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AMTA-QLD Chairperson's Report

Very warm greetings and happy New Year to you all! Welcome to the first edition of the AMTA-QLD Newsletter for 2010 and to my first report as chairperson of this committee.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work of the committee in the previous year. My thanks go to all committee members for their contributions.

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Networking ...
Counselling
workshop ...
Creative Movement
& Dance workshop*

Particular thanks to Rob for his vision and creativity as chairperson and to Vanessa for her capable administrative management in the role of secretary. We have a great team of people together for the next 12 months, with many continuing committee members and a number of new members. Read on to find out a little bit about each and every one of your committee members and what they are up to professionally...

The committee's first order of business was our Annual General Meeting, in October last year, which was followed by a delightful BBQ in the park for all RMTs. Minutes of this AGM will shortly be distributed to all members.

For the coming year, the committee is busy creating new and innovative professional development opportunities for Qld RMTs and AMTA members. Some of these events will likely include: a networking function

for RMTs and new graduates, a Counselling workshop targeted at experienced RMTs, and a Creative Movement and Dance workshop. See inside for further details about upcoming events.

We are also always open to suggestions of workshops and seminars from members. Please contact AMTA-QLD with requests for particular PD opportunities and ideas (amta.qld@gmail.com).

I look forward to working further with the committee and you, our readers, to support and promote music therapy in Qld. Happy reading!

Helen Carrington
AMTA-QLD Chairperson

December 2009

Welcome New RMTs!

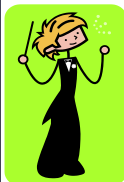
Have you registered?

The next registration deadline is: **12 March 2010**
Visit: <http://www.austmta.org.au/registration-and-training/professional-registration/>

Remember to get your 'Newly Registered RMT Pack'

Visit: <http://www.austmta.org.au/for-rmts/newly-registered-rmt-pack/>

Meet the New Committee



Helen Carrington, Chair:

Helen has been working as an RMT for the last 5 years. Starting out in Special Education and Early Intervention, she has always enjoyed the immediate connection that music therapy can create with children and young people. Helen's current employment is at the Royal Children's Hospital, Brisbane where she works in the brain injury rehabilitation and burns teams, and co-facilitates a music therapy/occupational therapy groups project.

Tania Balil, Vice-Chair & Representative to Queensland Council of Allied Health Professions:

Tania has been an AMTA Qld committee member for 4 years. She was born in Spain where she completed piano studies at the Conservatorium in Barcelona before coming to Brisbane to complete a GradDipMusThy in 2004. She has worked as an RMT with adolescent refugees, aged care and disabilities, supervising UQ students in the first two fields. She completed a GradDip & Masters in Creative Arts Therapy (CAT) during 2005-09 and is excited about the possibilities of bridging the gap between MT & CAT.



Claire Weller, Secretary:

Claire graduated in 2008 and is now working in adult psychiatry, early intervention and private practice across the spectrum. She is also currently fundraising towards a volunteer program where she hopes to develop music therapy programs at an orphanage in Mexico at the end of 2010.



Lisa Freeman, Enquiries Line Coordinator:

Lisa graduated from UQ in 2006 with masters in Music Therapy and is currently working in the areas of Early Intervention and aged care, with a special interest in music therapy for young parents and their children.



She also enjoys jogging, reading, playing guitar, eating chocolate and samboy bbq chips.

Vanessa Crawford, Employment Coordinator:

Vanessa majored in piano performance the University of Melbourne, before completing her degree in music therapy at UQ in 2006. Vanessa currently works for CHI.L.D association at the Glenleighden School with children with primary language disorder and also for Centacare with adults with disabilities. She also has a passion for teaching piano and is trying hard to find time in her busy schedule to fit all her students. Vanessa is the previous Secretary for AMTA-QLD and Employment Coordinator for 2010.



Sarah Punch, Seminar Coordinator:

Sarah graduated from the Master of Music Therapy degree at UQ in 2008 and has since started her own music therapy business, Music Plus. Sarah currently works for Ipswich Special School, Brain Injury Association QLD and in private practice primarily in autism early intervention and childhood developmental disorders.



Angela Delaney, Seminar Coordinator:

Angela graduated in 2008 and has 12 yrs experience working with adolescents. She recently won the "Award for Best First-time Presenter" at the 2009 QLD Oncology Conference for her paper "The Journey is a Tough One: A Young Woman's Experience of Music Therapy and Terminal Cancer". She works in Oncology, Paediatrics, Adolescents and Corporate Music Therapy.





Christobel Moore, Newsletter Coordinator:

Christobel finished her Masters Music Therapy in 2008 and won the Denise Grocke Award for excellence in presentation at the 2008 National Conference. She has worked in special education, disability and child & youth mental health. She is currently working at Calamvale Special School and in private practice with children who have experienced abuse-related trauma due to domestic violence.

Rob McGrigor, General Member:

Rob has an extensive background in paramedicine, nursing and teaching. Graduating from UQ's master of music therapy program in 2006, Rob lives and works in Toowoomba as a mental health nurse and, as an RMT in the areas of aged care, special needs, early intervention, behaviour management and mental health. Rob is the immediate past AMTA-QLD Chairperson and previous Secretary. During 2010 Rob will continue as a general member whilst resuming study options.



Kate Fletcher, Student Representative:

Kate is completing her Masters at UQ after finishing a BMus (Class II Honours in Performance) in 2008. She plays trombone with the Queensland Wind Orchestra and volunteers with Girl Guides & Radio Lollipop. She has done clinical placements at a special school and children's hospital. Kate is writing her thesis on the effects of music therapy on children and adolescents with Down Syndrome.



SEEKING EXCELLENCE
45th ASSID AUSTRALASIAN CONFERENCE
Hilton Brisbane, Queensland

Call for Abstracts by Music Therapists

ASSID has contacted the AMTA-QLD committee to specifically encourage RMTs to submit abstracts to present at their conference this year. This is a wonderful opportunity for RMTs working in Intellectual Disability to share their excellent work with other professionals and promote Music Therapy in the wider community.

The conference theme is "Seeking Excellence". In line with this theme, the Program Committee is seeking excellent abstracts related to the following topics: Partnerships; Positive Supports; Service Provision; Ethics; Autism; Behaviour; Health; Ageing; Quality of Life; Social Inclusion; Education; Individualised Funding; Relationships; Advocacy; Mental Health and Families.

For more information:
<http://www.assid.org.au/>

Presentation Types

1. Poster: Scheduled session
2. Oral Presentation: 20 minutes with 10 minutes for questions
3. Workshop: 90 minutes
4. Symposia: 90 minute group presentation

Timeline

1	Abstract submission deadline	1 March 2010
2	Program Committee responds to abstract submission	31 March 2010
3	Abstracts requiring review are re-submitted Abstracts not re-submitted by this date will be removed from the program	19 April 2010
4	Provisional program published	6 August 2010
5	Conference	29, 30 September, 1 October 2010

Special Education & Disability

Attention music therapists working in Special Education or Disability fields:

We are wanting to start up **regular interest group meetings** again for 2010. If you are interested in being a part of this group please email Karen Finter at:

kfinter@internode.on.net

to receive information about our **first catch-up** which will be held **early February**.
Look forward to meeting you all!!!

Networking Party!

Relax & Enjoy

your favourite beverage while relishing the opportunity to

Network & Talk 'Music Therapy'

with people whose eyes don't glaze over at the slightest mention of improvisation! Also,

Meet our New Graduates

Date: Saturday 13th March

Time: Drinks from 4:30pm with the option of staying on for a bite to eat at 6:30pm

Place: Regatta Hotel, Toowong

Who: RMTs, partners & children welcome

Please

RSVP by 27th February to
amta.qld.secretary@gmail.com

Professional Development Opportunities

1 February 2010

6-9pm

Mount Gravatt Central

Brisbane

Cost: \$70

Art as Therapy

This hands-on workshop will demonstrate how art can be used to assist the therapeutic intervention. Participants will be able to actively work on their own story through and art medium.

For more information: mail@trainingskillscentre.com.au or phone 0400 505 446.

11 February 2010

6-9pm

Mount Gravatt Central

Brisbane

Cost: \$70

Working with domestic violence in the couples context

In this workshop participants will be given a theoretical orientation to DV; assessment tools, counselling interventions; how to make a safety plan for the themselves & the client; reporting, DV legislation & referral pathways.

For more information: mail@trainingskillscentre.com.au or phone 0400 505 446.

15 February 2010

6-9pm

Mount Gravatt Central

Brisbane

Cost: \$70

Using reflective practice techniques to enhance practitioner resilience

In this workshop participants will be given a theoretical orientation to how to increase their resilience in the counselling context by applying reflective practice techniques; reducing compassion fatigue and burn out.

For more information: mail@trainingskillscentre.com.au or phone 0400 505 446.

15-18 February 2010

Cairns

Cost: \$995

Indigenous Offenders: General, Family and Sexual Violence Risk Assessment and Risk Management Workshop

This 4-day workshop focuses upon the adaptation and application of commonly used risk assessment instruments to Indigenous Offenders. Participants will have specific training in the administration and scoring of the Sexual Violence Risk 20 (SVR 20), Historical Clinical Risk 20 (HCR 20) and the Spousal Assault Risk Guide (SARA). Participants will learn how to integrate the information gained from these tools into comprehensive risk management plans for general, sexual and domestic violence.

For more information: <http://www.forensicpsychologycentre.com.au/training.htm>

22-25 February 2010

Cairns

Cost:

Intellectually Disabled Offenders: General Violence & Sexual Violence Risk Assessment & Management

4-day workshop on Violence and Sexual Violence Risk Assessment and Management with Intellectually Disabled Offenders, includes training in the administration and scoring of the AR-MIDILO -S and -G, and training in adapting the SVR-20 (revised) and HCR-20 for ID Offenders.

For more information: <http://www.forensicpsychologycentre.com.au/training.htm>

25 February 2010

6-9pm

Mount Gravatt Central

Brisbane

Cost: \$70

Introduction to ACT (mindfulness techniques)

This workshop will enable participants to have an introductory understanding of Acceptance and Compassion Therapy (ACT).

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1 March 2010

6-9pm

Mount Gravatt Central

Brisbane

Cost: \$70

Using strengths based resources to enhance counselling effectiveness

This interactive workshop will employ a range of strengths based tools and resources in order for the counsellor to effectively engage the client ensuring an effective intervention.

For more information: mail@trainingskillscentre.com.au or phone 0400 505 446.

22 March 2010

6-9pm

Mount Gravatt Central

Brisbane

Cost: \$70

Effective note taking for counselling professionals

In this workshop we will explore skills and strategies for effective note taking of client session information; what to do if you are subpoenaed; privacy act requirements, confidentiality and more.

For more information: mail@trainingskillscentre.com.au or phone 0400 505 446.

25-28 May 2010

Surfers Paradise

Cost: \$220 — \$795

Inclusive Learning Technologies® Conference 2010

The conference focuses specifically on "inclusive learning technologies" – technologies designed to advance independent achievement for people with disabilities and/or students with learning difficulties. It includes sessions looking at these technologies in the following three interest streams: Struggling Students, People with Complex Communication Needs, and People with Disabilities

For more information: <http://www.spectronicsinoz.com/conference/2010/>



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Congratulations to all our recent Mums!



Shannon Rees welcomed her first baby boy **Ewan Archie Plummer**, born on 5th October 2009.

Clancy Cullen welcomed her first baby boy **Banjo Thomas Benjamin Cullen**, born on 24th November 2009.



Anna Lucock welcomed her first baby girl, **Bonnie May Plunkett**, born on 11th January 2010.



Network and exchange ideas by
contributing to your newsletter:



Please email contribu-
tions to the APRIL
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