

# AGM

## Bundaberg/Hervey Bay Branch

### Annual Report - Chair



Welcome to the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Bundaberg/Hervey Bay Branch of the Australian Psychological Society. It is again my honour and duty to inform and reflect on the past years activities our achievements, our challenges and some thoughts on our future and a way forward.

#### Summary of the year's events

- September - Dr Alanda Thompson; Pain Management
- October AGM dinner and guest speaker – MHR Lawyers
- November - National Psychology Week – individual activities conducted by local private practices.
- February – Annual Chair's meeting – Melbourne – 2 ½ days – HOT TOPICS were the Psychology Board of Australia, APHRA Registration, 4 +2 & 5 + 1 and related issues such as supervision, ATAPS, Medicare Locals and the APS College. There were break-out sessions on engaging branch members, using technology to communicate with members and professional development ideas.
- May – Inaugural Dinner meeting – Fraser Coast
- June - Helen Kambouridis (MAPS); Counselling Psychologist: Working with Child Sexual Abuse: Finding words for the unspoken, making sense of the absurd & identifying the work that can be done.
- August - Dr Jan Ewing MAPS, Clinical Neuropsychologist Clinical Psychologist - Using Hypnosis and EMDR in the Treatment of Complex Trauma: Clinical Tidbits and Food for Thought
- September – Beyond Blue – NEW ACCESS initiative – facilitated discussion at USQ & CQU

#### In General

- Currently we have 95 members of our local branch comprising 41 Members, 38 Associate and 16 student
- We have a member representative and proxy on the Allied Health Reference Group – Wide Bay Medicare local, now the Clinical Advisory Council
- 7 formal branch meetings held– 2 dinner meetings, 1 breakfast, 2 meetings on the Fraser Coast – successful linking in with other members through teleconferencing and video conference
- Participated in State Chair meetings on 4 occasions, discussions in between with regional chairs. Scheduled to attend Qld State chairs meeting in November.
- Contributed articles to In Psych on 1 occasion; the APS no longer coordinates branch contributions
- Expression of Interests sent out in a range of P.D. opportunities e.g. STAP training.
- Meeting with CEO Medicare Local – invitation to attend
- Sharing our professional development opportunities with the Mental Health Professional Network

#### Challenges & into the Future

Time and Technology are the biggest impediments to effectively chairing the Branch and meeting the needs of the membership, but progress is being made. While the executive agreed to appoint a casual administration officer to assist this didn't eventuate due to internal H.R issues but will go a long way to assist with the administration tasks of the executive and hopefully encourage members to get involved.

#### Acknowledgments

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