Hi <<First Name>>

Welcome to our latest newsletter, bringing you up to date with news and important developments.

MThNZ Chair Report - News and Important Updates

Linda Webb MNZM

As acknowledged in my November report, I would like to reiterate my thanks to all Council members for their ongoing support and the significant workload that they collectively continue to achieve on behalf of the membership. A special thank you also to Jenny who left the administrators role last week. She came into the then 15 hours a week position at the end of June last year. As a result of our review of the administration position in the interim, we have identified that the workload actually requires 25 hours per week. Knowing that 15 hours was an upper limit for Jenny in addition to her other commitments, we offered to look at employing another part time person to take up the additional time. However, Jenny has decided to not continue, and we appreciate her assistance in transitioning Lisa Stanley into the role over the last week and will miss her positive disposition and professionalism. A special thank you to Kerry too who has expedited recruiting Lisa on a temporary three month assignment through his connections with Consult Accounting & Finance Recruitment. She has a wealth of management, administrative and accounting experience that has involved working with a wide range of people...Keep Reading

Registrations and Memberships

Report from the Registrations and Memberships Working Party
Following an in-depth review of Registration and Membership fees, in December 2017 the 2018 Fee Structures adopted by both the MThNZ Council and Registration Board were announced. This was the first adjustment to the level set in Membership fees since April 2013 and represents a recognition of cost increases and the adoption of GST. However, it was subsequently noted that the increase in Corporate Fees and 2nd year Student Fees was beyond the level allowed in the MThNZ Rules, and so a further amendment was made in March – with our sincere apology. For more information on the Fees and categories for Membership and Registration ... Keep Reading

Practise Certificate Renewals for 2018/19 and new Registrations are due now. Memberships subscriptions are due 1April 2018

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**The Excitement of Research and Study Leave!**

Dr Daphne Rickson

I am writing from Edinburgh Scotland, where I am 'snowed in', and 'cut off from the rest of the world' as a result of the 'beast from the east' striking these shores. I am here as part of my research and study leave (RSL) from Victoria University of Wellington, which runs from December 2017 to June 2018. This leave, also known as 'sabbatical', enables staff to work on research tasks away from the university.

Being awarded RSL meant I could travel to London to attend and present at the British Association for Music Therapy conference. This was, as anticipated, a rich event incorporating a full range of academic and practice papers, roundtables and workshops – and an appropriate level of collegial fun and frolicking..... Keep Reading

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**Library News and Book Reviews**

**IHC Library News**

May Clulee, MThNZ IHC Library Liaison, mayclulee@mac.com

Here is the IHC Library Factsheet, which I hope will pique your interest in accessing the IHC Library. Apart from holding the Music Therapy NZ collection, the library also has a wide range of very useful resources about intellectual disability.
Only Connect: Poems and Stories from New Zealand Music Therapy
Book Review by Alison Talmage
This book, edited by Claire Molyneux, was published in 2017, and many of you will have attended the Wellington or Auckland launches. As a contributing author, it was a great pleasure to be part of this project, and I congratulate Claire on dreaming up, collating and editing this volume of writing - and on attracting the interest of Jessica Kingsley Publishers, who will reprint the book in 2018. With my editor's hat, I am pleased to bring you this review, by Caroline Miller, which will also be included in the 2018 issue of the NZ Journal of Music Therapy.

Awards and Events
Morva Croxson Prize for Emergent Writers
Council and the NZJMT Editor are delighted to announce the results of the 2017 Morva Croxson Prize for Emergent Writers. First place is awarded to Nolan Hodgson for his essay "He ora waiora: Music therapy and well-being in adolescent mental health". Second prize is awarded to Olly Lowery for "Case study: Individual music therapy with an elderly man in a palliative care setting".

CBR Neurological Choirs Workshop, in collaboration with MThNZ
An exciting gathering at the University of Auckland's Centre for Brain Research (CBR) held in 2017, was planned in response to the growing number of choirs,
singing groups and music therapy approaches for people living with a neurological condition. The CBR Music Therapy Week Neurological Choirs Workshop, in collaboration with MThNZ, was hosted by Professor Suzanne Purdy (Head of Speech Science at the University of Auckland, and the lead researcher with the CeleBRation Choir), and Alison Talmage RMTh and previously Shari Storie RMTh who lead the Choir.

Sing Up Rodney
Sing Up Rodney ended 2017 with two Christmas parties and started 2018 with our first birthday celebration – a year of singing, friendship and fun. This community music therapy group, mainly for people living with a neurological condition, is modelled on the CeleBRation Choir and was established in response to a community demand. Many couples participate together, and we have the support of a wonderful volunteer team.

AMTA call for abstracts – conference
September 2018
This year’s theme is: ‘Music Therapy the chameleon: exploring the diversity, scope and balance of adaption’.
As music therapists, we are constantly adapting
to a variety of landscapes, cultures, roles, people and politics. We adapt our approaches, technology, theories and research. We adapt to meet client needs, establish and maintain employment, and expand body of evidence. Such capacity for adaption has facilitated growth and development of our profession. It has also generated enormous diversity that is unique to music therapy. AMTA Conference website for updates and further information

Catching up with Singapore Music Therapists
In the spirit of international collegiality, May Clulee caught up with Music Therapy colleagues in Singapore during her recent trip to see family. May was a founder member of the Association for Music Therapy Singapore (AMTS), which recently celebrated its 10th year. She was excited to hear … Keep Reading
For more information about Music Therapy in Singapore visit www.musictherapy.org.sg

Events in 2018: with more information as it comes to hand...

- World Music Therapy Day was celebrated on 1st March - with the release of our video
- MThNZ AGM - this year in Auckland, Saturday 1 September 2018. Guest Speaker and call for Council nominations to follow
- AMTA Conference September
- Music Therapy Week will be held on 20th - 28th of October 2018. In line with World Music Therapy Day the suggested theme is ‘Spring into Music Therapy’
- 2020 World Congress is to be held in South Africa

Thanks and Introductions
It is with thanks and appreciation that I hand the reigns over to Lisa Stanley, newly appointed Administrator for MThNZ. As I have come to know members of the MThNZ Council individually and collectively, I have built trust in the vision they hold for this organisation and have great admiration for the work they do on behalf of the Members. I am especially grateful for the clarity, consideration and support from Linda and Kerry, with whom I’ve worked with most closely, and for the generous spirit and integrity of all Council Members and Registration Board team, whom I hold in high regard. My thanks also
to the Members I’ve had contact with during my time as Administrator, and for the wonderful work you do delivering Music Therapy in New Zealand. I leave knowing MThNZ is in good hands, and in very good heart.

Outgoing Administrator, Jenny Hutchings