

## Auckland Branch News August 2011



### Welcome to CANZ Auckland Branch August Newsletter

As Auckland Branch of CANZ we welcome all of the 80+ members of our branch, any celebrants visiting Auckland, and anyone interested in possibly joining our Branch to our regular branch meetings. You are welcome to “just turn up” or to contact one of the Committee (contact details below) and arrange to attend as a guest of the Branch.....

**The Next Branch Meeting is on Monday 8 August from ...  
7.15pm – 9.00pm  
at Davis Grange Manor, 400 Dominion Rd, Mt Eden, Auckland.**

**MEET YOUR NEW PRESIDENT AND HEAR HER VISION FOR CANZ**

**HEAR FEEDBACK FROM THE FANTASTIC CANZ CONFERENCE**

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

- 8 August Branch Meeting
- 17 September Workshop (TBC)
- 10 October Branch Meeting
- 5 December Branch Christmas Meeting
- 12 March 2012 AGM

READ MORE BELOW.....

## *CONGRATULATIONS KATHRINE!*

### **Congratulations to Kathrine Fraser—our new National President**

Kathrine is known to many celebrants through her active involvement in the Auckland Branch and also for her role as programme convenor of the very successful 2009 CANZ Biennial Conference.



As well as being a highly-regarded celebrant, she is a strategic thinker and has identified three key focuses that she believes will enable celebrants, and CANZ in particular, to realign themselves into the 21st century.

She is joined on the National Executive by **Doug Scott, Lois Baillie, Jill McDonald, Carol Gunn and Helen Rutledge**, along with Immediate Past President **Wanda Brittain**, all of whom are willing to pool their complementary strengths to advance CANZ.

Kathrine says that it's not only time for a change, it's time for a leap.

**Come along to our Branch meeting on Monday and hear her vision for CANZ.**

## CANZ CONFERENCE FEEDBACK

### CONGRATULATIONS TO SHERYL AND HER TEAM ON A FANTASTIC CONFERENCE

Auckland Branch was well represented at our Biennial Conference last week....and what a wonderful programme we all participated in. There was something for everyone— inspiring, thought provoking and entertaining plenary sessions and a range of workshops reflecting the breadth of celebrancy.....to say nothing of the fun filled “masked affair” dinner and the wonderful opportunities for informal networking and sharing with other celebrants from throughout the country and from across the Tasman.

Anne has arranged for attendees to feedback highlights from each of the sessions at our August meeting

**Conference Attendees.....Come along and hear about the sessions you missed out on.**

**....and Non-Attendees .....Come along and be as inspired as we all were!**

### REPORT FROM OUR JUNE MEETING and AGM

You will all have seen the Remit that came out of our last Branch meeting where members shared their views about the future structure of CANZ.

There was equally lively debate at the AGM, after which the members voted to retain the current Branch Structure. What you can be sure of, however, is that the issues raised through this process will be addressed by the new National Executive. Watch this space....

### SPECIAL THANKS TO BARRY COLE

One of our Branch members, Barry Cole, stood down from his position as Vice President of CANZ at the AGM. Barry had been looking forward to the opportunity to lead CANZ as President, but his health led him to reconsider his priorities and he chose not to stand.

During his two-year term, Barry has been a power house on our National Executive, utilising his business and marketing strengths to introduce some new initiatives. We particularly appreciate his work around Public Liability Insurance, Contracts and Certificates (which you can download from the Members Section of the CANZ Website). Do take the time to see what he and Lois have come up with. Barry has also championed the cause of delivering further benefits to Members-at-Large, encouraging local interest groups to form for peer support and learning, the concept of which has been embraced by the incoming Executive.

Barry is getting the thumbs-up from his medics and we wish him all the best with his treatment.

While he may have a bit more time available with the release of his Exec workload, we look forward to his continuing involvement in CANZ activities.



HUGE thanks Barry!  
- Helen

### COMMITTEE NEWS



**Both** Doug and Helen have been elected to the National Executive, and are delighted to have the opportunity to be part of Kathrine’s team.

This does however have implications for our Branch Committee . **We need new members on our Committee.** Do think about joining us as a co-opted member.....We meet monthly and have a lot of fun as we plan future Branch Meetings and Workshops.

Talk to **Anne** or one of the committee members about how you can help.

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