register, all in short order. When that is combined with sometimes confusing communications from PACFA and volunteer associations, the resultant is sometimes a bit messy.

One example is the confusion between the per cap levy and the PACFA Register and how they might or might not be linked. The Register Chair had cause to write an explanatory letter the other week and I thought I would reproduce it as a step towards clearing up the confusion where it exists.

The PACFA register has two tiers, clinical and provisional.

Those who have met the register training standards (equivalent to 2009 training standards) can list as provisional, those that have met the register training standards and completed two years of post training clinical work of at least 750 hours linked to 75 hours of supervision can list as clinical.

The ARCAP register will have a section for PACFA registrants, they will be called ARCAP Clinical PACFA and ARCAP Provisional PACFA. Those listed on the PACFA register as either Clinical or Provisional will be automatically listed in the PACFA section on the ARCAP register.

The Per Capita fee is NOT linked to the register and has nothing to do with those that qualify for the register.

The Per Capita fee is charged for every member in the MA who met the training standards that applied at the time of joining the MA and for each of these members regardless of whether they qualify to list on the PACFA register or not they are charged \$150.

I am about to head off to the Middle East for a trip which is the longest I have taken since I began working in this profession 25 years ago. In my time working for PACFA I have gone from being very interested in the meaning, for society and the individual, of war, to being fascinated by the that ill defined area of operations where groups of people begin to think about not making war. It is a place filled with difficult feelings, suspicion and mistrust, hope and fear as well as the potential for enormous benefit. It is far more difficult than battle. My time as President has been full of growth for me and I am looking forward, over there, to learning about how groups with much more intractable differences, real and imagined, manage to keep talking to each other.

Tim Johnson-Newell
PACFA President

CEO's Report

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Australian Register of Counsellors and Psychotherapists (ARCAP)

July 1st 2009 represents the starting date for the operation of ARCAP and the implementation of the Private Health Insurance (Accreditation) Rules across Australia. PACFA and the ACA are now working together to approach the private health insurance corporations to draw their attention to the existence of ARCAP and begin to negotiate provisions for inclusion of the services of psychotherapists and counsellors as associated health professions. An interim code of conduct and compliance procedure has been adopted as the basis for further consultation and development of appropriate arrangements for maintenance of professional standards as a step towards seeking professional title protection using the ARCAP trademarks.

Fourth National Mental Health Plan

I attended a consultation on the Fourth National Mental Health Plan that has been through several iterations following meetings attended by Vice President Lone Lewis and myself. A broad cross-section of the mental health community attended this Melbourne meeting, service providers, state government officials, researchers, consumers, carers and advocacy groups. We have stressed the necessity to broaden the coverage to recognise psychotherapy and counselling and to expand provisions across the country to enhance social inclusion. As reported by Sebastian Rosenberg of the Mental Health Council of Australia "A series of important issues were raised during the course of the day but the fundamental issue boiled down to this: most people felt that the successive National

Plans had been of decreasing relevance and did not provide a genuine vehicle by which to promote mental health reform in Australia. Fundamental to this view was the commonly held concern that the Plan as drafted contained no goals or targets, no incentives or sanctions and a generally weak approach to performance management.

Members are encouraged to check out the new plan and provide their comments. They can do so by going to www.mentalhealth.gov.au and clicking on what's New.

Lobbying for the professions

Following an invitation to comment upon proposed changes to the ALP National Policy Platform, a submission was forwarded to the chair of the consultation, Mr Mark Dreyfus MP for Isaacs seeking extensions along the line of the submissions in the Fourth National Mental Health Plan. Particular emphasis was placed upon the need for wider national provision of mental health services, social inclusion and recognition of counselling and psychotherapy as associated health services.

Australia Dreaming; Coming Together Conference Oct 2nd /3rd

[PLEASE REGISTER NOW TO GET EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS]

We have recently sent out registration forms for the joint PACFA/ACA AUSTRALIA DREAMING: COMING TOGETHER CONFERENCE to be held at the Hyatt Hotel in Canberra. This is a very comprehensive and challenging series of papers and workshops. Early Bird discounts apply until the end of July. As there are a strictly limited number of places being held for this inaugural joint conference, it is important that members are encouraged to apply NOW to attend, as remaining seats after August will be released on a first come basis until remaining seats are taken.

Dr Colin Benjamin
PACFA CEO

Articles

Interim Service for Forgotten Australians

The Department of Human Services (DHS) has advertised for submissions to provide a broad range of services to care leavers/Forgotten Australians and it is anticipated that the new service will commence around September 2009. Interim Services for Forgotten Australians will operate from the Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare (the Centre) from 1 July 2009 until the Department of Human Services' submission process is completed and the new service for Forgotten Australians begins later in 2009. The Centre is the peak body for 96 member organisations who provide family and child welfare services across Victoria and also provide advocacy and policy advice to government, run a learning and development program, and research into action,

foster care recruitment and occupational health and safety projects.

The Centre has convened the state-wide working group on care leavers/Forgotten Australians for several years and is very committed to their wellbeing. The Centre is governed by a Board of Directors drawn from the membership, the current CEO is Coleen Clare and the Centre is located at level 5, 50 Market Street Melbourne, telephone (03) 9614 1577.

The Interim Service will be staffed by Ms Maureen Cleary, who will continue her temporary assignment on behalf of DHS and Ms Caroline Carroll, who has accepted a temporary position with the interim service, and will include:

Brokerage counselling: Forgotten Australians who were in care in Victoria can have counselling arranged in their local area, and attend at no cost. Arrangements will continue for people who are currently seeing a counsellor.

Support groups: these will continue to be held from 12 noon until 4pm on the third Saturday of the month (18 July, 15 August and 19 September 2009) and lunch will be provided. Support groups will be held at the Centre's offices at Market Street, Melbourne (please see map attached).

Life Skills Program: financial assistance for Forgotten Australians to attend a course or class to develop or improve life skills.

Access to records: assistance provided to help Forgotten Australians access records from their time in care. As of 30 June 2009, Vanish will no longer provide a range of services for Forgotten Australians; however, Vanish will temporarily continue to help Forgotten Australians to search for family members pending the commencement of new service arrangements later in 2009.

If you would like further information, please contact Maureen Cleary on telephone (03) 9328 8611 until 30 June, or on (03) 9614 1577 from 1 July 2009.

Rural Family Counsellors Conference W.A. Safety in the Workplace



This has been a topic of interest for me from my very first client back in 1995. I began work with a Rural, Mobile Counselling Service, which meant clients had a choice of appointment in the nearest town or at their place of residence. Client No 1. phoned for an appointment and asked me to come to his property some 45 kms. from the nearest settlement where we used the Silver Chain Nursing Post as premises. Time and day were agreed upon and "by the way, my wife won't be home as she'll be in -----(120kms. away) for a Doctors appointment. Safety? Confidentiality? Risk Management? His integrity? My knocking knees? Suffice to say I found a way to verify his reputation and we went on to have a set of worthwhile sessions.

For a couple of years back in the mid-nineties there was an annual conference for counsellors from rural agencies funded by the then, Department of Family Services (now Dept. for Child Protection) to provide counseling under the Family Support Program. The conference included training, networking and collegial support and a referral base for clients moving to other rural locations. Due to the convener moving on to private practice the conference discontinued and left a significant void. In 2004 the Rural Family Counsellors Conference was re-convened and has since been enthusiastically welcomed by attendees.

Some of us joined the Psycho/Social group South West (PACFA News, March/April 2009) formed by Diana Phillips and found the issues of professional isolation, difficulties in accessing quality training and lack of knowledge of nearby competent practitioners common to many. It was surprising to find there were similar issues in the Bunbury region which is densely populated, to issues facing practitioners in rural and remote areas of Western Australia. It was also gratifying to discover the philosophies of the two groups are remarkably comparable.

Many of the DCP funded agencies have singular counsellors operating out of separate locations in various small towns of their regions. There is seldom an office with administration

staff in attendance to know or record the whereabouts of staff. A recurring theme for these counsellors operating individually under the 'mobile' structure has been the lack of effective communication whilst out on the road. This concern has arisen at most of the Annual Conferences, especially for newly employed counselors.

At the 2009 Rural Conference in May, counsellors met with the Executive of PACAWA for discussions on a range of issues and it was suggested that the topic be raised in the PACFA Newsletter to initiate a dialogue nation-wide, and an exchange of experiences.

We have thought of collating a Safety Checklist (draft working title) and these are the preliminary points.

- Police should know our names and job description in each locality
- Liaison with Police, Hospitals, Mental Health Services to cross-check for safety issues with possibly unstable new clients.
- Some responsible person/s should know (geographically) where we are at all times and the expected time of return in order to raise an alarm if necessary.
- External aerials on vehicles to extend the mobile phone coverage. (Provision of satellite phones is quite expensive.)
- An EPIRB device in each vehicle for use in case of accident or emergency.
- Always have more fuel in the vehicle than is thought to be needed for the planned trip.
- Always carry at least two litres of water, (preferably four litres) first-aid kit, a warm coat, torch, and a blanket (wool is best because of its fire-retardant qualities)
- Current Country Road Map book as standard equipment in the vehicle.

Since recently retiring as a counsellor I have joined the Board of Management of my former service (employer) in order to offer my experience to the industry. My interest in maintaining standards, professionalism and safety for rural practitioners is a long term passion. I believe the clients deserve the very best practice we can offer them. Now it is over to all you PACFA Newsletter readers for comment. Your responses are invited to extend our knowledge of what happens in other rural and remote services Australia-wide. How are these issues managed or avoided by management in your service? What policies have been adopted? How are you supported by your team? If you are a sole practitioner what do you do? We would welcome your feedback.

Jan Colbourne
June 2009

The Rudd Government and Mental Health

In early June 2009, Prime Minister Rudd announced a ministerial reshuffle.

Here are the main changes....

Senator Jan McLucas was replaced by Mark Butler as Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Warren Snowdon was promoted to a new portfolio of Minister for Indigenous Health, Rural and Regional Health and Regional Services. Kate Ellis gained Early Childhood Education to go with her responsibilities of Sport and Youth.

So, how does the shape of the new Rudd Government impact on the mental health sector? Well, it won't come as a surprise that it's complicated and not easy to navigate the 'who-has-responsibility-for-what' maze. The problem with this government, as with most federal and state governments of all political hues and ideology, is that they operate in silos, with fiercely territorial departments and agencies.

Nicola Roxon is still the Minister for Health and has primary responsibility for all mental health issues. There is a new mental health adviser in Minister Roxon's office but other than a few staffing changes, Ms Roxon is still our minister. But if we're talking about issues relating to alcohol and drugs (licit and illicit) then it's the new Parliamentary Secretary, Mark Butler, who has carriage of this.

Young people and mental health is arguably a key area for investment, intervention, early diagnosis and treatment, especially when alcohol and drug issues are involved. However, Kate Ellis does not appear to be concerned directly in mental health and youth issues; so even though she is Minister for Youth, matters related to youth mental health are not in her portfolio.

The Parliamentary Secretary will most likely continue to look after drugs and alcohol – although one could argue that Youth and Sport are critical portfolios in addressing mental health problems in young people.

We now have a specific Indigenous Health Minister, so we can assume matters related to Aboriginal and Islander mental health will be addressed by Warren Snowdon. Mr Snowdon has a long standing commitment to Aboriginal health and this is a very welcome appointment.

The fact that Mr Rudd has recognised the problems of regional and rural service delivery, which also fall into Mr Snowdon's new portfolio, can only be viewed as a sign that the Government acknowledges the problems of workforce shortages, social isolation and the tyranny of distance in non-metropolitan areas.

It's a big job for the new minister. Mr Snowdon has two senior ministers to whom he is now accountable– Nicola Roxon for health matters, and Jenny Macklin for Indigenous issues. Ms Macklin is Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and in that context has carriage of all carer matters, excepting Aged Care, which is Minister Justine Elliot's portfolio.

Tanya Plibersek retains her position as Minister for Housing, an area of critical importance to the mental health sector. Let's make the picture clearer:

- Julia Gillard is the Minister for Social Inclusion
- Ursula Stephens is the Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion
- Nicola Roxon is Minister for Health
- Mark Butler is the Parliamentary Secretary for Health
- Jenny Macklin is the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- Warren Snowdon is the Minister for Indigenous Health and Rural and Regional
- Health and Regional Services
- Bill Shorten is Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Children's Services
- Tanya Plibersek is the Minister for Housing
- Kate Ellis is the Minister for Youth, Sport and Early Childhood Education

So when people ask, 'to whom do I talk in government' about how we improve the

delivery of mental health services, the health and wellbeing of carers, young people with emerging mental health problems, the homeless, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, Australians in remote and regional areas, and the socially excluded ... we should all know how the system works.

**Simon Tatz
MHCA**

Professional Counselling Association of Tasmania



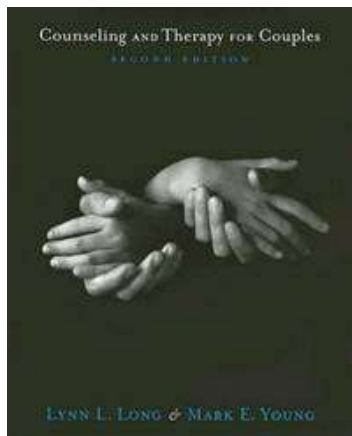
Dr. Mark Young Professor, Child, Family & Community Sciences, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL USA

Mark was the guest of the Professional Counselling Association Tasmania in March. He presented a couple's

counselling workshop titled: Creative Counselling for Couples Using the Integrative Model. It was a whole day workshop where the thirty participants learnt a step by step simple model of working with couples.

Mark's model drew upon work done by John Gottman and Susan Johnson. It touched on relationship issues such as infidelity, dual career situations and couples with substance abuse problems.

Integrative models are derived from and blend varied theoretical frameworks and employ a diversity of therapeutic techniques. An integrative model is more than a random compilation of "what fits or works" in treatment, but instead, combines theory and practice in a reasoned and coherent selection process (Young & Long, 1998).



Mark said that this type of brief couple counselling continues to grow in the United States.

I feel very sad our counselling of couples has to come down to a time and money focus. Marriage breakdown is one of the biggest costs our community has and we are talking about brief couple therapy. Our couples in Australia need much more.

Dennis White
Professional Counselling Association Tasmania

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- *Sacred Art of Eating*

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- *Psychology of Stillness and Wholeness*
- *Panel: Cultivating Inner Peace*

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All courses are held at McCulloch House, Monash Medical Centre, Clayton. For further information please contact Julie-Anne Sheppard (Courses Coordinator) on (03) 9265 2172 or at ja.sheppard@grief.org.au



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The 6th World Congress for Psychotherapy will be held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Australia from 24–28 August 2011.

This will be the largest congress of its type ever to be held in Australasia with 3,000 – 5,000 delegates being expected to attend. All major schools of psychotherapy will be represented. The venue will be the Sydney Convention Centre at Darling Harbour. The World Congress is coming to Sydney as the result of winning a competitive bid process, joint with Australia and New Zealand, decided at the 4th WCP Congress in Buenos Aires in 2005.

This occasion presents a unique opportunity for all those involved in the practice of psychotherapy to contribute to the development of the profession within Australasia and Globally.

The members of the Organising Committee Louise Newman, Margaret Morice, Phil Graham, Margot Schofield, Roy Bowden, Sophie Holmes, Tim Johnson-Newell and Anthony Korner have great pleasure in inviting you to visit Australia for this.

The Host City – Sydney is a dazzling and vibrant cosmopolitan city built around one of the world's most famous harbours. Sydney has a wide range of attractions including art galleries, museums, theatres, opera and music as well as parks, gardens, sparkling beaches and the harbourside Taronga Zoo. Sydney's restaurants reflect its multicultural diversity with an exemplary choice in all cuisines.

The Organizing Committee,
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PROGRAM

The theme for the congress is "World Dreaming", a theme that the Organising Committee believes encompasses important aspects of the psychotherapeutic tradition, speaks to interpersonal engagement and the understanding of subjectivity, and that has an essential resonance with Indigenous culture in Australia and New Zealand.

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- World Council for Psychotherapy (WCP)
- Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia (PACFA)
- Australia and New Zealand Association for Psychotherapy (ANZAP)
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If you are interested in attending the Congress and would like further information, please complete the online "Register Interest" form available at www.wcp2011.org or contact the Congress Managers via wcp2011@meetingplanners.com.au

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