

NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year and welcome to the new SCAPS newsletter

Now's your chance to have your say before it's too late!

It's that time of the year again and the SCAPS committee would like to wish all members, their friends and families a healthy, safe and happy New Year.

2006 was a very active year for us and we hope to continue to offer a wide range of professional development activities and social events for our members in 2007.

We welcome any comments and contributions from our members to make this year even better.

Please let us know what you would like to see more or less of. Let us know what has worked for you in the past that you have enjoyed and suggest activities of interest that the SCAPS

committee could organize. The enclosed questionnaire will assist us with your feedback so please fill it in and forward it to us.

This year we hope to offer you more interesting speakers, the opportunity to discuss topical issues, and formal workshops. To spice up the year we anticipate having two social events – in June and December – so that it is not all about work and no play. We will keep you posted as to forthcoming events.

There are a number of peer supervision and interest groups continuing this year around the coast. Please contact the representative psychologists in your area to see what has been planned.

APS National Conference comes to Queensland in September

September 26 to 30 2007, "Psychology – Making an Impact"

The 2007 APS National Conference will be held in Brisbane this September. This is a great chance for Queensland members to attend and showcase the great work that is happening in our state.

With the Medicare initiatives for psychologists announced last year, 2007 is a new era for psychologists, so let's highlight the practice and research work being done in our profession and discipline. So come along and make an impact yourself.

Practitioners – this is not just for academics or researchers – take this opportunity to present innovative practices or successes that you are having with your work. College members

– this is an easy way to collect PD points (as a presenter or attendee). Remember that May 2007 is the end of the current two year cycle so you will need to start accumulating new points for the 2007-2009 cycle.

APS members can meet colleagues, network, and talk with APS committee members from branches, colleges and national groups.

Submissions are due by February 26th, with information available on the APS website. You can also call (toll free) 1800 333 497 and ask to speak to the conference coordinator, or email apsconference@psychology.org.au.

Registrations for the conference will open in April.

SCAPS 2006 Xmas Party



More than 60 members and their partners enjoyed an evening of fun, wine, and fine dining at the Seven Acres Winery in Forest Glen at the SCAPS Xmas Party. We hope you can join us this year when it will be bigger and better than ever.

News

Congratulations to Jenny Melrose & hubby, Blue, on the arrival of their daughter. All Mooloolah is celebrating.

See us at: www.groups.psychology.org.au/sunshinecoast

Peer support and interest groups

Tony Collins

Peer Support Group
Eden Health Care Centre,
46 Maple Street
Cooroy
5447 7473
RSVP to check time

Robyn Nolan

Peer Support Group
Coolum
54739547
1st Mondays of the month at 5.00pm
– RSVP to check location

Barb Wood

Private Practitioners Group
6 Dilli Court
Alexandra Headland
Tuesday March 13 at 6.30pm.
Monica Sherwood will demonstrate a range of programs and technical wizardry used in therapy. Please RSVP as numbers will be restricted.
email: barbwood@tpg.com.au

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Office Bearers for 2006 – 2007

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:

Please email newsletter contributions to
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Calendar of events

The SCAPS general meetings in 2007 will take place on the second Tuesday of every other month so please book these dates in your diary.

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| February 13 | 7.30pm | SCAPS General Meeting | Percy House Church St Maroochydore |
| <i>A collaborative and shared discussion facilitated by the SCAPS committee on "Evidence Based Practice: Why should we do it, does it make any difference? What if the evidence doesn't support your practice?"</i> | | | |
| April 10 | 7.30pm | SCAPS General Meeting | Percy House Church St Maroochydore |
| June 12 | 7.30pm | Social event to be announced | |
| August 14 | 7.30pm | SCAPS General Meeting | Percy House Church St Maroochydore |
| October 9 | 7.30pm | SCAPS General Meeting | Percy House Church St Maroochydore |
| December 11 | 7.30pm | Social event to be announced | |

SCAPS SURVEY

Please let us know your thoughts to assist with future event planning. Thank you.

1. Are there any specific topics that you would like to see covered during the General meetings?
2. Are there any specific topics that you would like to see covered in a more extended workshop and presentation format?
3. What do you think the SCAPS committee does well?
4. What activities do you think the SCAPS committee should limit?
5. What activities do you think would increase members' participation in the SCAPS meetings?
6. What activities do you think would increase SCAPS' membership?
7. Additional comments: