

REPORT TO NZAP AGM, MARCH 2019

Dunedin Branch

We started the year with the NZAP Conference held at Balmacewen Golf Course. The theme was “stages of life” and was well attended by members. The Conference Committee did a great job. The branch is in good heart and we have built on this successful start to the year.

We continued this throughout the year having presentations on suicidality and a further presentation from a representative of the Dunedin Study.

We have had several international presenters, one with the use of live streaming being Servaas Van Beekham of Holland, a Transactional Analysis practitioner and educator. Bill Cornell also presented despite a gruelling workshop schedule.

Several members were generous to present papers, namely Marianne Quinn on couples work, Sandra Buchanan on the influence of Leonard Cohen’s work in psychotherapy, Natalie Franklin on end of life therapy, to mention a few. Several people who completed their ACP also presented throughout the year. A book review was continued as part of the night from the previous year and these were well received.

Sadly we had to say goodbye to Sandra Turner, a valuable stalwart of NZAP who met her untimely death after her illness with cancer. She fought her fight so bravely and is greatly missed by all.

We also bade farewell to Marian Vlaar who retired and departed Dunedin for the sunnier climes of Nelson.

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