

2011 Report

Another busy year, both consolidating and extending our activities.



. Starting at the top; it's good to report that Phyllis Furumoto appears to have successfully negotiated her treatment of breast cancer. This recent photo shows her relaxing in Hawaii, although she does state that she has once again started up a busy schedule! By 'chance', I contacted her to discover that she will be in Somerset (UK) in May 2012 – at the same time I will be. I cannot attend her "Sanctuary of Reiki" seminar but hope to catch-up with her for afternoon tea. I also invited Phyllis to come to WA, but she replied that she would not at this time – maybe later? A fuller account of her journey can be viewed on <http://phyllisfurumoto.blogspot.com/>

Our involvement with national events continue to slowly unfold; significant matters include:

1. The end-of-year report of the review of the HCCC codes of practice has yet to be finalised. When it is, it will then be at the discretion of the WA Health Minister to act – perhaps to adopt the codes, which will regulate all (public) natural health practitioners. Some direct implications include requirements concerning continuing professional development and first aid training. Our treasurer attended the review to present some of our concerns, we can only wait to see if they are included? Members will be kept informed and we intend to advise all known Reiki practitioners.
2. We decided not to renew our membership of CARO (Council of Australian Reiki Organisations) as they were unable to provide an annual report and financial statement. Apparently, family matters pre-occupied some members of the executive; we would reconsider if circumstances warranted.
3. Attempts to hold a national conference to discuss a more uniform approach to public and teaching practice, have not yet been successful; subsequently, we have decided to focus our efforts on the greatest level of co-operative endeavour within WA.

Locally, we have been busy:

1. Our membership base continues to hover around 110 members, and our funds remain in excess of \$4000. Although this is quite substantial, it does appear that some people enthusiastically embrace Reiki practice for just 2 or 3 years; then life – or other practices - draw them away. While this is completely understandable, it does make it difficult to develop a solid core of practitioners.
2. We also reviewed the committee's workload, attempting to distribute various functions to willing committee members, but have been frustrated by the centralising function of computers; it takes as long to distribute the various functions as it takes one or two people to do most of the work. Any systems expertise would be welcome. Otherwise, from Dec 2012, we may offer a completely electronic membership renewal and issue PDF formatted certificates.

3. Our intention to create local 'Reiki centres' - where practitioners can meet, practice, complete CPD, give and receive treatments - still struggles due to a lack of teacher commitment. Hopefully, during 2012, we can get started, and demonstrate the great support this provides to practitioners.
4. The RPCWA (Reiki Practitioners' Council of WA) is thriving on the co-operative efforts of it's participants. Meetings throughout the year have ensured that we continue to develop consistent policies and practices. I'm not aware of any other state which has developed such a great working relationship between the various Reiki organisations, both Japanese and Western forms.
5. The co-operative response to providing volunteer practitioners to attend various support groups is a clear outcome of the RPCWA efforts; in one case, 70 people received treatments at a camp in Rockingham! (Thanks Joyce, Diana, Cordelia & David). Members are encouraged to volunteer for this great work, we will inform you of the 2012 programs as they are finalised by the various groups.
6. A special professional indemnity insurance deal has been negotiated with OAMPS, which provides 1 million dollars of cover for \$149. This is a significant saving for public practice members. Forms are available on request, the annual cover proceeds from 1st Jan each year.
7. Mindful of our mission statement concerning "Usui Reiki", we now require teachers who want to be included on our web pages as 'referred teachers' to provide a copy of their Reiki 1 and 2 booklets/manuals for review by the committee. This is intended to provide us with a view of actual teaching content and any areas where clarification, or additional training, may be appropriate.
8. Additional pages have been added to our web site to provide a platform to display current events; members are encouraged to send new-worthy items for listing.
9. Another interesting endeavour was a questionnaire distributed at the annual teachers' gathering; for the first time, WA practitioners can realistically assess the viability of public practice. The results are included under our webpages, 'latest news' link.
10. Following CSA's requirement for volunteers to have police clearance, we decided that - in principal - we have no objection to that provision as long as the responsible organisation pays the search fee.
11. Once again, members are requested to distribute our brochure in any venue open to the public. There is so much confusion about Reiki it is vital that we provide a consistent message to the public.
12. Standardised "Teacher's Pack" are available; these contains standard certificate forms and the association's Reiki 1 booklet. Although there is no requirement for teachers to use these, it is another aspect of our strategy to promote consistent, and professional, teaching practice.

Events for 2012 include:

Meetings - Welcome New members & AGM Mar 18; General meetings, June 3, Sept 16 and Nov 18.

18th Annual Reiki Day - June 24

5th Teachers' Gathering - July 22

Finally, the strength of our association is directly related to the extent we represent Reiki practice in WA, it is vital that members participate in this on-going process. Please aim to attend some of the meetings and events scheduled for 2012, and if you have any concerns, please contact us.

On behalf of the committee, I wish you well, both in your Reiki practice and for 2012.

Roger Weston