

NEWSLETTER

A Christmas Cheer...

As 2009 is coming to an end, the APS Sunshine Coast Branch committee members would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

But before we put our feet up for a well deserved break, there are a couple of announcements.

After an epic service to the Branch we are sorry to say that Brad Levingston has let go of the reins as he has stepped down from the Chair Person position. We are assured, however, that he will continue to be an active member of the branch as the new Chair will need his expertise and support ... yes, it has been yet another hasty decision on my part, but I have volunteered to fill Brad's shoes and step up from the Secretary to the Branch Chair. I am thrilled to have Katherine Mellor as the new Secretary. As the changes to the committee have not been elected at an AGM of our members, these positions will be "acting" until the next AGM of the branch in August 2010 - so please consider nominations for your new committee.

We have had three other members of the committee, Gaye Foster, Shane Rebgetz and Janina Leo, leave us this year. This was for personal reasons such as family commitments and moves to more remote locations. If you would like to join our remaining crew, please let us know - there are exciting things on the horizon happening within the psychology profession in 2010, and thus your active involvement would be greatly appreciated if not essential. Please consider.

I would like to personally thank

Brad for his outstanding contribution to the APS Sunshine Coast Branch and thank all the committee members, current and past, for their dedication and support over the last 12 months.

Furthermore, Kelly Callaghan who has been our Allied Health Representative on the Mental Health Executive Council has also stepped down from this position.

The Mental Health Executive Council is a collaboration between the Sunshine Coast Division of General Practice, Sunshine Coast Wide Bay Health Services and other stakeholders, including Allied Health (psychologists, social workers & occupational therapists). The Council emerged from the *Partners in Mind* project which hosts the annual Mental Health Expo and has the aim of improving communication between agencies and care coordination for people with a mental disorder.

If you are interested in developing communication and systems to improve care and coordination between agencies and have a good working knowledge of the issues around mental health then you might like to consider taking up a position on the Executive Council.

Meetings occur each month at the FOCUS office in Maroochydore with remuneration of \$110 per hour for meeting attendance.

For further information contact: Kelly Callaghan (549 25588 bh) or Brad Levingston (5443 2100 bh).

I look forward to seeing you all in 2010.

Cheers
Maggie Bailey



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As a committee we will also meet on the second Tuesday of each alternative months – so please contact us if there is anything you would like to raise with us. Your committee contacts are:

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Calendar of events 2010

Date	Topic
3 February	General meeting
March	Psychopharmacology workshop
5 May	General Meeting
7 July	General Meeting
11-16 July	APS/ICAP Conference, Melbourne
4 August	AGM
September	Workshop
3 November	General Meeting
December	Christmas Function

Venue: Laural House, Dolton Drive, Maroochydore
 Time: 6.00pm - 8.00pm

The 2010 calendar of events is still very much in the planning stage. If you would like to present at one of our general meetings, or suggest a presenter or topics that might be of interest to you, please let us know. We also welcome suggestions for other professional development activities such as workshops. Thank you for your ongoing support.

