

**Report:** To NZAP Council

**Re:** Ata: Journal of Psychotherapy Aotearoa New Zealand

**Dates:** 8 November 2021

**From:** Co-editor John O'Connor (on behalf of fellow co-editor Wiremu Woodard)

## **Introduction**

Kia Ora Koutou

Work on the Journal for 2021 has progressed well. We were pleased to publish our most recent issue in September 2021, (Volume 25, Number 1). We are now preparing our next issue, December 2021, Volume 25, Number 2.

## **Contents of September 2021 issue:**

Four of the papers in this issue arose directly out of the New Zealand Association of Psychotherapists' (NZAP) 2021 online conference, "Te Ipu Taiao – The Climate Crucible". These four papers directly explore the enormous challenges of the climate crisis, and their implications for psychotherapists and psychotherapeutic work. Four further papers reflected on varying aspects of psychotherapeutic work. Each paper, despite considerable differences in approach and topic, invites the reader to explore how emotional honesty, no matter how painful, might allow in each of us greater creativity, as we face the losses, terrors and potentials that lie ahead and before us, clinically, and in our lives. We hope the combination of articles in this issue proved enriching for readers, particularly during these times of considerable disturbance and ongoing grief.

We thank Hineira Woodard for her generous and expert work providing te reo Māori interpretations of the abstracts; tēnā koe, Hineira. Our considerable thanks to our creative, skilful, and eagle-eyed designer, Katy Yiakmis; tēnā koe, Katy. Thank you to Nikky Winchester for her dedicated and skilful work as assistant editor: tēnā koe Nikky. We thank Nigel Brown for the artwork which appears on the cover of this issue. Nigel's stunning work was originally designed as the logo for "Te Ipu Taiao – The Climate Crucible", the 2021 NZAP Conference. It evocatively captures the theme of the conference and much of the writing in this issue; tēnā koe, Nigel. We also thank Glenn Frei of Milford Galleries, Queenstown, for supplying the image of Nigel's artwork; tēnā koe Glenn.

## **December 2021 issue**

We have received seven submissions for the December 2021 issue and are currently in the peer review process with the submissions. The December issue will be a generic issue, with papers on various aspects of psychotherapy, particularly within the Aotearoa New Zealand context.

## **Conclusion**

We the co-editors of the journal, Wiremu Woodard and John O'Connor are enjoying working together, in collaboration with writers with diverse perspectives in relation to psychotherapy

particularly within the Aotearoa New Zealand context. We are looking forward to continuing to develop the Journal, and in particular to the publication of the next issue, which we anticipate will provide stimulating and engaging reading.

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

John O'Connor

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