



**ACCAPE**  
 Australian College  
 of Counselling &  
 Psychotherapy  
 Educators

# Newsletter

## Welcome

*Welcome to the first edition of the eNews for the Australian College of Counselling and Psychotherapy Educators (ACCAPE) - a PACFA College.*

I am delighted to officially welcome former members of the Society of Counselling & Psychotherapy Educators (SCAPE) to the new Australian College of Counselling and Psychotherapy Educators and to welcome new members to the College as well.

The College will be a key part of the new PACFA structure, ensuring that the excellent work of SCAPE continues. The new College officially commenced on 1 July 2016 and is committed to:

- building a vibrant community of counselling and psychotherapy educators
- supporting and fostering research
- providing continuing professional development
- providing opportunities for networking and peer support

PACFA and the College Leadership Group look forward to bringing you the College's eNews on a regular basis to keep members up to date on College activities.

**Maria Brett**  
**PACFA CEO**




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## Convenor's Report



**Jenny Coburn**

**Convenor**

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Welcome to the Australian College of Counselling and Psychotherapy Educators! Behind the scenes we continue to transition from an incorporated association into a PACFA College. Although the formal transition from SCAPE to ACCAPE occurred on 1 July 2016, the transition is a process, not an event. We are now moving into the phase of winding up SCAPE financially, with discussions around how the proceeds raised by SCAPE would be used to enhance the services and opportunities ACCAPE can offer its membership. In this newsletter you will see an invitation to complete a survey to let us know what kinds of activities you would like to see us run. Our new structure gives us new opportunities. So ***have your say and please take part in our membership survey!***

Speaking of professional development opportunities, the College has formed a teaching and learning stream within the larger **PACFA conference** being held in Melbourne 9th to 11th September. It's a really exciting program. We will be joined by a number of academics from APECA (Association of Psychological and Educational Counsellors of Asia-Pacific). I'm looking forward to catching up with our members and the counselling / psychotherapy community more generally. Whilst Melbourne is not generally known for its warm weather, September can bring some stunning Spring days! We also have great coffee!

### College Leadership Group

I am happy to be working with dedicated colleagues on the Leadership Group for the new College: Kate Briggs John Clark, Jon Dachs, Jaklin Elliott, Roman Ilgauskas, Ann McDonald and Fiona O'Hara. The Leadership Group is already planning activities for the new College.



**From left to right:** Andrew Little (Sydney), Ann McDonald (Melbourne), Jon Dachs (Brisbane), Jenny Coburn (Chair and Convenor - Melbourne), Roman Ilgauskas (Brisbane), John Clark (Sydney) Not in the photo: Fiona O'Hara (Sunshine Coast), Jaklin Elliott (Adelaide), and Kate Briggs (Melbourne).

Sadly, Andrew Little who was to be a member of the College Leadership Group passed away in August. In this newsletter, we have included a tribute to our dear friend and colleague, Andrew Little.

**Jenny Coburn**

**Convenor**

**Australian College of Counselling and Psychotherapy Educators**

## Vale Mr Andrew Little

*It is with great sadness that we learned of Andrew Little's passing on Sunday 28th August. Andrew was on extended leave because of illness, but up until this time was a long term member of SCAPE's Executive team, and a Past President of SCAPE.*



Many of you will know of Andrew's dedication and passion for the counselling profession, and counsellor education in particular. He held a number of influential positions, including President Elect of the Association of Psychological and Educational Counsellors of Asia-Pacific (APECA) and Principal and General Manager of Navitas Professional Institute (NPI). He had also held a number of leadership positions within PACFA, and remained close to PACFA up until his death on Sunday. I know he was following the progress of the PACFA / SCAPE and APECA conferences with great interest, and was disappointed that he wouldn't be well enough to attend.

Andrew was a very generous, dedicated and inspiring individual who will be greatly missed within the SCAPE / ACCAPE community.

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## Welcome to Dr Kate Briggs: new member of the College Leadership Group



**Kate Briggs**

*PhD, BA, P G Dip (History & Philosophy of Science)*

A practicing Lacanian psychoanalyst with over fifteen years' experience in Melbourne and the United States, I also have training in narrative therapy and brief solution focus, have worked as a clinical specialist in publicly funded counselling services, and consulted widely in the field of social welfare. I lectured in psychology and women's studies before arriving at the Australian College of Applied Psychology (ACAP) in 2008.

I have published on sublimation and symptom formation in international journals, recently contributed to a book on Lacanian approaches to working with children and adolescents, and authored essays on contemporary art have appeared in catalogues and books such as *Radical Revisionism: An Anthology of Writings on Australian Art* and Elizabeth Newman, *More than what there is*. My book, *Extreme Beauty: Approaches to the Real*, is due to be published later this year.

My research interests include complex care teams, contemporary critical practice, psychoanalytic feminism and how the work of invention informs contemporary clinical work.

I am a passionate advocate of critical reflection and consider attention to the role of training and transmission in counselling and therapeutic practice of vital importance today.

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## A note from Fiona O'Hara, Member Liaison

A warm welcome to the first newsletter of our newly structured Australian College of Counselling and Psychotherapy Educators. During our final membership cycle as SCAPE we were kept busy managing all that was involved in transitioning to the new structure. We have worked closely with PACFA for the past 6 months to refine membership standards and renewal processes for the new College and I would particularly like to acknowledge the part that Maria Brett, CEO of PACFA, has played in these ongoing negotiations. I would also like to acknowledge the assistance of Kim Smythe, PACFA Operations Manager, with whom we worked on the administration front. Membership of the new College of Counsellors and Psychotherapy Educators, is now administered through PACFA.

I am pleased to say that the renewed sense of interest and enthusiasm we noted in SCAPE, continued throughout our last membership cycle, despite the inevitable disruptions, and sometimes confusions, that can result from an impending structural transition.

Rather than an Executive Committee, we have now become a Leadership Group for the Australian College of Counselling and Psychotherapy Educators. We have welcomed some new members to the team and sadly farewelled others; and we continue to work towards ensuring that our newly-structured organisation is one which represents and supports our members in the best possible way.

I look forward to serving you this year as part of the ACCAPE Leadership Group and would love to make contact with you during some of the activities and events we are planning for the year.

**Fiona O'Hara**  
**Member Liaison**



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## Transition process for SCAPE members to the new College

From the 1st July, 2016 PACFA launched five Branches and four PACFA Colleges, of which the Australian College of Counselling and Psychotherapy (ACCAPE) will replace the previous Society of Counselling & Psychotherapy Educators (SCAPE).

Former SCAPE Members who were already registered with PACFA have been transferred to individual PACFA membership. All you have to do is renew your membership with PACFA which will include your membership of the Australian College of Counselling & Psychotherapy Educators.

Those members who had never been registered with PACFA were also transferred to PACFA membership and listed on the PACFA Register at the level closest to your old SCAPE membership. These members still need to be assessed for PACFA registration if they are practising and this process may not be completed until later in 2016. Your registration will then be confirmed in writing. If you are an Educator who is not practising, you are not required to be registered or to meet the renewal requirements for practitioners.

For more information about the transition process, please contact the Operations Manager, Kim, telephone (03) 9486 3077 Email: [kim.smythe@pacfa.org.au](mailto:kim.smythe@pacfa.org.au) Monday to Thursday.

## SCAPE Conference 2016



JOINT PACFA / CCAA / SCAPE / APECA Conference – 9 to 11 September 2016

After nearly two years in the planning, the SCAPE conference is nearly here! Of course, planning for the conference began when we were still SCAPE and now we have become the Australian College of Counselling and Psychotherapy Educators. This is therefore the inaugural event for the new College.

The conference theme, *Transformation through Relationship: The Heart and Soul of Therapy*, will draw together aspects of integrative counselling, spiritual, and educational practice. It explores the transformative powers of the relationship between therapist and client, teacher and student. There are three 'streams' to this conference, and all look very interesting:

- Stream 1: The heart and soul of therapy
- Stream 2: Spirituality
- Stream 3: Teaching and learning.

SCAPE members have been working hard behind the scenes to make this a success. [The program](#) includes some papers on counselling and psychotherapy education from members of our College.

Online registration is now closed. To register late, please contact the PACFA Office by telephone, (03) 9486 3077, between 9am and 4pm on Friday, or register in person at the conference venue.

We are looking forward to catching up with SCAPE and ACCAPE members, both old and new on 9th to 11th September.

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## Member Survey



Please take part in our annual Member Survey. It will only take a few minutes and your responses will help inform the work the College of Counselling and Psychotherapy Educators will undertake over the next 12 months.

Link is here: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/MPF866Y](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MPF866Y)

Your participation will help the College Leadership Group to plan activities that will support our members and help advance counselling and psychotherapy education in Australia.

## Pathways to become a PACFA Accredited Supervisor

We are aware that some of our members are interested in becoming an Accredited Supervisor with PACFA.

Currently there are two pathways:

1. A Transition Accreditation Pathway only available until 2017:
  - A minimum of 20 hours training or professional development in supervision
  - 50 hours of supervisor practice over a minimum of 2 years
  - 10 hours of supervision on supervision practice
2. Accredited Supervisor Pathway
  - Supervisor training program which meets the Supervision Training Standards (at least 39 hours of person-to-person teaching in supervision theory and practice and a minimum of 10 hours of supervised practice in the role of supervisor during the training)
  - 50 hours of supervisor practice over a minimum of 2 years, post supervisor training
  - 10 hours of supervision on supervision practice, post supervisor training



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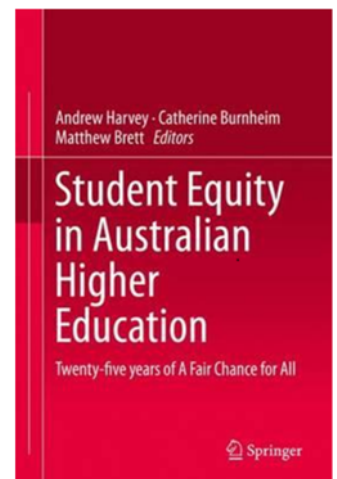
To apply or to obtain more information on the PACFA website, go to

[www.pacfa.org.au/national-register/accredited-supervisor-requirements/](http://www.pacfa.org.au/national-register/accredited-supervisor-requirements/)

## Book Launch

*Student equity in Australian Higher Education: Twenty-five years of a fair chance for all* by Dr Andrew Harvey, Dr Catherine Burnheim and Matt Brett.

Launched on May 3rd by Professor John Deward (Vice Chancellor and President of La Trobe University), [Student Equity in Australian Higher Education: Twenty-five years of A Fair Chance for All](#) commemorates 25 years of Australia's higher education equity framework, A Fair Chance for All. The book recognises the challenges that lay ahead for government policy makers and higher education organisations and reviews the effectiveness of the equity framework.



The launch was attended by more than 50 senior representatives from higher education institutions, community service organisations, the Department of Education and Training, Tertiary Education Quality Standards Agency (TEQSA) and the media.

## Job Advertisements

If you have an academic position available in your department, let us know. The College is happy to circulate relevant advertisements on your behalf to our members. Contact Jenny Coburn by email [Jenny.Coburn@acap.edu.au](mailto:Jenny.Coburn@acap.edu.au).



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The Australian College of Counselling and Psychotherapy Educators (ACCAPE) was established from 1 July 2016. ACCAPE is a national College dedicated to supporting counselling and psychotherapy educators and advancing counselling and psychotherapy education in Australia. The College aims to build a vibrant community of educators within the counselling and psychotherapy education field, to sponsor and foster research, and provide continuing professional development and opportunities for networking and peer support.

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