

# **REPORT TO NZAP AGM, MARCH 2019**

## **Otauhai Canterbury Branch**

The branch has been active this year. A committee of four people meet monthly to organise branch meetings and branch business. Our monthly meetings, held in the inner city, have attracted good numbers, ranging from around twenty to twenty six people. A number of people meet for a meal prior to the meeting.

We are delighted to have four Provisional Members on the Advanced Clinical Pathway, and four new members from diverse psychotherapeutic modalities (Gestalt, Psychodrama, and Self Psychology), join via the Registration pathway. They generously introduced themselves, and their work, at a branch meeting. We have several student members, and some members of NZAC who attend meetings at times. We welcome their attendance.

Events of the year included a rich and stimulating bicultural case presentation by Donni Riki, and this was so appreciated that we invited her back to facilitate a workshop, “How Do We Talk About Talking About Biculturalism”. Mark Murphy and Andrew Gresham co-facilitated a stimulating and useful conversation entitled, “Dialogue on difference in the Otautahi – Christchurch Branch: creativity, pitfalls, rivalries and terrors.” Other valued presentations were from local members Beatriz Schechter on “Working in the Transference”, Siobhan Collins on “Unforeseen Endings,” and several sessions from Martin Dorahy on “Shame”.

We were delighted to acknowledge and honour our distinguished retired elders, Jan Currie, Helen Campbell and Robyn Hewland at our midwinter meal. Remembering the vast contributions they have each made to psychotherapy in Otautahi Christchurch, and hearing from Jan, made for a special evening.

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Convenor