

ANZACPE AGM 2017: President's Report

On the 16th June 1985, a group of 13 CPE supervisors representing their CPE Associations from across New Zealand and Australia met in Melbourne, to discuss the formation of an Australia and New Zealand Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. The leading organiser behind those discussions was Rev'd Keith Little from NSW, who acted as Secretary in the formation of ANZACPE in 1990. It is humbling to realize that of those 13 supervisors, I am the only one of that group who is still actively involved in ANZACPE. Some have died; others have moved in different directions; while others retired from active participation. As I reflect on my 37 years as a member of this Australian and New Zealand CPE community, I am thankful for the generous and warm-hearted colleagues who welcomed me into their midst, who challenged my assumptions, who held a vision and a space for learning and participation. It is in this spirit of warmth and thankfulness, that I welcome you to this 27th Annual General Meeting. A special welcome to those of you who have joined us for the first time or even the second time. May you find many connections with supervisors from other member associations.

Today, greetings come to us from Roy Alexander in New Zealand and Patricia Kelly in Bunbury. Both convey their best wishes and blessing of the work of ANZACPE, and I circulate their Greetings for all of us to read. I thank them for their continued interest and support, which is vital as we seek to move forward to engage with the changes that our present context demands of us. During the year we lost in death, a special member of our community the Rev'd Joan Dalloway from New Zealand. As the first woman Anglican priest in our Association, Joan modelled for us a feminine way of being both priest and supervisor and I thank Kath Maclean for reminding us of Joan's gifts and contributions. I also wish to thank, on your behalf, each of the Office Bearers of the Association for the way they have fulfilled their roles so faithfully. In particular, I want to express my gratitude to Shirley Nash our secretary, as she withdraws from this position at the end of this Conference. Shirley, you have been a pivotal person in our midst, faithful in your communications with the Executive and the Member Associations, holding us together with your Minutes and notifications. A second office bearer Dan Murphy, has also alerted me to his needing to relinquish the role of Registrar, having been in this role since 2014. Dan you have taken us into the digital age of recording, reminding us of the value of our record keeping and membership. Both Dan and Shirley you have made a significant contribution to the smooth functioning of ANZACPE and we thank you.

The Office Bearers and Executive members representing the Member Associations have met in Teleconference three times in the last 12 months with a fourth face to face Executive meeting yesterday, before we left the Seasons. During 2016/17 we took up the challenge of your responses to the paper "Where to from now for ANZACPE" working on three of the five priorities. These are:

1. Common CPE programme standards, processes for accreditation of supervisors and a common language around CPE supervisory titles and programmes
2. Fostering collegiality, networking, cross fertilization of ideas, resourcing and learning, mentoring and supporting
3. Developing relationships and affiliation with tertiary institutions, professional bodies and other accrediting bodies for recognition of CPE Programmes and CPE Supervisors' accreditation.

The other two priorities were: 4. Promote member associations and ANZACPE as the peak body for the provision of supervisory education and accreditation within pastoral/spiritual care. And 5. Work towards agreeing on a unified CPE voice in Aust/NZ for recognition and standing beyond ANZACPE. In focussing on three priorities, the membership should be aware of the voluntary nature of the executive and our significant limitations.

I am particularly grateful for the way that John McAlpine has committed to work on a series of three draft models for a trial of Common Standards for Basic and Advanced CPE Programmes and accreditation at Level I Supervisor. John has also proposed a common language for describing programmes and supervisory levels of CPE and it is our hope that at this Conference we can agree on recommendations to the Member Associations for a consensus on language and standards for these

three levels of CPE. John will lead us tomorrow with further opportunity for us to work together on this priority.

Living within the global web, with our dependency on digital technology, as one of my students reminded me, can be a blessing or a curse. With every good intention, ANZACPE members sought to connect across member associations and supervisory levels. However, the technology which promises so much, often let's us down. Special thanks must go to Cathy Brown and her husband's business for enabling the Executive members to connect for the ANZACPE teleconferences through "Go to meeting" software. Bernadette Wurlod our Vice President took up the second priority of fostering collegiality and networking between Member Associations, inviting responses for how this priority could be developed. However, connecting digitally with more than one person at any time proved a hindrance. Here in Perth we struggled through intermittent broadband and wifi to involve our rural CPE supervisor and rural members in our Association meetings. The frustrations proved too great an obstacle. Latterly, an attempt to connect with both John McAlpine and Peter Powell at the one time, to discuss the Diana Goss Award, proved impossible. I have now brought this situation to our Executive in the hope that ANZACPE can subscribe to connect its members with software that will enable the member associations and members to connect in ways that can make collegiality and discussion a reality. Cathy has been a pillar of strength and advice in this regard, as she has is in all matters financial. I thank her for her help and guidance on the ANZACPE insurance and technology, and for her readiness to respond when difficulties arise.

During 2017, ANZACPE representatives were invited to two different Conferences:

1. Two representatives from ANZACPE were invited to participate in the Spiritual Care Australia National Consensus Conference on Enhancing Quality and Safety in Spiritual Care in Healthcare settings. At the request of the Executive Dan Murphy and Wendy McKay agreed to represent ANZACPE, and we thank Wendy and Dan for taking up the challenge to attend, participate and contribute to the discussions.
2. Notification of the Regional Asia Pacific Pastoral Care and Counseling Congress, to take place in Jakarta, Indonesia between 19th – 22nd September 2017 arrived on June 1st. The late notification made it difficult for either David Glenister or Jenni Wegener to attend on our behalf. As a result, the Executive invited Sarah Kinstead (NSWCCPE) who has links with the pastoral care community in Jakarta, to attend.

The core work of ANZACPE to this point has been the coordination and oversight of the Level II Supervisory Accreditation Reviews and the work of Professional Standards. Our thanks go out to Professional Standards Chair, Allison Whitby who during the year organized 5 Reviews (2 then cancelled) with a further organization of 11 Reviews (1 then cancelled) occurring Pre-Conference in Perth. The logistics of all these Review Committees were considerable, requiring much negotiation and communication with many individuals. Amazingly, Allison enabled all the PreConference arrangements to be in place by the 11th May, which meant that the Conference Planning committee could ensure an appropriate venue for the Reviews. Allison, thank you for your oversight, your generous gift of time and attention to such important matters. We deeply value your wise contribution and organization skills. The costs to accommodate the review committee members in Perth were considerable, with deep concern that it may no longer be feasible for all these costs to be born by ANZACPE members attending the Conference. The Executive has made some recommendations regarding the funding of these Review costs which have been circulated for your information. This matter will be taken up later in the AGM.

I commend to you the work of Bob Kempe in regard to the oversight of the website and also to his researching the information regarding ANZACPE's liaison with tertiary bodies for CPE recognition and qualification. I don't know about you, but I find myself going into the ANZACPE website regularly to seek member Association information and also to check ANZACPE documentation. This leads me to flag the ongoing need to update our Manual and Interim Constitution, so that we can seek a path to become a legal entity.

On that final note I ask that the President's report be received.