

Vlog August 2019 – Script

Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa

Ko Tititea te maunga
Ko Matukituki te awa
Ko Pakeha te iwi
No Wanaka ahau
Kei te ora tonu ahau i raro i te marumaru O Ngai Tahu Ko Kai Tahu te Manawhenua o te Waipounamu

Ko Ti Maru toku kainga
Ko Macfarlane toku whanau Ko Chris toku ingoa

No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa

Hello everyone,
I am Christine Macfarlane, the newly appointed President for NZAC.
I come from Wanaka in Central Otago. I now live with my whanau in Timaru, I work in Private Practice as a counsellor and supervisor in Timaru and Christchurch.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge and farewell our departing executive members: Bev Weber past President, Mandy Pentecost and Ellen Altshuler.

Bev has been involved in Executive for over 10 years, in a variety of roles. We have been fortunate to have her guide the association through the introduction of Self-regulation and the Continuing Professional Development process.

Mandy Pentecost has been the East Coast and Hawkes Bay Representative for 9 years. Mandy has been a steadfast presence and more recently instrumental in the development of the NZAC Accreditation of Counselling Education programmes.

Ellen Altshuler has been the Te Tai Tokerau Representative for the past 3 years, she has contributed significantly to the recent NZAC submission for the review of the Family Court and the development of the new NZAC website.

On behalf of NZAC I wish to thank Bev, Mandy and Ellen for all their hard work, valuable contributions, and commitment they have given over many years. As an association we rely on members giving of their expertise, time and wisdom. They often go above and beyond working for the association and members benefit. So thank you, we wish you well on the next phase of life.

I am excited to be guiding NZAC together with Te Ahi Kaa, Gay Puketapu-Andrews and the executive team as we move into a new decade 2020. We are embarking on a Te Tiriti audit, which will direct our review of the NZAC governance structure and ensure we are as an organisation creating a respectful relationship with Tangata Whenua, honouring tikanga, whanaungatanga and tino rangatiratanga.

We will be continuing to promote NZAC as the leading professional body for counsellors in Aotearoa recognised by all stakeholders including the public, and position counselling alongside other mental health professionals.

The implementation of a new website and marketing campaign is pivotal in developing a stronger and bolder presence online and in the public eye. We are anticipating this will go live

in October, to coincide with Mental Health Awareness week. The website will have a refreshed members only area that has been changed in response to the valuable feedback we have received from many members.

These activities have been in progress for some time and it is positive to have a timeline for implementation. We will continue to keep you posted on the evolving work through email, newsletters, Vlogs and on the website.

Until next time... Ka kite ano