



# NSWIPP

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## DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Editor: Michael Moore



### Calendar of Meetings in new year:

**Saturday 10 February 2018**

EC MEETING – 2:00pm

**Monday 12 February 2018**

OPG MEETING – 7.45pm

**Monday 19 February 2018**

\*\*ATAB MEETING – 7:45pm (via Zoom)

**Monday 26 February 2018**

\*CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT MEETING – 7:45pm

\*Events marked with an asterisk are open to trainees provided there are no boundary issues.

\*\*ATAB meetings are normally held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month. If you would like to attend, please contact Lyndall at [nswipp4@bigpond.com](mailto:nswipp4@bigpond.com)

**Please note the following fixed dates:**

1<sup>st</sup> Monday - Open

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday - Open Peer Group

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday - ATAB Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> Monday - CPD Meeting

5<sup>th</sup> Monday- Open Monday

### **Open Peer Group Meeting**

The next Open Peer Group (OPG) meeting will be held on **Monday, 12 February** at 7:45pm at Glebe.

All welcome.

Contact Chris Fairall: 0412456716/  
[christopher.fairall@gmail.com](mailto:christopher.fairall@gmail.com)

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 7:45pm**  
Continuing Professional Development Meeting –

Julie Blyth will be presenting 'Bearing Witness: learnings from survivor voices at the Child Abuse Royal Commission'. NSWIPP members, guest members, associates, affiliates and trainees are warmly invited to attend.

RSVP to Lyndall: [nswipp4@bigpond.com](mailto:nswipp4@bigpond.com)

### Future Events:

**Monday 26 March 2018- 7.45pm**

\*CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT MEETING

**Donna Jacobs** will be presenting A Workshop for NSWPP Psychotherapists on Thinking about and working with Aboriginal people.

RSVP to Lyndall: [nswipp4@bigpond.com](mailto:nswipp4@bigpond.com)

### **2018 Membership Fees**

In January members will be sent an invoice for membership fees which are constitutionally required to be paid by 30th June.

The amount and category of membership will be the same as last year. If a member wants to pay by instalments, please let Lyndall know by email so she can arrange appropriate invoices.

Members who wish to alter membership status should apply to the Membership Committee.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – Michael Moore

Dear colleagues

My warm wishes to all for the fast approaching holiday season and a very Happy New Year.

We've recently had our AGM, noting that Mary Cameron has stepped-down from the EC after many years, including 3 as our President. Whilst her experience, talent and good humour will be sorely missed, she remains very actively involved with the Training. We also note with pleasure that Natasha Bonnin has joined the EC and we welcome the enthusiastic intelligence she brings. My full report is below as are the other reports from the Committees.

To update my report, we recently had our end of year party with over 30 attending at the Welcome Hotel. It was a great venue with excellent service; a really enjoyable occasion. Fittingly Lyndall was the major winner of the lucky door prize and Julie Fletcher (2012 trainee) the runner-up. Profound thanks to Dorothy Francis for organising the event so well.

The lecture by visiting Swiss psychiatrist, Werner Tschan, went very well, including a successful trial of live-streaming with 18 attendees via that mode.

Prior to that, the now annual Dadirri weekend was held at Fitzroy Falls. There were many enjoyable aspects to the weekend as well as some serious discussions. We are still digesting the ideas to improve the organisation that emerged, and it was heartening to have more non-EC members attend. It was great to reconnect with Penny Jools who came up from Tasmania to facilitate one session and we gratefully acknowledge Laurie Lovell-Simons' contribution in facilitating the other meeting. Everyone of course contributed to the weekend but a special thanks to Belinda Keatinge, Dorothy and Jan Williams for their organisational passion and expertise.

On a sobering note, we do have a number of members or relatives

contending with serious health issues over the last few months. One that is public is that of Craig Powell, now retired, who remains seriously ill in Royal North Shore hospital. There are many in NSWIPP with close connections to Craig who may not be aware of his situation. We wish Craig, as well as the others, all the best in their different health journeys.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank everyone for their support for me over my first year as President. In particular, Dorothy, Anne-Marie and the EC, but behind the scenes, there have been many kind and practical gestures from others in NSWIPP. We are in good shape and I look forward to the next year.

Warm wishes again,

*Michael*

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## NSWIPP AGM 2017

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The AGM marks the first year of the new Executive. Looking back, it has been a very active year in NSWIPP which, I'm pleased to say, has mostly involved organizing important activities, continuing and consolidating current activities and managing a lot of change. This has involved considerable time and energy for all concerned, not just for the EC, but also right through NSWIPP. Whether it is reading and responding to all the emails, attending events, formal engagement with committees and teaching etc – we can all feel proud of the year. From my PPAA perspective, NSWIPP is now looked to as the benchmark for addressing all the complex matters shared by psychoanalytic organisations. We are in good health.

I don't want this report to seem just about the EC, but NSWIPP is very fortunate to have such a talented and hardworking Executive. The reports will speak for themselves, but I need to highlight a number of specific achievements. Our Treasurer, Jan Williams, has done a massive job of reviewing and modernising our financial processes over this year. At this AGM, we will at last have a professional budget and an ongoing, inexpensive

accounting system in place. This wouldn't have been possible without Lyndall Rees coming on board with the new bookkeeping system. Belinda Keatinge, as the new Chair of the MAB, has similarly reviewed many aspects of membership processes and procedures whilst at the same time trying to become familiar with her role. We need to thank her for being up for the challenge, one that has been partly precipitated by many and varied applications for membership, indeed a welcome challenge. Whether it has been leading the organisation of social events, members' lunches, educational activities, the website etc: no one has been busier than Dorothy Francis this year. I also can't thank her enough personally for her support, energy and wisdom as President-Elect over the year.

Mary Cameron has decided to step-down from the EC at the AGM, after many years in many roles (including President). She will still be very involved in the Training and this year she has been overseeing the Ethics activities resulting in a thorough revision and update of our Code of Ethics. Her passionate commitment to NSWIPP at this level will definitely be missed.

Maria Kourt has continued to make significant contributions to the MAB and EC business, particularly with the Affiliates and mentoring. She has also been in a role with Jan and financial matters.

Last but not least, even after 3 years as President, Anne-Marie Swan continues to be very engaged with all in NSWIPP as well as within the PPAA. As well, Anne-Marie's leadership contributions are highly valued and used regularly, making her a special Immediate Past-President.

To highlight a couple of items from my ATAB report, this year has seen the successful first year of the 2016 training group, the transition of Joanne Coulthard and Claire Pattison from the 2012 group to membership, as well as Laurie Lovell-Simons and Leonie Sullivan stepping-down from the Board. Laurie has been on the Board, including its Chair in the past, for almost 20 years and Leonie not far behind. We need to acknowledge and thank them for their outstanding contribution to NSWIPP and the ATAB. Coming onto the Board this year, we thank Jo Barnes and Sheriff Rewais.

Natasha Bonnin will also be involved with the 2016 group.

To touch on some other notable initiatives: the Dadirri weekend is now an established annual event and is on again from Nov 10-12 at Fitzroy Falls; a "pod" consisting of Natasha, Donna Jacobs and Jo Barnes is working on Peer Group issues; the Reading Group overseen by Anne-Marie continues this year; we will pilot "live-streaming" at the Werner Tschan seminar Nov 14; the consulting room established by Jan and Anne-Marie at the premises is now a reliable source of income and point of contact with non-NSWIPP professionals; and Anne-Marie, Dorothy and Jane Davidson created an excellent position statement on Marriage Equality for our Website.

In terms of some of challenges ahead, our Website has been needing a coordinator for some time and I've mentioned previously that we are very appreciative of Joanne Coulthard taking up the role and beginning to grapple with the task. The CEAB function remains carried by the EC and although a lot of thought and activity has taken place, we haven't been able to create a new committee at this point in time. A new Chair of Training has also not materialised. Our financial situation is stable, but we are vulnerable to interest rate rises and expenses related to maintaining the premises.

We are very much aware of the above issues and are working on them. We are also doing everything possible not to increase our membership fees as we know this is a very important issue to many. For example, at the most recent EC meeting, we decided to absorb a recent increase in the fees we pay to the PPAA.

Overall though, I hope it is agreed that NSWIPP is thriving, and that is something that we can all be proud of going into 2018.

Michael Moore, President

***[please see appendix at end of newsletter for other AGM reports]***

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## End of Year Party 3<sup>rd</sup> December...



Members Lunch 9<sup>th</sup> September...



Memories of Dadirri 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> November...





## ROOMS FOR LEASE

### ROOMS FOR RENT NSWIPP – Mitchell St, GLEBE

Professional Consulting room/s available for rent on sessional or weekly basis.

Suitable for psychiatrist/ psychologist/ psychotherapist.

Ideally located off Glebe Point Road. Parking on site.

Furnished, light, air-conditioned and with its own private access.

There is access to a large meeting/group room and shared kitchen facilities with our association.

Contact Jan Williams: 0425 288 916  
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### Sessional Consulting Rooms

#### St Leonards

Professional consulting rooms available in established psychotherapy practice conveniently located opposite Royal North Shore

Hospital, three minutes' walk from St Leonards Station.

Rooms are well lit, air conditioned, and sound proofed. Wi-fi access is provided.

Amenities include staffroom with kitchen facilities and underground secure parking.

Hourly, half-day or full day sessions available.

*For further information please call  
9436 3031*

### PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOTHERAPY CONSULTING ROOMS

#### BONDI JUNCTION

Attractive consulting rooms in Bondi Junction

Available for rent (part-time) in small practice with other psychoanalytically-oriented psychotherapists and NSWIPP members.

Rooms are furnished and are ideally suited to a clinician who does not require a receptionist; they are well-located, close to trains and buses at Bondi Junction station.

Availability: Most weekdays, and Saturdays

Rates: to be discussed and includes electricity and cleaning

Contact: Donna Jacobs on 0409 743 902, or  
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### ROOM FOR RENT ROSEVILLE

Spacious room available for lease in small psychoanalytic psychotherapy practice (two clinicians) from March 2018.

Pleasant location, close to train station.

Best suited to full time practitioner.

All enquiries to Dr Paul Schimmel 02 94158498 or [pschimmel51@gmail.com](mailto:pschimmel51@gmail.com)

# NSWIPP AGM 2017 REPORTS

## TREASURER'S REPORT

I took over as Treasurer from December 2016 and what a steep learning curve. Lyndall, Michael and Belinda have been extremely patient with my bumbblings. Maria has always been ready to offer support. I appreciate even more the tasks and decisions that befell Eva Balint as she steered our organisation through its property owning development. Our property and training programmes are significant aspects of providing our membership with a secure base. As it stands equity in our property is nearly \$700,000. Repayments (interest and capital) are \$7200 a month. The loan was over a 15 year period and there is a little over 12 years left to pay the loan. Despite this when we attempted to negotiate an extension of time and/or an overdraft with our bank, we were refused because of our very tight cash flow situation. However we have the option of a further loan if required. At the end of 2016 we needed to draw down from our property fund \$20,000 to cover operational costs until the membership fees started to come in. Prior to the end of the financial year we called for donations which are of course tax deductible and a number of members were very generous. This will enable roof repairs to proceed, hopefully before the summer storms!! Income from memberships was \$57,000. There were a number of successful applications for partly retired membership category. However membership numbers have risen and this has allowed us to keep membership fees at their current level for the following year. We are all nervous about raising fees over the \$1600 mark! This financial year we have changed our bookkeeping practices to an online system with a new accountant who along with myself has direct access to accounts at all times. We hope Lyndall will be left with a simpler system, reports able to be done in-house and a budget for the year able to be reported against. Lyndall has learnt the new system extremely well. Members are asked to learn the system as well, as all payments will now be made against supplied invoices, members will be invoiced their membership fees and are asked to use the reference number on the invoice. Payment by credit card is discouraged via a 3% surcharge and I'm very pleased nearly all payments are occurring via bank transfer. This will free up Lyndall's time to provide support to the training and outreach programmes. I would like to note on record my appreciation of Lyndall's diligence and patience as she has learnt this new system. In relation to the actual accounts, electricity up and that won't change. There were continued accounting and legal costs related to the dispersal of the property trust and some of which will be in the 2017/18 expenses. At the end of the 2016 /17 financial year we called for donations to the Building Fund. As of end June 2016 over \$4000 was received. Thank you for those contributions. We will call again prior to the end of 17/18 as it is a substantial help in maintaining the property. Membership fee invoices will go out in the New Year and a reminder to all members, according to our constitution fees must be paid by June 30. Overall it has been a very tight year financially, we have kept costs as low as possible, everyone has cooperated with the difficulties and we can look forward to greater financial security in the years to come.

*Jan Williams, Treasurer*

## ETHICS AND VALUES COMMITTEE

The Ethics committee has for the last twelve months consisted of the Chair, Mary Cameron, the President, Michael Moore and immediate past President, Anne-Marie Swan. Dorothy Francis, President Elect, will join the Ethics committee when I step down at the AGM and resign from the Executive. I am pleased to report that we have had no Ethics issues to be considered this year.

We have continued to spend some time this year re-writing the Code of Ethics and Values in line with the PPA Code of Ethics. This task was completed a couple of months ago thanks to the final editing by Michael. We have begun to review the Colleague Support and Mediation Resource document and the Grievance Resolution Procedures document. These documents were intended for use in the case of internal conflicts and disputes for which the Colleague Support and Mediation Resource (CSAMR) was set up many years ago. We have now extended the brief of the CSAMR members to include external matters such as a complaint by a member of the public about a member. We hope to complete the review of these documents in the next few months.

There are several senior members who have agreed to be colleague resource members. They are appointed annually and have agreed to be available for consultation with members who have concerns or issues within the organization. They are also available to serve, on request from the Ethics Committee, on an ad hoc committee if required to investigate complaints. The Ethics Committee would not be directly involved in investigations but would be kept informed about the process as relevant and of the outcome.

*Mary Cameron, Chair of Ethics*

## ADULT TRAINING ADVISORY BOARD

Please refer to previous reports and newsletters.

Current Board: Michael Moore (acting-Chair), Eva Balint, Jo Barnes, Mary Cameron, Dorothy Francis, Sheriff Rewais, Laurie Lovell-Simons and Leonie Sullivan. Lyndall Rees Administration support.

Focusing on the 3 training groups to begin with, this year has seen Joanne Coulthard and Claire Pattison of the 2012 group, complete their training and progress to membership of NSWIPP. A well-deserved congratulation to both and their membership presentations were excellent. Jill Abeshouse, Julie Fletcher, Tuan Nguy are continuing with their cases and seminars. Kate Stewart and Maureen Logan are currently on some leave from the training which we hope is temporary. Mary Cameron has been their group liaison person.

The 2014 group of Lindsay Both, Judy Dowling, Robert Eidus, Eng Lim, Lachlan McPhail and Ian Thorburn have completed the 3-year seminar program and continue to meet for fortnightly seminars and work on cases. The group are at very different stages in relation to their case experiences. Antonio Simonelli withdrew from the training at the end of 2016. Laurie Lovell-Simons has been their group liaison person.

The 2016 group of Farideh Absalan, John Conaghan, Yael Levy, Hassan Mehdi, Swapnil Sharma and Kathy Watson are all established in their Infant Observations,



many nearing the 12-month mark. They will be commencing their 3-year seminar program in February 2018. Sheriff Rewais has begun in his role as their group liaison person and we much appreciate his willingness to be involved in the training.

6 of our trainees attended the PPAA Trainee conference in Fremantle this year with all three training groups represented.

We are using video-conferencing for all 3 groups at stages, having set-up the seminar room technology. A big thank you to Steen Rees for his ongoing IT support.

As I've expressed in previous reports, when you think about everyone involved in the training - the Trainee Advisers, Seminar leaders, Supervisors, the Supervisors' group, Infant Observation leaders, Progress Subcommittee, Unit Coordinators, Curriculum Subcommittee and the Board - it involves the energy, time and expertise of almost the entire organisation. I won't go into detail about individuals in this report but it reflects very positively on the health of NSWIPP.

Turning to Board matters, I've previously acknowledged that Laurie and Leonie Sullivan are stepping-down from the Board at the AGM after an amazingly dedicated period of service. Both will still be involved in various capacities, particularly Laurie. Jo Barnes and Sheriff have come onto the Board. Natasha Bonnin will be working with Sheriff and the 2016 group with the group processing component of the training. Sue Fry has stepped-up to be the Chair of the PSC.

I have continued as acting-Chair in lieu of a successor. My thanks to everyone for helping to make this admittedly demanding situation feasible. I would also like to acknowledge the invaluable role Lyndall plays in helping to make it all work.

*Michael Moore, Chair of ATAB*

## **MEMBERSHIP ADVISORY BOARD**

The MAB has remained stable this year with Donna Jacobs, Maria Kourt and myself as the board members.

2017 has been a bumper year for membership with 4 new members, Natasha Bonnin, Joanne Coulthart, Mee Hee Douglas and Claire Pattison, joining our ranks and with a further two applicants soon to be on the guest list and working towards presentation.

It has been wonderful to see so many of our membership attending the presentations and I know that everyone who came was richly rewarded with the interesting cases presented. It is a reminder how the sharing of clinical work in this way is so much the bread and butter of our shared passion for the work.

The member's lunch on 9<sup>th</sup> September was a very enjoyable and welcoming way to confer new membership certificates to our 4 new members and one new associate from last year, Deborah Rozea. Thank you to Dorothy for this new initiative and to everyone who contributed to such a happy afternoon.

Of particular interest have been applications from members from others PPAA state Membership organisations. This created a novel situation in that as members of sister organisations, their path to

membership of NSWIPP, while not automatic, was expected to be without difficulty. This has necessitated, in consultation with the EC, a reworking of our application processes, including a new application form for interstate PPAA applicants to reflect this difference.

We have also been working on better documentation of the different categories of membership, which is proving a long and often confusing and confounding task that will continue with fresh eyes in 2018.

Donna has taken a special interest in reviewing peer groups and has formed a pod with Natasha Bonnin and Joanna Barnes. You will all have received the questionnaire recently which aims to map the current peer groups and look for ways of including new members and of creating opportunities for cross fertilisation within NSWIPP.

Maria is working to create more opportunities for our affiliates to encourage their interest in the work and perhaps training. An afternoon tea where clinical work is discussed is planned for the New Year.

There has been one new application for change to Partly Retired Status bringing their number to 10, no retirements or resignations, and no new affiliates, although we have one new enquiry for affiliate status.

So with our 4 new members this has swelled our ordinary membership from 53 last year to 57 this year!

- Ordinary= 37
- Rural - 1
- Hon Members 3
- Partly-retired = 10
- Retired = 6
- Associate = 1
- Resigned= none resigned last financial year (last person to resign was Helen Kvelde on 30 June 2016)
- Affiliates = 4
- Guest list =nil

Thank you to Maria and Donna and to the EC, particularly Michael for all their work and support through this busy and sometimes challenging year.

*Belinda Keatinge, Chair MAB*

## **SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS & SOCIAL EVENTS**

During the past year the functions of the CEAB committee continued to be run by the Executive Committee.

A range of professional development events and social activities were organised that attracted wide participation and provided an opportunity for Members to meet, interact and get to know each other in a range of formal and informal settings.

The events listed below provided opportunities for members to be involved on different days and times and provided an opportunity for people who might not be able to meet on a Monday night to mix with other members.

There has been anecdotal feedback to EC members that these events have provided a warm, welcoming and inclusive atmosphere and that some participants

have been drawn to be more involved in the life of the Institute as a result of them.

Moving forward we continue to think of ways of offering professional development events that are innovative, relevant and contemporary.

We are hopeful to be able to offer where appropriate live streaming for events in the coming year that will enable members outside of Sydney to be more involved and will also extend our Outreach opportunities.

#### **CEAB & Social events since 2016 AGM (21 Nov 2016)**

##### **2016:**

**25 November:** Social night at The Merton Hotel

**28 November:** Scientific Meeting: Tim Keogh – "A window into the world of community psychoanalysis: Attempting to dream together"

##### **2017:**

**25 February:** Members' lunch

**11 March:** Social night at The Merton Hotel

**27 March:** Scientific Meeting: Michael Moore – "Postcard from Melbourne - My experience of Dynamic Interpersonal Therapy (DIT) training"

**30 April:** Theatre visit – "Hysteria" (Darlinghurst Theatre)

**22 May:** Scientific Meeting: Joanna Barnes – "Ethical Issues and Dilemmas arising in the clinical situation"

**30 June:** Social night at The Merton Hotel

**28 August:** Outreach event: Eng-Kong Tan – "When Freud meets the Buddha –integrating Analytic Psychotherapy and Buddhist Psychology"

**9 September:** Member's lunch

**25 September:** Scientific Meeting: Liz Kerr – "Thinking about Projective Identification"

**28 October:** Outreach event : Isla Lonie Memorial Lecture presented by Dr Anne-Marie Swan – 'Working at The Extreme Edge: The Legacy of Donald Winnicott'

*Dorothy Francis, Honorary Secretary*

#### **PREMISES SUBCOMMITTEE**

No exciting trips to Ikea this year as we have been largely containing costs and are looking at the present and longer-term building maintenance issues. We are very fortunate to have excellent tenants in both the consulting room and the flat. We have discarded the services of the real estate agent to save costs and because the tenants always make contact directly in any case. The consulting room has Mondays and Wednesdays available to let. Tuesday and Thursday mornings have casual bookings available. There is the occasional renting out of the large group room to ANZAP and on one occasion to a body corporate AGM. We are about to increase the rent of the flat by \$15/week. Unfortunately, the library remains largely in boxes in the storeroom as transport to Zimbabwe is very expensive. There was talk of a joint fundraising

between CAPFA and NSWIPP for the transport, but this has gone off our radar.

Regular maintenance such as cleaning, gardening, pest inspections, fire inspections, purchase of "household supplies" is managed between us with Lyndall's help. Audio visual, internet maintenance and modification are managed by Michael Moore with the assistance of Steen Rees. We are very grateful for this work and hope there is more expertise standing in the wings.

Of course, as with any building there are the usual property crises that require immediate attention. Roof leaks again, blocked sewers, showers leaking, bathroom taps dripping. We are very ably assisted by our handyman, Will Milne.

We are again threatening to have a January "working Bee" so keep an eye open for invitations!!

*Jan Williams, Chair Premises Subcommittee*

#### **PPAA COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

##### **1. Revised Constitution:**

The Constitution of the PPPAA has finally been revised since the PPAA left PACFA. The single most important change in the new Constitution is the elimination of individual Membership of the PPAA. Membership is now comprised of Member Associations only as was its original position before joining PACFA. PACFA required individual membership which created complications for the PPAA.

A legal issue with regard to voting rights in the PPAA became apparent and was advised to Member Associations in 2007. This matter related to 'deeming'. Individual Members of Member Associations could only claim Membership of the PPPAA and therefore claim voting rights if they were deemed to be Members by their Membership of their Member Association. This needed to be clearly stated by means of the insertion of a deeming clause in the Constitution of each Member Association.

The Constitution of NSWIPP currently does not contain such a clause and therefore individual Members are not eligible to vote on the new Constitution of the PPAA.

PPAA delegates (currently Michael Moore, Anne-Marie Swan and Julie Smee) are eligible to vote with the authorisation of the Executive Committee of NSWIPP and will vote in favour of the Revised PPAA Constitution which will simply restore the situation of Members being Members of the PPAA by being Members of their Member Association.

The revised PPAA Constitution is freely available to Members who may wish to study it and if any Member has questions or concerns about this matter they are welcome to contact any one of the PPAA delegates.

##### **2. The Australasian Confederation of Psychoanalytic Psychotherapies-**

The idea of the Confederation grew out of the decision of psychoanalytic organisations to leave PACFA in 2009 when it became clear that PACFA was more concerned to support and give preference to counselling than to psychoanalytic psychotherapy.

A Draft Deed of Agreement has now been drawn up between The Australian Association of Group Psychotherapists (AAGP), The Australian

and New Zealand Society of Jungian Analysts (ANZSJA), The Australian Psychoanalytical Society (APAS) and the Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Association of Australasia (Inc.) (PPAA).

The PPAA delegates to the Confederation are Paul McEvoy and Ros Webb who were also the delegates to PACFA.

The Confederation Steering Committee envisages a Confederation that will provide a powerful and effective voice for psychoanalytic psychotherapy in Australasia.

It is also envisaged that the Confederation will provide a vehicle to facilitate greater cohesion between psychoanalytic associations through cross-fertilisation.

Clearly the Confederation will require input from Member Associations in the way of administration and resources.

The Draft Deed is currently under consideration by PPAA delegates and is available to interested Members.

3. Fee Rise-The PPAA levy has risen by \$30 per Member in view of its depleted finances.

The Executive is currently considering ways in which to absorb this without raising Membership Fees.

We have requested an extension to January 2018 to consider our position regarding our own financial position and this has been granted.

4. New Chair of Training-

Priscilla Maxwell has enthusiastically taken on the role of Chair of Training of the PPAA which is a relief to our beleaguered President!!

There is increasing interest in increased cooperation between Member Associations in the sharing of resources using Internet technologies.

Attendance at the PPAA Conference by trainees in recent years has been welcomed by trainees and Members and appears to be working well which should facilitate increased participation in the PPAA Conference in future years.

5. 2019 PPAA Conference-

NSWIPP is due to host the Conference in 2019 which will require the formation of a Conference Pod or Steering Committee. Volunteers gratefully accepted.

*Anne-Marie Swan, PPAA Delegate*