

# NEWSLETTER

## Farewell to Brad Levingston

If you didn't join us for the APS Christmas Function at Mulu Char, then you missed a night of great food, wine, and company – and also our farewell to Brad. Brad is retiring this year and leaving us to enjoy life in Brisbane. We farewelled Brad with a few words from his colleagues and a little picturesque reminder to take with him of the Sunshine Coast. Brad, the APS Committee and colleagues wish you all the best....

### *An Ode to Brad*

A psychologist and clinician,  
 A man of strong conviction,  
 An expert on addictions  
 And people of complex predilections.  
 He came from the far north so many years ago  
 With wife Kerry and a desire to make the local APS grow!  
 He likes not the morning, a night man he is.  
 He worked into the darkness to make things better at CYMHS.  
 With a phone to his ear and a night light aglow  
 He researched and pondered the cases of woe.  
 For hours he would toil, with promises anew,  
 I'll be home soon Kerry, just to be with you!  
 We've listened and learned from your wise opinion  
 And watched as you've gathered the APS minions.  
 Like squabbling children we fought and we cried  
 As the APS gods brought down the great Medicare divide.  
 But our leader Brad, reminded us our emotions to adjust  
 Before our professional name was spoken with disgust.  
 "It's not about the money" you did plead.  
 Focus on the common good, or our therapeutic work you will impede.  
 Look at the scientific evidence you implored.  
 Hypnosis is only suggestion and tapping will make you bored.  
 Forget the oral, the anal and that sanctimonious Jung,  
 And put your best efforts into that most loudly sung song.  
 It's cognitive behaviour therapy that has the gold star  
 And you, my children must follow this far.  
 Rational thoughts, behavioural experiments and the awfulness scale  
 Will show you the way in this difficult and complex trail.  
 An APS stalwart full of hope, optimism and loyalty through and through,  
 Trying to fix a system the bureaucrats have screwed.  
 Our Brad is inspirational in his dedication to the profession.  
 But where does this lead us in our quest for an impression?  
 He's a lover of people and long and detailed banter  
 But it would take an ASIO operative to uncover his own personal mantra.  
 So who is this man we have loved and admired?  
 And how do we say thanks from all of us that you have inspired?

*Merry Christmas  
 and a  
 Happy New Year*



Welcome to all the new members who have joined us recently. Our memberships has now reached 252.

It's been a year of diverse professional development activities, social gatherings, and major changes associated with the new registration requirements of the Psychology Board.

I hope all of you have had an opportunity to familiarise yourselves with the information regarding the mandatory continuing professional development (CPD) requirements for psychologists. These include the preparation of the individual learning plan, maintaining a journal of personal reflection for each hour of CPD undertaken and participation in peer support groups. Please register your peer support groups with us so that we can provide additional training to the facilitators to help ensure that the groups run smoothly.

I would also like to extend a big thank you to all the members who have supported the APS Sunshine Coast Branch this year, and the committee members, and wish you all a fabulous festive season.

See you in 2011  
 maggie

**Farewell to Brad**



2010-2012 APS Committee Members



Brad and Kerri with David Hart's 'Mooloolaba Beach'

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- Ingrid Hawkins
- Melanie Howe
- Rossane Middleton
- Renee Muller
- Sally Rostas

**Calendar of events 2011**

*Please note that the dates for the general meetings for 2011 have not been finalised at this point in time. Listed are events that may be of interest to you. If you have any suggestions as to topics, presenters and workshops which we could facilitate to organise, please let us know.*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Topic</b>
16 March	Pearsons, Clinical and Talent Assessment	WMS-IV & ACS (Workshop)
28 April	Dr Phil Watts	Practical Assessment (Workshops)
28 April	Dr Phil Watts	TBA (General meeting)
29 April	Dr Phil Watts	Writing reports for courts (Workshops)
14-15 May	Kelly Willson	ACT (Workshop)