



## EDITORIAL

The New Zealand Association of Counsellors is in the process of developing its guiding principles and organisational structure in order to enhance the professional practice of counselling in New Zealand. The Journal is developing along similar lines. All manuscripts submitted are now reviewed independently by two professional counsellors. More issues will be published, with two per year being planned at this stage. We are seeking to address the interests of the wider counselling community in New Zealand which the NZAC is currently reaching out to. Finally, the format of the Journal is being upgraded - with the result that this issue is well overdue!

In spite of the extensive literature on counselling in New Zealand published over the years, as summarized by Manthei and Miller in this issue, the actual volume of publications per year within New Zealand is not great. We would like to stimulate the production and publication of more such work, especially now that university training programmes emphasize research to a greater degree. The Journal also seeks to draw in overseas articles which address local issues, such as the study by Nystul, Shaughnessy and Kaczmarek on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. At the same time, the Journal continues to function as a channel of dissemination for important local statements such as NZAC Conference papers, as with Ruth Anderson's presidential address. Further articles are currently under review for the May issue.

As Editors we would like to encourage the publication of articles of substance, without becoming elitist. Thus we encourage anyone with an issue of importance that she or he would like to share, to commit it to paper and submit it in accordance with the Journal's guidelines. We would also like to be alerted to potential articles or events that should be written up. Finally, we would like to see this Journal become representative of counselling in New Zealand in the broadest sense, and we encourage contributions and subscriptions accordingly.

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