

# The Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand

*Te Poari o nga Kaihaumanu Hinengaro o Aotearoa*



**December 2015**



*Welcome to the fifth Board Newsletter for 2015. This issue brings you up to date with some of the Board related work since our last newsletter in September 2015.*

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## **Merry Christmas**

Eva and I along with the Board members would like to wish you a safe and happy Christmas shared with friends, family and loved ones. Safe travels!

## **Board Appointments**

The Board is pleased to announce that Bill Grant has been reappointed to the Board for a three year term.

## **APC Renewals**

The Board would like to thank all psychotherapists who completed their APC renewal process on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015.

## **Address details reminder**

This is a reminder to all practitioners to update their current address and contact details. Following the APC renewal process a number of certificates were returned to the office with either insufficient or invalid addresses.

Please login and keep your contact details updated throughout the year – thank you!

## **Recertification Audit**

The Board has contacted practitioners selected for Recertification Audit.

Those selected have been asked to provide their:

- 2014/2015 completed Recertification Plan; and their
- 2015/2016 Recertification Plan.

Recertification Plans and any supporting documentation have been requested before 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016. These can be sent via email, fax or mail.

Audits will be carried out in February 2016. Practitioners will be advised of the results of their audit in March 2016.

## **Professional Advisors – Expression of interest**

The Board is seeking expressions of interest from experienced psychotherapists to assess qualifications for registration against the Board's Comparable Qualifications Policy.

The role of Professional Advisor also includes other tasks which are outlined in the job description and terms of reference. These are located on the Board's [website](http://www.pbanz.org.nz). Please contact Eva

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(the Board's Registration Officer) with any questions.

## **Moving premises**

The Board has reached agreement with nine other health regulators to share some back office functions and premises.

22 Willeston Street will become the Board's new home in late February 2016. Also moving in will be the Nursing Council, the Chiropractic Board, the Dietitians Board, the Midwifery Council, the Occupational Therapy Board, the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board, the Osteopathic Council, the Podiatrists Board, the and Psychologists Board.

The move will see a more efficient use of space for all RA's, with a shared reception area and shared meeting and board rooms.

## **Christmas closing times**

The Board's office will close at midday on 23 December and reopen on Monday 11 January.

## **Board meeting dates for 2016**

February	26-27
May	1-2
July	22-23
September	11-12
November	25-26