



Healing Report for year ended 30 June 2020

Summary

Healing matters have been ticking over with no progress towards establishing the other healing initiatives due to limited volunteer availability and other priorities. Healer applications and police checks have been processed as received.

Spiritual Healer Numbers

Healers as at 1 July 2019	56
New Registered Healers	2
New Provisional Healers (trainees)	2
Passed over	-1
Moved from churches/organisations	-0
Resignations	-1
Total number of Spiritual Healers 30 June	58

Healer Applications

It's great to see that the latest applications to become Registered Spiritual Healers are now demonstrating adherence to the new requirements (launched at the Aug 2018 Retreat) – they are coming complete with logs, testimonials, written descriptions and nominations. We are continuing to be lenient where people have the knowledge and experience required to be Registered Healers but haven't been maintaining healing and training logs for the full period, if their trainer or nominee has vouched for their training and experience. A big thank you to the trainers and organisations that have encouraged and supported their healers through the new process. We are seeing a high standard of healing, knowledge and ethics reflected in their applications.

Trainer Support Meetings

Some spiritual healing trainers have expressed an interest in having regular on-line meetings to help support each other, and share ideas and learnings. Due to lack of available time, nobody on the Healing Sub-committee has been identified to schedule and co-ordinate these meetings for the trainers. None of our members have stepped forward to help either after our request at the last AGM.

Training Manual

Spiritualism NZ has started work on developing training material to help the spiritual healing trainers with consistent resources. Very little progress has been made on the healing manual this period again due to lack of available time, and priorities being put on redeveloping the website and then running regular webinars to fill the learning and income gap created when we had to cancel the 2020 Retreat due to Covid.

Trainers are continuing to train using their existing resources. Some organisations' trainers have retired in the last year, and their replacements are now looking for more help with the training material.

Police Checks

In order to help ensure public safety when having a healing session, spiritual healers are required to attain a satisfactory police check every 5 years. Twenty spiritual healers were police-vetted during the financial year.

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Public Liability Insurance & annual Practising Fees

Spiritualism New Zealand arranges public liability insurance cover for all the registered and provisional spiritual healers to take advantage of bulk pricing that individual organisations and healers would not qualify for. This year Aon and NZI increased the premiums by 50% (from \$1150 to \$1725 in total). We challenged the increase and were advised that all insurance costs have increased recently and this cost is still very competitive. This is the first increase since the policy was established in 2015.

We approached many other insurance companies and brokers for competitive quotes (including Vero Liability, BizCover, AA, GSI Direct, AMI, State, Crombie Lockwood) to be advised that they couldn't provide the cover we were looking for (e.g. we were too big, too complicated, etc). We realized that we could change brokers but NZI would probably remain our insurer.

When the annual Practising Fees for spiritual healers is set each year, Spiritualism New Zealand uses the public liability insurance as a major determinant because it is the bulk of the healer cost. SNZ absorbed the cost increase during the last financial year but cannot continue to do so without compromising other services. Consequently, the Board has set the Practising Fees for 2020 at \$25 per annum to cover the increased insurance cost.

The Year Ahead

The revised website will have more information than the current one, and we are planning to have an area dedicated to spiritual healing trainers with resources for them. Having on-line information and resources on spiritual healing healers will be an area of focus for our Healing Sub-committee.

We are hoping one or more of our new Board members will have an interest in and time available to assist with progressing the healing manual for trainers. We are still keen to get the trainer meetings underway, as resources to co-ordinate them are found.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank those trainers and healers in our communities who are continuing to volunteer their time and knowledge to help others. We thank you all for being so committed to Spiritual Healing.

Anne Roughton
Chair Healing Sub-Committee