



Christian Counsellors Association of Australia

## President's Report AGM 2011



Firstly I want to welcome you all and thank you for being here tonight and I also want to welcome Ione Lewis President of PACFA to this our 2011 AGM. After I have given my report she is going to speak to us about the current trends of PACFA.

This is my fifth AGM report and sixth year in this role and I am still energized and happy to serve CCAA (Vic) along with our marvellous team consisting of –

**Chris Brown** our Secretary/Treasurer, who has served for over ten years.

**Bill Van Schie**, Chairperson of the Promotions Committee has been on the committee for 4 years..

**Vivienne Mountain**, Chairperson of the Professional Development Committee has been on the committee for 2 years.

**Judy Wilkie**, Chairperson of the Accreditation Committee has been on the committee for 2years .

**Peter Mauger**, Chairperson of Good Governance has been on the committee for 1 year.

**Faye West**, who is our new Membership Chair, is not new to our committee. Faye has been around since 2004 years and has served on the Professional Development Committee. This appointment is long overdue and it was one of the many roles that Chris has held together.

Our membership continues to grow with Clinical now at 35, Graduate 28 and Associates 95. What is exciting with these figures is the rise in Graduate members

**National Committee.** Our last National Meeting for the year was held in September and we made many new decisions to help us move forward. One was the passing of the new level of membership which is to be known as Intern and will have the nomenclature of CCAA (Intern).

The purpose of this level is to encourage those who have finished their studies of 40 hours face to face with 10 hours of supervision to continue the journey towards Graduate. It is valid for a maximum of 3years and the fee will be \$145 per year. As well as this change to membership we have added a new level to be called Student. This is to encourage those who are studying counselling but have not yet

met the requirement of 40 hours related to 10 hours of supervision and therefore have no formal recognition. The recommended fee will be \$60 per year.

Other issues discussed were the changes to our Code of Ethics to better reflect the issue of prayer in counselling, changes to our Policy Handbook, ongoing adjustments to our web pages and to employ someone to run the Find a Christian Counsellor web page.

**Secretary/Treasurer.** Our grateful thanks to Chris for his ongoing commitment to these two roles. You will notice that as a result of the Conference we finally have a healthy budget.

**Office Manager.** Also we acknowledge Coby Brown for the work she does behind the scenes attending to the many queries on the phone, in the mail and the processing of 24 new Associates. These include,

Jeanine Batty, Angelene Carr, Georgina Chong, Trudy Cook, Joanne Crisp, Rebecca Gregor, Patricia Hamilton, Alison Hardaker, Ian Hunter, Dianne Johnson, Patricia Karagiorgos, Lisa Jones, Anne Langham, Suzanne Leader, Rhonda Luttrell, Mark McPherson, Paul Meyer, Dawn Millsted, Don Naunton, Mimi Nheu, Maureen Smith, Lorel Wall, Heather Williams, Philippa Ziegenhardt

**Promotions.** Our Promotion Committee continues to be led by Bill van Schie. As well as promoting our Association he has done marvellous job building up an electronic network of 36 Christian Agencies. These agencies are offered the opportunity to advertise on our web page and join in our professional development opportunities which are widely distributed. Bill is also supported by Leanne Miller (Professional Development Committee) who had agreed to be the Publicity Officer finding new areas in which to promote our Association.

I join with Bill's recommendation that each member continue to make our Association known through the distribution of our leaflets amongst their colleagues and friends.

**Accreditation Committee** The Accreditation Committee under the leadership of Judy Wilkie and includes Ian Richardson, Jean Battersby, Debra Battersby, and ex-officio's Art Wouters and Maureen Ireland has been instrumental in putting forward recommendations to the National Team to consider adding a fourth tier to our membership levels. The arguments were debated at the recent National Meeting and they agreed to accept a new level to be known as Interns which is only valid for a three year term.

This committee works hard processing the applications for Clinical and Graduate Membership and we welcome these successful applicants to Clinical membership.

Sek Nin Leung, Vivienne Mountain, Wilfred Poole and 9 Graduates- Wendy Gibson, Martin Gillespie, Rob Lytzki, Peter Mauger, Heather Nott, Ian Nott, Peter Stanton, Faith Tee and Mark Tonki.

**Professional Development.** Professional Development committee includes Leanne Miller, Di Moore, Ruth Walker, John Williams, Charmaine Holmes and ex officio Maureen Ireland has been lead by Vivienne Mountain for these past 2 years. Leanne Miller has put her hand up to accept the new role of Publicity.

This year the committee has successfully addressed topics like, Love Languages with Bernadette Milsted and Ruth Walker. "Suicide-Prevention and Risk Management," Shaun Walsh. "Helping Men express Emotional Issues", John Anderson. 'Prayer and Counselling' with David Drummond, and the State Conference, "Creativity in Counselling"

The workshops for the coming year include "Understanding the impact of Personality Disorders" with Helene Richardson, "Sexuality in Relationships", "Self Care/Secondary Trauma", Bill Van Schie, "Counselling and Spirituality", with Art Wouters and a new innovation in the coming year will be a

discussion group held at 6.00pm -7.30pm a pre-dinner meeting to discuss ‘Considering legal Issues in Practise’.

**Good Governance** The National Council has a policy that everyone on the committee has to have a job and has recently developed a Good Governance portfolio, so we invited Peter Mauger who has been with us for one year to fulfil this role in Victoria and he has kindly and enthusiastically accepted.

**Membership Chair.** We are pleased to announce that Faye West has agreed to take on the role of Membership Chair. In the past this role has been carried by Chris Brown. Faye has been a part of the Executive committee for over 7 years and has worked on the Professional Development Committee and the National Conference Committee.

**PACFA.** The big issues in PACFA this year are the training and accrediting of Supervisors which will be enforced in January 2012 and can be further explored on the PACFA web site. Other major areas of development are the Mental Health Practitioners Listing, liaising with other Peak bodies over the shared issues of government regulations, accessing the Medibank rebate registration and the launch of ARCAP in Melbourne. There is also a renewed explanation of the Definition of Counselling and Psychotherapy on the PACFA website. Please check out the PAFCA web site for more information about these and other changes to our professional standards and practices.

Looking forward to enjoying your company as we continue to move forward in our journey as Counsellors and Psychotherapists

In His love and Peace, Maureen Ireland.

President CCAA (Vic)