

## ASACPEV President's Report for 2022 Annual General Meeting

As an Executive we have met six times since the last AGM and our meetings have covered a lot of ground. I offer my sincere thanks to all members of the Executive – Jane Monk, Andrew Harper, Tom Rose, Andrew Somerville, Shirley Nash, Fran Prem, Anne Wiczorek, Allison Whitby, Lauren Mosso, David Glenister and Stephen Delbridge. Together we have worked hard, wrestled with decisions, ensured process is followed and shared the workload of all that needs to happen.

A few years ago my husband Andrew and I were leading a weekly Young Adults group from our local church and one of the studies we offered explored making wise decisions. The premise was that pausing before making decisions in order to consider the following three guidelines would offer opportunity for wise decisions to be made:

1. Based on past experiences and
2. Considering present circumstances whilst
3. Contemplating future hopes and dreams

What is the wise thing to do?

In my role of President this year I have been taken again and again to these three things – our past, our present and our future.

At the end of last year I was involved in the collation and scanning of past R&C and Exec documents and I found it fascinating and humbling to consider the work of so many who have contributed to the establishment, development and formation of CPE within ASACPEV over many years. We have such a rich history of people grasping the vision of CPE, seeing the potential for training Pastoral Care practitioners and committing time, energy and passion into the development of the organisation.

We have considered how we adequately honour those who have contributed profoundly to the work of CPE in Victoria over many years and today we have opportunity to honour some of those people with Life Memberships and Honorary Fellow awards.

As an Executive we met early in the year for a Strategic Planning day providing us with the opportunity to consider what we do well as an organisation and what we could improve on and develop so that we can serve the CPE community in Victoria in the best possible way. We hope that 2023 will see some of those discussions come to fruition.

A huge task for this year was the successful organisation of the ANZACPE conference held in Melbourne in August. This event was attended by over 70 delegates representing all the ANZACPE Member associations and feedback was very positive. We were able to provide a variety of learning opportunities through key note speakers, daily workshops and a world café for discussion on the topics which were active for supervisors. A huge thank you goes out to the organising team – Jane Monk, Fran Prem, Andrew Harper, Anne Wiczorek, Tom Rose and David Glenister.

As an organisation we have continued to consider and adapt the way we incorporate the ANZACPE common standards into our own standards, ensuring our processes are clear and aiming to bring clarity for all those who work with the standards. I extend my thanks to the R&C, ably chaired by Tom Rose, for the continued work undertaken throughout the year.

This year has also been a busy year for Committees of Accreditation and Review of Accreditation. Throughout the year there have been 6 committees completed and during November and early December another 4 committees will be held, with the results still to be processed. As a result we are hopeful that by the years end, ASACPEV will have gained up to 8 new accredited Clinical Pastoral Supervisors and one new Clinical Pastoral Educator. This bodes well for the future of CPE in Victoria and we are extremely thankful to Jenni Wegener for organising the committees and for all those who were willing to be a member on a committee. I also offer my sincere thanks to all those who have encouraged, supported, mentored, supervised and educated the Supervisors in training.

There have been continuing conversations concerning the future of CPE and how to best educate Pastoral/Spiritual Care practitioners to be equipped to function in a fast paced, ever changing health care system. These conversations will continue and I am encouraged to recognise the voice and respect ASACPEV has in these discussions.

Our plan for the new year is to review and update ASACPEV's constitution and to ensure all policies pertaining to Executive matters are up to date. We will continue to provide training for our membership, and I thank those who so ably developed and led the Ethics workshop which was held earlier this afternoon.

I offer thanks today for each person here, for your commitment to CPE throughout Victoria, for your peership and for your willingness to be involved in the work of ASACPEV. May we together continue to grow, develop and make wise decisions based on past experiences, present circumstances and future hopes and dreams.

Respectfully submitted,

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